

Communication No. 2612

ISU Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Novice and Junior Ice Dance Couples and their Coaches from Asia, Oceania and the Pacific Region

The ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee with the support of the ISU Development Program (Council Projects) is organizing an International Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Ice Dance Coaches and Couples of beginner, Novice and Junior levels (but not lower than Basic Novice skating level) from Asia, Oceania and the Pacific region in

Bangkok, Thailand, May 25-31, 2024

The aim of the Seminar is to introduce and develop the Ice Dance discipline in new areas where it is not yet traditionally pursued, to teach the basic principles of Ice Dance to inexperienced Ice Dance Coaches and Single Skating Coaches who are interested in becoming Ice Dance Coaches in the future and to continue with the development work started. This Seminar will also provide help in preparation for the seasons' competitions for already established Ice Dance Couples. Coaches will find expert assistance in all topics concerning Ice Dance. For a more personal learning effect, the experts will be available for one-to-one contact with participating Coaches. Daily off-ice classes will include lectures on basic Ice Dance technique. There will also be ballroom classes and guidance on how to partner and to manage Ice Dance Couples. On-ice sessions will concentrate on basic skating exercises, posture, dance holds, introduction to Pattern Dances and Required Elements.

The age of the Couples should be according to the current ISU age requirements for Novice and Junior Ice Dance Couples.

Participants should arrange to arrive on Saturday, May 25, 2024, in time for the opening of the Seminar at 18.00 hours and depart in the morning of Sunday, June 1, 2024.

General

Entry & participation criteria and conditions

- a) In order to provide adequate quality, the **ISU will limit the capacity to 18 Ice Dance Couples.**
- 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 whom 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) Priority will be given to Ice Dance Couples who have at least one year of skating in a Couple and some competition experience. The Couples are required to know the correct steps and timing of the Pattern Dance(s) and come prepared with their programs of the respective season as this Seminar will also provide preparation help for their upcoming competitions. However, applications from new Ice Dance Couples who have been skating together for less than one year and do not yet have any competition experience will also be considered.
- k) Accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) will have to participate from the beginning to the end of the Seminar unless they receive to do otherwise permission prior to acceptance.
- l) 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.
- m) All participants must have Medical Insurance and have their valid Insurance Card with them to attend the Seminar.

Expenses

The financial responsibility for the Seminars is as follows:

- a) **There will be a symbolic Participation Fee of US\$ 325 per accepted Ice Dance Couple.** This symbolic Participation Fee of US\$ 325 per accepted and participating Ice Dance Couple is to be paid in cash to the local coordinator, Mr. Karn Luanpreda upon arrival and registration in Bangkok.
- b) **There will be a symbolic Participation Fee of US\$ 175 per accepted Coach.** This symbolic Participation Fee of US\$ 175 per accepted and participating Coach is to be paid in cash to the local coordinator, Mr. Karn Luanpreda upon arrival and registration in Bangkok.
- c) The living expenses for the Seminar (room and meals) for the accepted Ice Dance Couples and 2 Coaches per ISU Member with a participating Ice Dance couple will be borne by the ISU for the period **from dinner on Saturday, May 25, to breakfast on Sunday, June 1, 2024.**
- d) ISU Members will be responsible for the travel expenses and arrangements to and from Bangkok for all participating Coaches and Skaters.
- e) ISU Members shall also be responsible also 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 deadline:

The cancellation deadline is April 25, 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 Moderator Team for the Seminar

On Ice Moderators: Mr. Maurizio Margaglio (ITA) Ice Dance Seminars Coordinator
Ms. Cathy Reed (JPN)
Ms. Maria Tumanovska-Chaika (UKR)

Off-ice instructors: Local Team - names to be announced in due course

Language

The Seminars will be conducted in English. To save precious time during the on- and off-ice sessions the attending Coaches are required to understand/speak English or arrive together with a translator with 'skating knowledge'.

Applications

Applications must be received from the respective ISU Member in order to be considered. ISU Members are requested to clearly indicate their priority of acceptance when applying.

Applications for the Seminar together with completed Appendices (Skaters and Coaches) must be sent no later than, **March 29, 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,

February 20, 2024

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Jae Youl Kim, President

Colin Smith, Director General