

## **Status Report to the 2018 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18**

**Committee/Commission:** **Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee (S&PTC)**

**Project/Function/Area of activity:** **Officials Education and Assessment**

The S&PTC has performed the activities as planned in order to achieve the specific results & benefits stated in the 2016 Four-Year Plan.

1. The Committee worked on improvement and expansion of the Officials education programs.

1.1. In the 2016-2017 season 2 Judges Recognized Seminars were conducted in:

- USA, Las Vegas, April 29-May 1, 2017
- China, Suzhou, June 5-11, 2017

In the 2017-2018 season 1 Judges Recognized Seminars were conducted in:

- Korea, Seoul, April 13-15, 2018

In the 2018-2019 season 3 Judges Recognized Seminars will be conducted in:

- Great Britain, Manchester, September 21-23, 2018
- Japan, Hiroshima, November 9-11, 2018
- Australia, Sydney, December 5-7, 2018

Four Pair Skating Sponsored Judges Seminars were conducted in:

- Germany, Berlin, April 13-16, 2017
- Russia, Moscow, May 11-14, 2017
- Germany, Berlin, April 5-8, 2018
- Russia, Moscow, April 26-29, 2018

1.2. There were 2 Global joint with Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Seminars for Technical Specialists/Controllers in Frankfurt, Germany (July 2016 and 2017) followed by the Examination.

1.3. Following invitations of ISU Members, SPTC Members moderated many National Seminars with the goal of increasing the knowledge of Officials, Coaches and Skaters.

1.4. Several specialized Officials Seminars were conducted:

- Pair Skating (see above)
- for Technical Panel Members (see above)
- for International and ISU Referees followed by Examination (in the frame of the Frankfurt Global Seminar 2017)
- for Program Components (in the frame of the Frankfurt Global Seminar 2016 and 17)
- for new International Judges followed by Examination (in the frame of the Frankfurt Global Seminars 2016 and 2017).

1.5. The Sponsored Pair Skating Judges Seminars 2017 and 2018 were conducted in conjunction with International Pair Camps funded by ISU. There was also an additional Workshop for Judges with little knowledge of Pair Skating.

- 1.6. The necessary educational materials were produced, updated and made available by the SPTC, i.e.
- on marking the GOE (plus and minus GOE guidelines and videos updated every year)
  - on marking components
  - on Technical Panel Guidelines (Technical Panel Handbooks updated every year).
- 1.7. When necessary, various experts were used at the ISU Officials Seminars.
2. The SPTC continued the practice of organizing and supervising the Referees and Technical Controllers/Specialist Seminars with the goal of in-depth education on the Rules.
  3. At every International Competition there's an Initial Judges Meeting. At ISU Championships this Meeting is conducted separately for each discipline and moderated by the Referee with a Technical Committee Member. In the season 2016-2018 and 2017-2018 this Member was conducting the General part and the Code of Ethic of the Meeting while the Referee was conducting the Components and Technical part. Referees could receive the basic Components presentation through the dropbox.  
At each ISU Championships in every discipline separately there was the Technical Panel mini-seminar which consisted of 2 to 3 hour part prior to the event supervised by the Figure Skating Sport Director and a Technical Committee Member and the concluding part after the event. The Technical Controllers and Specialists prepared and made their presentations at the mini-seminars.
  4. Moderators of the ISU Sponsored and Recognized Seminars were Technical Committee Members as well as other ISU Officials trained for the purpose.
  5. The Components presentation and other seminar materials could also be used at National seminars of the ISU Members.
  6. Latest specific information related to details and definitions of the elements was available to ISU Members, Officials, Skaters, Coaches and Media in Questions & Answers on the ISU website.
  7. The Committee worked on improvement of the quality of Round Table Discussions. When available the DVDs of the Event were used at the RTD.
  8. The activity of Officials is registered in the Activity Books maintained by the Committee in cooperation with the ISU Secretariat. The Committee together with the ISU Sport Manager and the ISU Sport Director worked hard on improvements of the system of Performance evaluation. The guidelines for evaluation were published in ISU Communications: 2035 for the season 2016-2017, 2098 for the season 2017-2018.
  9. The system used in the seasons 2016-2018 used not only the so called "corridor", but also traced errors of the Judges who were inside the corridor by studying every mark which was too far from the average.
  10. Yearly Officials Examinations were conducted in July in Frankfurt (New International Judges) and in September in Oberstdorf (ISU Judges). Referees Examinations are conducted every second year in July in Frankfurt (last time in 2017). The Committee works hard on improvements of examination questions and organization.

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