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11 entities obtain the ISU Centers of Excellence label

At its meeting on April 1-2, 2022 in Lausanne (SUI), the ISU Council approved the recommendations of the ISU Center of Excellence (CoE) Project Group for the new cycle of the ISU CoE project and the selection of 11 entities for the 4-year period of April 2022 to April 2026.

Following the publication of [ISU Communication 2441](#), applications were received from 16 skating entities and were evaluated on the basis of their philosophies, overall quality of the applications, excellence in key areas such as facilities, coaching, existing programs, etc. Out of the 16 applications received, 11 entities are now recognized as ISU CoEs for the new cycle as follows:

Figure Skating Branch CoEs (by alphabetical order of the name of the entities)

- Detroit Skating Club, Detroit (USA) – Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating
- Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf (GER) – Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- Ice Jar Comprehensive Training Center, Beijing (CHN) – Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating
- Ice Lab, Bergamo (ITA) – Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- IWIS International Training Center, Bangkok (THA) – Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating
- Skating School of Switzerland, Champéry, (SUI) – Single Skating

Speed Skating Branch CoEs (by alphabetical order of the name of the entities)

- CREPS CNEA Font-Romeu, Altitude Training Center, Font-Romeu (FRA) – Short Track
- Heerenveen (NED) – Speed Skating and Short Track
- National Speed Skating Oval, Ice Ribbon, Beijing (CHN) – Speed Skating and Short Track
- Olympic Oval, University of Calgary (CAN) – Speed Skating and Short Track
- Utah Olympic Oval, Salt Lake City (USA) – Speed Skating and Short Track

The International Skating Union congratulates the selected entities and looks forward to working closely with all the CoEs in the coming years.

About the ISU Centers of Excellence (CoE)

An ISU CoE is an ISU-recognized skating entity that provides an overall environment of high-quality facilities, skating services, coaching and training activities, research and innovation, servicing high-performance and long-term development of Skaters, Coaches, Officials, and experts while engaging with multiple ISU Members.

An ISU CoE may act as an ISU Development Center, hosting or executing ISU development activities when required. The purpose of the CoEs is to share their knowledge, expertise, and good

practices. In addition, creativity and innovation are encouraged to fill gaps in the development of skating sports.

The ISU CoE serves as a quality label awarded periodically to selected skating entities. Together the CoEs may form a worldwide training and development network that engages Skaters, Coaches, Officials, and experts in the skating world towards a better fulfillment of their personal and collective development goals.

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The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit [isu.org](#).