

Communication No. 2499

ISU Course for Speed Skating Referees and Starters

The ISU has decided to hold a course for Speed Skating Referees and Starters which will be organized by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee and KNSB (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in:

Wolvega/Heerenveen (NED), September 29- October 2, 2022

Program

The Course will include all the main aspects of the role and the tasks of Referees and Starters at ISU Championships, World Cup Competitions and other major International Competitions. The ISU Special Regulations and the Technical Rules for Speed Skating and relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations, as adopted by the 2022 ISU Congress, will be addressed.

The Course will include theoretical and practical parts, including an examination which will be organized prior to the Course. It is necessary that the participants have had recent experience as Referees or Starters in ISU Events or International Competitions, and that they have a good knowledge of the ISU Speed Skating Special Regulations, Technical Rules and relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations. Group work and workshops will be a main part of the course program. It is therefore very important that all participants are able to communicate well in English.

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| Opening of the Course: | Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 17:00 |
| End of the Course: | Sunday, October 02, 2022 (upon completion of morning session) |
| Location (official hotel): | Hotel van der Valk Wolvega Atalanta 10 8472 CA Wolvega +31561-692800 www.hotelwolvega.nl |

Course Management

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| Course Coordinator: | Hanjo Heideman | ISU Speed Skating TC |
| | Alexei Khatylev | ISU Speed Skating TC |

Moderators

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| Referees: | Berri de Jonge (NED) | ISU Referee |
| | Daniel Cabelduc (SWE) | ISU Referee |
| Starters: | Stefan Hermann (GER) | ISU Starter |
| | Roland Steenbeck (GER) | ISU Starter |
| | Andre de Vries (NED) | ISU Starter |

Participants

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- 1) **ISU Referees/Starters** (Referees/Starters for ISU Events), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No. 2497.
- 2) Experienced **International Referees/Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 2497) who are considered for nomination to the 2022/2023 list of ISU Referees/Starters.
- 3) Experienced **International Referees/Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 2497) from ISU Members that will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Events during the seasons 2022/2023 and/or 2023/2024.

For capacity reasons only a limited number of participants from categories 2) and 3) above will be admitted. Only participants with adequate experience as International Referees or Starters will be accepted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications.

Entries

Entries must be submitted to the following persons **before September 1, 2022**:

Fabrice Prahin, ISU Sports Director Speed Skating prahin@isu.ch
Hanjo Heideman, ISU Course Coordinator hanjo.heideman@isu.org

Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and E-mail addresses of all participants.

If a visa is required, please contact: wedstrijdorganisatie@knsb.nl **as soon as possible** to receive a letter of invitation for the attending participants. When submitting your request, please include the following information: nationality, name, birth date, passport number and expiration date.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 5, 2022 if some of the entered International Referees/Starters will not be admitted as participants at the course.

Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover local transportation (transfer airport-hotel and return), accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening dinner on September 29, 2022 up to and including breakfast on October 02, 2022 for the following participants:

- all attending ISU Referees/Starters;
- a maximum of **one** International Referee/Starter per ISU Member (in addition to ISU Referees/Starters from the respective ISU Member due to attend).

Accommodation and local transportation costs for any additional participants will have to be borne by the ISU Member concerned. The conference package (€ 555 per person) must be settled to the ISU upon receipt of the corresponding invoice. The package includes local transportation, accommodation, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner from September 29 until October 2, 2022.

As participation in this course will be considered a requirement for ISU Officials, the ISU will pay a travel contribution only for the ISU Officials, based on actual costs, to a maximum of:

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| • for ISU Officials from the Netherlands | CHF 150.- per person |
| • for ISU Officials from Europe outside the Netherlands | CHF 350.- per person |
| • for ISU Officials from North America and Asia | CHF 1'000.- per person. |

Payment of a travel contribution will be reimbursed from the ISU Secretariat to the ISU Member concerned after the course has been completed. A copy of the flight ticket must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat along with the travel contribution request after the completion of the Course.

Expenses and contributions will be paid by the ISU only if the participants are in attendance during the whole duration of the course.

Travel information

The transfer from Schiphol airport to the hotel will be arranged by bus for all participants, further information will be provided in due course to all participants.

Pre-course test for Referees

Participating Referees are required to successfully pass an online pre-course test. This pre-course test will validate the actual rule knowledge (including actual ISU Communications) of the participants and is a mandatory requirement to attend the Course.

Only with a successful pre-course test result Referees will be allowed to participate in the course. This test must be successfully completed not later than September 4, 2022. The test must be completed in the online ISU E-Learning environment (<https://elearning.isu.org/>). Once entered for the course, the participants will get an email with all the necessary login information.

Trial Starts for Starters

For Starters, trial starts during the Dutch National Championships for club teams will be arranged on Saturday October 1, 2022.

Covid pandemic

All participants are required to take an antigen test 24 hours prior departing for the Course, in case the test result is positive the participant concerned shall not attend, no costs (conference package) will be charged to the participant(s) concerned.

During the course all participants will be required to wear a face mask.

Other conditions

All discussions and examinations will be conducted in English. No interpretation will be offered. It is extremely important that ISU Referees and ISU Starters attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations. International Referees and International Starters considered for future nomination as ISU Referees/Starters should attend the course in order to prove/improve their qualifications for such a nomination.

It is expected that those Referees/ Starters attending the course will take further initiatives to organize similar courses in their own country.

Seoul,
July 26, 2022
Lausanne,

Jae Youl Kim, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General