

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1468

### ISU Course for Speed Skating Starters

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

**Erfurt (Germany), October 12 – October 15, 2007**

#### Program

The course will cover all main aspects of the starting procedure and focus on the role and tasks of Starters at ISU Championships, World Cup Competitions and other major International Competitions. The primary part of the course will be held at the indoor skating rink “Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann-Halle” in Erfurt, where the participants will benefit much practical and training experience in the starting procedure during the International Competition to be held on October 13-14, 2007.

**Opening of the Course** Friday, October 12, 2007 at 15.00 (3 p.m.)  
**End of the Course** Monday, October 15, 2007 at 10.00 (10 a.m.)

**Location (official hotel):** **Mercure Hotel Erfurt Altstadt**  
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#### Course Management

Course coordination: Mr. Tron Espeli, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee  
Technical organization: Mr. Joachim Krebs, DESG / Thüringer Landesverband Eissport e.V.  
Main instructors: Mr. Marcel Lesche Vanberg (Norway) and Mr. Matthijs de Vrijer (Netherlands), ISU Starters

#### Participants

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- ISU Starters (for ISU Championships), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No.1458.
- Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1458) who are considered for nomination to the 2008/2009 list of ISU Starters.
- Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1458) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season 2007/2008 and/or 2008/2009.

Group work and workshops will be the main part of the course program. Therefore it is very important that all participants have sufficient experience as Starters and are able to communicate well in English. Evidence that the entered participants have an adequate background may be requested by the ISU.

## Entries

Entries must be submitted *before September 20, 2007* to both the following addresses:

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| Deutsche Eisschnelllauf Gemeinschaft (DESG)<br>c/o Thüringer Landesverband Eissport e.V.<br>Arnstädter Straße 53, D-99096 Erfurt, Germany<br>Attn.: Joachim Krebs<br>Telephone: +49 (0)361 340 54 38<br>Mobile phone: +49 (0)171 764 89 64<br>Telefax: +49 (0)361 653 42 74<br>E-mail: joachimkrebs@hotmail.com | International Skating Union (ISU)<br>Chemin de Primerose 2<br>CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland<br>Attn.: Fabrice Prahin<br>Telephone: + 41 21 612 66 66<br>Telefax: + 41 21 612 66 77<br>E-mail: prahin@isu.ch |
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Please include exact *arrival and departure details (flight information) of the participants*. If visas are required, please contact Mr. Joachim Krebs at the above address, to receive a letter of invitation for named participants. ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by October 1, 2007 if some of the entered Starters have not been accepted as participants to the course.

## Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover *accommodation costs* in the official hotel and meal expenses from the dinner on October 12, 2007 up to and including breakfast on October 15, 2007 for the following participants:

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

For participants from *outside Europe*, the ISU will pay a *travel contribution*, subject to submission of actual flight ticket receipts, to a maximum of 1.200 Swiss francs (CHF 1.200) per participant. Such a contribution will only be granted *for ISU Starters*. For participants from Europe no travel contribution will be paid.

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be made from the ISU Office to the ISU Member concerned after the conclusion of the course. A copy of the flight ticket must be given to the Course administration before the end of the course. Expenses and contributions will only be paid by the ISU on the condition that the participants are in attendance during *the whole duration* of the course.

## Travel arrangements

Frankfurt International Airport, Frankfurt am Main ([www.airportcity-frankfurt.com](http://www.airportcity-frankfurt.com)) connects with direct flights to all major cities in Europe and to a large number of intercontinental destinations.

**Direction to Erfurt:** From Frankfurt International Airport there is an intercity train connection to Erfurt every hour. The train trip takes about two and a half hours (2h30). From the train station in Erfurt (Erfurt Hauptbahnhof) it is a 10 minutes' walk to the Mercure hotel in the old City Center.

## Other conditions

It is extremely important that ISU Starters attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations. International Starters considered for future nomination as ISU Starters should attend the course in order to prove and improve their qualifications for such a nomination.

All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English, and no interpretation will be offered.

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

Milan

September 5, 2007

Lausanne

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General