

ISU Communication No. 2665

Application to host the ISU Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition

Further to the Congress 2022 to include the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition as an ISU Event, independent of an International Competition, the ISU asks Members interested in hosting this competition to contact the ISU Office at entries@isu.ch for the necessary application forms. Applications should be sent **by September 20, 2024** for consideration by the ISU Council.

I. Date:

The Event should be held in mid-late September/early October 2025 latest.

II. Schedule:

The Event will be held on 3 competition days and 1 practice day.

An Exhibition may be organized on the last day.

III. Television arrangements (See Rule 105 Television and Other Media Exhibition Arrangements)

All arrangements for television and other media exhibition of ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3 to identify those Events classified as ISU Events, including ISU Championships), including the sale of the broadcasting rights for the country of the organizing ISU Member, shall be made solely by the ISU in accordance with the ISU General Regulations 2024, Rule 105, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Consequently, all TV/Media rights for ISU Events belong to the ISU.

The ISU will organize the necessary TV production on the same level as for a Junior Grand Prix Event and cover the necessary expenses.

IV. Advertising arrangements

The advertising rights remain with the ISU. In accordance with Rule 105, paragraph 2, “the rink area” must be free of any advertising. No advertising may be placed in the “rink area” without the approval of the ISU Director General. However, the names of the companies providing the timing and results service systems may be placed on the score/display boards and the computing system, if so approved by the ISU Director General. The “rink area” means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

The following statement duly signed by an authorized officer from the arena company/organization must be provided:

Quote

We hereby confirm that except for the advertising allowed by the ISU the arena will be free from all advertising during the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition. The arena means the whole of the inside of the Event ice rink, that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Event.

Unquote

V. Financial contributions from the ISU in favor of the sport activity of the organizing ISU Member (Rule 106)

Rule 106 states that, *“for all ISU Events, the contributions to ISU Members (which include any contributions towards prize money) are based on the budget prepared by the Council and approved by the Congress, but the Council must respect criteria to ensure that the interest of all ISU Members is observed and respected.”*

Consequently, within the limits of the Congress accepted overall budget for contributions to the sport activity of the organizing ISU Members, the ISU Council decides upon the allocation of the financial contribution to each Event.

ISU Members applying for this Olympic Winter Games Qualifying Figure Skating Competition will, upon request, receive an indication from the ISU Secretariat of the provisory ISU financial contribution allocated to the corresponding Event.

The ISU Council will indicate the consequent ISU contribution when deciding the provisional allotments and endeavour to confirm the amount at the time of the final allotment, in line with the provisory indication.

The ISU Council would reserve the right to reduce the ISU financial contribution to the organizers in the case that the organizers do not fully comply with all obligations undertaken by the ISU Member/organizer under the ISU Regulations (Rule 106, paragraph 2), the respective ISU Memorandum and this Communication.

At time of the definite allotment, the ISU Director General will inform the organizing ISU Member of the final financial ISU contribution, as well as the schedule/date of payment(s). Upon acceptance of the final allotment by the organizing ISU Member, no additional ISU contribution can be considered.

It is understood that the ticket sales incomes and related tax responsibilities remain with the organizing ISU Members.

The ISU Council reserves the right to cancel the allotment without penalty or any kind of indemnification in case the host country becomes ineligible to host the Championships as a result of the country's National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) or National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO, failure to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and/or the related WADA International Standards.

VI. Expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc.

For the expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc. please consult Rule 137, as well as the respective ISU Memorandum and ISU Communication No. 2096.

VII. Information regarding the ISU Events Hotels

Detailed information regarding the hotels is needed, so that the ISU can better evaluate the applications. Please state the prices in US\$ equivalent as well as the location of all hotels, the distance to the stadium(s) and expected transportation times. A brochure of the hotel(s) or a link to their website should also be enclosed.

VIII. Sustainability & Marketing plan

The ISU Member applying for this ISU Event must provide detailed information regarding their sustainability plans as well as marketing plans, so that the ISU Council may consider sustainability/marketing aspects when reviewing the applications.

XIX. ISU Guidelines for hosting OWG Qualifying Competition

The ISU Member applying must confirm in writing that it will observe and follow the most recent edition of the respective ISU Memorandum and any subsequent updating. The ISU Memorandum is available upon request at the ISU Secretariat. Any substantial financial implications resulting from changes between the ISU Memorandum in force at the time of the application and at the time of the Championships will be resolved in due time. TV and Media Rights, as well as marketing remain with the ISU. The expenses for result service provider full service are at the expense of the organizing ISU Member

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