

ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2004

FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY 2004

**An International Senior Competition for
Men, Ladies, Pairs and Ice Dancing**

organised by the

Deutsche Eislauf-Union e. V

**September 2nd September 5th, 2004
in Oberstdorf, Germany**

1. GENERAL

The Nebelhorn-Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2002, the ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2002 **as amended** during the ISU Congress 2004, as well as all pertinent ISU communications.

Participation in the Nebelhorn -Trophy is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 2 through 5 and ISU Communication 1117..

The prizes consist of the Nebelhorn-Trophy and the FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY.

The winners of the pairs and ice dancing category as well as the winners of the single events will receive replicas of the Nebelhorn-Trophy, the original cup remains in the organiser's possession.

The best placed ISU Member, receiving the highest amount of points according to the placements of the Nebelhorn-Trophy; will receive the FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY.

2. TECHNICAL DATA

ISU Member: Deutsche Eislauf- Union e.V

Place: Eislaufzentrum/BLZ, Oberstdorf,
a skating complex with two indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of each 60m x 30m; the rinks are next to each other.

Men and Ladies

Short programme: The required elements to be skated were decided by the ISU Congress 2004 and are listed accordingly in the papers for the ISU Judging System and in the Special Regulations Figure Skating 2002, Rule 310, par. 1 and 2. For their value please see the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the decisions of the ISU Congress 2004 and ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2002, Rule 320. Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-Program" and the element value.

Duration: Men 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds
Ladies 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Pairs

Short Programme: The required elements to be skated were decided by the ISU Congress 2004 and are listed accordingly in the papers for the ISU Judging System and in the ISU Special Regulations Figure Skating 2002, Rule 313, paragraph 2 and 4, Group C. For their value please see the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the decisions of the ISU Congress 2004 and ISU Special Regulation Figure Skating 2002, Rule 321. Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced program” and the element value.

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Ice Dancing

Compulsory Dance: The following compulsory dance will be skated:

“Rhumba”

The official music of the ISU will be played.

Original Dance: In accordance with the decisions of the ISU Congress 2004, the Special Regulations Ice Dancing Rule 509, ISU Communication 1260 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Type: “Rhythm Combination”

Any 2 or 3 of the following: Slow Fox, Quickstep, and Charleston as described in the “Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995”. The Slow Fox and Quickstep must reflect the ballroom character.

The tempo of the Slow Fox should not exceed 32 measures of 4 beats per minute. Vocal music is permitted.

Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.

The required elements as detailed in the relevant ISU Communications and the decisions of the 2004 Congress must be adhered to.

Free Dance: In accordance with the decisions taken during the ISU Congress 2004, ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2002, Rule 510 and ISU Communication 1260 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

The well-balanced program and the required elements as detailed in the relevant ISU Communications and the decisions of the 2004 Congress must be adhered to.

3. ENTRIES

Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of ISU Regulations and ISU Communication 1117, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Each ISU Member has the right to nominate one competitor for each single event in the NEBELHORN- TROPHY 2004. Member Federations, placed 1 to 10 at the NEBELHORN- TROPHY 2003 in the category concerned, are entitled to enter two participants.

Each ISU Member is entitled to enter two Pairs and two Dance Couples. This limitation does not conflict with the entries of the organiser itself.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one judge. If an ISU Member has entries in two single events or in one single event and the ice dance event or has entries for three or more disciplines, this Member has the right to enter a second judge, who has to have the international qualification for ice dancing. Only Judges, who have participated in one of the ISU Seminars for the ISU Judging System, are eligible to serve in the "Nebelhorn-Trophy Events 2004".

Entries for Competitors must reach the organiser latest by July 7th, 2004. Entries for Judges may arrive at a later stage due to the timing of the individual ISU seminars, but no later than July 30th, 2004. The entry forms have to be used and must be sent to:

**Deutsche Eislauf-Union e. V.
Betzenweg 34
D- 81437 München
Fax: ++49 89 81 82 46
Email: info@deu.de**

Please find the Entry Forms and the Programme Content Sheets in electronic version at: www.deu.de

4. MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality on either cassettes, CD, MD or DAT format, in accordance with Rules 343, paragraph 1 and Rule 533, paragraph 1. Each programme (Short Program/Free Skating, Original Dance/ Free Dance) must be recorded on one track respectively on a separate disc or cassette. Cassettes and discs must show the competition event, competitor's name, nation and the exact running time of the music (not skating time) including any starting signal, and must be submitted at the time of registration.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Programme and Free Skating for Singles and Pairs, for the Original and Free Dance Programme for Ice Dancing and for the Exhibition must be listed for each Competitor on the official Music Information Form and attached to the official Entry Form for Competitors.

If the music information is not completed and cassettes, tapes or discs are not provided, accreditation will not be given.

5. EXPENSES PROVIDED

The organiser will provide accommodation and meals for all Referees, Judges and Event Officials from September 1st, starting with dinner to September 5th, ending with breakfast

All competitors, coaches and Team Leaders have to bear their own expenses. Hotel accommodation can be booked through the following agency:

Kurverwaltung Oberstdorf
Marktplatz 7
D-87561 Oberstdorf
Tel.: ++49 8322 700-214
Fax: ++49 8322 700-236

Please use the attached form.

Travel expenses will be paid **only** to the Referees, the Technical Specialists and the Technical Controllers based on economy airfare.

6. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

All calculations will be done according to the marking system as accepted by the ISU Congress 2004. The Nebelhorn Trophy 2004 will be run as a test event for the so-called "PAPER-VERSION" of the New Judging System. Therefore no electronic working places will be provided for judges.

The three best-placed skaters/couples in each event will be announced and honoured at the official Victory Ceremony. The national anthem of the winner will be played and the flag of the medal winners hoisted.

7. LIABILITY

In accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 119, the organiser accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by competitors and officials. Each ISU Member is expected to provide its own insurance protection (see also changes at ISU Congress 2004).

8. REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, ISU Office Holders and Guests, all entered Judges, Participants, one Team Leader and one Coach per skater. Not more than 2 Officials of each ISU Member will also receive an accreditation provided they are Council Members of their National Federation (including Presidents) or the General Secretary of the Head Office of their Federation. Chaperons, one per skater, who are officially entered through the respective Member Federation, are entitled to purchase a "half-prize all-event ticket" (which includes all practice sessions, but excludes the Gala). Each Member Federation confirms the function of each Team Member with the official entry form "Composition of Delegation".

Accreditation will be given at the ice-rink upon arrival.

9. VARIOUS

The nearest airports to Oberstdorf are MÜNCHEN (2 1/2 to 3 hours by train) and ZÜRICH (3 to 3 1/2 hours by train). The Organizing Committee will provide each ISU Member with detailed train information connecting the two airports with Oberstdorf.

In case of group arrivals a special bus-service can be provided between the airport(s) and Oberstdorf. Please accept that we have to ask for a transportation fee of all persons using this shuttle service. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry if your Team or individual persons will participate in the offered shuttle.

Please note:

If you plan to travel by plane, please use the airport of München

If you book your flights, please take care that

no arrival time in München should be planned later than 18.00h
no arrival time in Zürich should be planned later than 17.00h

no departure from München Airport should be planned before 10.30h
no departure from Zürich Airport should be planned before 12.00h

There is nearly no chance to reach Oberstdorf by public transport for those who will arrive outside this time-range, and there is no chance to catch flights earlier than indicated above. An overnight stay in München or in Zürich would be necessary.

10. FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY

The FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the best-placed Team with the highest number of points in the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2004. The calculation procedure will be as follows:

- a) Only the best placed **Man**; the best placed **Lady**, the best placed **Pair** and the best-placed **Dance Couple** of each ISU Member will count for the FRITZ-Geiger-Memorial Trophy 2004.
- b) The maximum number of points available in each category depends on the number of ISU Members entered in this category.
- c) In each category the first placed skater will receive two additional points; the second placed skater will receive one additional point.

Example:

If 8 ISU Members entered in one category (e.g. Ladies) the member with the first placed skater/ couple will receive 10 points (8 points + 2 additional points), the Member with the second placed skater/ couple 8 points (7 points + 1 additional point), the Member with the third placed skater/ couple 6 points, ... the Member with the eight placed skater/ couple will receive 1 point. Or, if only 5 ISU Members are entered in one category the Member with the first placed skater/couple will receive 7 points (5 points + 2 additional point), the Member with the second placed skater/ couple will receive 5 points (4 points + 1 additional point), ... and the member with the fifth placed skater/ couple will receive 1 point.

- d) All points reached by an ISU Member will be added to a total.
- e) If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points, the one ISU Member who received the higher number of first places will be awarded the first place. If two or more ISU Members have obtained the same amount of points and the same amount of first places, the higher number of second places will count for the better placement. In this case a first place will count as a second place. If there is also a tie, the higher number of third places will decide upon the better placement, and so on. If there is still a tie the better placement in the Ladies event of the Nebelhorn-Trophy 2004 will count for the better placement.

The winning Team will receive a replica of the " FRITZ GEIGER MEMORIAL TROPHY" while the original will remain with the organiser.

11. INFORMATION

Please address all requests to:

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Betzenweg 34
D-81437 München
Fax: ++49 89 81 82 46
Email: info@deu.de

12. PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to changes)

Wednesday, September 1st

Official Practise (possibly half-day, starting at noon)

Thursday, September 2nd

11.00 h Team Leader's Meeting

13.00 h Judges Draw and Meeting

15.00 h Dance	Compulsory Dance
Men	Short Programme
Pairs	Short Programme

Friday, September 3rd

10.00 h Ladies	Short Programme
Men	Free Programme

15.00 h Pairs	Free Programme
Ice Dance	Original Dance

Saturday, September 4th

10.00 h Ladies	Free Programme
Ice Dance	Free Dance

Exhibition

Banquet

Sunday, September 5th

Departure