

## Communication No. 2762

### **18<sup>th</sup> ISU Ice Dance Development Camp for Novice and Junior Ice Dance Couples and their Coaches Oberstdorf/Germany**

The ISU announces that the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee, with the support of the ISU Development Program, is organizing International Ice Dance Development Training Camps for Ice Dance Couples (Junior and Novice age category) and their Coaches as outlined below.

The aim of the Camps is the development of Ice Dance Coaches and their Couples to a higher technical level. Top, world-class Coaches will moderate the Camps. Daily off-ice classes will include ballet, ballroom dance, jazz/mime/expression, relaxation/yoga, movement to music, theatre and modern dance technique lectures. For a more personal learning effect, the experts will be available for a one-to-one contact with participating Coaches.

#### **A. JUNIOR age category Camp Oberstdorf, Germany, April 25 – May 2, 2026**

The 2026 Ice Dance Camp is designed for Junior Ice Dance Couples with the following age requirements:

An Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 21 by July 1 preceding the Camp. This corresponds to the ISU Junior age restrictions.

**Participants should arrange to arrive in the afternoon of April 25 in time for the opening of the Camp at 19.00 and depart on the morning of May 2, 2026.**

#### **B. NOVICE age category Camp Oberstdorf, Germany, May 2 – 9, 2026**

The 2026 Ice Dance Camp is designed for Intermediate and Advanced Novice Ice Dance Couples with the following age requirements:

An Intermediate Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have not reached the age of 16 by July 1 preceding the Camp.

An Advanced Ice Dance Couple is eligible for participation if the Skaters have reached the age of 10 but not the age of 16 for Women and 18 for Men, by July 1 preceding the Camp.

**Participants should arrange to arrive in the afternoon of May 2 in time for the opening of the Camp at 19.00 and depart in the morning of May 9, 2026.**

## C. General

### Entry & participation criteria and conditions

- a) In order to provide adequate quality, the Camp capacity will be limited to 20 Ice Dance Couples per Camp.
- b) A 'waiting list' will be created for those Ice Dance Couples who cannot be accepted in the first instance in order to offer the opportunity for participation should cancellations occur. ISU Members are requested to be considerate with the timing of cancellations in order to give other athletes the chance to participate.
- c) Each ISU Member may enter Ice Dance Couples with no limitation, plus an unlimited number of Coaches to the Camps. In the case of too many entries for Ice Dance Couples, the ISU will reduce the number primarily using the age criteria, starting from the highest age. The number of entries per region may also be considered.
- d) In addition, the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee will check the list of entries and accept only participants (Skaters and/or Coaches) for which it sees a possibility for future development.
- e) Only legitimate Ice Dance Couples and Coaches are to be entered.
- f) As this ISU Development Training Camp is organized to provide help and offer a quality learning experience to Ice Dance Coaches and their Couples, sending a non-skating person as a Coach is not appropriate.
- g) Coaches who have not participated previously in the Camp will have priority of acceptance.
- h) The Camp is also open to Coaches wishing to attend without Skaters at their own cost.
- i) Participating Ice Dance Couples are expected to arrive physically fit and prepared.
- j) To maintain the high level and quality of the Camps it is expected that the skating knowledge/skills of the entered Ice Dance Couples is up to the Camp requirements, with at least 1 year of skating in a Couple and some competition experience. (The Novice part is not a 'learn to skate' program.)
- k) Participating Ice Dance Couples are required to know the correct steps and timing of the Pattern Dance(s) of the respective season.
- l) Accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) must participate from the beginning to the end of the Camp unless they receive permission to do otherwise prior to acceptance.
- m) Ice Dance Couples must participate together with their announced Coaches. Should an announced Coach unexpectedly be unable to attend, subject to receiving permission from the Camp organizer, the participating Skaters must be accompanied by a responsible chaperone for the whole duration of the Camp.
- n) All participants must have Medical Insurance and have their valid Insurance Card with them to attend the Camp.

## Expenses

The financial responsibility for the Camps is as follows:

- a) **There will be a symbolic Participation Fee of EUR 400 per accepted Ice Dance Couple, and EUR 200 per participating Coach.** These symbolic Participation Fees are to be paid for the Camp according to the further instructions provided to the accepted participants.
- b) The living expenses for the **Junior Camp** (room and meals) for the accepted Ice Dance Couples and 2 Coaches per ISU Member with a participating Junior Ice Dance couple will be borne by the ISU for the period **from dinner on Saturday, April 25, to breakfast on Saturday, May 2, 2026.**
- c) The living expenses for the **Novice Camp** (room and meals) for the accepted Ice Dance Couples and 2 Coaches per ISU Member with a participating Novice Ice Dance Couple will be borne by the ISU for the period **from dinner on Saturday, May 2, to breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 2026.**
- d) ISU Members will be responsible for the travel expenses and arrangements to and from Oberstdorf for all participating Coaches and Skaters.
- e) ISU Members shall also be responsible for the living expenses for Coaches attending without a participating Couple, or who are outside of the quota.
- f) **Cancellation policy:**  
All the facilities, including the Hotel have to be booked and paid by the ISU for the accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) a month in advance. Consequently, no cancellations can be accepted after the following cancellation deadlines:
  - for the Junior Camp: March 25, 2026
  - for the Novice Camp: April 2, 2026The ISU shall invoice to the concerned ISU Members the related cancellation fees/costs representing 80% of the Hotel rate of the concerned person(s).

## The Professional Team for the Camps

Head Coach:	Maurizio Margaglio, ISU ID Camps Coordinator
The Coach/Moderators	Kaitlyn Weaver (CAN) ISU IDTC Athletes representative Rostislav Sinitsyn (CZE) Juris Razgulajevs (CAN) Elena Novak (USA)
The off-ice Instructors:	Ballet/Modern Dance: David Cipolleschi (ITA) Acro-Yoga: Irina Razgulajevs (CAN)

**The Camps will be conducted in English.**

## Applications

Applications for the Camp must be made by the respective ISU Member through [the Good Grants platform](#). **The application deadline is February 28, 2026.**

ISU Members are requested to indicate clearly their priority of acceptance for Junior Couples and also the category for Novice Couples (Intermediate/Advanced) when applying.

As soon as possible after the deadline for applications, ISU Members will be notified through Good Grants of the acceptance of their application. Hotel and other information will be sent separately after confirmation of acceptance.

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