



NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2016

FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY 2016



Part of the ISU Challenger Series 2016/2017

INFORMATION GUIDE





Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear Skaters,

This year is the 48th edition of the traditional International Competition in Figure Skating, the "Nebelhorn-Trophy" in Oberstdorf, including an examination for Figure Skating Judges, an examination for Ice Dance Judges, a meeting of both ISU Technical Committees (Single & Pairs and Ice Dance) and the usual competition with the Memorial-Team-Trophy, named after the former President of the German Federation, Fritz Geiger. Furthermore the Nebelhorn Trophy 2016 is more than an ISU World Ranking Competition, it is also part of the "ISU Challenger Series" with more points, an own ranking system and finally additional prize money for the overall best ranked skaters/couples at the end of the Series. Oberstdorf is proud to be again part of a new development in our sport.

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 the best of luck and success.

With this Information and Guide we like to make your travel preparations and the travelling itself a bit easier. We also include the preliminary time schedule for your convenience.

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.

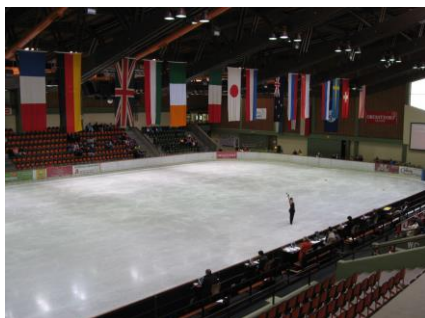
VENUE

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 of time. 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. 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. 2016 is the 48th edition of this event.

After the Games is before the Games and Oberstdorf is always one of the first competitions in the year, this time on the road to PyeongChang 2018. And, with the new

Challenger Series, this road is well paved for the future.

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
- Reservierungszentrale -
Prinzregenten-Platz 1
87561 Oberstdorf / Germany
Phone: ++49 8322 700 247
E-mail: reservierung@oberstdorf.de

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

The candidates of the judges examination are all accommodated at

Hotel Rex
Clemens-Wenzeslaus-Straße 3; 87561 Oberstdorf
<http://www.hotelrex.de/>

All entered judges are accommodated at

Hotel Filser
Freibergstraße 15; 87561 Oberstdorf
<http://www.filserhotel.de/>





EXPENSES

The OC will cover accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges drawn for the panel, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operator, participants of the Judges' examination and the Members of the ISU Technical Committees from

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 starting with dinner
until Sunday, September 25th, 2016, ending with breakfast

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. In total, 18 candidates are accepted in Figure Skating and 5 candidates for Ice Dance.

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 much judges as required and needed. We will, however, inform the Members concerned prior to any flight bookings who we can accept as Judge and who needs to be cancelled.

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 1994.





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.

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 06:00 am 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 no 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.

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 citizen from the Schengen area may enter Germany without presenting their passport. For citizen 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 restaurant 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:

Banks in Oberstdorf

Days

Opening hours

Raiffeisenbank Oberstdorf

Nebelhornstr. 2

Mon. – Wen.	08:30 – 16:00
Thu.	08:30 – 18:00
Fri.	08:30 – 15:00

Sparkasse Oberstdorf

Bahnhofplatz 2

(near the train station)

Mon. – Thu.	08:30 – 12:00 & 14:00 – 16:00
Wed.	afternoon closed
Fri.	08:30 – 16:00

Electricity

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

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation is open from Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 – 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 prize of € 55,00 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 Nebelhorn Trophy requests that the music files will be submitted on preferable on CD or any other transportable independent free accessible medium on site 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 2016, Rule 513, paragraph 2, and will use 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 24th, 2016, starting at 20:30 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.





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

International Skating Union
Mrs. Patricia Mayor
Avenue Juste-Olivier 17
CH-1006 Lausanne
E-mail: entries@isu.ch

or

Peter Krick
Consultant
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Phone: +49 8158 903068

**SCHEDULE** (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

A preliminary schedule could be set-up as follows:

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

Official Practice (starting around 12:00 h)
 16:00 h Team Leaders' Meeting
 17:30 h Judges Draw + Initial Judges Meeting for all Judges and
 Judges Examination

Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

14:00 h	Ice Dance	Short Dance
	Pairs	Short Program
19:30 h	Men	Short Program

Friday, September 23rd, 2016

11:30 h	Ladies	Short Program
	Ice Dance	Free Dance
	Victory Ceremony	Ice Dance
19:00 h	Men	Free Skating
	Victory Ceremony	Men

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

07:15 h Round Table Discussion Ice Dance
 08:30 h Round Table Discussion Men

11:00 h	Ladies	Free Skating
	Pairs	Free Skating
	Victory Ceremony	Ladies & Pairs

18:00 h Round Table Discussion Ladies
 20:30 h Round Table Discussion Pairs

20:30 h Victory Ceremony Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy
 Exhibition

Sunday, September 25th, 2016

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

