

ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2006

FRITZ-GEIGER-MEMORIAL TROPHY 2006

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

organised by the

Deutsche Eislauf-Union e. V

**September, 28th to October, 1st , 2006
in Oberstdorf, Germany**

1. GENERAL

The Nebelhorn-Trophy will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2006, the Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, the ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2006, the ISU Technical Rules for Single and Pair Skating 2006, the ISU Technical Rules for Ice Dancing 2006, the relevant decision of the ISU Congress 2006 as well as all pertinent ISU communications.

The Nebelhorn Trophy 2006 will be run as a test event for a "Split-Panel" competition, e. g. one panel of Judges will judge the Technical Elements (GOE) and a different panel of Judges will judge the Program Components. The ISU will issue respective information on site.

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: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 310, paragraph 1 and 2.

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

Free Skating: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 320.
Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-Program" and the element values.

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

Factors: in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 353, paragraph 1, p) the multiplying factor for the Program Components are:

a) for Men	
Short Programme	1,0
Free Skating	2,0

b) for Ladies

Short Programme	0,8
Free Skating^	1,6

Pairs

Short Programme: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 313, paragraph 2 and 3, Group A.

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

Free Skating: In accordance ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 321. Special attention should be paid to the “well-balanced program” and the element values.

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

Factors: in accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 353, paragraph 1, p) the multiplying factor for the Program Components are:

Short Programme	0,8
Free Skating	1,6

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 the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 509, ISU Communications 1318 and 1343 and all pertinent ISU Communications.

The rhythm for the Original Dance is the

Tango

One, two or three types of Tango may be used. If two types of Tango are used, one of them may be repeated.

See description in “ISU Dance Music Rhythms Booklet and Compact Disc 1995.

Vocal music is permitted. Variations of tempo within one selection of music are permitted. Each selection of music may have different tempo.

For the Tango, the lady is permitted to wear trousers.

Duration: 2 minutes and 30 seconds (plus or minus 10 seconds)

Free Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 510 and all pertinent ISU Communications (e.g. 1318 and 1343).

Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

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 2006. Member Federations, placed 1 to 10 at the NEBELHORN- TROPHY 2005 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.

There will be a maximum of 20 Ladies and Men, 16 Pairs and 15 Dance Couples accepted.

Each ISU Member has the right to enter one judge. If an ISU Member has entries in three or more disciplines, this Member has the right to enter a second judge, who has to have the international qualification for ice dancing AND if possible also for singles or pairs. **Should there be too many judges nominated for participation, the organizer reserves the right to draw for the composition of panels beforehand and inform those judges who are not drawn for service.** 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 2006".

Entries for Competitors and Judges must reach the organiser latest by August, 4th, 2006

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: event@eislauf-union.de**

Please find the Entry Forms and the Programme Content Sheets in electronic version at:

www.eislauf-union.de

Please note: For entries which will reach the Organizer later than the above mentioned deadlines a administration charge of € 25 will have to be paid to the Organizer.

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 drawn for the panel as to paragraph 3 above and Event Officials

from September 28th, starting with dinner
to October ^{1st}, 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

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2006, Rule 352 and 353 and ISU Special Regulations for Ice Dancing 2006, Rule 542 and 543 (ISU Judging System)

The split of the panel of Judges has no influence in the calculation process. The Judges' marks and scores will be taken care for the result calculation as to ISU Special Regulations 2006, Rules 353, paragraph d) and 543 d).

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 Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the NEBELHORN-TROPHY 2006, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials.

8. REGISTRATION

Accreditation will be given to all Event Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data- and Video Operators, 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 (Welcome Desk) upon arrival.

9. VARIOUS

The nearest airport to Oberstdorf is MÜNCHEN (2 1/2 to 3 hours by train). There is a direct train from Munich to Oberstdorf every two hours. Please find a detailed train schedule enclosed. There is a very cheap train-ticket (25,00 Euros for 5 people) to Oberstdorf.

A special bus-service will be provided between the airport in Munich and Oberstdorf at certain times. Costs therefore will be 50,00 Euros per person one way.

Only in very exceptional cases transport for single persons will be provided at the cost of the person concerned.

Please note:

If you plan to travel by plane, please use the airport of Munich. There will be no shuttle or pick-up service from the airport in Zürich.

If you book your flights, please take care that

no arrival time in Munich should be planned later than 18.00h
(no arrival time in Zürich should be planned later than 17.00h)

no departure from Munich 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 2006. 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 2006.
- 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 2006 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. EXHIBITION

The best five places skaters/couples in each category will be asked to take part in an exhibition on Saturday night. Additional skaters/couples may be asked to participate.

The three best placed teams in the Fritz-Geiger-Memorial-Trophy will be honoured at the beginning of the Exhibition (podium, flags, anthem). The teams are requested to be present for the ceremony (team track suits).

12. INFORMATION

Please address all requests to:

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Betzenweg 34
D-81437 München
Fax: ++49 89 81 82 46
Email: event@eislauf-union.de

13. PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to changes)
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Wednesday, September 27th

Official Practise (starting around noon)
18.00 h Team Leader's Meeting

Thursday, September 28th

10.00 h Judges Draw and Meeting

14.00 h Dance	Compulsory Dance
Men	Short Programme
Pairs	Short Programme

Friday, September 29th

10.00 h Ladies	Short Programme
Men	Free Programme

17.30 h Ice Dance	Original Dance
Pairs	Free Programme

Saturday, September, 30th

10.00 h Ladies	Free Programme
Ice Dance	Free Dance

18.00 h Exhibition

18.30 h Discussion: Result and Evaluation of the "Split-Panel Judging"
Room: (probably) "Ballettsaal"

Sunday, October 1st

Departure