

Status Report to the 2022 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2018/19 -2021/22

Committee/Commission: Ice Dance Technical Committee (IDTC)

Project/Function/Area of activity: Officials Education and Assessment

During the period of time since the last ISU Congress 2018 in Sevilla, the IDTC has performed the activities as planned in order to achieve the specific results & benefits stated in the 2018-2022 Four-Year Plan. At the same time the following areas required and will require specific attention:

1. Improvement and expansion of the Officials education programs.

1.1. Ice Dance Referees and Judges Seminars for re-appointment

In accordance with the Officials education program, Ice Dance Referees and Judges took part in the following ISU Recognized Seminars, which were held or are still planned in the two seasons 2021-2022

1. Minsk, BLR – April 26th - 28th, 2019 (22 participants from 8 ISU Members)
2. Novogorsk, RUS – May 6th – 8th, 2019 (33 participants from 9 ISU Members)
3. Toronto, CAN – May 31st – June 2nd, 2019 (12 participants from 2 ISU Members)

Season 2019/2020 - the following ISU Sponsored and Recognized Seminars were planned :

1. Orlando, USA - April 16th -18th, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
2. Seoul, KOR - April 26th -28th, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
3. Gdansk, POL - May 05th -08th, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
4. Xi'an, CHN - June 24th-26th,2020(Cancelled due to COVID-19)
5. Frankfurt, GER - July 8th – 12th, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
6. Brisbane, AUS - December 2nd – 4th, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Season 2020/2021 - the following ISU Sponsored and Recognized Seminars were planned

1. Seoul, KOR - May 22nd – 24th, 2021 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
2. Xi'an, CHN - June 9th - 26th,2021(Cancelled due to COVID-19)
3. Gdansk, POL - June 05th -08th, 2021(Cancelled due to COVID-19)
4. Dortmund, GER - July 1st – 3rd, 2021 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
5. Melbourne, AUS - December 1st -3rd, 2021 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Season 2021/2022 - the following ISU Sponsored and Recognized Seminars are planned

1. Seoul, KOR - April 15th – 17th, 2022
2. Dortmund, GER - May 4th – 6th, 2022
3. Beijing, CHN - June 15th – 17th,2022
4. Gdansk, POL - June 22nd - 24th, 2022
5. Brisbane, AUS - November 30th – December 2nd, 2022

The ISU Seminars included a Judges' section and a separate Referees' section as well as a Program Components' section.

The screen judging was used as a practical part at the Seminars.

1.2. Special Topics Seminars

The aim of the Special Topic Seminars is to educate Officials on the New Pattern Dances prior to its implementation.

In April 2019 Skate Canada and U.S. Figure Skating hosted in Detroit the first Special Topic Seminar for officials together with coaches and skaters from the "Four Continents" region to learn the new Pattern Dance, the Tea-Time Foxtrot. The creators of the dance led the seminar. The seminar was highly successful in educating and preparing everyone for the current season

in which this dance has been implemented. The Seminar was also filmed and it is available on the ISU YouTube Channel.

The other new Pattern Dance, the Maple Leaf March, has been proposed as a Junior Pattern Dance for the Rhythm Dance in the 2021-2022 season.

In June 2020 was planned the similar seminars dedicated to the Maple Leaf March; one in Toronto, Canada for the Officials from the "Four Continents" region and the other one during the Ice Dance Development Seminar in Oberstdorf for the Officials from Europe. Unfortunately, both seminars were cancelled due to COVID-19.

1.3. ISU Ice Dance Seminar and ISU Examination for first appointment of International Judges and International and ISU Referees

On July 4th - 8, 2019, in Frankfurt, Germany, the Judges nominated by the Members for the first appointment of the International Judges or Referees, as well as the first appointment of ISU Referees attended a special ISU Seminar and ISU Examinations.

Seminar and Examination for first appointment of the International Judges:

- 15 – Ice Dance Judges from 11 Members – 9 passed – 6 failure

Seminar and Examination for first appointment of the International and ISU Referees:

- 4 Ice Dance from 4 members - 4 Passed for the International Referee
- 2 Ice Dance from 2 Members – 2 Passed for the ISU Referee

Due to the cancellation of the Global Officials Seminar 2021 planned to take place in Frankfurt, Germany, in July, 2021, the Seminars and Examinations were held online.

The Seminars and Examinations for Judges and Referees were held in a virtual setting;

- First appointment of International Judges - July 14th -17th, 2021
 - 10 Ice Dance Judges from 10 Members – 10 passed
- First appointment of International and ISU Referees – August 14th – 17th, 2021
 - 2 Ice Dance Referees from 1 Members – 2 passed for the ISU Referees
 - 1 Ice Dance Judges from 1 Members – 1 passed for International Referee

1.3. Seminar for Ice Dance International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists for re-certification

The Global Seminars for the Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers for re-certification were held in Frankfurt in July of 2018, 2019

In total, 4 Technical Controllers and 14 Technical Specialists participated in the re-certification Seminars in July 2018 and 2019.

Due to the cancellation of the Global Officials Seminar 2021 planned to take place in Frankfurt, Germany in July 2020 and 2021, the re-certification was conducted online. To retain the Technical Panel Official's status had to fill the specific questionnaire and for the practical part they identified the elements in selected by the IDTC programs.

Examination dates:

- May 27, 2021
- June 3, 2021
- June 10, 2021

Participation:

Technical Specialists:

- 21 from 15 Members

Technical Controllers

- 7 from 7 Members

The re-certification for Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists will be held again virtually in June/July 2022

1.4. Seminar and Examination for new Ice Dance International Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists and for promotion to ISU Ice Dance Technical Controllers and/or Technical Specialists

The Global Seminars for new Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers and for promotion to the ISU status were held in Frankfurt, Germany in July of 2018 and were planned on July 2020 and 2021. Unfortunately, both seminars were cancelled due to COVID-19. Applicants who applied for the 2020 and 2021 Frankfurt Seminars which were cancelled, are accepted for the planed Seminar in July 2022.

A new type of Seminar is planed within the Global Seminar in Frankfurt 2022 for ISU Members, who do not have the possibility within their country, to educate properly the Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists in Ice Dance.

In 2018 participated:

- 6 Technical Controllers
- 12 Technical Specialists

2. Continuation and improvement by the IDTC of the Judges Examination for status of International and ISU Judges and Referees

The annual Ice Dance Judges Examinations for promotion to ISU Judge were held in Oberstdorf (Germany) on the occasion of the Nebelhorn Trophy International Competition. The content of examinations is revised each year so that both Exams (written and practical) reflect changes and updates within the ISU Judging System and Ice Dance rules and technical requirements. More emphasis has been placed on the ability of the candidates to communicate effectively in English. Based on the results of the Examinations the following Judges were promoted to the class of ISU Judges:

2018 - 7 Judges from CHN-1, GER-1, RUS-1, UKR-1, USA-2

1 Judge from EST-1 did not pass

2019 - 3 Judges from CAN-1, EST-1, RUS-1,

3 Judges from EST-1, HUN-1, JAP-1 did not pass

2021 – 12 Judges from AUS-1, CAN-2, CZE-1, GBR-1, GEO-1, HUN-1,ITA-1, KAZ -1, POL-1, RUS-2

2 Judges from FRA-1, GER-1 did not pass

At all ISU Championships (except the World Championships in Montreal 2020, European Championships 2021, Four Continents 2021, Junior World Championships 2021 cancelled due to the global coronavirus pandemic) as well as the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in the seasons 2018/19 and 2019/20 (GPF 2020/21 and 2021/22 cancelled due to COVID-19) , the officiating Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists received on-site 2.5 hours seminar that is considered as an equivalent of an ISU recognized seminar for those functions. The Seminar was organized by the Technical Committee and the Sports Technical Director. At the end of each event at Championships and the Grand Prix Final, the Technical Panel reviewed the decisions made during the competition and prepared proposals to the ID Technical Committee.

Initial Judges Meetings and Round Table Discussions were held at all competitions. The IDTC prepared the Power Point Presentation for the Referees to obtain the same quality of the Initial Judges Meeting and to prevent different interpretation of the Rules and Requirements.

At 2019 -2022 ISU Figure Skating Championships - ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2019,2020,2022,, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championship 2019,2020,2022, ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, 2019, 2020, 2022 (planed in April in Tallinn), World Championships in 2019,2021,2022 the Initial Judges Meetings were conducted prior to the event by a member of the Ice Dance Technical Committee and a Referee of the Event. Each of those Initial Judges Meetings and the respective Round Table Discussions formed together an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges.

3. Improvement of the level of knowledge and experience of ISU, International and National Referees and Judges through improved training.

IDTC continue to improve and raise the quality of the Ice Dance Officials' Seminars. The Seminars are continuously being updated. Many examples and interactive activities are included in the training, in addition to the standardized Power Point presentations that are used at all Seminars including the Initial and Pre-event Judges Meetings conducted at the major ISU Events. In 2019 -2022 particular attention was dedicated to the education of new international dance styles.

The Technical part was conducted by two Technical moderators (at least one was a Member of the IDTC).

The Component section of the Seminar was conducted by a "Component expert" to add depth of experience and variety.

Three Handbooks for use by Officials have been published on the ISU Website and are updated when necessary for each season;

1. for Technical Panel
2. for Referees and Judges
3. for Pattern Dances
 - Each section of a Handbook includes:
 - Information from Rules and Communications
 - Clarifications in the form of Q&A
 - For each Handbook, subsequent Q&A are:
 - Published as a separate document,
 - Updated in the respective Handbook.

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