

Communication No. 2470 (updated Aug 22, 2022)

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

ISU OFFICIALS' SEMINARS 2022

Further to ISU Communication No. 2445 and after having received ISU Members' applications, the ISU recognizes the following Seminars for Referees and Judges:

1. Judges/Referees Seminar	Sydney, AUS	August 25-28, 2022
2. ISU Officials' Seminars A and B	Budapest, HUN	November 3-6, 2022

Important notice: The above-mentioned schedule for these Seminars is subject to changes and/or cancellations depending on the ISU COVID-19 policy and the evolution of the pandemic situation in the respective country.

1. Judges/Referees Seminar - Sydney AUS

Purpose:

The ISU Seminars will include a Judge's section and a Referee's section:

- the Judges section forms an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Judges, and first appointment of ISU Judges and therefore it serves the purposes of seminar attendance requirements identified in Rule 903.
- the Referee's section form an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Referees and therefore it serves the purposes of Seminar attendance requirements included in Rule 902.

Moderators:

Moderators will be designated by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

Participants/Applications:

These Seminars are primarily for the Officials of the ISU Host Member. However, Officials of other ISU Members may also attend, subject to space availability.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Officials to participate in these ISU Seminars, or the ISU Referees/Judges themselves, may make an application to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the ISU Host Member and the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, **not later than six weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Seminar**. Applications must indicate if the participant will attend the Referees Seminar, Judges Seminar, or both Seminars.

National Judges, up to an agreed-upon number, may also participate in this Seminar for the purpose of additional education.

National Coaches, up to an agreed-upon number, may also participate in this Seminar for the purpose of additional education.

The number of participants is limited to 30. However, a **minimum of 10 participants** is required. Participants will be notified of their acceptance following the close of entries.

Language:

These ISU Seminars will be conducted in English.

Expenses:

Expenses for these ISU Seminars will be allocated as follows:

- a) Administrative expenses (use of ice surface, classroom and all supporting equipment/facilities) will be borne by the ISU Host Member.
- b) Travel and living expenses of the Moderators will be borne by the ISU.
- c) Travel and living expenses of the participants will be borne by their respective ISU Members, or by the ISU Referees/Judges themselves in case of direct application (not through the ISU Members).

2. ISU Officials' Seminars A and B

The Seminars are targeting the following two groups of Officials

Seminar A. Officials serving at ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2023 and ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2023

Purpose:

This initiative is intended to assist our Officials in the preparation for their duties at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2023 and ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2023.

This will be an intensive Seminar to update all Officials with the latest Rules and Regulations applicable to the upcoming major Events. The ISU wants to ensure that athletes in Synchronized Skating receive the support that they deserve by having knowledgeable and well-trained Officials evaluating their performances. Judging and technical officiating opportunities are few and many ISU Officials may only participate in the World Championship in one season. The ISU feels it is important to give the Referees, Judges and Technical Panel Officials as much practical guidance as possible for their important duty at the most important ISU Events.

Participants:

The candidates for the Seminar are those Judges appointed by their ISU Members that have been drawn to participate at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2023 and ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2023. Also, those Officials who have been appointed to act as Referees, Technical Controllers or Technical Specialists are invited to participate.

A maximum of 25 Officials (Judges/Referees/Tech Panel) will be accepted, depending on your registration dates.

Expenses for Seminar A:

The responsibility for the expenses of the Seminar will be allocated as follows:

a) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators of the Seminars, designated to serve by the SySTC, the administrative expenses of the Seminar (ice rink, use of classroom and technical equipment) will be borne by the ISU.

b) The living expenses (accommodation and meals) for the attending Officials from lunch of Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 to lunch on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 will be borne by the ISU.

c) Travel contribution of the participating Officials. The ISU will only reimburse the cost of economy class travel. The travel expenses of the participating Officials will be reimbursed by the ISU, subject to submission of an actual ticket receipt up to a limit of:

Australia € 900

N. America € 700

Europe € 250

Hungary € 100

Seminar B. ISU and International Officials not serving at ISU Championships 2023

Purpose:

The purpose is to update all Officials (Technical Panel and Judges) with practical and theoretical instructions of the latest Rules and Regulations (pertinent ISU Communications and Technical Handbook) applicable to the upcoming events of the 2022/23 Synchronized Skating season.

The Judges section forms an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Judges, Seminar for first appointment of ISU Judges, and a Seminar for National Judges therefore serves the purposes of Seminar attendance requirements identified in Rule 903.

The Seminars will consist of two parts: a practical part with on-ice-demonstrations and practical instructions by ISU Moderators and a Synchronized Skating Team, and classroom lectures, which will consist of updates regarding Synchronized Skating rules and the judging system criteria (from the Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2022 and all pertinent ISU Communications) as well as in depth discussion regarding the application of the technical and judging rule sets.

This is not an examination and is intended as an intensive preparation for all Officials to help in the preparation to undertake their duties at the forthcoming World Championships as well as other International Competitions during the season 2022/23.

Participants:

Each ISU Member may send an application to participate for their Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges with the qualification "ISU" and/or "International" and National.

Note: This Seminar does not count as an official Re-Certification Seminar for Technical Controllers or Specialists but does count as Seminar activity for Judges.

Expenses for Seminar B:

- a) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators of the Seminars, designated to serve by the SySTC, will be borne by the ISU.
- b) The travel and living expenses (accommodations and meals) for all participants who wish to attend this Seminar are to be borne by their respective ISU Member or by the Officials themselves.
- c) Hotel, including all meals and accommodation.

Please note that the price is guaranteed for bookings made **before September 18, 2022**.

A limited number of double rooms are available for delegates wishing to share, but these will be booked on a first come first served basis.

Please indicate your room preference with your Seminar registration **before September 18, 2022**.

The room will be booked by the Hungarian National Skating Federation administrator.

Please advise to whom we shall send the invoice.

Terms of payment: payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice.

The IBAN or BIC bank transfer will be sent at the same time as the invoice.

- d) All participants are responsible for arranging their own travel.
- e) More information about the Seminar will be sent to ISU Members who wish to participate to attend.

Moderators for Seminars A and B:

Moderators will be designated by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

Deadlines for Seminars 1 and 2:

Applications must be received as follows:

Sydney, AUS	July 10, 2022
Budapest, HUN	September 18, 2022 October 12, 2022

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AND:

Ice Skating Australia Inc
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OR Hungarian National Skating Federation
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Please note that at all 2019, 2020, 2022 ISU Synchronized Skating Championships, the Initial Judges Meetings and the Round Table Discussion were conducted by a member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee. As such, each of those Initial Judges Meetings and the respective Round Table Discussions formed together an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges, as per Rule 907, paragraph 5.

Note:

a) These Seminars do not count for first appointment of International Judges and International or ISU Referees.

b) Referee Reappointment via Online Delivery

The reappointment of International and ISU Referees can now be undertaken via the online Referee Reappointment Learning Exercise available on the ISU eLearning platform.

This option is in accordance with Rule 902 paragraph 2. c) and 4. c).

In addition, Referees who are not in need of a reappointment seminar/webinar in this season may register for the online Exercise as a refresher in preparation for a competition, or for their own review and learning. Further information can be obtained on the ISU eLearning platform or by contacting the ISU eLearning Coordinator (elearning@isu.ch).

ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for first appointment of International Judges (Rule 903) and for first appointment of International Referees and promotion to ISU Referees (Rule 902) will be held for SyS in Frankfurt, Germany, in July, 2023 for first appointment on the 2023/24 list of Officials. All the necessary information will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

ISU Examination for first appointment of ISU Judges (Rule 903) will be held in Angers, France, in March, 2023 for first appointment on the 2023/24 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

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April 28, 2022
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General