

Communication No. 2445

FIGURE SKATING

Single & Pair Skating Judges Seminars

1. Application to hold ISU Sponsored and Recognized Single & Pair Skating Judges' Seminars 2022

In accordance with the ISU Regulations, Rule 417, paragraph 1, ISU Members may send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, applications for ISU Sponsored and Recognized Single & Pair Skating Judges' Seminars 2022 fulfilling the characteristics below:

The deadline for these applications is established as **January 1st, 2022**. The application form is attached to this Communication.

The holding of Seminars will be subject to further pandemic related developments permitting.

Purpose

These ISU Seminars will include a Judges section and a Referees section. They constitute ISU Seminars for re-appointment of International Judges, re-appointment of ISU Judges, re-appointment of International Referees and re-appointment of ISU Referees, and therefore they serve the purposes of the seminar attendance requirements included in Rule 412, paragraphs 1.d) (i), 2.c), 3.d) (i), 4.c) and Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 4.c).

Moderators

Moderators designated by the ISU Single & Pair Skating Technical Committees must conduct these Seminars.

Language

These ISU Seminars will be conducted in English.

2. ISU Sponsored Pair Skating Judges' Seminar 2022

There will be a Pair Skating Judges Seminar in Berlin, Germany, April 14-17, 2022 (for details please see the separate ISU Communication 2437).

These Seminars are primarily for Judges and Referees interested in Pair Skating and with the qualification of at least "International Judge".

These Seminars will be counted as a regular Judges Seminar for the purpose of Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 3.c), and 4.c).

3. ISU Recognized Single & Pair Skating Seminars 2022

ISU Members are also reminded that the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee may recognize national seminars organized by an ISU Member as official seminars for the purpose of Rule 413, paragraphs 2.c), 3.c), and 4.c).

Participants

These ISU Seminars are primarily for the Referees and Judges of the Host ISU Member. However, Referees and Judges from other ISU Members (not more than 2 per ISU Member) may also attend subject to the availability of places.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Referees and Judges to participate in these ISU Seminars, or the ISU Referees/Judges themselves, may make an application to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the Host ISU Member and the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, not later than six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Seminar. The Host ISU Member must also send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee, the names of those of its own Referees and Judges who will attend the Seminar for final approval. If an ISU Seminar is organized in conjunction with an International Competition, the participants at the ISU Seminar may not also serve as Referees or Judges at the competition.

The organizing ISU Member may also invite Coaches who are interested in learning and receiving useful information, to attend these ISU Seminars and must send their names to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee for final approval.

Please note that at all 2022 ISU Figure Skating Championships (2022 ISU European Figure Skating Championships, 2022 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, 2022 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, 2022 OWG) the Initial Judges' Meetings will be conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee. Each Initial Judges' Meeting and the respective Round Table Discussion will together form an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges, as per Rule 417, paragraph 6. The Judges officiating at 2022 ISU Figure Skating Championships and 2022 OWG are not required to attend an ISU Seminar as presented in this Communication in order to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU Judge.

ISU Members are reminded that a Judge's attendance at the Initial Judges' Meeting and Round Table Discussions is not considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee. Referees still need to attend one seminar to fulfill the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee. However, Rule 417, paragraph 5, states the following exception:

To consider the activity as Referee of an ISU Championships or the Olympic Winter Games, as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment as an ISU or International Referee, the following is required:

- the Initial Judges' Meeting must be conducted by the concerned Referee together with the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee;
- the Round Table Discussion must be conducted by the Referee;
- the activity as a Referee for the Championships or the Olympic Winter Games must have been considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee.

In order to fulfill the requirements of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment, Judges and Referees may also complete the related ISU webinar/e-learning exercise published on the ISU eLearning platform (details for Judges can be found in ISU Communication 2357 and Communication 2255 for Referees).

Expenses

The responsibility for the expenses of these ISU Seminars will be allocated as follows:

- a) The administrative expenses (use of ice surface, classroom and all supporting equipment/facilities) will be borne by the Host ISU Member.
- b) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators will be borne by the ISU.
- c) The travel and living expenses of the participants will be borne by their respective ISU Members, or by the ISU Referees/Judges themselves in case of direct application (not through the ISU Members).

The ISU can contribute financially to only a limited number of these ISU Seminars each year. If the ISU is unable to contribute to the expenses of a Seminar and the Host ISU Member holds a seminar following the above guidelines and applied as per the procedure above, the Host ISU Member may nevertheless submit an application for its recognition. If recognition is granted, the total expenditure will then be borne by the Host ISU Member.

ISU Members that do not receive financial assistance from the ISU may apply to their respective NOC for possible funding through Olympic Solidarity.

Note: ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for a first appointment as an International Judge (Rule 413, paragraphs 1.c) and 1.d)), an International Referee (Rule 412, paragraphs 1.d) (ii) and 1.e)) and an ISU Referee (Rule 412, paragraphs 3.d) (ii) and 3.e)) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, in July 2022 for first appointment on the 2022/23 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

An ISU Examination for first appointment as an ISU Judge (Rule 413, paragraphs 3.e)) will be held in September/October 2022 and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication. The appointment of the successful Judges will be published in the 2022/23 list of Officials.

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