

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1755

### ISU Course for Speed Skating Referees

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

**Vlaardingen (Netherlands), September 27 - 30, 2012**

#### **Program**

The course will cover all main aspects of the role and the tasks of Referees 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 2012 ISU Congress, will be especially addressed.

The course will include theoretical and practical parts, and various kinds of tests and examinations will be organized. It is necessary that the participants have had recent experience as Referees in major competitions, and that they already have a good knowledge of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating 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.

**Opening of the Course:** Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 17.00

**End of the Course:** Sunday, September 30, 2012, after breakfast.

**Location (official hotel):** *Delta Hotel*

Maasboulevard 15, 3133 AK Vlaardingen, Netherlands

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Website: www.deltahotel.nl

#### **Course Management**

Course Coordinators: Tron Espeli, Jildou Gemser and Nick Thometz, ISU Speed Skating TC

Course Administration: Sandra Vrakking and Jan Augustinus, KNSB

Instructors & moderators: Dan Immerfall (USA), ISU Referee

Hannu Koivu (FIN), former ISU Referee, ISU Medical Advisor

#### **Participants**

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- 1) **ISU Referees** (Referees for ISU Championships), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No. **1745**;
- 2) **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. **1745**) who are considered for nomination to the 2013/14 list of ISU Referees or who participates in the special recruitment program announced in ISU Communication No. 1656;
- 3) Experienced **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. **1745**) from ISU Members that will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the seasons 2012/13 and/or 2013/14.

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 will be accepted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications.

### Entries

Entries must be submitted **before September 5, 2012** to both of the following addresses:

KNSB Attn.: <b>Ms. Sandra Vrakking</b> Postbus 1120 3800 BC Amersfoort, Netherlands E-Mail: <b>s.vrakking@knsb.nl</b> Telephone: +31 (0)33-48 92 000	International Skating Union (ISU) Attn.: <b>Mr. Fabrice Prahin</b> Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland E-mail: <b>prahin@isu.ch</b> Telephone: + 41 21 612 66 66
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Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and E-mail addresses of all participants. If visas are required, please contact Ms. Sandra Vrakking (KNSB) *as soon as possible* to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 10, 2012 if some of the entered Referees will not be admitted as participants at the course.

### Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening dinner on September 27, 2012 up to and including breakfast on September 30, 2012 for the following participants:

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

Accommodation costs for any additional participants will have to be borne by the ISU Member concerned. For participants from outside Europe, the ISU will pay a travel contribution, subject to submission of actual flight ticket receipts, to a maximum of **1'000 Swiss francs (CHF 1'000.--)** per participant. Such a contribution will only be granted for *ISU Referees* from the respective ISU Member. For participants from Europe no travel contribution will be paid.

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be made from the ISU Secretariat 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 information

From Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, there are frequent train connections to Vlaardingen-Centrum via Rotterdam Centraal station; travel time about 1 hour. The official hotel is within walking distance from the train station Vlaardingen-Centrum. More detailed information will be provided to entered participants.

### Other conditions

It is extremely important that ISU Referees attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations. International Referees considered for future nomination as ISU Referees 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 Referees attending the course will take further initiatives to organize similar courses in their own country.*

Milano  
July 30, 2012  
Lausanne

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President  
**Fredi Schmid**, Director General