

Communication No. 2459

ISU DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - VISITING ISU COACH INITIATIVE

The ISU Development Commission is pleased to announce the fifth year of the Visiting ISU Coach initiative to support Coaches and their education.

General Outline:

The program will offer ISU Members assistance in the form of a Visiting ISU Coach.

The program is aimed at ISU Members which need assistance in evaluating what is required to start a skating program, establishing coaching systems, teaching basic skating skills, ensuring technical improvement, refining their programs, preparing for competitions, etc. for any ISU discipline.

A Visiting ISU Coach will be a highly educated and experienced Coach offering his/her expertise and time to provide expert mentoring, support and assistance. In normal circumstances this will be done during visits to the applicant ISU Member's country, however, in view of the coronavirus pandemic the support may be provided partly or entirely online. The ISU Development Program will cover the honorarium for the Visiting ISU Coach. When and where international travel becomes possible, the Development Program will also cover these travel expenses, while the ISU Member will need to provide local transport, transfers and accommodation.

The Visiting ISU Coach will initially meet online with the individual ISU Member in order to discuss and assess their needs. Depending on the country and its relevant travel restrictions some or all of the subsequent mentoring, support and assistance may be done virtually/online. If the Covid-19 pandemic situation and travel restrictions for the relevant country allow the Coach may spend between 3 and 10 days in the ISU Member's country, depending on outcomes of the initial discussions. The structure of follow-up support, including up to two additional visits and intermediate online contact, will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Reports must be provided by both the ISU Member and by the Visiting Coach after the visits have taken place.

Application:

The deadline for applications to be submitted to the ISU Development Commission is **April 1, 2022** for Visiting ISU Coach assistance during the 2020/2021 season. Applications must be made on the attached **Appendix A**.

The application should **clearly and fully** address why help is needed, what kind of assistance, and how the assistance will fit into the ISU Member's overall strategy. Measures of success and accountability must be outlined.

The budget for this initiative and the available time of a Visiting ISU Coach are limited. After the submission deadline, all applications will be considered on the basis of need, potential for effectiveness and spread between the targeted disciplines. ISU Members will be informed of whether their application has been successful within two months of the application deadline.

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February 24, 2022
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