

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1818

ISU Course for Speed Skating Starters

The ISU has decided to hold a course for Speed Skating Starters, which will be organized by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee and Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V., DESG (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in:

Inzell (Germany), October 4 - 7, 2013

Program

The course will cover all main aspects of the starting procedure and focus on the role and the tasks of Starters at ISU Championships, World Cup Competitions and other major International Competitions. The primary part of the course will be held at the indoor speed skating rink at the Max Aicher Arena, www.max-aicher-arena.de, where the participants will encounter practical experience as Starters in the “*International Opening Race*”, a Competition announced in ISU Communication No. 1807, being held during October 5-6, 2013.

Group work and workshops will be a main part of the course program. Therefore it is very important that all participants have sufficient experience as Starters and are able to communicate well in English.

Opening of the Course: Friday, October 4, 2013 at 17:00: Arrival and Registration
End of the Course: Monday, October 7, 2013 at 09:00: Closing
Location (official hotel): **Hotel Chiemgauer Hof** <http://chiemgauerhof.de/>
Lärchenstraße 5, D-83334 Inzell, Germany
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E-mail: info@chiemgauerhof.de

Course Management

Course Coordinators: Tron Espeli and Nick Thometz, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee
Course Administrators: Hubert Graf and Stefanie Kopp, Max Aicher Arena
Course Moderator: Garth Linder (USA), ISU Starter
Assisting Instructor: Hans Terstappen (CAN), ISU Starter

Participants

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- 1) ISU Starters (Starters for ISU Championships), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No. 1806;
- 2) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1806) who are considered for nomination to the 2014/2015 list of ISU Starters;
- 3) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1806) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season 2013/2014 and/or 2014/2015.

For capacity reasons only a very limited number of participants from categories 2) and 3) above will be admitted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications.

Entries

Entries must be submitted *before September 16, 2013* by E-mail to both of the following addresses:

Max-Aicher Arena Attn.: Ms. Stefanie Kopp Reichenhaller Str. 79 D-83334 Inzell, Germany E-Mail: <i>info@max-acher-arena.de</i> Telephone: (+49) –(0)8665-98810 Website: <i>www.max-acher-arena.de</i>	International Skating Union (ISU) Attn.: <i>Mr. Fabrice Prahin</i> Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland E-mail: <i>prahin@isu.ch</i> Telephone: (+ 41) 21 612 66 66 Website: <i>www.isu.ch</i>
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Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and E-mail addresses of all participants. If visas are needed, please contact the ISU as soon as possible to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 19, 2013 if some of the entered Starters will not be accepted as participants at the course.

Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the dinner on October 4, 2013 up to and including breakfast on October 7, 2013 for the following participants:

- all attending ISU Starters;
- a maximum of one International Starter per ISU Member (in addition to ISU Starters from the respective ISU Member due to attend).

Accommodation costs for any additional participants will have to be borne by the ISU Member concerned. For participants from outside Europe, the ISU will pay a travel contribution, subject to submission of actual flight ticket receipts, to a maximum of **1'000 Swiss francs (CHF 1'000.--)** per participant. Such a contribution will only be granted for *ISU Starters* from the respective ISU Member. For participants from Europe no travel contribution will be paid.

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be made from the ISU Secretariat to the ISU Member concerned after the conclusion of the course. A copy of the flight ticket must be given to the Course administration before the end of the course. Expenses and contributions will only be paid by the ISU on the condition that the participants are in attendance during *the whole duration* of the course.

Travel information

From Munich International Airport (MUC) there are train connections to Traunstein every hour; travel time 2 hours 10 min. Transportation between Traunstein Railway station and Inzell will be provided during Friday 4 October and on Monday morning 7 October.

Other conditions

It is extremely important that ISU Starters attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations. International Starters considered for future nomination as ISU Starters should attend the course in order to prove and improve their qualifications for such a nomination. All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English, and no interpretation will be offered.

It is expected that those Starters attending the course will take further initiatives to organize similar courses in their own country.

Milano,
September 3, 2013
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President
Fredi Schmid, Director General