

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1883

### 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 Russian Skating Union, RSU (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in:

**St. Petersburg (Russia), September 25 - 28, 2014**

#### **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 2014 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 25, 2014, at 17.00

**End of the Course:** Sunday, September 28, 2014, after breakfast.

**Location (official hotel):** Oktiabrskaya Hotel  
10 Ligovsky Prospekt, 191036 St. Petersburg, Russia  
Phone: + 7 (812) 578-1515  
E-mail: reservation@oktober.spb.ru  
Website: <http://www.oktober-hotel.spb.ru/eng/>

#### **Course Management**

**Course Coordinators:** Tron Espeli, Jildou Gemser and Nick Thometz, ISU Speed Skating TC  
**Course Administration:** Alexander Kibalko, ISU Speed Skating TC and Ksenia Shantseva, RSU  
**Instructors & moderators:** Dan Immerfall (USA), ISU Referee  
Jan Augustinus (NED), former ISU Referee

#### **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. **1879**;
- 2) Experienced **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. **1879**) who are considered for nomination to the 2015/2016 list of ISU Referees;
- 3) Experienced **International Referees** (named in ISU Communication No. **1879**) from ISU Members that will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the seasons 2014/2015 and/or 2015/2016.

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 8, 2014** to both of the following addresses:

The Russian Skating Union (RSU) Attn.: <b>Ms. Ksenia Shantseva</b> www.russkating.ru E-Mail: <b>ksenia@russkating.ru</b> Telephone: +7 903 765 60 63	International Skating Union (ISU) Attn.: <b>Mr. Fabrice Prahin</b> 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. Ksenia Shantseva at The Russian Skating Union **as soon as possible** to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 12, 2014 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 25, 2014 up to and including breakfast on September 28, 2014 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, against submission of copies of flight ticket invoices to the ISU Secretariat. Contributions and expenses 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

Saint Petersburg International Airport, [www.pulkovoairport.ru/en/](http://www.pulkovoairport.ru/en/) , connects to most major airports in Europe with direct flights, and has very frequent connections with Moscow international airports. The distance from the airport to the city centre is about 23 km; taxi transfer to hotel will cost about 1000 RUB. Please contact RSU, **ksenia@russkating.ru** , for additional information on airport transfer.

## Other conditions

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

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

Milano  
July 18, 2014  
Lausanne

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