

Communication No. 2739

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING ISU SEMINAR

ISU Recognized Synchronized Skating Referees & Judges' Seminar 2025

Further to ISU Communication No. 2713 and after having received ISU Members' applications, the ISU recognized the following Seminar for Referees and Judges:

- **Ankara, TUR** **October 10 – 12, 2025**

Purpose:

This ISU Seminar will include a Judge's section and a Referee's section:

- the Judges section forms an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Judges, and first appointment of ISU Judges and therefore it serves the purpose of seminar attendance requirements identified in Rule 903.
- the Referee's section forms an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Referees and therefore it serves the purpose of Seminar attendance requirements included in Rule 902.

Moderators:

Moderators will be designated by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

Participants/Applications:

This seminar is primarily for the Officials of the ISU Host Member. However, Officials of other ISU Members may also attend, subject to the availability of places.

ISU Members wishing to nominate Officials to participate in this ISU Seminar, or the ISU Referees/Judges themselves, may make an application to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the ISU Host Member and the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, **not later than four weeks prior to the scheduled date of the Seminar**. Applications must indicate if the participant will attend the Referees Seminar, Judges Seminar, or both Seminars.

National Judges, up to an agreed-upon number, may also participate in this seminar for the purpose of additional education.

National Coaches, up to an agreed-upon number, may also participate in this seminar for the purpose of additional education.

The number of participants is limited to 30. However, a **minimum of 10 participants** is required. Participants will be notified of their acceptance following the close of entries.

Language:

This ISU Seminar will be conducted in English.

Expenses:

Expenses for this ISU Seminar will be allocated as follows:

- a) Administrative expenses (use of ice surface, classroom and all supporting equipment/facilities) will be borne by the ISU Host Member.

- b) Travel and living expenses of the Moderators will be borne by the ISU.
- c) Travel and living expenses of the participants will be borne by their respective ISU Members, or by the ISU Referees/Judges themselves in case of direct application (not through the ISU Members).

Applications deadline

Applications must be received as follows: **September 21, 2025**

International Skating Union
Attn : Ms. Céline de Joffrey
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ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
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Turkish Ice Skating Federation
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Note that at all 2024, 2025 ISU Synchronized Skating Championships, the Initial Judges Meetings (IJM) and the Round Table Discussion (RTD) were conducted by the Referee together with the Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee. As such, each of those IJM and the respective RTD formed together an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges, as per Rule 907, para 6.

For ISU Referees, the IJM must be conducted by the Referee together with a Member of the Technical Committee and the RTD must be conducted by the Referee. The activity as a Referee for the Championships must have been considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee. As such, each of those IJM and the respective RTD formed together an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Referees, as per Rule 907, paragraph 5.

This Seminar do not count for first appointment of International Judges and International or ISU Referees.

In addition, Referees/Judges who are not in need of a reappointment seminar/webinar in this season may register for the online refresher in preparation for a competition, or for their own review and learning. Further information can be obtained on the ISU eLearning platform or by contacting the ISU eLearning Coordinator (erink@isu.org).

ISU Examination for first appointment of ISU Judges (Rule 903) will be held in Salzburg, Austria in April 2026, for first appointment on the 2026/27 list of Officials, and will be announced in due time in a subsequent ISU Communication.

NOTE: If any additional seminars are planned later in the season they will be announced in a separate ISU Communication.

September 9, 2025

Jae Youl Kim, President

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