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Obituary - Gialt Biesma (NED)

It is with regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of ISU Short Track Speed Skating Referee, Mr. Gialt Biesma, who has passed away at the age of 54.

Gialt started his career as a Short Track Speed Skating Skater at the club TRIAS in Leeuwarden, Friesland, the Netherlands. He had a long and steady career as Skater and participated several times in the National Championships. Following his Skating career, Gialt transitioned to become an Official. He was first included in the List of Officials for International Competitions in Short Track Speed Skating in 1998. In 2007 he was promoted to the World Cup Level and then, after proving his worth as a World Cup Official, Gialt was promoted to the List of Officials for ISU Championships and the Olympic Winter Games.

Gialt served as a Referee at many World Championships and as an Assistant Referee at the Olympic Winter Games of PyeongChang and Sochi.

Gialt will be remembered fondly for his commitment, kind demeanor, and professionalism.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Gialt Biesma and will remember him with affection.

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