

## Communication No. 2456

### ISU Synchronized Skating Development Training Seminar for Junior Age Skaters and their Coaches

The ISU announces that the ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, with the support of the ISU Development Program (Council Projects) is organizing an International Synchronized Skating Development Training Seminar for Coaches and Team Participants of Junior age and level in:

**Vierumäki, Finland, May 9 - 15, 2022**

**Important notice: The holding of the Seminar is subject to changes and/or cancellation depending on the ISU COVID-19 policy and the evolution of the pandemic situation in Finland.**

The aim of the Seminar is the development of Synchronized Skating Coaches and the members of their Teams to a higher technical level and the introduction of Synchronized Skating in new areas where it is not yet traditionally pursued. Top, world-class Coaches will moderate the Seminar. Daily off-ice classes will include theory, GOE and IJS requirements, music lectures, physical education/fitness, ballet, jazz/mime/expression, relaxation/yoga, movement to music, theatre and modern dance technique lectures. For a more personal learning effect, the experts will be available for one-to-one contact with participating Coaches.

If it will be impossible to conduct the Seminar on site due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a virtual / online version of the Seminar may be held.

#### **Vierumäki Synchronized Skating Seminar**

The 2022 Synchronized Skating Seminar is designed for Junior aged participants of a Team with the following age requirements:

A member of a Team is eligible for participation if the Skaters have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 19 by July 1 preceding the Seminar, which corresponds to the ISU Junior age restriction.

Accepted participants should arrange to arrive at Helsinki airport on May 9 by 16:00 (4pm) at the latest, in time for the prearranged transportation to Vierumäki. For departure, the prearranged transportation from Vierumäki to Helsinki airport will depart on the morning of May 15. The opening of the Seminar will be on May 9 at 19:00 (7pm).

#### **The Professional Moderating Team for the Seminar:**

Organizer and Head Coach:	Ms. Cathy Dalton (SySTC)
Coach/Moderators:	Ms. Kaisa Arrateig (FIN) Mr. Pascal Denis (CAN) Mr. Alain-Daniel Hostache (FRA)
Program Evaluation:	Ms. Uliana Chirkova (SySTC)
Off-ice Instructors:	
Mental Training:	Ms. Anna Kilpinen (FIN)
Ballet/Modern Dance:	Ms. Lilli Helpi (FIN)
Local Coordinator:	Ms. Nina Gustafsson (FIN)

#### **Language:**

The Seminar will be conducted in English.

## General

### Entry and Participation criteria and conditions

- a) In order to provide adequate quality in the Seminar the ISU will limit the capacity to **64 Skaters**.
- b) A waiting list will be created for those Teams which cannot be accepted in the first instance in order to offer the opportunity for participation, should cancellations occur. ISU Members are requested to be considerate with the timing of cancellations in order to give other athletes the chance to participate.
- c) Each ISU Member may enter a 'Team' of **4 Skaters plus 2 Coaches** to the Seminar. In the case of too many entries, the ISU will reduce the number using primarily the age criteria and/or the region as a limitation.
- d) In addition, the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee will check the list of entries and accept only participants (Skaters and/or Coaches) for which it sees a possibility of future development.
- e) Only legitimate Team members and Coaches are to be entered. Skaters must be steady/confirmed members of the same Team who will be competing/skating during the upcoming season (2022/23). Coaches must be coaching the Team (4 skaters) participating in the Seminar.
- f) As this ISU Development Training Seminar is organized to provide help and offer a quality learning experience to Coaches and their Skaters, sending a 'non-skating' person as a Coach is not appropriate.
- g) Coaches who have not participated previously in the Seminar will have priority of acceptance.
- h) The Seminar is also open to Coaches wishing to attend without Skaters, at their own expense.
- i) Additional Coaches above the quota may also attend at their own expense. Details will be provided to the individuals concerned upon application.
- j) Participating Teams are expected to arrive physically fit and prepared.
- k) Accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) must participate from the beginning to the end of the Seminar unless they receive permission to do otherwise prior to acceptance.
- l) Skaters must participate together with their announced Coaches. Should an announced Coach unexpectedly be unable to attend, subject to receiving permission from the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, the participating Skaters must be accompanied by a responsible chaperone for the whole duration of the Seminar.
- m) All participants must have Medical Insurance and have their valid Insurance Card with them to attend the Seminar.
- o) As the pandemic and restrictions are very unpredictable please ensure that participants keep up to date and comply with the requirements for safe travel to Finland <https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/what-s-new/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-updates/travel-and-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

**Appropriate Covid-19 protocols will be followed.**

### Expenses

The financial responsibility for the Seminar is as follows:

- a) The living expenses (room and meals) for the accepted **4 Skaters and 2 Coaches per ISU Member** will be borne by the ISU for the period from  
  
**dinner on Monday, May 9 to breakfast on Sunday, May 15, 2022**
- b) ISU Members will be responsible for the travel expenses to and from Helsinki airport for all participating Coaches and Skaters.

- c) ISU Members shall also be responsible for the living expenses for Coaches attending without participating Skaters, or who are outside of the quota.
- d) There will be a Symbolic Participation Fee of EURO 350 per accepted and participating Team (4 Skaters and 2 Coaches). This Symbolic Participation Fee is to be paid via the electronic registration form for the Seminar according to the further instructions provided to the accepted participants.

**Cancellation policy:**

All the facilities, including the Hotel have to be booked and paid by the ISU for the accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) a month in advance. Consequently, no cancellations can be accepted after the following deadline:

**Cancellation deadline: April 1, 2022**

The ISU shall invoice to the concerned ISU Members the related cancellation fees/costs representing 80% of the Hotel rate of the concerned person(s).

**Applications**

Applications must be received from the respective ISU Member in order to be considered.

ISU Members are requested to clearly indicate their priority of acceptance when applying.

**Please fill in the online Application form at the link below by March 1, 2022**

[https://www.lyyti.in/ISU\\_SYS\\_2022\\_Applications](https://www.lyyti.in/ISU_SYS_2022_Applications)

The Application form will be automatically submitted to Ms. Cathy Dalton, SySTC, ([cdaltonskate@gmail.com](mailto:cdaltonskate@gmail.com)), Ms. Becky Cairns, ISU Secretariat, ([development@isu.ch](mailto:development@isu.ch)), Mr. Philippe Maitrot, Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee ([p.maitrot73@gmail.com](mailto:p.maitrot73@gmail.com)) and Ms. Nina Gustafsson, Local organizer at the Finnish Figure Skating Association ([nina.gustafsson@stll.fi](mailto:nina.gustafsson@stll.fi))

ISU Members will be notified of the acceptance of their application, together with other details, as soon as possible after the deadline for applications.

Tubbergen,  
Lausanne,

February 4, 2022

**Jan Dijkema**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General