Communication No. 2290

FIGURE SKATING
Single & Pair Skating Judges Seminars

1. Application to hold ISU Sponsored and Recognized Single & Pair Skating Judges’ Seminars 2020

In accordance with the ISU Regulations, Rule 417, paragraph 1, ISU Members may send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, applications for ISU Sponsored and Recognized Single & Pair Judges’ Seminars 2020 fulfilling the characteristics below;

The deadline for these applications is established as January 1, 2020. The application form is attached to this Communication.

Purpose

These ISU Seminars will include a Judges section and a Referees section. They form ISU Seminars for re-appointment of International Judges, re-appointment of ISU Judges, re-appointment of International Referees and re-appointment of ISU Referees, and therefore they serve the purposes of seminar attendance requirements included in Rule 412, paragraphs 1.d) (i), 2.c), 3.d) (i), 4.c) and Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 4.c).

Moderators

Moderators designated by the ISU Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee must conduct these Seminars.

Language

These ISU Seminars will be conducted in English.

2. ISU Sponsored Pair Skating Judges’ Seminars 2020

- There will be a Pair Skating Judges Seminar in Berlin, Germany, April 16-19, 2020 and in Sochi/Novogorsk, Russia, May 14-17, 2020 (for details please see the separate ISU Communication on the subject which will be published in due time).
- These Seminars are primarily for Judges and Referees interested in Pair Skating and of the qualification of at least “International Judge”.
- These Seminars will be counted as a regular Judges Seminar for the purpose of Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 3.c), and 4.c
ISU Recognized Single & Pair Skating Judges Seminars 2020

ISU Members are also reminded that the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee may recognize national seminars organized by an ISU Member as official seminars for the purpose of Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 3.c), and 4.c).

Participants

These ISU Seminars are primarily for the Referees and Judges of the Host ISU Member. However, Referees and Judges from other ISU Members (not more than 2 per ISU Member) can also attend subject to the availability of places.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Referees and Judges to participate in these ISU Seminars, or the ISU Referees/Judges themselves, may make an application to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the Host ISU Member and the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, not later than six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Seminar. The Host ISU Member must also send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, the names of those of it's own Referees and Judges who will attend the Seminar for final approval. If an ISU Seminar is organized in conjunction with an International Competition, the participants at the ISU Seminar cannot also serve as Referees or Judges at the competition.

The organizing ISU Member may also request the participation of Coaches who are interested to learn and receive useful information, to attend these ISU Seminars and must send their names to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee for the final approval.

Please note that at all 2020 ISU Figure Skating Championships (2020 ISU European Figure Skating Championships, 2020 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championship, 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, 2020 ISU World Figure Skating Championships) the Initial Judges Meetings will be conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee. Each Initial Judges Meeting and the respective Round Table Discussion will together form an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges, as per Rule 417, paragraph 6. The Judges officiating at 2020 ISU Figure Skating Championships are not required to attend an ISU Seminar as presented in this Communication in order to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges.

ISU Members are reminded that those Initial Judges Meeting and Round Table Discussions no longer form ISU Seminars for re-appointment of ISU or International Referees, they still may need to attend one to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU or International Referees. However, Rule 417, paragraph 5, states the following exception:

To consider the activity as Referee of an ISU Championship or the Olympic Winter Games, as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment, the following is required:
- the Initial Judges Meeting conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee;
- the Round Table Discussion must be conducted by the Referee;
- the activity as a Referee for these Championships or the Olympic Winter Games is considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee;
Expenses

The responsibility for the expenses of these ISU Seminars will be allocated as follows:

a) The administrative expenses (use of ice surface, classroom and all supporting equipment/facilities) will be borne by the Host ISU Member.

b) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators will be borne by the ISU.

c) The 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).

The ISU can contribute financially only to a limited number of these ISU Seminars each year. If the ISU is unable to contribute to the expenses of a Seminar and the Host ISU Member holds a Seminar following the above guidelines and applied as per the procedure above, the Host ISU Member can nevertheless make the application for its recognition. If recognition is granted, the total expenditure will then be borne by the Host ISU Member.

ISU Members who do not receive financial assistance from the ISU could apply to their respective NOC for possible funding through Olympic Solidarity.

Note: ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for first appointment of International Judges (Rule 413, paragraphs 1.c) and 1.d)), International Referees (Rule 412, paragraphs 1.d) (ii) and 1.e)) and ISU Referees (Rule 412, paragraphs 3.d) (ii) and 3.e)) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, in July, 2020 for first appointment on the 2020/21 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

ISU Examination for first appointment of ISU Judges (Rule 413, paragraphs 3.e)) will be held in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September, 2020 for first appointment on the 2020/21 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

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