

Communication No. 2756

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

1. ISU and INTERNATIONAL JUDGES EXAMINATION 2026

A. ISU Judges Examination 2026

Participants:

In accordance with the ISU Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2024, Rules 901, paragraph 7 and 903, paragraph 3 - to be eligible for promotion to the qualification as "ISU Judge" for Synchronized Skating, the candidates must have passed the ISU Synchronized Skating Judges Examination.

Applications:

In accordance with Rule 900, paragraph 1. d), 5 applications have been submitted by the ISU Member concerned, on behalf of their candidates, to the ISU Secretariat by April 15, 2025.

B. ISU Examinations for first appointment of International Judges 2026

Participants:

In accordance with the ISU Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2024, Rule 901 paragraph 7 and Rule 903, paragraph 1. d) and e), the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee is including the Seminar and Examinations for first appointment of International Judges for Synchronized Skating for those persons who might be nominated by their ISU Member provided the respective candidates fulfil the requirements of the Rule 903, paragraph 1.

Applications:

The applications must be submitted by the ISU Member concerned, on behalf of their candidates, to the ISU Secretariat with a copy to Mr. Philippe Maitrot, Chair of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, not later than **Thursday, January 15, 2026**.

International Skating Union
Attn: Ms. Céline de Joffrey
E-mail: entries@isu.org

Mr. Philippe Maitrot
E-mail: Philippe.maitrot@isu.org

To maintain the high level and quality of the Seminar we expect that the knowledge/skills of the accepted participants be up to the Seminar requirements with adequate competition/serving experience. **Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted to attend the Seminar.**

The Synchronized Skating Judges Examinations for International and ISU Judges will be held on the occasion of the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2026 in:

Salzburg, Austria – April 9-11, 2026

Program:

The Examinations will consist of (2) parts: a practical part, trial judging the competition events (Short Program and Free Skating) plus a written and an oral part, which will consist of questions regarding Synchronized Skating Rules and the ISU Judging System criteria (from the ISU Special Regulations for Synchronized Skating 2024 and all pertinent ISU Communications).

The written and oral part will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 in the morning and will consist of short answers and essay questions. The Examination will be conducted in English by a panel of moderators designated by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

The written and oral examination parts will be closed book.

Moderators:

Ms. Lois Long, member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee
Ms. Nina Bischoff, member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Official Hotel:

Hotel Cool Mama
Josef-Brandstätter-Straße 1
5020 Salzburg
Austria
Phone: +43 662 230 300 5002

Expenses:

The responsibility for the expenses of the Examination will be allocated as follows:

- a) The administrative expenses (accommodation and supplies) will be borne by the ISU.
- b) The travel, meal and accommodation expenses of the panels of examiners will be borne by the ISU.
- c) The travel expenses of the attending candidates will be borne by their respective ISU Member.
- d) The living expenses (accommodation and meals) of the attending candidates from Dinner on Wednesday, April 8, until breakfast on Sunday, April 12, 2026 will be borne by the ISU.

An ISU Member whose Judge(s) does not display the working knowledge of English appropriate to the duties attached to the qualification of ISU Judge, in the opinion of the concerned Technical Committee, shall reimburse the ISU for the living expenses (room and meals) of the concerned Judge(s).

An ISU Member whose Judge does not display a working knowledge of English, in the opinion of the examiners, shall reimburse the ISU for the living expenses (hotel room and meals) of the concerned Judge.

2. ISU TRIAL JUDGING 2026

Participants:

ISU Trial Judging, as per Rule 903 paragraph 1. c), will be conducted by the ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee in conjunction with the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2026 in:

Gdansk, Poland – March 12-14, 2026

Acting as a Trial Judge in this designated ISU Synchronized Skating competition will be considered as activity for present International Judges and Referees. Per Rule 902 paragraph 2 and 4, Rule 903 paragraph 2 and 4, Trial Judging in this competition will also count as activity for re-appointment to International Judge or Referee, ISU Judge or Referee. Those ISU Members needing to provide activity either for their present International/ISU Judges or Referees or their National Judges, may apply.

Applications:

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Program:

The Trial Judging will use the ISU Judging System and will consist of both Short Program and Free Skating category, as well as element identification.

All Trial Judging participants must plan to arrive at the Official hotel on Thursday, March 12, 2026 in the morning (start with the IJM) and should plan to leave Gdansk, Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Moderators:

Ms. Nina Bischoff, member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

Ms. Petra Tyrbo, member of the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee.

Official hotel:

Novotel Gdansk Marina

Jelitkowska 20, p

80-342 Gdansk

Poland

Phone: +48 58 558 91 00

Language:

The Seminar will be conducted in English.

Details about reservation for hotel and meals will be provided directly to participants that have applied for the ISU Trial Judging by the organizing committee.

Expenses:

- a) All administrative expenses (travel, accommodation, and meals) for the Moderator(s) of the ISU Trial Judging, designated to serve by the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, will be borne by the ISU.
- b) The travel and living expenses (accommodation and meals) for all participants will be borne by their respective ISU Members.
- c) All ISU Members are responsible for arranging the travel and hotel accommodation for their own participants.

December 11, 2025

Jae Youl Kim, President

Colin Smith, Director General