

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1411

### 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 Swiss Skating Union (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in:

**Zürich-Regensdorf, Switzerland**  
**September 28 - October 1, 2006**

#### 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 Technical Rules for Speed Skating and relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations, as adopted by the 2006 ISU Congress, will be especially addressed.

The course will include theoretical and practical parts, and various kinds of tests and examinations will be organized. Group work and workshops will be a main part of the course program. It is therefore 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 for Speed Skating and relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations.

**Opening of the Course:** *Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 15.00 (3.00 p.m.)*

**End of the Course:** *Sunday, October 1, 2006, after breakfast*

**Location (official hotel):** **Trend Hotel Eichwatt**

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#### Course Management

Course coordination: Mr. Jan Marmstål, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee

Course administration: Mr. Roland E. Maillard, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee

Main lecturers: Mr. Knut Ludahl (Norway) and Mr. Jan Marmstål (Sweden).

#### Participants

The course is open to the following participants:

- **ISU Referees** (for ISU Championships), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No. 1408.
- Experienced **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. 1408) who are considered for nomination to the 2007/2008 list of ISU Referees.
- Experienced **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. 1408) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the seasons 2006/2007 and/or 2007/2008.

The 2006 ISU Congress decided to introduce, with effect from 2010, an upper age limit of 65 years for Referees to officiate at ISU Championships. *ISU Members are requested to consider this new rule when entering participants from the list of International Referees in ISU Communication No. 1408.*

Only participants with recent experience as International Referees will be accepted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications in order to attend the course.

## Entries

Entries must be submitted **before September 7, 2006** to the following addresses:

The Swiss Skating Union c/o Swiss Olympic Association Haus des Sportes Postfach 606 CH-3000 Bern 22 Telephone: +41 (0)31 382 06 60 Telefax: +41 (0)31 381 19 00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:swiss.skating@bluewin.ch">swiss.skating@bluewin.ch</a>	International Skating Union Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland Attn.: Fabrice Prahin Telephone: + 41-21 612 66 66 Telefax: + 41-21 612 66 77 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@isu.ch">info@isu.ch</a>
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Please send your entries directly to both the above addresses, confirming the *exact arrival and departure details of the participants*. If visas are required, please contact **The Swiss Skating Union** at the above address to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

## Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening dinner on September 28, 2006 up to and including breakfast on October 1, 2006 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).

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 subvention will only be granted for ISU Referees and a maximum of one additional participant (International Referee) 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 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

*Zürich International Airport* connects with major cities in Europe and overseas. **How to get to the hotel:** Take the train (travel time approx. 20 minutes) from Zurich Airport and change at Zurich Central Station ("Hauptbahnhof") to Regional train No. S6 to Zurich "Regensdorf" (direction Baden/Regensdorf). Regional train S6 leaves from Zurich-Hauptbahnhof every 30 minutes, at 02 and 32 past the hour (travel time approx. 16 minutes). From Zurich-Regensdorf rail station there is just 8 minutes walk to the hotel. The other possibility is to take a taxi from the airport to the hotel (15-20 minutes travel time).

## Other conditions

It is extremely important that ISU Referees attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations.

All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English and no interpretation will be offered. Therefore it is necessary that all participants have a good command of English.

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

Milano

August 16, 2006

Lausanne

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General