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Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance & Synchronized Skating

Amendments to Rules Concerning Officials

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of most of the competitions and Officials’ seminars planned for the season 2020/21. Consequently, there have been limited possibilities for the Officials to fulfil certain requirements for reappointment (Rules 412 – 416 and 902 - 906). In light of this situation, the ISU Council has decided, in line with Article 17.1.q), on the following amendments to these Rules which will be valid for the 2020/21 season only.

Rules 412 – 416 – Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
Rules 902 - 906, Synchronized Skating

Service: Paragraphs 2.b) and 4.b) of the above Rules will not be required this season. Therefore Officials will be reappointed even if they lack the necessary activity.

Seminar attendance for Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists

Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance - Paragraphs 2.c) and 4.c) of Rules 414 and 415 are amended as follows: For the season 2020/21, the required seminar can be replaced with the completion of an online learning exercise and online element identification. This opportunity applies to all Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists who need a seminar for reappointment by July 31, 2021. These two online exercises together will count as a regular seminar for the season 2020/21.

* Note: this decision changes point 1 of the ISU Communication 2377 concerning the Frankfurt seminars as there will be no reappointment seminars held in Frankfurt in 2021.

In addition, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists who do not require a seminar for reappointment by July 31, 2021 may also complete the online learning exercise for the purposes of continuous education and practice. The online element identification is not available to these Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists.

Synchronized Skating - There are no amendments required for seminar attendance inasmuch as Paragraphs 2.c and 4.c) of Rules 904 - 905 permitting online reappointment seminars have been in place since Congress, June 2018.
Reappointment for Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists

For all disciplines, candidates for reappointment may access the online modules on the eLearning platform (reappointment module). These modules can be used also for continuing education for officials not in need of a seminar for reappointment.

Reappointment of Referees and Judges

Paragraphs 2.c) and 4.c) of Rules 412, 413, 902 and 903 remain unchanged. Therefore, Referees and Judges who need a seminar prior to July 31, 2021 must complete an in-person or online seminar by this time. For all disciplines, candidates for reappointment may access the online modules on the ISU eLearning platform. These modules can be used also for continuing education for officials not in need of a seminar for reappointment.

First appointments of Referees and Judges

All periods specified in the Rules and paragraphs below are extended by 1 year. Therefore, Referees and Judges have one additional season to complete their activity/seminar attendance.

• 412.1.c), 1.d), 3.c), 3.d)
• 413.1.b), 3.c), 3.d)
• 414-416, 1.c), 3.c)
• 902.1.c), 1.d), 3.c), 3.d)
• 903.1.b), 3.c), 3.d)
• 904-906, 1.c), 3.c)

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