

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Synchronized Skating

**ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014
ISU SYNCHRONIZED SKATING JUNIOR WORLD CHALLENGE CUP 2014**

**ISU REFEREES and ISU JUDGES
ISU TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS and ISU TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS
SEMINAR**

and

ISU “REFRESHER” SEMINAR for TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

1. Seminar for Officials serving at ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 and ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup 2014 (JWCC)

The ISU has introduced this initiative to assist our Officials in the preparation for their duties at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 and ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup 2014.

This will be an intensive seminar to update all Officials with the latest rules and regulations applicable to the upcoming major Events. The ISU wants to ensure that the deserved support is given to the Synchronized Skating athletes by having knowledgeable and well trained Officials evaluating their performances. Judging and technical officiating opportunities are few and many ISU Officials may only participate at the World Championship in a season. It is important to give the Referees, Judges and Technical Officials as much practical guidance as possible for their important duty at the most important ISU Events.

The seminar will take place in:

Kisakallio Sports Institute
Lohja, Finland
November 21 - 24, 2013

Participants:

The candidates for the seminar are those Judges appointed by their Federations who have been drawn to participate at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 and ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup 2014. Also, those Officials who have been appointed to act as Referees, Technical Controllers or Technical Specialists are invited to participate.

Applications:

The applications to participate must be submitted by the Member concerned, on behalf of their candidates, to the ISU Secretariat, with a copy to Mr. Philippe Maitrot, member of the ISU Synchronized

Skating Technical Committee, Mr. Peter Krick, Chair of the ISU Sports Directorate and the Finnish Figure Skating Association by **October 18, 2013**.

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Seminar:

The Seminar will consist of two parts: a practical part with on-ice-demonstrations and practical instructions by ISU Moderators and a high standard Synchronized Skating team, trial judging of a Synchronized Skating competition (Short Program and Free Skating) and a classroom lecture, which will consist of updates regarding Synchronized Skating rules and the judging system criteria (from the Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2012 and all pertinent ISU Communications), the Program Components, as well as in depth discussion regarding the application of the technical and judging rule sets.

This is not an examination and is intended as an intensive preparation for all Officials to help in the preparation to undertake their duties at the forthcoming World Championships and JWCC. Participation in the seminar counts as such according to ISU Rules 807, paragraph 9. c), 813, paragraph 5. b) ii), 814, paragraph 4. b) ii) and 818, paragraph 9. c),

Moderators (Members of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee):

Program Components and GOE: Mr. Mika Saarelainen
On-Ice Sessions and Technical Information: Ms. Cathy Dalton
Ms. Helena Ericson (Johansson)

Travel Contribution:

In line with usual ISU practice, up to the following amounts will be reimbursed on submission of travel receipts. The ISU will only reimburse the cost of economy class travel.

Australia	€ 900
North America	€ 700
Europe	€ 300
Finland	€ 100

Time Schedule:

The Seminar will begin from the late afternoon of Thursday, November 21, 2013 to lunch on Sunday, November 24, 2013 (the detailed information with schedules will be sent to the participants in due time).

Expenses:

The responsibility for the expenses of the Seminar will be allocated as follows:

- The living expenses (accommodation and meals) for the attending Officials from the evening of Thursday, November 21, 2013 to lunch on Sunday, November 24, 2013 will be borne by the ISU.
- Airport transfers will also be arranged provided the agreed prior notification of travel arrangements is received by the Organizers.
- The travel expenses of the participating Officials will be reimbursed by the ISU, subject to submission of an actual ticket up to a limit as indicated in the travel contribution above.

2. TECHNICAL PANEL “REFRESHER” OFFICIALS SEMINAR

Purpose:

The purpose of this “Refresher” Seminar is to **update** with a practical and theoretical instruction the Technical Panel Officials of the clarifications for the 2013/14 Synchronized Skating season (pertinent ISU Communications and Summary of calls).

The focus of this seminar will be on the clarification of the application of the technical requirements by the Technical Panel, with the help of a demonstrating team as well as video analysis.

Participants / Applications:

Each ISU Member may enter their Technical Controllers or Technical Specialists with the qualification “International” and/or “ISU” (not those drawn for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2014 and ISU World Synchronized Skating Challenge Cup 2014) **by September 20, 2013.**

This Refresher Seminar is NOT open for those Technical Controllers and Specialists who attended the Frankfurt seminar in July 2013.

The number of participants is limited to ten (10). Ten (10) participants will be selected, giving priority to the applications from the first 10 Members if there are more than 10 applicants.

Note: This seminar does not count as an official Re-Certification seminar

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Moderators:

Member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee:

Ms. Cathy Dalton

Ms. Helena Ericson

Time Schedule:

The Seminar will begin from the **late afternoon of Thursday, November 21, 2013 to lunch on Sunday, November 24, 2013** (the detailed information with schedules will be sent to the participants later on).

Expenses for the ISU “Refresher” Seminar:

- a) The travel and living expenses of the Moderators of the seminars, designated to serve by the SySTC, will be borne by the ISU.
- b) The travel and living expenses (accommodations and meals) for all participants who wish to attend this seminar are to be borne by their respective Member or by the Officials themselves. All participants are responsible for arranging their own travel.
- c) All participants must pay a lump sum of **EUR 100**. This amount includes the payment of the Seminar and the airport transfers (Helsinki/Vantaa Airport - Kisakallio Sports Institute in Lohja).
- d) Airport transfers will be arranged provided the agreed prior notification of travel arrangements is received by the Organizers.
- e) Living expenses and the Seminar’s lump sum for all participants at the “Refresher” Seminar must be settled in advance with the organizers.

- f) The administrative expenses of the Seminar (ice rink, use of classroom and technical equipment) will be borne by the ISU.

Room costs

Price per room are as follows (including breakfast):

Single Room EUR 97*

Double Room EUR 82*

*Please note that the price is guaranteed for bookings made **before September 20, 2013**.

The applications must be sent to the ISU Secretariat by September 20, 2013 with a copy to Mr. Philippe Maitrot, Member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee and the Finnish Figure Skating Association.

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