

Communication No. 2801

ISU Seminar for Speed Skating Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators

UPDATE August 6, 2026 – changes underlined in paragraph Expenses

The ISU will hold a seminar for Speed Skating Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators which will be organized by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee and the Norges Skøyteforbund (NSF) as the hosting ISU Speed Skating Member in:

Stavanger (NOR), October 1-4, 2026

Program

The seminar will cover all main aspects of the role and the tasks of Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators at ISU Championships, ISU World Cups and Junior World Cups and other major International Competitions. The ISU Speed Skating Sports Rules (SR) and relevant parts of the Competition and Events Regulation (CER), as adopted by the Council, will be addressed as well as changes to the ISU Communications.

The seminar will include theoretical and practical parts, and various kinds of tests and examinations will be organized. It is necessary that the participants have had recent experience as a Referee, Starter and Competition Coordinator in major competitions, and that they already have a good knowledge of the SR and relevant parts of the CER. Group work and workshops will be a main part of the program. It is therefore very important that all participants are able to communicate well in English.

Opening of the Seminar: Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 17:00
End of the Seminar: Sunday, October 4, 2024, after the morning session.
Location (official hotel): Quality Hotel Pond Forus,
 Koppholen 17, 4313 Sandnes Norway

Seminar Management

Coordinators: Hanjo Heideman, Øystein Haugen - ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee

Moderators for Referees and Competition Coordinators: Berri de Jonge, Daniel Cabelduc - ISU Referees

Moderators for Starters: André de Vries, Stefan Hermann, Roland Steenbeck - ISU Starters

Administration: Hanjo Heideman hanjo.heideman@isu.org

Participants

The Seminar is open to the following categories of participants:

1) **ISU Referees / ISU Starters / ISU Competition Coordinators**

(Referees/Starters/Competitions Coordinators for ISU Events), as defined in CER, Article 14.2.2 and listed in the ISU Communication #2793.

2) Experienced International Referees / Starters / Competition Coordinators (named in the ISU Communication #2793 who wish to be considered for nomination to the list of ISU Referees / Starters / Competition Coordinators for the 2027/2028 season; (a successful participation in the Seminar will be a mandatory requirement)

3) Experienced International Referees / Starters / Competition Coordinators (named in the ISU Communication #2793 from ISU Members that will be hosting ISU Speed Skating Events during the seasons 2026/2027 and/or 2027/2028.

For capacity reasons only a limited number of participants from categories 2) and 3) above will be admitted. Only participants with adequate experience as International Referees / Starters / Competition Coordinators will be accepted. The ISU may request evidence that entered participants have the necessary qualifications.

Entries

Entries must be submitted before **August 1, 2026** via email to:

eszter.borsodi@isu.org with copy to hanjo.heideman@isu.org.

Please include exact arrival and departure details (flight information) and E-mail addresses of all participants.

If a visa is required, please contact the Norwegian Skating Federation, **Ms. Daria Kamelkova**: daria.kamelkova@nif.idrett.no as soon as possible to receive a letter of invitation for named participants. Include with this request the following information: nationality, name, birth date, number and expiration date of passport.

ISU Members concerned will be informed at the latest by August 15, 2026 if some of the entered International Referees / Starters / Competition Coordinators will not be admitted as participants at the seminar.

Expenses and Financial Contributions

The ISU will cover accommodation costs in the official hotel and meal expenses from the evening dinner on October 1, 2026 up to and including breakfast on October 4, 2026 for the following participants:

- all attending ISU Referees / ISU Starters and ISU Competition Coordinators;
- a maximum of one International Referee / Starter / Competition Coordinator per ISU Member (in addition to ISU Referees / ISU Starters / ISU Competition Coordinator from the respective ISU Member to attend).

Accommodation costs for any additional participants will be borne by the ISU Member concerned. The conference package \$850 (single room occupancy); \$725 (double room occupancy) per person must be paid to the ISU upon receipt of the invoice. The package includes transportation, accommodation, and meals (from dinner on October 1 through breakfast on October 4), as well as coffee breaks. All participants must stay at official hotel.

As participation in this seminar is a requirement for ISU Officials, the ISU will pay a travel contribution only for the ISU Referees / ISU Starters / ISU Competition Coordinator, based on actual costs, to a maximum of:

- for ISU Officials from Norway USD 150.- per person
- for ISU Officials from Europe outside Norway USD 400.- per person
- for ISU Officials from North America and Asia USD 1'200.- per person.

Payment of the travel contribution will be made from the ISU Office to the ISU Member concerned after the seminar has been completed. A copy of the flight ticket must be submitted to the ISU Office 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.

Travel Information

Airport pick-up and drop-off is provided only from Stavanger Airport! Stavanger International Airport (Sola) connects with several direct flights daily to Amsterdam, Copenhagen and London Heathrow airports. Between Stavanger and Oslo International Airport Gardermoen there are flight connections almost every hour. The distance from Stavanger Airport to Stavanger is about 1/2 hour by shuttle. The shuttle from the airport to the hotel and back will be arranged. Please note that waiting times at the airport may vary depending on the arrival/departure schedules.

Pre-Seminar Test for Referees

The Referees and Competition Coordinators are obliged to make a pre-seminar test on ISU E-rink in order to participate in the seminar.

Pre-Seminar Tool and Trial Starts for Starters

For Starters it is mandatory to complete a pre-seminar tool and to perform trial starts during the Competition held in the Sørmarka Arena on Saturday October 3, 2026.

Other Conditions

All lectures, discussions and examinations will be conducted in English. No interpretation will be offered. It is extremely important that ISU Referees, ISU Starters and ISU Competition Coordinators attend this Seminar in order to maintain their eligibility in accordance with the ISU Regulations. International Referees, Starters and Competition Coordinators who wish to be considered for future nomination as ISU Referees / ISU Starters / ISU Competition Coordinators must have a successful participation in the Seminar in order to be considered for such a nomination.

It is expected that participants attending the Seminar will take further initiatives to organize similar Seminars in their own country to educate officials.

June 29, 2026

Alexander Kibalko, Vice President – Speed Skating