Communication No. 2155

TRAVELING ISU COACH INITIATIVE

The ISU Development Commission is pleased to launch a new initiative to support Coaches and their education.

General Outline:

The program will offer ISU Members assistance in the form of a Traveling ISU Coach.

The pilot of the program is aimed at ISU Members which are developing Ice Dance, Speed Skating or Short Track disciplines and their coaching systems and which need assistance in evaluating what is required to start a skating program, teaching basic skating skills, ensuring technical improvement, refining their programs, preparing for competitions, etc.

A Traveling ISU Coach will be a highly educated and experienced Coach offering his/her expertise and time to travel to the applicant ISU Member’s country to provide expert support and assistance. The ISU Development Program will cover the travel expenses and the honorarium for the Traveling ISU Coaches, while the ISU Member will need to provide local transport, transfers and accommodation.

The Traveling ISU Coach will initially spend between 3 and 10 days in the ISU Member’s country, depending on the needs of the individual ISU Member. The structure of follow-up support, including up to two additional visits and intermediate online contact, will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Application:

The deadline for applications to be submitted to the ISU Development Commission is May 31, 2018 for Traveling ISU Coach assistance during the 2018/2019 season. Applications must be made on the attached Appendix A.

The application should clearly and fully address why help is needed, what kind of assistance, and how the assistance will fit into the ISU Member’s overall strategy. Measures of success and accountability must be outlined.

The budget for this initiative and the available time of a Traveling ISU Coach are limited. After the submission deadline, all applications will be considered on the basis of need, potential for effectiveness and spread between the targeted disciplines. ISU Members will be informed of whether their application has been successful within two months of the application deadline.

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Lausanne, April 19, 2018

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General
Appendix A

ISU MEMBER APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING ISU COACH DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

ISU MEMBER: ________________________________________________________________

NAME and CONTACT information of person completing application:

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________ Telephone: ________________

Application for:  ☐ Ice Dance  ☐ Speed Skating  ☐ Short Track Speed Skating

1. Why is a Traveling ISU Coach needed?

2. What specific assistance would you need from a Traveling ISU Coach?

3. How will the assistance provided by a Traveling ISU Coach fit into your Federation’s overall strategy?
4. How do you propose to measure the success of the Traveling ISU Coach’s assistance and who will be responsible for this?

5. Indicate preferred dates for the stay of a Traveling ISU Coach in your country.

6. Provide a suggested initial schedule of the Traveling ISU Coach’s stay in your country.

Place: _________________ Date _______________

Signature of ISU Member President  Signature of ISU Member General Secretary

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