

COMMUNICATION NO. 2771 (REVISED)

Figure Skating — Frankfurt Seminar, June 26–July 1, 2026

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For organizational and budgeting reasons, the maximum number of participants in the Frankfurt Seminar 2026 will be limited according to disciplines and according to experiences.

1. "NEW" INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS AND/OR TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS

- 1.1. Nomination of 'new' International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists to the Frankfurt Seminar.
- 1.2. In 2026 a limited number of 'new' candidates for training will be accepted. For organizational and budgeting reasons, the maximum number of new participants will be limited according to discipline and evaluated on experience of service within their national events. The ISU Vice President Figure Skating and the respective Technical Committees in cooperation with the ISU Office will verify the eligibility of such persons. Participation in more than one discipline will not be accepted. ISU Members are requested to complete the attached application form (Appendix A) confirming that the established criteria have been and will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Office **no later than April 15, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 1.3. These Seminars and Examinations will be held **June 27-30, 2026**, and covers all disciplines: Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. These Seminars are the only ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for first appointment of International Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists for the season 2026/27. See also paragraph 6 for detailed travel information.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. The Examinations to become an International or ISU Technical Controller/Technical Specialist will consist of two parts:
 - (a) a written part including true or false and multiple-choice questions and questions that require a written response in the English language, based on ISU Regulations and Technical Rules 2024 as well as pertinent ISU Communications, Handbooks and Manuals; and
 - (b) a practical examination, based on a "competition simulation" (and Element ID).
- 1.6. The criteria to pass the written part of this ISU Examination are established by the respective Technical Committees.

2. PROMOTION TO BECOME AN ISU TECHNICAL CONTROLLER OR ISU TECHNICAL SPECIALIST

- 2.1. Nomination of International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists for promotion to become an ISU Technical Controller or ISU Technical Specialist.
- 2.2. Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists currently listed as "International", who fulfill the requirements of Rule 414, paragraph 3.a), b) and c), Rule 415, paragraph 3.a), b) and c), respectively Rule 904, paragraph 3.a), b) and c) and Rule 905, paragraph 3.a), b) and c), may enter the Seminar for promotion purposes to become an ISU Technical Controller or ISU Technical Specialist.

- 2.3. The ISU Vice President and respective ISU Technical Committee in cooperation with the ISU Office will verify the eligibility of such candidates. Participation in more than one discipline will not be accepted.
- 2.4. ISU Members wishing to nominate candidates from their Federation for promotion must complete, on behalf of the candidate(s), the attached application form (Appendix B) confirming that the established criteria have been and will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Office **no later than April 15, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 2.5. These Seminars and Examinations will be held **June 27-30, 2026**, and covers all disciplines: Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. These Seminars are the only ISU Seminars and ISU Examinations for Promotion of ISU Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists for the season 2026/27. See also paragraph 6 for detailed travel information.
- 2.6. **Should a "Promotion Candidate" not be accepted, the candidate's application will be automatically registered as a "re-certification" candidate in order to maintain their current status. Verification of participation of the candidate should be confirmed by the ISU Member.**
3. **ISU SEMINARS AND ISU EXAMINATIONS FOR FIRST APPOINTMENT OF SYNCHRO 9 ISU JUDGES & REFEREES**
 - 3.1. The ISU is including into the Frankfurt Seminar the Seminars and Examinations for first appointment of Synchro 9 ISU Judges / Referees.
 - 3.2. The ISU Vice President and respective ISU Technical Committee will select a certain number of officials who will be invited to take part in this seminar and examination. ISU Members will be able to send applications for new Judges who are currently not on the list of international or ISU Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers or Technical Specialists for Synchronized Skating. The ISU Vice President and respective ISU Technical Committee will verify the eligibility of such candidates.
 - 3.3. These Seminars and Examinations will be held **June 27-29, 2026**. See also paragraph 6 for detailed travel information.
 - 3.4. ISU Members wishing to nominate candidates from their Federation for these Seminars and Examinations must complete, on behalf of the candidate(s), the attached application form (Appendix C) confirming that the established criteria have been or will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Office **no later than April 27, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.
 - 3.5. 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 experience. Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted to attend the Seminar.
 - 3.6. This Examination to become an ISU Judge / Referee will consist of two parts:
 - (a) a written part including true or false and multiple-choice questions and questions that require a written response in the English language, based on ISU Regulations and Sports Rules 2026 as well as pertinent ISU Communications, Handbooks and Manuals; and
 - (b) a practical examination.
 - 3.7. The criteria to pass the written part of these ISU Examinations are established by the Technical Committee.
 - 3.8. For the inaugural Synchro9 season 2026/27, the three moderators of the Synchro9 Seminar (Frankfurt 2026), having developed the Synchro9 Sport Rules and prepared and conducted the ISU

Examination, are deemed to have satisfied all criteria for first listing as ISU Referees for Synchro9, including the criteria to pass the ISU Examination to become an ISU Referee established under Rule 827 paragraph 7(b). Accordingly, they shall be appointed and immediately listed as ISU Referees for Synchro9, with effect from 1 August 2026, in accordance with Rule 826 paragraph 10 and consistent with the transitional qualification of the inaugural 2026 officials under Synchro9 Rule 17 (read, in accordance with the rule of interpretation in the Council Procedures & Guidelines that the singular includes the plural, as applying to more than one Referee). This provision operates outside the application and selection process set out in this paragraph 3 and does not reduce the number of candidate places available.

4. DATA & REPLAY OPERATOR SEMINAR

- 4.1. In 2026 a limited number of 'new' candidates and promotion for ISU for training will be accepted. ISU Members wishing to nominate Data & Replay Operators must complete, on behalf of the candidate(s), the attached application form (Appendix D) confirming that the established criteria have been and will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Office no later than April 15, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 4.2. The ISU Vice President in cooperation with the ISU Office will verify the eligibility of such candidates.
- 4.3. These Seminars and Examinations will be held **June 27-30, 2026**. See also paragraph 6 for detailed travel information.
- 4.4. All expenses are the responsibility of the ISU Member of the candidate or the candidates themselves. Should they attain an ISU recommendation, the ISU will cover the cost of attendance to the current 2026 Frankfurt Seminar.

5. EXPENSE GUIDELINES FOR ALL ACCEPTED CANDIDATES TO THE FRANKFURT SEMINAR 2026

- 5.1. Accommodation and Full Board: The ISU will **not** cover the costs for accommodation and full board for any accepted and confirmed participants:
 - (a) for the New International TC/TS candidates;
 - (b) for the TC/TS candidates who are **not** successful in achieving promotion to ISU status;
 - (c) for Synchro 9 Judges/Referees nominated by their ISU Member; and
 - (d) for Data & Replay Operators.
- 5.2. ISU Members with candidates who have successfully passed the exam to be promoted "ISU" may submit for reimbursement of hotel and meals (provided these were purchased at the hotel) to the ISU Office.
- 5.3. **ISU Members who cancel participation after June 1, 2026 will need to cover the usual "no show fee", which is 80% of the hotel rate of the concerned person(s).**
- 5.4. Travel Expenses: ISU Members with candidates who have successfully passed the exam in being promoted "ISU" may submit for reimbursement at the stated travel reimbursement rate to the ISU Office. These attendees will have their travel cost (economy class flight ticket, train or car) reimbursed by the ISU after the attendance of the seminars, should provide an expense reimbursement request including supporting vouchers and will receive the following travel contribution per person:
 - (a) Participants from Germany: up to a maximum of USD 115;

- (b) Participants from Europe: up to a maximum of USD 230;
 - (c) Participants from North America, South Africa and Asia: up to a maximum of USD 570; and
 - (d) Participants from Australia and Oceania: up to a maximum of USD 910.
- 5.5. All other participants must cover their travel expenses through their respective ISU Member or by themselves.
- 5.6. Reimbursement requests should be made to the ISU Office within 3 months of the end of the seminar at the latest.
- 6. TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES**
- 6.1. The opening of the respective seminars will be:
- (a) TC and TS for first appointment - International: Registration 17:00 hours on Friday, June 26, 2026; Start of Seminars 10:00 hours on Saturday, June 27, 2026; Departure on Wednesday morning, July 1, 2026;
 - (b) TC and TS for Promotion - ISU: Registration 17:00 hours on Friday, June 26, 2026; Start of Seminars 10:00 hours on Saturday, June 27, 2026; Departure on Wednesday morning, July 1, 2026;
 - (c) Judges/Referees Synchro 9: Registration 17:00 hours on Friday, June 26, 2026; Start of Seminars 10:00 hours on Saturday, June 27, 2026; Departure on Tuesday morning, June 30, 2026; and
 - (d) Data and Replay Operators "new" International and Promotion ISU: Registration 17:00 hours on Friday, June 26, 2026; Start of Seminars 10:00 hours on Saturday, June 27, 2026; Departure on Wednesday morning, July 1, 2026.
- 6.2. Language: The Seminars will be conducted in **English**.

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