

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1960

### 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:

**Calgary, Alberta (Canada), October 22 – 25, 2015**

#### 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, ISU World Cup Competitions and other major International Competitions. The primary part of the course will be held at the indoor speed skating rink at the Olympic Oval in Calgary, [www.oval.ucalgary.ca](http://www.oval.ucalgary.ca), where the participants will encounter practical experience as Starters during the first two days of the "*Olympic Oval International*", an International Competition announced in ISU Communication No. 1955, being held during October 23-25, 2015. 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 22, 2015 at 17:00: Registration and Opening.

**End of the Course:** Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 09:00: Closing.

**Location (official hotel):** *Best Western Village Park Inn* [www.villageparkinn.com](http://www.villageparkinn.com)  
1804 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary, AB T2M 3Y7  
Tel: 1-403-220-1812 Fax: 1-403-220-1820  
E-mail: [bchang@villageparkinn.com](mailto:bchang@villageparkinn.com) (Sales manager Bonnie Chang)

#### Course Management

Course Coordinators: Tron Espeli and Nick Thometz, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee

Course Administrator: Gregg Planert, Olympic Oval Calgary

Course Moderators: Garth Linder (USA) and Åke Falk (SWE), ISU Starters

#### 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. 1949;
- 2) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1949) who are considered for nomination to the 2016/17 list of ISU Starters;
- 3) Experienced International Starters (named in ISU Communication No. 1949) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season 2015/16 and/or 2016/17.

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 15, 2015* by E-mail to both of the following addresses:

Calgary Olympic Oval Attn.: Mr. Gregg Planert 2500 University Drive NW Calgary, AB T2N1N4, Canada E-Mail: <a href="mailto:gplanert@ucalgary.ca">gplanert@ucalgary.ca</a> Phone: 1-403-210-9481 or 1-403-831-8695 (m) Website: <a href="http://www.oval.ucalgary.ca">www.oval.ucalgary.ca</a>	International Skating Union (ISU) Attn.: <b>Mr. Fabrice Prahin</b> Av. Juste-Olivier 17 CH-1006 Lausanne, Switzerland E-mail: <a href="mailto:prahin@isu.ch">prahin@isu.ch</a> Phone: (+ 41) 21 612 66 66 Website: <a href="http://www.isu.ch">www.isu.ch</a>
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Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and E-mail addresses of all participants. If visas are needed, please contact the ISU as soon as possible to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by September 22, 2015 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 22, 2015 up to and including breakfast on October 25, 2015 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 *ISU Starters* (participants in category 1) above) from outside North America, the ISU will pay a travel contribution to a maximum of **1'000 Swiss francs (CHF 1'000.--)** per participant. For participants from North America no travel contribution will be paid.

Travel contributions will be transferred to the ISU Member concerned, provided that a travel contribution request and relevant flight ticket receipts have been sent to the ISU Secretariat before December 1, 2015. Travel contributions will only be paid on the condition that the participants are in attendance during *the whole duration* of the course.

## Travel information

Transportation between Calgary International Airport and the official hotel will be provided during Thursday October 22 and on Sunday morning October 25.

## 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,  
August 4, 2015  
Lausanne,

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General