

## Communication No. 2606

### **ISU Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Novice and Junior Ice Dance Couples and their Coaches Oberstdorf/Germany**

The ISU announces that the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee, with the support of the ISU Development Program (Council Projects), is organizing International Ice Dance Development Training Seminars for Ice Dance Couples (Junior and Novice age category) and their Coaches as outlined below.

The aim of the Seminars is the development of Ice Dance Coaches and their Couples to a higher technical level. Top, world-class Coaches will moderate the Seminar. Daily off-ice classes will include ballet, ballroom dance, jazz/mime/expression, relaxation/yoga, movement to music, theatre and modern dance technique lectures. For a more personal learning effect, the experts will be available for a one-to-one contact with participating Coaches.

#### **A. JUNIOR age category Seminar Oberstdorf, Germany, April 27 – May 1, 2024**

The 2024 Ice Dance Seminar is designed for Junior Ice Dance Couples with the following age requirements:

An Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 19 for Ladies and have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 21 for Men by July 1 preceding the Seminar. This corresponds to the ISU Junior age restrictions.

**Participants should arrange to arrive in the afternoon of April 26 in time for the opening of the Seminar at 19.00 and depart on the morning of May 2, 2024.**

#### **B. NOVICE age category Seminar Oberstdorf, Germany, May 3 – 7, 2024**

The 2024 Ice Dance Seminar is designed for Intermediate and Advanced Novice Ice Dance Couples with the following age requirements:

An Intermediate Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have not reached the age of 15 by July 1 preceding the Seminar.

An Advanced Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have reached the age of 10 but not the age of 15 for Ladies and 17 for Men, by July 1 preceding the Seminar.

**Participants should arrange to arrive in the afternoon of May 2 in time for the opening of the Seminar at 19.00 and depart in the morning of May 8, 2024.**

## C. General

### Entry & participation criteria and conditions

- a) In order to provide adequate quality, the Seminar capacity will be limited to 24 Ice Dance Couples per Seminar.
- b) A 'waiting list' will be created for those Ice Dance Couples who cannot be accepted in the first instance in order to offer the opportunity for participation should cancellations occur. ISU Members are requested to be considerate with the timing of cancellations in order to give other athletes the chance to participate.
- c) Each ISU Member may enter Ice Dance Couples with no limitation, plus an unlimited number of Coaches to the Seminar. In the case of too many entries for Ice Dance Couples, the ISU will reduce the number primarily using the age criteria, starting from the highest age. The number of entries per region may also be considered.
- d) In addition, the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee will check the list of entries and accept only participants (Skaters and/or Coaches) for which it sees a possibility for future development.
- e) Only legitimate Ice Dance Couples and Coaches are to be entered.
- f) As this ISU Development Training Seminar is organized to provide help and offer a quality learning experience to Ice Dance Coaches and their Couples, sending a non-skating person as a Coach is not appropriate.
- g) **Coaches who have not participated previously in the Seminar will have priority of acceptance.**
- h) **The Seminar is also open to Coaches wishing to attend without Skaters at their own cost.**
- i) Participating Ice Dance Couples are expected to arrive physically fit and prepared.
- j) To maintain the high level and quality of the Seminars it is expected that the skating knowledge/skills of the entered Ice Dance Couples is up to the Seminar requirements, with at least 1 year of skating in a Couple and some competition experience. **(The Novice part is not a 'learn to skate' program.)**
- k) **Participating Ice Dance Couples are required to know the correct steps and timing of the Pattern Dance(s) of the respective season.**
- l) **Accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) must participate from the beginning to the end of the Seminar unless they receive permission to do otherwise prior to acceptance.**
- m) **Ice Dance Couples must participate together with their announced Coaches.** Should an announced Coach unexpectedly be unable to attend, subject to receiving permission from the Seminar organizer, the participating Skaters must be accompanied by a responsible chaperone for the whole duration of the Seminar.
- n) All participants must have Medical Insurance and have their valid Insurance Card with them to attend the Seminar.

**Appropriate Covid-19 protocols will be followed.**

### Expenses

The financial responsibility for the Seminars is as follows:

- a) **There will be a symbolic Participation Fee of EUR 300 per accepted Ice Dance Couple, and EUR 150 per participating Coach.** These symbolic Participation Fees of EUR 300 per accepted and participating Ice Dance Couple and EUR 150 per accepted and participating Coach are to be paid in cash to the local coordinator, Ms. M.T. Kreiselmeyer, upon arrival and registration in Oberstdorf.
- b) The living expenses for the **Junior Seminar** (room and meals) for the accepted Ice Dance Couples and 2 Coaches per ISU Member with a participating Junior Ice Dance couple will be borne by the ISU for the period **from dinner on Friday, April 26, to breakfast on Thursday, May 2, 2024.**

- c) The living expenses for the **Novice Seminar** (room and meals) for the accepted Ice Dance Couples and 2 Coaches per ISU Member with a participating Novice Ice Dance Couple will be borne by the ISU for the period **from dinner on Thursday, May 2, to breakfast on Wednesday, May 8, 2024**.
- d) ISU Members will be responsible for the travel expenses and arrangements to and from Oberstdorf for all participating Coaches and Skaters.
- e) ISU Members shall also be responsible for the living expenses for Coaches attending without a participating Couple, or who are outside of the quota.
- f) **Cancellation policy:**  
 All the facilities, including the Hotel have to be booked and paid by the ISU for the accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) a month in advance. Consequently, no cancellations can be accepted after the following cancellation deadlines:  
 - for the Junior Seminar: March 26, 2024  
 - for the Novice Seminar: April 2, 2024  
 The ISU shall invoice to the concerned ISU Members the related cancellation fees/costs representing 80% of the Hotel rate of the concerned person(s).

## The Professional Team for the Seminars

Organizer and Head Coach: Maurizio Margaglio, ISU ID Seminars Coordinator  
 The Coach/Moderators Kaitlyn Weaver (CAN) ISU IDTC Athletes representative  
 Rostislav Sinitsyn (CZE),  
 Juris Razgulajevs (CAN),  
 Elena Novak (USA)

The off-ice Instructors: Ballet/Modern Dance: David Cipolleschi (ITA)  
 Acro-Yoga: Irina Razgulajevs (CAN)

**The Seminars will be conducted in English.**

## Applications

**Applications must be received from the respective ISU Member in order to be considered.**

ISU Members are requested to indicate clearly their priority of acceptance for Junior Couples and also the category for Novice Couples (Intermediate/Advanced) when applying.

Applications for the Seminar together with the file Attachments (Skaters and Coaches) must be sent no later than **Monday, January 31, 2024** to Mr. Maurizio Margaglio, Ice Dance Seminars Coordinator, with copies to the ISU Secretariat, and to Mr. Shawn Rettstatt, Chair of the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee.

See contact details below:

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ISU Members will be notified of the acceptance of their application, together with other details by Mr. Maurizio Margaglio, as soon as possible after the deadline for applications.

Seoul,  
 December 15, 2023  
 Lausanne,

**Jae Youl Kim**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General