



Olympic Development Project 2026–2029 (ODP)
Seminar for Singles and Ice Dance Coaches and Skaters
Year 1: May 18–22, 2026
Vierumäki, Finland

Hosted by Skating Finland

Location: Finnish Sport Institute (Vierumäki), Finland

Purpose

ODP - Olympic Development Project aims to support the long-term development of skaters and coaches across Europe. The focus is on improving understanding of current Olympic-level requirements, strengthening cooperation between disciplines, and supporting both current and up-and-coming coaches.

A key goal is to help skaters move successfully from junior to senior international level and to support national projects aiming toward the 2030 Olympic Winter Games.

From 2027 onwards, the project is planned to expand to include Pairs and Technical/Refereeing development. Participants attending in 2026 will receive priority registration for the following year.

The seminars will be held in English.

Criteria for Participation

European coaches and skaters – Skating Finland will invite the European ISU Member countries to send participants for the seminar(s). Member federations will select their representatives based on the given criteria for coaches and skaters with a command of the English language.

If there is remaining capacity, available places will be filled in the order of registration.

Singles

Coaches may attend with one skater, or additional coaches may be accepted without an accompanying skater. The following criteria will guide the selection of the skaters:

- The skater is a potential participant in the 2030 Olympic Games
- The skater has achieved the qualifying CTES scores according to the ISU requirements for European Championships 2026 (75) / Junior World Championships 2026 (72)
- The skater confidently executes a double Axel (2A) and at least three different triple jumps

Each ISU Member may nominate up to **six (6) coaches** and **three (3) skaters**. Participants will be selected using predefined criteria, with a maximum of **40 coaches** and **30 skaters** admitted to the seminar.

Ice Dance

Ice Dance couples should have some previous international experience and may compete at either Junior or Senior level. Couples may only participate with a coach; however, coaches may participate without their own couple.

Each ISU Member may nominate **three (3) coaches** and **two (2) pairs**. A maximum of **16 coaches** and **12 pairs** will be admitted to the seminar.

Coach Developers – May 2026

- Michal Brezina
- Virpi Horttana
- Michael Huth
- Stéphane Lambiel
- Luca Lanotte
- Maurizio Margaglio
- Arnaud Muccini
- Leena Laaksonen, Judge/TS
- Virpi Kunnas-Helminen, Judge/ID
- Joanna Kerkelä, Dance
- Riina Valto, Vierumäki sport expert

Additional details will be provided in the **ODP Info Letter 2026**.

Entry and Participation criteria and conditions

Registration will close on **March 29th, 2026**. _National federations shall submit by email (miiia.hyttinen@skatingfinland.fi):

- the skater (singles) – coach pairs
- the ice dance – coach pairs
- list of coaches without skaters

all presented in order of priority.

b) Accepted participants will be notified by **April 3rd, 2026**. A payment link will be sent, and travel information will be collected from each participant. If necessary, a waiting list will be created. Cancellations are accepted until **April 18th, 2026**.

c) Accepted participants (Coaches and Skaters) must participate from the beginning to the end, unless prior permission is granted.

d) Skaters must participate together with their announced coaches.

e) All participants must have medical insurance and have a valid insurance card during the seminar.

Expenses

a) Seminar fee is **450€ per skater and 800€ per coach**

The seminar fee includes living expenses (accommodation and meals) and transportation between the Helsinki Airport and Vierumäki for the accepted Skaters and Coaches per ISU Member: **from dinner on Sunday, May 17, to lunch on Friday, May 22, 2026**. Accommodation is provided in twin rooms.

b) ISU Members are responsible for travel expenses to and from the Helsinki airport for all participating coaches and skaters.

Additional Coaches above the quota may also attend at their own expense. The seminar fee is 1000€. Details will be provided to the individuals concerned upon application.

Cancellation policy:

All the facilities, including hotel rooms, must be booked and paid one month in advance by Skating Finland for accepted participants. Therefore, cancellations cannot be accepted after the deadline. **Cancellation deadline is Friday, April 18, 2026.**

After this date, Skating Finland will charge the concerned ISU Members a cancellation fee of 80% of the hotel rate of the respective participant(s).



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