

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1698

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 De Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond, KNSB (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in:

Enschede (Netherlands), October 20 - October 23, 2011

Program

The course will cover all main aspects of the starting procedure and focus on the role and the 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 speed skating rink in Enschede, www.ijsbaan-twente.nl/, where the participants will encounter practical experience as Starters in the International Competition *Holland Cup I* being held during October 21-23, 2011.

Group work and workshops will be a 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.

Opening of the Course: Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 20:00: Arrival and Registration
End of the Course: Sunday, October 23, 2009 at 13:00: Closing, with lunch.
Location (official hotel): *Hotel Eden de Broeierd*
Hengelsestraat 725, 7521 PA Enschede, Netherlands
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E-mail: info.broeierd@edenhotelgroup.com
Website: <http://www.edenhoteldebroeierd.com/en/overview.aspx>

Course Management

Course Coordinators: Tron Espeli and Nick Thometz, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee
Course Administrator: Sandra Vrakking, KNSB
Course Moderator: Garth Linder (USA), ISU Starter
Assisting Instructor: Marcel Lesche Vanberg (NOR), former ISU Starter

Participants

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- 1) ISU Starters (Starters for ISU Championships), as defined in Rule 121, paragraph b) and listed in ISU Communication No. 1687;
- 2) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1687) who are considered for nomination to the 2012/2013 list of ISU Starters;
- 3) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1687) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season 2011/2012 and/or 2012/2013.

For capacity reasons only a very limited number of participants from categories 2) and 3) above will be admitted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications.

Entries

Entries must be submitted *before September 28, 2011* by E-mail to both of the following addresses:

KNSB Attn.: Ms. Sandra Vrakking Postbus 1120 3800 BC Amersfoort, Netherlands E-Mail: s.vrakking@knsb.nl Telephone: +31 (0)33-48 92 000 Website: www.knsb.nl	International Skating Union (ISU) Attn.: Mr. Fabrice Prahin Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland E-mail: prahin@isu.ch Telephone: + 41 21 612 66 66 Website: www.isu.ch
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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 October 5, 2011 if some of the entered Starters will not be accepted as participants at the course.

Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the dinner on October 20, 2011 up to and including lunch on October 23, 2011 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).

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 Starters* 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 train departures to Enschede every 30 minutes; travel time 2 hours 15 min. The official hotel is located 5 km from Enschede Central station. Information on travel options from the railway station to the hotel will be provided to entered participants.

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.

Milano,

September 16, 2011

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General