

# Communication No. 2602

## Synchronized Skating Referees and Judges Seminars

### **Application to hold ISU Seminars for Synchronized Skating Referees and Judges in 2024 hosted by ISU Members**

In accordance with the ISU Synchronized Skating Special Regulations, Rule 907, paragraph 1, ISU Members may send to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, applications to Host ISU Seminars for Synchronized Skating Referees and Judges in 2024 fulfilling the characteristics below.

The deadline for these applications is established as January 1, 2024. The application form is attached to this Communication.

#### **Purpose**

These ISU Seminars will include a Judges section and a Referees section. They form ISU Seminars for re-appointment of International and ISU Judges, re-appointment of International and ISU Referees, and therefore they serve the purposes of Seminar attendance requirements included in Rules 900 to 903 and Rule 907.

#### **Moderators**

Moderators designated by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee will conduct these Seminars.

#### **Language**

These ISU Seminars will be conducted in English.

#### **Participants**

These ISU Seminars are primarily for the Referees and Judges of the Host ISU Members. However, Referees and Judges from other ISU Members may also attend subject to the availability of places.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Referees and/or 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 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, not later than six 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 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, the names of those of its own Officials who will attend the Seminar.

The Host 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 Synchronized Skating Technical Committee for the final approval.

Please note that at all 2024 ISU Synchronized Skating Championships, the Initial Judges Meetings will be conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the Synchronized 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 907, paragraph 5. The Judges officiating at the 2023 ISU Synchronized Skating Championships are not required to attend an ISU Seminar as presented in this Communication in order to fulfil the requirement of having completed an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges.

ISU Members are reminded that those Initial Judges Meeting and Round Table Discussions no longer form ISU Seminars for re-appointment of ISU or International Referees, they may need to attend an ISU Seminar to fulfil the Seminar requirements for re-appointment of ISU or International Referees. However, Rule 907, paragraph 6, states the following exception: to consider the activity as Referee of an ISU Championship, as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment, the following is required:

- the Initial Judges Meeting conducted by the 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 these Championships is considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee.

In order to fulfil 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.

## **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 only to a limited number of these ISU Seminars each year. If the ISU is unable to contribute to the expenses of a Seminar following the above guidelines and applied as per the procedure above, the Host ISU Member can nevertheless make the application for its recognition. If recognition is granted, the total expenditure will then be borne by the Host ISU Member. ISU Members who 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 first appointment of International Judge (Rule 903, paragraphs 1.c) and 1.d)), International Referee (Rule 902, paragraphs 1.d) (ii) and 1.e)) and ISU Referees (Rule 902, paragraphs 3.d) (ii) and 3.e)) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, in July, 2025 for first appointment on the 2025/26 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.**

**Note: An ISU Examination for first appointment of an ISU Judge (Rule 903, paragraphs 3.e)) will be held in April 2024 and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication. The appointment of the successful Judges will be published in the 2024/25 list of Officials.**

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