

Communication No. 2276

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 De Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond (KNSB), as hosting ISU Member in:

Heerenveen, The Netherlands, October 4 – 7, 2019

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, ISU World Cup Competitions and other major International Competitions. The primary part of the course will be held at the indoor speed skating rink "Thialf", where the participants will encounter practical experience as Starters during the *"Official Dutch Club Championships"* and *"Thialf Fall Cup 2019"*.

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, 2019 at 17:00: Registration and Opening.

End of the Course: Monday, October 7, 2019 at 10:00: Closing.

Location (official hotel): Fletcher Hotel Heidehof at Heerenveen,
Phone +31(0) 513 630200,
E-mail: info@hotelheidehof.nl

Course Management

Course Coordinator: Alexander Kibalko, Alexey Khatylev (ISU SS Technical Committee)
Course Administrator: Jan Zwier (KNSB)
Course Moderators: Andre de Vries, Stefan Hermann (ISU Starters)

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. 2268;
- 2) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 2268) who are considered for nomination to the 2020/21 list of ISU Starters;
- 3) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 2268) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or ISU World Cup or Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season 2019/20 and/or 2020/21.

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. ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 9, 2019 if some of the entered International Referees will not be admitted as participants at the course.

Entries

Entries must be submitted only through the official ISU entry website isu.events before **September 5, 2019**.

Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and e-mail addresses of all participants.

If visa is required, please contact Jan Zwier at j.zwier@knsb.nl **as soon as possible** to receive a letter of invitation for named participants. Include with this request the following information: nationality, name, birth date, passport number and expiration date.

Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening and dinner on October 4, 2019 up to and including breakfast on October 7, 2019 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. The conference package (approximately 300 Euros per person) must be settled to the ISU upon receipt of the corresponding invoice. The package includes: coffee breaks, lunch and dinner from October 4 to 7, 2019.

As participation in this course will be considered a requirement for ISU Officials, the ISU will pay a travel contribution only for the ISU Starters, based on actual costs, to a maximum of:

- for ISU Starters from Netherlands CHF 100.- per person
- for ISU Starters from Europe outside Netherlands CHF 350.- per person
- for ISU Starters from North America and Asia CHF 1'000.- per person.

Payment of travel contribution will be made from the ISU Secretariat to the ISU Member concerned after the course has been completed. A copy of the flight ticket or invoices for other means of travel must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat along with the travel contribution request after the completion of the Course.

Expenses and contributions will only be paid by the ISU at the condition that the participants are in attendance during the whole duration of the course.

Travel information

There is a direct railway connection from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol to Heerenveen train station <https://www.ns.nl/>. Take train towards Leeuwarden, alight at Heerenveen station. Estimated duration of the trip is about 2 hours. Price one-way ticket app. 26 Euros. Shuttle service from/to Heerenveen train station will be available.

Other conditions

It is extremely important that ISU Starters attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with 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.

Tubbergen,
August 23, 2019
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General