

# Communication No. 2777

## ISU Seminars and other initiatives for Short Track Officials in preparation for season 2026/27

### 1. Online Video Seminars for Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators

The ISU has decided to hold Online Video Seminars for Short Track **ISU** and **International Officials**, which will be organized by the ISU Short Track Technical Committee using the Zoom Communication software, as follows:

Sunday August 30, 2026,	13h30-15h00 CET
Sunday September 6, 2026,	13h30-15h30 CET
Saturday September 12, 2026,	13h30-15h30 CET
Sunday September 13, 2026,	13h30-15h30 CET

Program:

Sunday August 30:	For Starters only
Sunday September 6:	For Referees only
Saturday September 12:	For all categories of Officials
Sunday September 13:	For Competition Coordinators only

The seminars will be conducted in English.

A detailed agenda will be sent closer to the date to all registered participants.

#### Participants

These seminars will be mandatory for ISU Referees, ISU Starters and ISU Competition Coordinators as listed in the ISU Communication for the season 2026/27, in accordance with Rule 287, paragraph 6.a). In addition, all Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators listed as International Officials (See Rule 287, paragraph 5.e) in the ISU Communication for season 2026/27 may also attend. Participation in these seminars will be a mandatory requirement for eligible Officials interested in participating in the Apprentice Program.

Sessions will be recorded and made accessible to participating ISU and International Officials for future reference and for Regional and National Seminars.

#### Entries

Please send your entries by email not later than **July 15, 2026**, to:

- Eszter Borsodi  
[eszter.borsodi@isu.org](mailto:eszter.borsodi@isu.org)

Note: For the entry to be accepted, the Official's email address and a mobile phone number must be properly indicated for the ISU to be able to coordinate and to send the online meeting invitation.

#### Registration

Invitation and login details will be sent to all invited participants by email before the seminar.

## 2. Seminar for selected ISU Short Track Referees & Video Specialist identified as Level 1 & 2 in ISU Pilot Project (detailed under item 3 here below)

In parallel with the Online Seminars, the Short Track Technical Committee will host an in-person Seminar specifically dedicated to the work with the Video Replay System at ISU Events.

The ISU Referees listed below, who will be involved in key roles using the Video Replay System as Referee or Assistant Video Referees at prime ISU Events during the season 2026/27, are invited to this Seminar:

- Taylor Clare AUS
- Henderson Sarah BEL
- Lemay Dany CAN
- Yang Yang (S) CHN
- Markgraf Maximilian GER
- Kövér Balázs HUN
- Pádár Beata HUN
- Mauri Alessandro ITA
- Janssen Harold NED
- Krijgsheld Jurre NED
- Van Hoeven Manon NED
- Radkowska Monika POL
- Valach Alexandra SVK
- Peunik Polona SLO
- Fiorenza Dan Jr. USA
- Grefsheim Alan USA

The seminar will be held on a location in Europe (to be confirmed shortly)

- Friday September 4, 2026, 9h00-18h00
- Saturday September 5, 2026, 9h00-18h00
- Sunday September 6, 2026, 9h00-12h00

Confirmation: The above invited ISU Referees are requested to send confirmation of attendance at the seminar, **before May 15, 2026**, to

- Eszter Borsodi [eszter.borsodi@isu.org](mailto:eszter.borsodi@isu.org)

### Expenses and financial contributions

The ISU will pay the board and lodging expenses from dinner on Thursday September 3 until lunch on Sunday September 6, 2026.

Since participation to this seminar will be considered a requirement for the selected ISU Referees, the ISU will pay a travel contribution for the participating ISU Referees, based on actual costs, to a maximum of:

- from: Europe – USD 400 per person
- from North America and Asia – USD 1'200 per person
- from Oceania – USD 3'000 per person

Payment of travel contribution will be made from the ISU Secretariat to the ISU Member concerned after the seminar has been completed. A copy of the flight ticket must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat along with the travel contribution request after the completion of the Seminar. 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 seminar.

### **3. Year 2 of the Pilot project to professionalize officiating at ISU Short Track Events**

#### **Background**

The main objective is to provide officials with better possibilities and conditions to officiate at the highest level, so that they can keep up with the ongoing professionalization of the sports and the ISU Events.

#### **Categories of Officials addressed by the Pilot project**

For the season 2026/27, the project will target ISU Short Track Officials with activities and measures specific for each of the following levels:

**LEVEL 1: ISU Selected Referees & Video Specialists**

**LEVEL 2: ISU Selected Assistant Referees (A) & Next Generation of Video Specialists**

**LEVEL 3: ISU Officials (ISU Starters, ISU Competition Coordinators and other ISU Assistant Referees (A))**

These Levels are reflecting specific duties and responsibilities assigned to Officials under the Pilot project. It is not a general classification of the expertise or seniority of ISU Short Track Officials. Referees identified as Level 1 & 2 are expected to be appointed as Referee or Assistant Referee video in at least one ISU Event during the upcoming season.

#### **Engagement Requirements for ISU Officials**

Officials in all above Levels will renew their engagement as ISU Officials through a signed agreement with the ISU, and will pursue their commitment to the following

1. Requirements to be met & maintained to be an ISU Official:
  - Minimum number of officiating activities (ISU Events and other competitions)
  - Minimum availability for ISU Events
  - Minimum availability for continuous education, mandatory participation in event preparation meetings and post-event debrief meetings
  - Adequate English-speaking skills
2. Detailed evaluation/performance, including quiz, examination, in-competition evaluation, etc.
3. Confidentiality agreement & Code of Ethics agreement
4. Liability insurance

#### **Further education activities for officials for the season 2026/27**

Besides the Seminars announced above in this Communication, the Short Track Technical Committee is planning the following ongoing education sessions throughout the season:

- English speaking test if needed for new International Officials, and for identified ISU Officials

For Referees: (Level 1, 2 & 3)

- 4 Live referee sessions from home during ISU Events
- 5 Quiz with clips of specific events
- Mandatory debrief virtual meeting with the team of Referees officiating, after each event
- Mandatory preparation meeting prior to each event for Officials officiating at events

For Starters & Competition Coordinators (Level 3)

- Mandatory preparation meeting prior to each event for officials officiating at events
- 1 Mid-season workshop, including Quiz
- Participation in selected live sessions and debrief sessions from ISU Events

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