

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION – FOUR YEAR PLAN 2018/19 – 2021/22

Project/Function/Area of activity: Officials' Education and Assessment
Committee/Commission: Synchronized Skating Technical Committee (SySTC)

Statement of specific results & benefits to be obtained:

- Continued education of the Synchronized Skating Officials (Judges, Referees, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists).
- Improve the level of knowledge and experience of ISU/International Judges, Referees, Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers; in particular, strive for the improvement in the following areas:
 - Correct identification and evaluation of the difficulty levels for Elements, Step Sequences and Features
 - Correct use of deductions for errors, falls, illegal elements/features etc.
 - Correct evaluation and use of GOE and Program Components, both in Short Program and Free Skating.
- Continued recruitment of new and young Officials especially in countries where only a limited number of Officials exist. Training and certification of National Level Officials on behalf of members.
- Improve Technical Rules related to judging/refereeing when necessary to avoid ambiguities and missing elements.
- Improve the knowledge and expertise of Referees / Competition Managers in Events management and organizational skills.

Recommended activities to obtain benefits:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
1. <u>Improvement and Expansion of the Officials' Education Programs.</u>				
1.1 Continuation by the SySTC of arranging annual ISU recognized and sponsored Judges and Referees seminars / continue to invite Coaches to these seminars.	X	X	X	X
1.2 Continuation by the SySTC, in conjunction with the Sport Director, of arranging annual technical seminars for the purpose of re-certification and promotion of TS/TC, as well as training new candidates for appointments including Judges & Referees (Frankfurt seminar).	X	X	X	X
1.3 Continuation by the SySTC of arranging specialized seminars such as combined Judges/Referees seminars, specific item Judges/ Referees seminars and TC/TS Refresher seminars.	X	X	X	X
1.4 The SySTC production/updating and making available by the necessary educational materials:				
• Video footages of the ISU SyS Championships	X	X	X	X
• PowerPoint presentations for educational seminars	X	X	X	X
• Development Coaches Seminar – DVD	X	X	X	X
• Update Program Components ISU DVD's; update in line with the output from the specialist group's work in Frankfurt and examples of SyS programs updates		X		
• Judges Handbook / Judges Seminar Modules	X	X	X	X
• Referees Handbook edition 2019 to 2022; update forms	X	X	X	X
• Technical materials for TS and TC; including Calling Charts (ISU Technical Handbook), Guidelines for Fitness, Nutrition, Bio-mechanics, Music, Choreography	X	X	X	X

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1.5 Development of seminars by the SySTC enlisting the assistance of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaches ○ Choreographers ○ Music experts ○ Communication experts ○ Media/TV experts 	X	X	X	X
2. Continuation of the organization and supervision by SySTC of Referee Seminars including in-depth education on SyS Rules and regulations, marking, event management and improvement of communications skills.	X	X	X	X
3. Continued education by SySTC on the proper conduct of the Judges Meetings and Round Table Discussions, including proper use of DVD and other materials in the SyS Referee Seminars.	X	X	X	X
<u>Monitoring of Officials' Activities</u>				
3.1 Maintenance by the SySTC in cooperation with the ISU Office an Officials' Database (Activity Book) in order to track all activities and performances; Assessment and performance evaluation of the Officials by the SySTC - recommending issuance of warning letters for International competitions, and corresponding promotions, demotions or status quo of the appointment level of Officials.	X	X	X	X
3.2 Monitor Officials' activity and assist Officials in getting needed activity to stay current.	X	X	X	X
3.3 Review Referee Reports and monitor Judges' performance throughout the year; note concerns in the Officials' Database.	X	X	X	X
3.4 Review Technical Controller Reports and monitor TS / TC performance throughout the year; note concerns in the Officials' Database.	X	X	X	X
3.5 Review OAC Reports on Judges' performance; note concerns in the Officials' Database.	X	X	X	X
3.6 Continuation by the SySTC of improving and updating the yearly ISU Judges Examination according to the new Rules.	X	X	X	X
3.7 Close follow-up by the SySTC of the technical development of Synchronized Skating through event attendance and dialogue with Judges, Referees, TS/TC, Coaches and Skaters and other Office Holders and Officials. Identify critical areas for improvement of judging and refereeing.	X	X	X	X
3.8 Propose the necessary Rule changes to Congress or issue the necessary clarifications through ISU Communications.	X	X	X	X

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