

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1339

### 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 Speed Skating Canada (as hosting ISU Speed Skating Member) in cooperation with the Olympic Oval and the Olympic Oval Organizing Committee (OOOC) in

**Calgary, Alberta (Canada), October 27 – October 30, 2005**

#### Program

The course will cover all main aspects of the starting procedure and focus on the role and the tasks of Starters at Olympic Winter Games, ISU Championships, World Cup Speed Skating Competitions and other competitions at international level.

The primary part of the course will be held at the “*Calgary Olympic Oval*” where the participants will encounter much practical and training experience in the starting procedure both in individual distance and team pursuit events. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to utilize an International Competition, “*Olympic Oval Invitational #1*”, which is being held in Calgary during the weekend October 28-30, 2005.

**Opening of the Course:** Thursday, **October 27, 2005** at 20:00 hours (8 p.m.)  
**End of the Course:** Sunday, **October 30, 2005** at 13.00 hours (1 p.m.)  
**Location (official hotel):** **Quality Inn University**  
2359 Banff Trail N.W.  
Calgary, AB T2M 4L2, Canada  
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#### Course Management

Course coordination: Mr. Eugene M. Sandvig, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee  
Technical organization: Mr. Gregg D. Planert, Olympic Oval/OOOC  
Main Instructors: Mr. Marcel Lesche Vanberg (Norway) and Mr. Matthijs de Vrijer (Netherlands), ISU Championships Starters.

#### Participants

The course is open to the following categories of participants:

- **Starters for ISU Championships**, as listed in ISU Communication No.1325 (*ISU Championships Starters*).
- **Experienced International Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 1325) who are considered for nomination to the 2006/2007 ISU list of Starters for ISU Championships.
- **Experienced International Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 1325) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or ISU World Cup Speed Skating competitions during the season 2005/2006 and/or 2006/2007.

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. Evidence that the entered participants have such an adequate background may be requested by the ISU. Entries of participants with a lack of experience as an International Starter will not be accepted.

## Entries

Entries must reach the following addresses **before September 23, 2005**:

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| Mr. Gregg Planert<br>Olympic Oval/OOOC<br>62 Tuscany Valley Rise NW<br>Calgary, AB T3L 2J1, Canada<br>Tel. off. + 1 403 210 94 81<br>Fax off. + 1 403 289 38 53<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:gdplanert@aol.com">gdplanert@aol.com</a> | International Skating Union (ISU)<br>Chemin de Primerose 2<br>CH-1007 Lausanne, Switzerland<br>Attn.: Fabrice Prahin<br>Phone: + 41 21 612 66 66<br>Fax: + 41 21 612 66 77<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@isu.ch">info@isu.ch</a> or <a href="mailto:prahin@isu.ch">prahin@isu.ch</a> |
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Please send your entries directly to both of the above addresses, giving the exact information about arrival and departure of the participants, including flight information. If visa is needed, please **contact Gregg Planert** at the address above.

*ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by October 10, 2005 if some of the entered Starters will not be accepted as participants at the course.*

## Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will pay accommodation expenses in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening dinner on Thursday, October 27, 2005 up to and including lunch on Sunday, October 30, 2005 for the following participants:

- all attending ISU Championships Starters
- a maximum of one International Starter per ISU Member (in addition to ISU Championships Starters from the respective ISU Member who would be attending).

For participants from outside North America the ISU will pay a travel subvention, 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 Championships Starters and a maximum of one additional Starter** from the respective ISU Member. For participants from North American ISU Members *no travel subvention* will be paid.

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be made from the ISU Secretariat to the ISU Member concerned after the course has been completed. A copy of the flight ticket must be given to the Course administration before the closing of the course. Expenses and contributions will only be paid by the ISU at the condition that the participants are in attendance during *the whole duration* of the course.

## Travel arrangements

Calgary International Airport, [www.calgaryairport.com](http://www.calgaryairport.com), offers direct transcontinental connections to London-Heathrow and Frankfurt International Airport, and connects directly to main international airports in Canada and USA. The organizer will arrange transportation from the airport to the hotel for arriving participants on Thursday 27 October.

## Other conditions

- It is extremely important that ISU Championships Starters attend this course in order to maintain their activity in accordance with the ISU Regulations.
- It is essential that Starters considered for future nomination as ISU Championships Starters attend the course in order to prove and improve their qualifications for such a nomination.
- Participation at ISU courses and performances as Starters at ISU Competitions are the main evaluation criteria for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee in considering whether nominated starters should be accepted for and/or retained on the ISU Championships Starters list.
- All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English, and no interpretation will be offered. Therefore it is necessary that all participants are able to communicate well in English.
- It is expected that those Starters attending the course will hold similar courses in their own country.

Milano

August 15, 2005

Lausanne

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, General Secretary