NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2019

FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY 2019

Part of the ISU Challenger Series 2019/2020

INFORMATION GUIDE
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
dear Skaters,

51st anniversary of the famous “Nebelhorn-Trophy” – what a remarkable jubilee. It was 1969, when the first edition of our event was organized in the format, which is still valid today. Many extremely well-known skaters had competed since, many Olympic Gold Medallists and World Champions were amongst the participants and the winners of our event. We are looking forward to the 2019 edition and try to make your journey and stay in Oberstdorf as easy as possible. The following pages should help you for your preparation.

Again the 2019 “Nebelhorn-Trophy” is part of the ISU Challenger Series, is the place to pass the ISU Judges Examination and to make your points for the ISU World Standing and the required Technical Minimum Scores.

We will offer our deepest thanks to the International Skating Union for their confidence and trust, our sincere welcome to all guests and to the participants from all around the World and the best of luck and success.

Good luck for your preparation and welcome to Oberstdorf.

Dieter Hillebrand  
Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V.  
President
Area
Oberstdorf is located in the southern area of Germany and is the centre of tourism within the region called „Oberallgäu“. About 10,000 inhabitants live in Oberstdorf, but more than 20,000 beds are available for guests during the year.

The pedestrian area in the village might be the biggest in the World (227,500 square meters) – only a few streets are available for traffic. Oberstdorf was the first community in Germany, which kept the cars outside the village. The altitude of the village itself is 813 m; the highest mountain next door, the Nebelhorn, is over 2,200 m. All kind of sport activities are possible. Magnificent ski areas, more than 200 km of well equipped walking ways into the 7 valleys, used also for cross-country skiing in the wintertime, mountain climbing, golf, rafting and many other indoor and outdoor varieties are offered, but one of the main attraction in Oberstdorf is the National Training Centre for Figure Skating.

Venue
Two 30x60m sized fully air-conditioned ice rinks, side by side, one with 1,600 spectator seats and the smaller one with 600 spectator seats and a Curling rink, also used for all kinds of skating, with the ice surface of 20x45m, also fully air-conditioned, are the heart of the National Training Centre for Figure Skating in Oberstdorf. A dormitory school with 44 beds, mainly used by the German Ski Federation, a restaurant, fitness centre with a fully equipped centre for medical treatment and a sauna is available for skaters, living in this centre for a longer or shorter period. Many famous skaters from Germany and other countries used the excellent facilities of the training-centre like Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean, Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay, Norbert Schramm, Scott Hamilton, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko or the bronze medallists of the ISU World Championships 2004 Kati Winkler and Renè Lohse, Carolina Kostner and Tomas Verner and, last but not least, Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot. Oberstdorf has always been the place for figure skating and since 1958, when they opened the first summer skating facility, the name of the center has a special sound within the skating family.
THE COMPETITION

The “Nebelhorn-Trophy” is one of the oldest and most traditional international events in Figure Skating within the ISU. Created in 1963 first as an international Dance event around Eastern, moved to an international competition for Juniors and finally in 1969 established in the format of today. 2019 is the 51st edition of this event.

After the Games is before the Games and Oberstdorf is always one of the first competitions in the year towards the next Olympic Games, which will be Beijing 2022 and, with the Challenger Series, this road is well paved for the future and the future stars.

HOTEL

All Competitors, Coaches and Team Leaders, as well as Team Officials, Medical Staff or Chaperones are requested to take care about accommodation and bear their own expenses. Hotel accommodation can be booked through the following agency:

Tourismus Oberstdorf im Oberstdorf Haus
- Reservierungszentrale -
Prinzregenten-Platz 1; D-87561 Oberstdorf / Germany
Phone:  +49 8322 700 120
E-mail:  booking@oberstdorf.de

The OC will care about the accommodation for the confirmed judges of the competition and the participants of the Judges examination.

The accommodation of the candidates of the judges examination and all event Officials will be announced at a later stage and individually.

EXPENSES

The OC will cover accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panels, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data and Replay Operator, who are serving in the “Nebelhorn-Trophy” from

Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 starting with dinner
until Sunday, September 29th, 2019, ending with breakfast

The period of coverage for the Judges Examination participants will be announced in the respective ISU Communication.
The Organizing Committee will provide all persons, as mentioned above, with meal coupons, valid only in the Restaurant of the Skating arena.

All other Team Members have to bear their own expenses.

Travel expenses will be covered by the OC for all Referees, the Technical Panels, the Data- and Replay Operators.

**Judges Examinations**
The Judges examinations for promotion to “ISU Judge” status are prepared and will be conducted by the individual Technical Committees.

**Calculation of Events**
The events will be calculated according to Rule 352 and 353.

**Panel of Judges**
It is the intention of the Organizing Committee to accept as many judges as required and needed. We will, however, inform the Members concerned prior to any flight bookings who has been accepted as Judge and whose entry needs to be withdrawn. For this purpose, a preliminary draw will be made in public.

In case of needed, a split of the panel with a draw on site will decide, which Judge will start to judge the first segment and which Judge will serve in the second segment (see also the principles of ISU Rule 582).

**World Ranking Points**
The “Nebelhorn-Trophy”, as part of the “Challenger Series” will count for World Ranking points. Skaters/couples placed in the top eight (8) in the single disciplines and the top five (5) in Pairs and the top six (6) in Ice Dance will be awarded with points according to the respective ISU Communication 2227.

**Arrival and Departure**
Teams arriving at Munich airport may request a special transportation by bus to Oberstdorf, provided the arrival time and the request for such transportation has been announced and confirmed in time. The costs per person and one way are € 50,00. Only in very exceptional cases transport for single persons will be provided at the cost of the person concerned. For this purpose, the OC will have up to three (3) buses on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 running from Munich Airport to Oberstdorf. One bus in the morning, one bus around noon and one bus in the evening. Depending on the demand, additional bus(es) may be organized on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 as well.

The same procedure will be handled for the departure.

Detailed information will be given to the Members after the July 1st, 2019.
IMPORTANT
If you book your flights, please make sure that

- no arrival time in Munich should be planned later than 18.00 h
- no departure from Munich should be planned before 11.00 h

There is nearly no chance to reach Oberstdorf by public transport for those who will arrive outside the time-range and there is no chance to catch flights earlier than indicated above. The earliest train from Oberstdorf is leaving at 06:00am and it takes its time to the airport. An overnight stay in Munich would be necessary, but due to the “Oktoberfest” in Munich, there is hardly any chance to be successful in any hotel accommodation requests.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Oberstdorf, located in the south of Germany, is easy to reach.

By plane

Airport Munich - official airport
Airport shuttle-train to Munich main station (follow the green signs to S1 or S8). The train needs 45 min. to reach Munich main station, where you need to change for train on platform 29 - 36 to the departure platform for Oberstdorf.

For the train connection Munich Main Station to Oberstdorf please see “trains”.

By train

Munich Main Station - official train station
Nearly every hour a train is running from Munich to Oberstdorf. Most of them are „direct trains“ without any necessary change. The time to calculate is app. 2 1/2 hours.

Other train connections are directly from the northern part of Germany to Oberstdorf via Ulm. The train ride leads you through the most beautiful area of southern Bavaria, stops in the oldest Roman settlement in Germany, Kempten, and brings you into Oberstdorf.

By car

Munich to Oberstdorf
Motorway to Kempten either via Munich or Ulm.
Distances: Munich - Oberstdorf 220 km
Also easy to reach from Zürich (SUI) via St. Gallen, St. Margarethen, Bregenz.
USEFUL INFORMATION

Passport and Visa Requirements
All citizens from the Schengen area may enter Germany without presenting his or her passport. For citizens from other countries, a valid passport is necessary. Please check with the German Embassy or Consulate whether your country also needs a visa for entering the country.

VAT
The VAT is always included in the price presented to the customers/guests in shops and restaurants etc. and will be 19%, for hotels only 7%. Refunds of VAT is in general not possible. Tipping at restaurants is not mandatory, but welcome.

Currency & Banks

The currency used in Germany is EURO (€). The banks in Oberstdorf are all closed Saturdays and Sundays. The opening hours are as following:

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Electricity

Electrical sockets are 220 – 240 V AC 50 Hz, using 2 pin plugs.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation is open from Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 – 12:00 in the morning and ending once the competition is concluded. Please see also the Operating hours as displayed. The location of the accreditation is in the Skating Arena, Ice Rink 2.

Accepted Team Members will receive an ID-Pass for the whole period of the events; accepted chaperones need to purchase an all-event-ticket, which includes the final exhibition, at the price of € 60,00 each.
MUSIC

With the new Rule, accepted at the ISU Congress 2016 concerning “Digital Music”, the Organizing Committee decided upon the following solution:

“In accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1 all Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality in digital audio file. The OC of the (Name of event) requests that the music files will be submitted on preferable on CD or any other transportable independent free accessible medium onside at the time of registration. The Organizing Committee will keep the medium with the music files until the end of the competition, therefore it is not acceptable to use any kind of smart phone, tablet or similar medium to provide the music.

Each program (short program, free skating, short dance, free dance) must be recorded on a separate file. In addition competitors/couples must provide a CD as back-up medium for each program.”

DRAWS

The Organizing Committee is following the decision of the ISU Congress 2018, Rule 513, paragraph 2, and will use existing procedure for “ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior) for Short Programs and Rhythm Dance and the “reverse order system” for the final Free Skating/Free Dance.

EXHIBITION

The top 3 placed skaters/couples in each discipline plus additional hand-picked skaters/couples are invited to participate in the final Exhibition on Saturday, September 28th, 2019, starting at 20:15 h.

Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy

The Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy is a team event within the “Nebelhorn-Trophy”. Only the best placed skater/couple of each participating ISU member will count for points according to the scale, explained in details in the official announcement. The Trophy is named after the late President of the German Skating Federation, Mr. Fritz Geiger, who was the Director of the Tourist Board in Oberstdorf and the initiator of the skating-centre. The Trophy has been donated by US Figure Skating.

ENVIRONMENT

The Organizing Committee very much support the activity of IOC and ISU, not to use any plastic material on the occasion of our event. We will e.g. provide in our VIP Lounge only glass bottles, no plastic bottles, and for the skaters area only water container. Consequently, we kindly ask our Teams to use their own “drinking bottles/cups” for filling-up.

We are sure, you will understand our action.
CONTACTS

Please send your entire request regarding the competition to

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With respect to the involvement of the ISU in the event, any questions related to the Challenger Series or the tests and/or the Judges examination should be addressed to

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Avenue Juste-Olivier 17
CH-1006 Lausanne
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Am Schorn 38
D.82327 Tutzing
peter.krick@eventint.com
Phone: +49 8158 903068

SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)
A preliminary schedule could be set-up as follows:

**Wednesday, September 25th, 2019**

- **Official Practice**
  - 16:00 h Team Leaders’ Meeting
  - 18:00 h Initial Judges Meeting for all Judges and Judges Examination
  - 20:16 h ISU Dinner

**Thursday, September 26th, 2019**

- 13:00 h Men Short Program
- Pairs Short Program
- Ladies Short Program

**Friday, September 27th, 2019**

- 13:00 h Ice Dance Rhythm Dance
  - Men Free Skating
  - Victory Ceremony Men
- 19:30 h Pairs Free Skating
  - Victory Ceremony Pairs

**Saturday, September 28th, 2019**

- 07:30 h Round Table Discussion Pairs and Men
- 10:00 h Ladies Free Skating
  - Ice Dance Free Dance
  - Victory Ceremony Ladies & Ice Dance
- 18:00 h Round Table Discussion Ladies
- 20:00 h Round Table Discussion Ice Dance
- 20:15 h Victory Ceremony Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy Exhibition

**Sunday, September 29th, 2019**

- 08:30 h Meetings Technical Committees Single & Pairs and Ice Dance
- Departure

Good luck, have a nice and safe travel to Oberstdorf
Your Organizing Committee