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ISU Centers of Excellence (CoEs)

Training internships in ISU Centers of Excellence for promising Skaters and Coaches from developing ISU Members

The ISU continues to support the training and development of promising Skaters and their Coaches by offering opportunities for quality coaching and mentoring at ISU Centers of Excellence. The new edition of the ISU CoE internship program is now open.

Selection Criteria

Developing ISU Members of both Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches that fulfil the following criteria may send applications for their promising Skaters of the concerned Discipline(s) and their Coaches. The applications may also be submitted directly by Skaters and Coaches from eligible ISU Members as described below, on condition that the applying Skaters and Coaches are endorsed by the ISU Members concerned via a supporting letter.

Figure Skating Branch – ISU Figure Skating Members that have not entered Skaters in one or more ISU Disciplines (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance) to either the ISU World Figure Skating Championships or the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in the respective Discipline(s) during the past two consecutive seasons (2020/21 and 2021/22).

The nominated Skaters may be in either the senior or junior age category.

Speed Skating Branch – ISU Speed Skating Members that have not entered Skaters in either the Speed Skating Discipline or the Short Track Speed Skating Discipline to the respective senior ISU World Championships in the previous season 2021/22.

Nominated Speed Skating or Short Track Skaters, or those applying directly, must have reached the age of eighteen before July 1, 2022.

Coaches

It is a requirement that the local Coach of the selected Skater(s) (1 per Skater, or 1 per Pair/Couple for Pairs/Ice Dance in Figure Skating) shall join all or part of the internship of their Skater(s) to learn from the ISU CoE Coaches.

Capacity

In total, up to 8 Figure Skater internships and 8 Speed Skater and Short Track Skater internships are available at the ISU CoEs in the applicable time frame described below.

Time Frame

Each training internship may last between 2-4 weeks, depending on need and availability, and will take place at one of the ISU CoEs between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. The exact timing and duration of each internship will be mutually agreed upon between the Skater/Coach/ISU Member and the respective CoE.

ISU Funding

The ISU will finance up to 4 weeks of an internship per Skater/Pair and local Coach, partially or fully covering on-and-off ice training, coaching and ice time. The ISU financial contribution will be paid directly to the hosting CoEs and the selected Skaters and Coaches will therefore benefit from their stays at the CoEs at no or reduced cost.

The ISU Members concerned, selected Skaters and their Coaches are expected to cover any additional internship costs. Please also take into consideration that international travel and any private coaching sessions, physiotherapy etc. are at the charge of the Skaters, Coaches or their ISU Member.

The ISU CoEs will provide any necessary assistance with visa applications, accommodation, and other related local arrangements. Participants must arrange their own health and accident insurance.

Application requirement

Eligible ISU Members and Skaters and Coaches who apply directly are required to complete an application form (one per Skater or Coach) via the following links:

Figure Skating Branch: <https://forms.gle/B2ar8mAezWqUErc29>

Speed Skating Branch: <https://forms.gle/2fdFddz2UqKE3xTWA>

Application submissions and selection processes

- Applications must be submitted online **by April 30, 2023**.
- All applications will be reviewed by the ISU CoEs concerned in consultation with the ISU Development Commission and ISU CoE Project Group.
- Online interviews with Skaters and their Coaches may be required by the ISU CoEs and/or ISU Development Commission.
- Based on the recommendations of the CoEs, the ISU will decide on the final selection of Skaters and Coaches to join the ISU CoE Internship Program. Nominating ISU Members and applying Skaters/Coaches will be informed of the decision of the ISU as soon as possible.

ISU CoEs open for training internships

Figure Skating Branch (by alphabetical order of the names of the entities)

- Ice Lab in Bergamo, Italy - Single & Pair Skating
- Ice Rink in the Eissportzentrum Oberstdorf in Germany - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- IWIS International Training Center in Bangkok, Thailand - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- Skating School of Switzerland in Champéry, Switzerland - Single & Pair Skating

Speed Skating Branch (by alphabetical order of the names of the entities)

- CREPS CNEA Font-Romeu, Altitude Training Center, Font- Romeu (FRA) - Short Track
- Olympic Oval, Calgary, Canada - Speed Skating and Short Track
- Heerenveen, Netherlands - Speed Skating and Short Track
- Utah Olympic Oval, Salt Lake City, USA - Speed Skating and Short Track

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