

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1178

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 in cooperation with US Speedskating and the Utah Olympic Oval in:

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, October 24 - 27, 2002

Program

The course will cover all main aspects of the starting procedures and focus on the role and the tasks of Starters at ISU Championships and major International Competitions, like the World Cup Speed Skating. Changes in the ISU Special Regulations for Speed Skating that were adopted by the 2002 ISU Congress, will be addressed as far as they are relevant to the responsibility and tasks of the Starter.

The course will include both theoretical and practical parts. The course will be conducted at the Utah Olympic Oval (www.utaholympicoval.com) during a high-level competition for USA top skaters. The course participants should bring suitable clothing to wear during the starting practice in the ice oval.

Opening of the Course: Thursday, **October 24, 2002** at 20.00 hours (8 p.m.)

End of the Course: Sunday, **October 27, 2002** at 11.00 hours (11 a.m.)

Location (official hotel):

Hilton Salt Lake City Center
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101, USA
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Course Management

Course coordination: Mr. Eugene M. Sandvig, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee
Course administration: Mr. Roland E. Maillard, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee
Technical organization: Mr. Nick Thometz and Mrs. Kari Holt Larson, Utah Olympic Oval
Main Instructor: Mr. Svein Inge Strugstad, Norway, ISU Championships Starter
Instructor assistants: Mr. Remigi von Büren, Switzerland 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. 1165 (*ISU Championships Starters*).
- Experienced **International Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 1165) who are considered for nomination to the 2003/2004 ISU list of Starters for ISU Championships.
- Experienced **International Starters** (named in ISU Communication No. 1165) from ISU Members who will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Championships or World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the seasons 2002/2003 or 2003/2004.

Group work and workshops will be a main part of the course program. It is therefore very important that all participants have sufficient experience from recent practice as Starters in competitions at an international level, and that they 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 lack of experience as International Starter will not be accepted.

Entries

Entries must reach the following addresses **before September 30, 2002**:

Utah Olympic Oval the fastest ice on earth 5662 South, 4800 West Kearns, Utah 84118, USA Att.: Kari Holt Larson Phone: +1 801 963 7133 Fax: +1 801 963 7112 E-mail: kari.holtlarson@utaholympicoval.com	International Skating Union Chemin de Primerose 2 CH-1007 Lausanne Switzerland Attn.: Fabrice Prahin Phone: + 41 21 612 66 66 Fax: + 41 21 612 66 77 E-mail: info@isu.ch
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Please send your entries directly to both the above addresses, giving the *exact information about arrival and departure of the participants*. If visa is needed, please contact the Utah Olympic Oval, Mrs. Kari Holt Larson, at the address above to receive a letter of invitation for named participants.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by October 10, 2002 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 October 24, 2002 up to and including lunch on October 27, 2002 for the following participants:

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

For participants from outside USA and Canada 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 USA and CAN 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

Salt Lake City International Airport connects to all major US cities. Transfer from the airport to the city center is available via Express Shuttle, \$6.00 one way or \$12.00 round trip. These charges can be paid for in cash or by credit card. No complimentary shuttle will be available.

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. All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English and no translation 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,

September 6, 2002

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, General Secretary