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Dear Skaters

The Deutsche Eislauf Union and the Oberstdorf Local Organising Committee have announced that the 2020 International Figure Skating Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As of the time of writing, most countries (including Germany) have implemented strict travel and movement restrictions. We do not know how long these restrictions will be in place and this left no choice but to cancel the competition.

This competition has taken place every year since 2005 and last year attracted some 700 competitors from all over the world – so it is most disappointing for all of us that it must be cancelled. We know how hard all of you have worked over the past year perfecting your programs and we know how much you all look forward to this event.

We would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee in Oberstdorf for all their hard work in preparing for this competition. As you know, so much of the work for events like this takes place well in advance of the actual competition.

If anyone has already sent payment via bank transfer then this will be reimbursed in full. The Local Organizing Committee will be in touch within the next few weeks. No credit card payments have been processed and therefore the majority of entrants will not require a refund.

We wish everyone well over the challenging times ahead.

Take care, stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

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