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ISU Centers of Excellence (CoEs)

Training internships in ISU Centers of Excellence for promising Skaters and Coaches from developing ISU Members

Based on an initiative of the ISU CoE Project Group, the ISU aims to support the training and development of promising Skaters and their Coaches by offering opportunities for quality coaching and mentoring at ISU Centers of Excellence.

Selection Criteria

Developing ISU Members of both the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches that fulfil the following criteria may send applications for their promising Skaters of the concerned discipline(s) as well as their Coaches.

Figure Skating Branch – ISU Figure Skating Members that have not entered Skaters in one or more ISU disciplines (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance) to either the ISU World Figure Skating Championships or the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in the respective discipline(s) during the past two consecutive seasons (2019/20 and 2020/21).

The nominated Skaters may be in either the senior or junior age category.

Speed Skating Branch – ISU Speed Skating Members that have not entered Skaters in either the Speed Skating discipline or the Short Track Speed Skating discipline to the respective senior ISU World Championships in the previous season 2020/21.

Nominated Skaters must have reached the age of eighteen before July 1, 2021.

For all disciplines, the selected Skaters will be entitled to a training internship at one of the ISU CoEs. It is strongly recommended that the local Coach of the selected Skater(s) join all or part of the internship of their Skater(s) to learn from the ISU CoE Coaches.

Capacity

In total, 10 Figure Skater internships and 8 Speed Skating & Short Track Skater internships are available at the ISU CoEs in the applicable time frame described below.

The local Coach (1 per Skater, or 1 per Pair/Couple for Pairs/Ice Dance in Figure Skating) may join their Skater(s) during the whole period or part of the period of the internships at the ISU CoEs.

Time Frame

The training internships will be for a period of one month and will take place at the ISU CoEs between October 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. The exact timing and duration of each internship will be mutually agreed between the Skater/Coach/ISU Member and the respective CoE, bearing in mind any sanitary or travel restrictions that may evolve due to the global pandemic.

Cost

The cost of a one-month internship ranges from approximately CHF 2'500 to CHF 6'000 per Skater, depending on the location of the hosting CoE and the composition of the training programs. In general, the above-mentioned cost includes on- and off-ice training, coaching, and board and lodging.

The cost for the accompanying Coach depends on the location of the hosting CoE and the length and composition of the Coach's stay, but it will be generally less than the cost of the Skater's internship.

The ISU will finance up to CHF 2'000 per Skater and up to CHF 1'000 per local Coach, for the internship, partially covering the training, coaching and ice time.

The concerned ISU Members, the selected Skaters and their Coaches are expected to cover the rest of the internship costs. Please also take into consideration that international travel and any private coaching sessions, physiotherapy etc. which may be needed during the internship will be at the cost of the selected Skaters, their Coaches and concerned ISU Members.

The ISU CoEs will provide any necessary assistance with visa applications, accommodation, and other related local arrangements. Participants must arrange their own health and accident insurance.

Application requirement

Eligible ISU Members are required to send the following information for their nominated Skaters:

- **Figure Skating Branch**
 - Application forms duly completed;
 - a CV of the nominated Skater with a letter of motivation, including a summary of skating experience;
 - a video of a Short Program of the Skater, with a video link included in the CV;
 - a long-term development plan for the Skater signed by the Skater and his/her Coach;
 - a CV of the accompanying local Coach of the nominated Skater;
 - a letter of support from the respective ISU Member;
 - order of preference of the ISU CoEs for the training internship and the reasoning for the order of preference.

- **Speed Skating Branch**
 - Application forms duly completed;
 - a CV of the nominated Skater with a letter of motivation, including a summary of Skating experience;
 - A video of the Skater in recent races **or** a video of a training session with good view of skating in the straight and in the curve, with a video link included in the CV;
 - a long-term development plan for the Skater signed by the Skater and his/her Coach;
 - a CV of the accompanying local Coach of the nominated Skater;

- a letter of support from the respective ISU Member;
- order of preference of the ISU CoEs for the training internship and the reasoning for the order of preference.

Application submissions and selection processes

- Applications should be submitted by email to dvcommission@isu.ch and development@isu.ch **by August 31, 2021**.
- All applications will be reviewed by the ISU CoE Project Group in consultation with the respective ISU Technical Committee.
- Online interviews with pre-selected Skaters and their Coaches will be carried out individually by a panel composed of ISU CoE Project Group representatives and ISU CoE representatives.
- The preferred choices of CoEs will be taken into consideration, but the final allocation of the selected Skaters to ISU CoEs will be at the discretion of the ISU.
- Nominating ISU Members will be informed of the decision of the ISU CoE Project Group as soon as possible.

ISU CoEs open for training internships

Figure Skating Branch (by alphabetical order of the names of the entities)

- Detroit Skating Club in Detroit, USA - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- Ice Lab in Bergamo, Italy - Single & Pair Skating
- Ice Rink in the Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf in Germany - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- IWIS International Training Center in Bangkok, Thailand - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- Skating School of Switzerland in Champéry, Switzerland - Single & Pair Skating

Speed Skating Branch (by alphabetical order of the names of the entities)

- Olympic Oval in Calgary, Canada - Speed Skating and Short Track
- Thialf in Heerenveen, Netherlands - Speed Skating and Short Track
- Utah Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, USA - Speed Skating and Short Track

For any additional information or questions, please email development@isu.ch.

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