

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**

**CONSTITUTION**  
**and**  
**GENERAL REGULATIONS**  
**2014**

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See also the Special Regulations/Technical Rules  
Single and Pair Skating / Ice Dance,  
Synchronized Skating and Speed Skating /  
Short Track Speed Skating

Note:

In the Constitution and Regulations, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example Skater/Competitor, Official, member of a Member etc or pronouns such as he, they, them) shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Regulations laid down by the following Congresses:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scheveningen	1892	28 <sup>th</sup>	Tours	1959
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Copenhagen	1895	29 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen	1961
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stockholm	1897	30 <sup>th</sup>	Helsinki	1963
4 <sup>th</sup>	London	1899	31 <sup>st</sup>	Vienna	1965
5 <sup>th</sup>	Berlin	1901	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Amsterdam	1967
6 <sup>th</sup>	Budapest	1903	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Maidenhead	1969
7 <sup>th</sup>	Copenhagen	1905	34 <sup>th</sup>	Venice	1971
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stockholm	1907	35 <sup>th</sup>	Copenhagen	1973
9 <sup>th</sup>	Amsterdam	1909	36 <sup>th</sup>	Munich	1975
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vienna	1911	37 <sup>th</sup>	Paris	1977
11 <sup>th</sup>	Budapest	1913	38 <sup>th</sup>	Davos	1980
12 <sup>th</sup>	Amsterdam	1921	39 <sup>th</sup>	Stavanger	1982
13 <sup>th</sup>	Copenhagen	1923	40 <sup>th</sup>	Colorado Springs	1984
14 <sup>th</sup>	Davos	1925	41 <sup>st</sup>	Velden	1986
15 <sup>th</sup>	Luchon	1927	42 <sup>nd</sup>	Davos	1988
16 <sup>th</sup>	Oslo	1929	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Christchurch	1990
17 <sup>th</sup>	Vienna	1931	44 <sup>th</sup>	Davos	1992
18 <sup>th</sup>	Prague	1933	45 <sup>th</sup>	Boston	1994
19 <sup>th</sup>	Stockholm	1935	46 <sup>th</sup>	Davos	1996
20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Moritz	1937	47 <sup>th</sup>	Stockholm	1998
21 <sup>st</sup>	Amsterdam	1939	48 <sup>th</sup>	Québec	2000
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oslo	1947	49 <sup>th</sup>	Kyoto	2002
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Paris	1949	50 <sup>th</sup>	Scheveningen	2004
24 <sup>th</sup>	Copenhagen	1951	51 <sup>st</sup>	Budapest	2006
25 <sup>th</sup>	Stresa	1953	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Monaco	2008
26 <sup>th</sup>	Lausanne	1955	53 <sup>rd</sup>	Barcelona	2010
27 <sup>th</sup>	Salzburg	1957	54 <sup>th</sup>	Kuala Lumpur	2012
			<u>55<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Dublin</u>	<u>2014</u>

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# **Constitution**

## **I. General**

### **Article 1**

#### **1. Name, Constitution and Legal Status**

The International Skating Union (herein called the “ISU”), founded in 1892, is the exclusive international sport federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sports throughout the world. The ISU is composed of the individual national associations (herein called “Members”) who administer these Sports at the national level and who recognize that all international matters are under the sole jurisdiction and control of the ISU.

The Members have agreed to this Constitution and will respect its provisions.

#### **2. Validity of Constitution**

The changes and amendments of this Constitution shall come into force immediately after the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress. However, a proposal may not be effective immediately upon adoption by the Congress unless so stated in the printed Agenda.

#### **3. Members**

Members are those organizations recognized by the ISU as controlling in a country either or both of the Branches of skating (Figure and Speed).

#### **4. Provisional Members**

Provisional Members are those organizations which were accepted by the Council for an initial period as defined in Article 6 as Provisional Members. This may include organizations which do not meet all the requirements for Membership as Members, but which are established in and control either one or both Branches of skating (Figure and Speed) in a country in which there exists no national association already a Member of the ISU.

#### **5. Affiliated Clubs**

An “Affiliated Club” shall mean a Skating club affiliated with or belonging to a Member.

#### **6. Legal Identity**

The ISU is a Swiss association having its own legal identity in accordance with Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code. The ISU is therefore under the jurisdiction of Switzerland and the location of its legal residence is Lausanne.

## **Article 2**

### **1. ISU Jurisdiction**

The ISU has jurisdiction throughout the world over all forms of international Figure and Speed Skating on ice and on synthetic polymeric ice surfaces whether performed using ice skating blades or substitutes simulating such blades.

### **2. Headquarters**

The headquarters of the ISU shall be located in Switzerland and the place of the legal residence shall be designated by the Council.

## **Article 3**

### **1. Objectives**

The objectives of the ISU are regulating, governing and promoting the sports of Figure and Speed Skating and their organized development on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between sportsmen. The ISU shall work for broadening interest in Figure and Speed Skating sports by increasing their popularity, improving their quality and increasing the number of participants throughout the world. The ISU shall ensure that the interests of all Members are observed and respected (see also Article 7).

### **2. Events**

Among the activities of the ISU particular importance is given to Events which include: ISU Championships, ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cup Competitions, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Competitions, ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating, ISU International Competitions, ISU exhibitions, ISU shows, ISU tours and performances / appearances.

### **3. Interference**

The ISU does not approve of interference in its sports based on political or any other grounds and will make every effort to avoid such interference.

## Article 4

### 1. Methods and Activities

The methods of attaining these objects are:

- a) The promotion of the sports of Figure and Speed Skating on ice and on synthetic polymeric ice surfaces in all their disciplines and the influencing of public opinion in their favor.
- b) The providing of uniform Regulations for International Competitions and the manner of supervising and conducting them.
- c) The organization of ISU Championships and other ISU Events.
- d) Technical control and direction of the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating at the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and other skating events organized by parties not under the jurisdiction of the ISU, in the case such events are sanctioned by the ISU.
- e) The settlement of differences and publication of official decisions.
- f) The organizing of meetings of Officials and other interested persons in connection with ISU Events and International Competitions.
- g) The preparation and distribution of educational and information material for the purposes of the sports.
- h) The exclusive right and responsibility to promote and protect all rights relating to ISU activities throughout the world, excluding those events which are the property of the Members.
- i) Among the rights mentioned in paragraph h) are exclusive rights to all intellectual property of the ISU such as logos, trademarks, trade names, ISU Event names and copyrights.

### 2. Development Program

The ISU Development Program makes financing available, within a budget set by the ISU Council, to:

- a) Further the principles of the ISU, including those related to fair and effective distribution of ISU financial support to and for the benefit of Members and participants.
- b) Improve the quality and numbers of participants (including Officials) in competitive international Figure and Speed Skating.
- c) Aid Member development programs that meet ISU criteria.
- d) Aid young, talented skaters in need of support.
- e) Provide experienced Coaches and sport administrators on a temporary basis to assist Members; and
- f) Support development initiatives identified by Members, Technical Committees, Commissions and the Council.

All Members may propose projects and activities and are encouraged to accept responsibility to carry-out: (1) specific initiatives decided by the ISU, or (2)

Member-suggested activities approved by the ISU, with the universal purpose of stimulating regional and global development of the ISU sports. ISU Development Program funds must be expended carefully, seeking measurable results for evaluation. Expenditures and the results achieved must be reported to the ISU in writing by the Member of the activity. Such reports shall be submitted in the form, and at such times, as specified in the authorizing ISU document.

## **Article 5**

### **1. Financial Year**

The financial year of the ISU begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

### **2. Financial Liabilities**

The financial liability of the ISU in relation to any commitments to third parties shall not exceed its assets.

### **3. Auditors**

An auditing company shall be appointed by the Congress for the purpose of verifying the accounts and presenting a certified report to the Congress with respect to the annual financial statements and the results of the auditing activities of the financial administration of the ISU.

### **4. Indemnification**

The ISU hereby declares that any person who serves either by election, appointment or at its request as an Office Holder, advisor, employee, agent, consultant or other official in any capacity shall be deemed its representative for the purpose of this Article and shall be indemnified by or on behalf of the ISU against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person who was or is a party defendant to any pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of such services, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to the best interests of the ISU and did not exceed his powers.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall continue as to a person who has ceased to serve in the capacity designated and shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors and administrators.

**5. Authority**

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 above, when a representative of the ISU acting on its behalf exceeds his authority, any subsequent commitment or agreement resulting there from shall not be binding upon the ISU, unless ratified by it, if the other party thereto knew or had reason to know of such action.

**6. Limitations to commit or legally bind the ISU**

No person, including Office Holders, other officials, advisors, consultants, agents and employees, may commit or legally bind the ISU unless authorized by this Constitution, by the Council or by the President and Director General.

## II. Membership

### Article 6

#### 1. General Requirements

Membership in the ISU may be granted to a national association located in a country in which there exists no national association already being a Member of the ISU. If the Council is satisfied that the two Branches of Skating are controlled by two different associations in the same country, the Council may elect two Members from that country, one to be designated as Figure Skating Member and the other to be designated as Speed Skating Member. However, when a national association for only one Branch of Skating exists in a country, the Council may elect such national association a Member of the ISU and designate it either the Figure Skating Member or the Speed Skating Member, as the case may be.

#### 2. Provisional Membership

a) The Membership of each newly admitted Member shall be provisional for the first three (3) years except

- i) when a new Member is created by a political division in a country where the previous Member was a full Member provided that the new Member fulfils all the other relevant requirements for Membership and provided that the new Member submits evidence that its Skaters have competed in International Competitions or
- ii) if a provisional Member before the end of the three (3) years' period proves to the satisfaction of the Council that it fulfills all requirements listed in paragraph 3 below and submits evidence that its Skaters have competed in International Competitions, the provisional Member shall become a full Member with immediate effect if the Council has already expressed its satisfaction.

For provisional Members not subject to sub-paragraphs i) and ii) above, after expiration of the three-year provisional Membership period, if the Minimum Requirement listed in paragraph 3 below for provisional Membership are established to the satisfaction of the Council and provided that the provisional Member submitted evidence that its Skaters have competed in International Competitions, the provisional Membership shall become a full Membership. If the Council, prior to the expiration of the three-year period, decides against granting full Membership to a Provisional Member, the reasons for such decision must be stated in a Council decision and published in an ISU Communication. Any decision of the Council to this effect shall be subject to an Appeal to the next Congress (see paragraph 10 below).



- b) Provisional Membership of the ISU may also be granted to an organization which is not a national association, but which is established in and controls either one or both Branches in a country in which there exists no national association already a Member of the ISU.
- c) The same general minimum requirements for full Membership set forth in paragraph 3 below shall also apply to applicants for provisional Membership.

### **3. Minimum Requirements**

In order to guarantee the activity of Members in organizing and administering the ISU sport disciplines, the following minimum requirements for Membership in the ISU shall be required. Other conditions may also be established by the Council from time to time.

- a) An applicant national association or organization must prove that it has had control of its sport disciplines as the national governing body in its country for not less than two years prior to application for Membership.
- b) Applicants, Provisional Members and Members shall have:
  - i) a headquarters office in their respective country;
  - ii) been organized pursuant to a duly adopted Constitution and/or By Laws;
  - iii) duly elected governing body or bodies and officers;
  - iv) adopted and published Rules for the orderly conduct of their respective activities, including competitions;
  - v) accepted the ISU Statutes and specifically provided in their respective Rules that all persons under their jurisdiction shall be bound by the ISU Statutes, including amendments thereof, as a condition of participation in their activities;
  - vi) included in their respective Rules appropriate Procedural Rules necessary to effectively implement the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and specifically provided in those Rules that all persons under their jurisdiction shall be bound by the ISU Anti-Doping Rules, including amendments thereof, as a condition of participation in their activities;
  - vii) conducted national championships on a regular basis;
  - viii) conducted seminars or schools for the training and/or education of officials;
  - ix) in existence in the country one or more actively operating natural or artificial ice rinks of a size adequate to practice the respective ISU sport discipline.
- c) A Provisional Member shall in addition, before expiration of the three (3) year period, present proof that it has applied to the NOC of their country for inclusion as a voting member of the NOC in accordance

with Article 28 of the Olympic Charter, and that such application has been granted.

- d) Should such NOC fail to grant such inclusion to a Provisional Member or fail to continue such NOC inclusion for a Member, the Council may nevertheless grant full Membership to the Provisional Member or maintain the respective Member as an Member in good standing, and may further, in its discretion, refer such lack of inclusion by the NOC to the IOC for appropriate action.
- e) Upon application or on its own initiative, the Council may, at its discretion, pardon any requirement stated in sub-subparagraphs (vii) relating to national championships and (viii) relating to seminars for officials of sub-paragraph b) above if exceptional circumstances or avoidance of hardship so warrant. When pardoning any requirement, the Council shall state a period of time within which the missing requirement(s) must be satisfied for the pardoned entity to continue with the ISU in good standing. Such period may not exceed three (3) years. In case that the Council decides on pardoning certain requirements, it may also decide to reduce or cancel in full any ISU contribution which is otherwise made to Members.
- f) Upon application or on its own initiative, the Council may, at its discretion, pardon the requirement stated in sub-paragraph b) (ix) above (existence of an ice rink) if the circumstances in a country due to its geographical, climatic or economic situation do not allow the compliance with this requirement.  
In case that the Council decides on pardoning this requirement, it may also decide to reduce or cancel in full any ISU contribution which is otherwise made to Members.  
In case the Council decides on pardoning this requirement for a Provisional Member for a continued period of time, then the Membership of the concerned Member will remain provisional as long as the requirement is not fulfilled.  
In case of Members who had already obtained full Membership but for whom the Council receives reliable evidence that such full Member does not comply with the requirement of subparagraph b) (ix) above, the Council, at its discretion, may decide to revert back the respective Membership to a provisional Membership as long as the requirement is not fulfilled.
- g) If the ISU is informed of unclear internal situations within a Member, such as conflicting information regarding its legitimate leadership (President, Board, General Secretary etc.) or split into two different organizations then the ISU will generally rely on information received from the NOC in the country. However, in consideration of the autonomy of the ISU and the Council's responsibility to identify and admit appropriate Members, the Council may act according to other

information and conclusions. In case that the situation is subject of a court action, the ISU ordinarily will not accept any change until the case is finally decided by the courts having jurisdiction.

#### **4. Member Separation of Branches**

The Figure Skating Branch includes: Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. The Speed Skating Branch includes: Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. If the two Branches of Skating are controlled by one Member and a decision is made within that Member to create separate, independent associations, both associations must apply for individual Membership. If the existing association has been a Member for more than three (3) years, the applicants may be granted full Membership immediately, provided the minimum requirements for Membership set forth in paragraph 3 above are met.

5. If a Member, in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article, controls only one Branch of skating, the number of votes of this Member is regulated by Article 29, paragraph 11 and contributions made by the ISU will reflect the situation that the Member controls only one Branch of skating.

#### **6. Applications for Membership**

Applications for Membership of the ISU must include at least the following documentation:

- a) A formal application in writing, which shall include the acceptance by the applicant of the obligation to comply fully with the provisions of Article 7 of this Constitution.
- b) A copy of the Constitution and/or By Laws and published Rules of the applicant association or organization in the language of its country.
- c) A translation into English of the documentation furnished under b) above.
- d) A listing of the members of the governing body and officers.
- e) A listing of the number of affiliated clubs and of the members thereof.
- f) Results of the most recently held national championships.
- g) A listing of the operating ice rinks, including their size and location, in the country of the applicant.
- h) Identification of the ISU skating sport or sports controlled by the applicant, with evidence that the sport, or each claimed sport, is actually and actively currently practiced within the country of the applicant.

7. The Council, with the cooperation of the Director General shall take all necessary steps to verify that the applicant is a recognized national sports governing body with sufficient Membership and sporting activity to be

considered a national association eligible for Membership of the ISU.

### **8. Member documentation changes**

Following election and thereafter, it shall be the responsibility of the Member concerned to notify the Secretariat of all changes in the documentation originally submitted pursuant to paragraph 6. b) above.

### **9. Acceptance or rejection**

The Council shall act on Membership matters at meetings only and shall decide upon the acceptance or rejection of all applications for Membership.

### **10. Appeals**

An appeal may be made to the next following Congress against any decision by the Council pursuant to paragraph 9 above. Appeals by Members and/or applicant Members shall be submitted to and received by the ISU Secretariat by registered letter on or before March 30 before the next following Congress. Such appeals are included under item 11 of the Congress Agenda.

**11.** At all times each Member must be able to demonstrate dedicated control and administration and minimum international activity in the ISU sport disciplines within its country, particularly when the Member is part of a larger sports organization. Minimum international activity consists in a Member's Skaters competing in at least one International Competition during the past three (3) seasons.

## **Article 7**

### **1. Obligations of Members, their members and participants**

Members of the ISU, their affiliated clubs, their individual members and/or all other persons claiming standing as participants in the international activities of a Member or of the ISU:

- a) Are bound by the ISU Statutes (see Article 6, paragraph 3.b) (v) and are subject to decisions of the Congress, the Council, the President and the Director General concerning all international matters; and
- b) Have the obligation in all national and international matters to support the objects, activities and unity of the ISU, and shall not participate in any activities, national or international, against the integrity, the exclusive role and interests of the ISU.

### **2. Participation**

For ISU Events, ISU Congresses, ISU Seminars, ISU Development Projects and other activities designated "ISU" by the Council, the Member in the territory in which the activity will take place must make its best efforts to obtain the full

participation in such activity of all Office Holders & Officials, Members, their individual members and members of affiliated clubs.

### **3. Rights of Provisional Members**

Provisional Members shall have the same rights and duties as Member as far as not specified differently by these Rules, but without the right to vote or to nominate candidates for or to be elected to office at Congresses.

### **4. Rights of Special Clubs**

Special Clubs are the Internationaler Schlittschuh-Club Davos and Stockholms Allmänna Skridskoklubb only. In recognition of their historical role they have the right to participate in the Congress but without the right to vote and without any other rights belonging to a Member.

5. When used in the ISU Statutes, the term “Member” shall also be deemed to include Provisional Members to the extent of their rights as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

### **6. Sponsorship of Clubs**

A Member of the ISU is not allowed to sponsor clubs in the country of another Member unless the Member having jurisdiction over the territory of the concerned sponsored club agrees.

### **7. Obligations of Office Holders, Coordinators, Advisors, Employees and Consultants**

Office Holders, Coordinators, Advisors, Employees and Consultants must

- a) submit to the Council the standard form including a signed acceptance of and full respect and compliance with the ISU Statutes;
- b) attend all corresponding meetings and come to such meetings well prepared and well informed regarding issues on the agenda;
- c) be knowledgeable about the ISU;
- d) observe established procedures and consider others’ point of view, make constructive suggestions and help the ISU make decisions that benefit Skaters and the sport of skating;
- e) keep the President and the Director General well informed about any concerns from within and/or outside the ice skating community that affect the direction and best interests of the sport of skating and the ISU;
- f) support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Congress, Council, the President and the Director General even when in a minority position, including supportive participation in public debate regarding all decisions at all venues;
- g) protect the confidentiality of discussions as established for each internal body;

- h) participate in ISU self-evaluation programs, development workshops, seminars and other educational events, which enhance skills.

### III. Organization

#### Article 8

The Bodies, Office Holders and Coordinators of the ISU are:

- a) Bodies
  - i) The Congress
  - ii) The Council
  - iii) The Disciplinary Commission
  - iv) The Technical Committees
  - v) The Medical Commission
  - vi) The Development Commission/Coordinator
  
- b) Office Holders
  - i) The President
  - ii) The Vice Presidents – a Vice President for the Figure Skating Branch and a Vice President for the Speed Skating Branch
  - iii) The Council members – four (4) Council members for the Figure Skating Branch and four (4) Council members for the Speed Skating Branch
  - iv) The Director General
  - v) The Chair and members of the Disciplinary Commission
  - vi) The Chairs and members of the Technical Committees
  - vii) The Sports Directors
  - viii) The Sport Manager Figure Skating (limited for the period between the 2014 & 2016 Congress)
  - ix) The Chair and members of the Medical Commission
  - x) The Legal Advisor(s)
  - xi) The Treasurer
  - xii) The Development Commission members and/or the Development Coordinator
  
- c) Coordinators (ISU Employees and/or appointed Coordinators not being Office Holders)
  - i) Marketing Coordinator
  - ii) Public Relations/Communications Coordinator
  - iii) The Event Coordinators and Assistant Event Coordinators
  - iv) The Regional Event Coordinators - RECAs (in Figure Skating only)
  - v) Other Coordinators in the area of sports, anti-doping, travel or other areas being ISU Secretariat employees.

## **A. Congress**

### **Article 9**

#### **1. Meetings of Congress**

Meetings of Congress are held as follows:

- a) An Ordinary Congress is held every even numbered year, preferably in June or July on dates determined by the Council and announced to all Members at least six (6) months prior to the Congress.
- b) The next Ordinary Congress with elections will be held in 2016 (instead of 2014). The Congress 2014 will be with a Forum and without elections.
- c) The subsequent Ordinary Congresses with elections are organized every four (4) years after the Olympic Winter Games, but in the same year (starting in 2018).
- d) Article 9, paragraph b) and c) automatically extend to all other provisions of the Constitution which refer to the original election period of 2010-2014, i.e. all mentions of the year 2014 as the end of the current election period shall be read to mean the year 2016.
- e) An ordinary Congress without election includes a Forum (see Article 29, paragraph 6).
- f) An Extraordinary Congress is held whenever the Council considers it necessary or upon written demand, giving reasons, by one fifth of the Members.

#### **2. Congress is open only to Members**

#### **3. Representatives of Members**

Only those representatives of Members may attend who have been duly nominated by Members. Such representatives must be members of the Member which they are to represent and also must be of the same citizenship as the country of the Member or must have been a permanent resident for more than a year of the country of the Member.

4. The Agenda and procedures to be followed in conducting the business of the Congress are set forth in the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, annexed hereto.

5. Decisions of the Congress are final and binding and not subject to appeal within the ISU or to any external tribunal, except as otherwise provided in Article 26, paragraph 4.



## **Article 10**

### **1. Place and date of Congress Meetings**

The Council shall determine the place and date of each Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress.

The choice of the place of an Ordinary Congress shall be based on nominations received from Members.

### **2. Quorum for Congress**

Members must signify their intention to attend or not to attend the Congress within the time fixed by the Secretariat. A minimum of 50% of Members must be present to hold a valid Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.

Should Members leaving the Congress reduce the number of Members remaining to less than a quorum the Congress may continue upon affirmative majority vote of the remaining Members.

### **3. Cancellation or postponement**

If for any reason the holding of an Ordinary Congress cannot be carried out, the Council shall so inform all Members and a postponement or cancellation of such Congress may be made by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members.

### **4. Mail vote**

If a Congress does not take place, the Council shall, within six weeks after the originally fixed dates, ask Members for a mail vote on the motions on the Agenda that the Council considers urgent and essential for the correct administration of the ISU.

**5.** The Council shall arrange for publication of the Communication asking for a written vote at least four weeks before the expiration of the period fixed therein for the receipt of replies.

## **Article 11**

### **1. Alterations in Constitution, Procedural Provisions and General and Special Regulations**

The Council, Technical Committees and Members are entitled to submit proposals to Congress for alterations in the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and in the General and Special Regulations.

### **2. Majorities for alterations**

- a) For a change in the Constitution, including its Procedural Provisions or in the General Regulations and Special Regulations, a two-thirds majority, and in both instances the obligatory presence in person of fifty percent (50%) of Members of the ISU is required. If the calculation of the two-thirds majority results in a fraction, the next higher whole number shall be taken as the two-thirds majority.
- b) Any objection put forward by a Member during the Congress to a change in the Technical Rules as proposed by the respective Technical Committee and approved by the respective Vice President requires a second Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a Rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations.

## **Article 12**

### **Languages – original text**

English is the official language of the ISU and shall be used in all correspondence, Congress proceedings, official documents, contracts and publications. For the ISU Statutes and all other official publications of the ISU, the English text is the original and shall govern. French, German and Russian are supplementary languages of the ISU. Translations into languages other than English may be made by the Members, but in the event of a difference between them and the original English text, the latter shall prevail.

The announcements and conduct of all proceedings at international skating events shall be in English and, if necessary, may also be in any other language.

## **Article 13**

### **1. Elections – Eligibility for election**

- a) Elections of the President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Technical Committee Chairs, Technical Committee members, the Disciplinary Commission Chair and Disciplinary Commission members shall be held only at Congresses every four years. The original term of office shall be for four years and all offices shall be deemed to be vacant immediately before the elections. Beginning with the 2014 Congress and subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, all elected Office Holders as listed above may serve for a maximum of three (3) successive four-year terms. Any terms an elected official has served prior to 2014 will not count toward the maximum number of terms. Each “office” (President, Vice President, Council member, Technical Committee Chair, Technical Committee member, Disciplinary Commission Chair, Disciplinary Commission member) shall be counted separately meaning that by being elected for different offices the different maximum terms are being added.
- b) To be eligible for election, a person must be:
- i) A citizen of a country that is a Member. Such citizenship shall be decisive for the purposes of Article 16, paragraph 1, Article 20, paragraph 2 and Article 24, paragraph 3;
  - ii) In the case of dual or multiple citizenship, the person standing for election must declare which citizenship is decisive within the meaning of paragraph i) above. Confirmation of the declared citizenship and approval of the candidacy by the respective, declared Member is required for validity;
  - iii) Such a person may not stand for further elections at the same Congress under another nationality, not even with the approval of the respective declared Member.

2. Before the election of the Congress all candidates for election to any elected office shall declare in writing on specific forms, as decided by the Council and published by the Secretariat, their intention to run for a specific position(s) to be indicated. In the case a candidate intends to run for different positions (i.e. President, Vice President, Technical Committee Chair, Technical Committee member, Disciplinary Commission Chair, Disciplinary Commission member) it must be clearly indicated and it is understood that once elected into a position the elected individual cannot stand anymore for another position being subsequently elected.

The following ISU forms must be sent to the Secretariat at the latest 6 weeks before the start of the Congress by the Member of the nominee or another Member:

- a) Form including the name, citizenship, Member affiliation and other personal data of the candidate.
- b) Form including a curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate.
- c) Form including a signed declaration that the nominee does not hold the position of President/Chair of any Member. If such position is currently held, a confirmation that if elected the nominee will without delay resign that position with immediate effect.
- d) Form including a signed acceptance of and full respect and compliance with ISU Statutes (in particular but not limited to the obligations of Office Holders as set forth in this Constitution and the ISU Code of Ethics).

Nominations received later than the set deadline or incomplete nominations are not valid. A list of nominees grouped by elected positions containing the names of the nominees, the nominators and the CVs shall be distributed by the Secretariat 3 weeks prior to the start of the election Congress to Members and Office Holders.

### **3. Maximum age**

In order to be eligible for election, any candidate for election or re-election as an ISU elected Office Holder, (except for Technical Committee Chair or member as specified in Article 20, paragraph 2 and the Special Regulations), must not reach the age of 75 prior to being elected for any elected Office. An elected Office Holder who reaches the age of 75 during his current term of office is not disqualified by such fact from continuing to serve the current term.

### **4. Ineligible persons**

Ineligible persons as defined in the General Regulations cannot be candidates for election.

### **5. Special elections to fill vacancies**

If a vacancy occurs at any time in any elected body, the person with the highest number of votes from the non-elected candidates from the last election shall immediately fill the vacancy. If such vacancy occurs but cannot be filled in this manner, the Council shall immediately appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The term of office of such persons shall expire at the next following Congress, at which an election shall be held.

### **6. Precedence**

The Vice President Figure Skating elected in 2010 was the First Vice President for the period from the 2010 Congress to the 2014 Congress. The Vice President Speed Skating elected in 2014 will be the First Vice President for the period

from the 2014 Congress to the 2018 Congress. This alternating arrangement shall be in effect automatically for subsequent elections.

7. The order of precedence of members of the Council is determined, for the Branches respectively and for the members of the five Technical Committees respectively, according to the number of votes received by each in their election to office.

8. The order of election for the members of the Council shall alternate between the Branches for each regular election, starting with Figure Skating in the year 2010.

## **Article 14**

### **1. Vacancies**

If the office of the President becomes vacant during his term of office, his place is taken by the First Vice President (who may or may not be from the same Branch as the President). The remaining Vice President becomes the First Vice President of the ISU until the next election. If the First Vice President who fills the office of President due to its vacancy is not from the Branch of the President, that action shall not affect the alternating arrangement between the Branches specified in Article 13, paragraph 6.

2. If the office of Vice President of a Branch becomes vacant, the Council member who is first in the order of precedence within the Branch becomes the Vice President for the Branch and the remaining Council members within the Branch fill the resulting vacancies in the order of their precedence in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 7.

3. If a vacancy occurs among the Council members of a Branch, the remaining Council members fill the resulting vacancy or vacancies in the order of their precedence in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 7.

4. If the office of Chair of any Technical Committee becomes vacant or if a vacancy occurs among the Committee members, the Committee member who is first in the order of precedence within the Committee becomes the Chair and the remaining Committee members fill the resulting vacancy or vacancies in the order of their precedence, all in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 5 and 7.

### **5. Retirement**

The retirement of a member of the Council, of any Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission is automatic if his association ceases to be a Member of the ISU.

## Article 15

### Honorary Members and ISU Awards

1. The awards of ISU Honorary President, ISU Honorary Vice President and ISU Honorary Member may be conferred at the discretion of the Council on persons who have served as elected Office Holders or appointed Advisors on a voluntary basis, and who have helped to promote the development of international skating. Each such award is subject to being confirmed by the Congress.
2. When considering such awards, the Council shall use the following criteria:
  - a) For the position of Honorary President at a minimum, nominees shall have been President for at least eight (8) years;
  - b) For the position of Honorary Vice President at a minimum nominees shall have been Vice President for at least eight (8) years;
  - c) For the position of Honorary Member at a minimum nominees shall have been a member of a Technical Committee; Chair of a Technical Committee; a member of the Council; an appointed Advisor serving as an Office Holder; or a member of the Disciplinary Commission and/or previous Appeals Commission for at least eight (8) years.  
For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (iii) the periods served in different positions are added together.
3. Upon election, an Honorary Member shall no longer be eligible for election or appointment as an Office Holder, and shall not act as a Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operator, Judge, Starter or Competitors Steward in international events, but may serve in an advisory capacity when called upon to do so.
4. Such Honorary Members may serve as resource persons to the Office Holders when called upon, so as to assist in maintaining relationships between the Honorary Members and the Office Holders.

## **5. ISU Gold Award of Merit**

An “ISU Gold Award of Merit” may be awarded at the discretion of the Council to recognize valuable contributions to the ISU sports at the international level. This award may only be made to Office Holders and other individuals who have served the ISU sport disciplines as follows:

- a) ISU Gold Award of Merit awarded for Office Holders’, ISU Officials’ Service:
  - i) The ISU Referees/Technical Controllers, Starters or Competitor Stewards who have served in such capacity at the ISU Championships/ Olympics Winter Games altogether for at least 15 years;
  - ii) The ISU Judges who have served as Judges at the ISU Championships/Olympics Winter Games altogether for at least 20 years;
  - iii) The Office Holders and Officials who are generally recognized within the ISU as having made extraordinary or uniquely valuable contributions to the international administration of the ISU sports altogether for at least 10 years. In extremely rare and highly exceptional cases, the ISU Council may waive this time requirement.
- b) ISU Gold Award of Merit awarded for the Organizational Contribution. This award may only be made to other individuals (e.g. Members’ individuals, Secretariat employees, other organization’s individuals etc.) who made a valuable contribution to the ISU sport disciplines for at least 15 years.
- c) The Application for awarding the ISU Gold Award of Merit shall be sent to the Director General for further approval of the Council.
- d) The ISU Gold Award of Merit should be presented to persons in a form of pins.
- e) The names of all persons awarded by the ISU Gold Award of Merit will be published in the Constitution/General Regulations.

## **6. ISU Diploma of Service**

An “ISU Diploma of Service” may be awarded at the discretion of the Council to persons who are ineligible for the ISU Gold Award of Merit but who have otherwise served the ISU well over many years, including without limitation persons who have been on the ISU lists of Honorary Referees and Judges.

## **7. Other Awards**

The Council may decide to create other kinds of awards and adopt Rules regarding to whom and under what conditions such awards may be granted.

## **8. Withdrawal of Honorary Awards**

- a) The Council may withdraw any honorary award, including those approved by the Congress, if in the opinion of the Council the person concerned has committed any offence against the ISU Code of Ethics or misconduct or acted against the spirit of the ISU Statutes and such offence, misconduct or act compromises the integrity or interests of the ISU or the dignity of the award.
- b) The Council may decide not to take a decision itself but to make a recommendation to the Congress.
- c) Before the Council decides on the withdrawal, the person concerned shall be informed and shall have the opportunity to send his written explanation and/or apology. Such explanation has to be sent within 15 days after the receipt of the informing letter.
- d) The Council may suspend an honorary membership including honorary presidency and vice-presidency pending the procedure related to the withdrawal of such award, in particular in case where it is necessary to wait for decision of a court or other body.
- e) The decision of the Council is not a disciplinary sanction and no Rules governing disciplinary proceedings are applicable since there is no legal right to any honorary award.
- f) In case of honorary awards named in paragraph 1 above, the decision of the Council is subject to confirmation by the next following Congress. Except such confirmation no appeals are allowed against any decision of the Council and/or Congress taken under this paragraph 8.



## **B. Council**

### **Article 16**

#### **1. Composition**

The ISU Council is the highest ISU body between the two Congresses. The Council consists of the President, a Vice President, and four members for the Figure Skating Branch and a Vice President, and four members for the Speed Skating Branch. All members of the Council must be of different citizenship and Members.

#### **2. President**

- a) The President represents the ISU in both a judicial and non-judicial capacity. In the event of his incapacity or other inability to serve, the President shall be replaced, for the duration of such incapacity or inability to serve, by the First Vice President.
- b) If so decided by the Council, the President may conduct, supervise and conclude all the major TV and commercial negotiations. All commercial agreements must be signed by the President and the Director General and the Council shall be informed.
- c) The President chairs the Council meetings and the Congress meetings.
- d) Within the supervisory duties of the Council, the President focuses on the control of the commercial, media/communications and legal areas.
- e) The President represents the ISU in regard to other international sports organizations, including, but not limited to, the IOC and other IFs. In the interest of the ISU, the Council may appoint another person to represent the ISU in regard to the IOC.
- f) The President decides upon the appointments of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, members of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) in Figure Skating and the Referees, Assistant Referees, Starters, Competitors Stewards in Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating for the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games, ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior & senior), ISU World Cup competitions (Assistant Referees for the World Cup Short Track subject to Rule 289, paragraph 7.a) and any new ISU Event introduced by the Council taking into consideration proposals from the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice Presidents prepare the proposals in consultation with the respective Sports Directors and the respective Technical Committee.

### **3. Vice Presidents**

- a) In the event of his incapacity or other inability to serve, the respective Vice President shall be replaced, for the duration of such incapacity or inability to serve, by the Council member of the respective Branch elected with the highest number of votes.
- b) The Vice Presidents chairs the Figure Skating respectively Speed Skating Branch meetings of the Congress.
- c) Each Vice President, in the corresponding Branch, supervises the work of the Sports Directors, the Technical Committees and the Development Coordinator.
- d) In the area of the Development Program, in particular they
  - i) decide upon the proposals prepared by the Development Coordinator of the ISU Development Program, each Development Project and budgets for the Program and Projects;
  - ii) approve reports on implementation of the Program and Projects;
  - iii) with the assistance of the Treasurer, the Development Coordinator and Secretariat check the correctness of the final accounts of the Projects and/or engage external auditors for such purpose;
  - iv) report regularly to the Council on the matters stated above sub-paragraph i) – iii).
- e) In the area of the work of the Technical Committees they monitor the Technical Committees' activities, including administration of the Technical Rules. If the Vice President concludes that Technical Rule changes proposed by the Technical Committees are in conflict with ISU policy and/or result in excessive expenditures and/or are not consistent among the ISU sport disciplines, the Vice President has the duty to inform the Council.
- f) The Council shall be kept informed on ongoing actions of the Vice Presidents within the respective Branch. The Vice Presidents may receive cooperation for specific actions from the other Council members, other Office Holders and Advisors.
- g) In the area of Event Coordination, they supervise and coordinate the interventions of the Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants in close cooperation with the Director General and the Sport Manager Figure Skating to ensure the proper organization and conduct of ISU Events and the implementation and protection of the ISU commercial rights.
- h) In the area of Officials appointments, as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f), they prepare and forward the proposals for the decision by the President in consultation with the respective Sports Directors and the respective Technical Committee. The Vice President Figure Skating may also consult the Sport Manager Figure Skating.

#### **4. Advisors to the Council**

The Council is assisted by a Treasurer and Legal Advisor(s), appointed by the Council who are entitled to attend the Council meetings. The President can also invite other individuals at his discretion. The Advisors have a voice but not the right to vote in the Council. Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Council Members, no longer elected, may be appointed by the Council for specific functions as determined by the Council. Their tasks are defined in job descriptions.

## **Article 17**

### **1. Functions of the Council**

The functions and powers of the Council include:

- a) Determining the policies of the ISU and deciding upon the general coordination of the ISU structure and the strategy.
- b) Appointment and if necessary dismissal of the Director General requiring a two third majority of Council members voting for such appointment or dismissal including the vote of the President.
- c) Control of the ISU's business carried out by the Director General, Sport Directors, Technical Committees, Sport Manager Figure Skating, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants and Development Coordinator/Commission including the control of carrying out resolutions, all in accordance with the decisions of the Members in Congress. The Council, however, may defer implementation of such resolutions until the next Congress if such implementation would result in severe negative financial consequences which were not foreseen when the resolutions were adopted.
- d) The fixing of the places at which ISU Championships and other ISU Events are to be held taking into account the input from the Director General, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Event Coordinators.
- e) Checking that the accounting for and management of assets are subject to adequate controls.
- f) The preparation and submission to Congress of annual budgets taking into account the input of the Director General and the Treasurer.
- g) Decisions regarding the admission of new Members, and the suspension, if considered necessary, of a Member which has violated the ISU Statutes, or which fails to maintain the minimum requirements for Membership. The suspension of a Member can only be effected by the votes of at least six members of the Council. Failing this, such suspension can only be effected by Congress. In clear cases of serious violation of the ISU Statutes the Council must suspend the respective Member or Members. Failing this, such suspension can only be effected by Congress, which can also decide on the expulsion of a Member. Before suspending a Member for failure to maintain the minimum requirements, the Council may use its authority to pardon certain requirements granted in Article 6, paragraph 3.e) & f).
- h) Decisions on appeals from the decisions of the Technical Committees and ISU Officials involving violation of technical sport Rules. Such decisions of the Council are final and not subject to further appeal within the ISU or to any external tribunal.

- i) The conclusion of settlement in cases appealed to CAS under Article 25 and in disputes filed with CAS under Article 26.
- j) The arranging for decisions and settlement in all disputes between Members and Complaints by Members against others. The decision of the Council shall be final.
- k) Appointment of the Treasurer and Legal Advisor(s) who may attend the Council meetings. These positions shall have a voice but no vote in the Council. The Council shall determine, from time to time, the duties to be performed by the persons appointed to such positions.
- l) The appointment and termination of appointment of the other Office Holders and Coordinators, for the Sports Directors, the Sport Manager Figure Skating, Commissions, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants, Development Coordinator/Development Commission members or Advisors as foreseen and specifically named in the ISU Statutes. Elected Office Holders may not be appointed as Advisors.
- m) Deciding upon the venue and dates of future Congresses based upon nominations received from Members in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 1.a) and Article 10, paragraph 1.
- n) Appointment of parliamentarians, if deemed necessary, to advise the President as Chair of the full Congress session and the Vice Presidents as Chairs of the Figure Skating and the Speed Skating Congress sessions. Appointment of Drafting Groups to ensure the proper preparation of the wording of the proposals subject to amendments from the floor.
- o) Determination of the topics for the Forum at the Congress and conducting the Congress.
- p) Performance of ceremonial duties such as awarding medals at ISU Championships and other major ISU Events and remitting special ISU awards, and appointment of the ISU Representatives to carry out such duties. In case of need, the President has the right to change the appointment of the ISU Representative (see also Article 37, paragraph 3).
- q) In case exceptional circumstances so require and warrant
  - i) modification of any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in Technical Rules;
  - ii) suspension of applicability of any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in Technical Rules;
  - iii) granting an exception from a requirement specified in any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in any Technical Rules in order to prevent unusual hardship.

For the Council to act under this paragraph 1.q) to modify, suspend or grant an exception to any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and/or any Technical Rules, there must exist "exceptional

circumstances" which, for purposes of this paragraph, are circumstances that are unusual, rare and not typical and that make the action of the Council in lieu of the Congress necessary and provide an adequate basis for the Council's action.

In the absence of exceptional circumstances in an emergency situation that require and warrant immediate action by the Council, Members will be provided with fourteen (14) days written notice of any proposed Rule change(s) and the opportunity to provide written comments on proposed Rule change(s) before the Council takes any action under this paragraph 1.q).

- r) Interpretation of the ISU Statutes and any other ISU decision or document. In the interpretation of ISU policy, procedure and Rules, the Council shall give priority of importance as follows: first, to the Constitution, second to the General Regulations, third to the Special Regulations and fourth to the Technical Rules, and fourth to established customs and practices including those embodied in the Event Memorandums, ISU Communications and Circular Letters.
- s) Determining the specific power and authority of the Director General the Sports Directors and the Sport Manager Figure Skating in line with the respective basic guidelines outlined in Articles 18 and 19.
- t) Imposition of monetary penalties for a violation by a Member of the ISU Statutes. The penalty imposed must bear a reasonable relationship to the offence.
- u) The Council is empowered to adopt all the necessary Rules for the work of ISU Bodies including but not limited to:
  - i) Rules for the administration of sanctions authorized by the ISU Statutes;
  - ii) Rules of honor respecting compliance with the ISU Statutes;
  - iii) Anti-Doping Rules with respect to Competitors, Coaches, managers, medical personnel, trainers and Officials;
  - iv) Rules and procedural provisions for the work of all Advisory Bodies elected by the Congress or appointed by the Council.
- v) Keeping of accurate written records and minutes of meetings and of actions of the Council.
- w) Ruling upon alleged breaches of the eligibility Rules by Officials, Office Holders, Skaters, and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congress or other activities.
- x) At the request of ISU Members, and as per Article 3, paragraph 1, evaluating activities connected to Figure Skating or Speed Skating and carried out by Members to develop the popularity and visibility of ISU Sports and increase the number of their participants, and, if appropriate, providing a frame for international coordination. The above-mentioned activities can in no way be in conflict with the

already existing ISU Disciplines, i.e. Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating as stated in the ISU Statutes.

2. a) Decisions taken by the Council in the exercise of its functions and powers shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal except as explicitly set forth in other provisions of the ISU Statutes. All final decisions of the Council are subject to the exercise of the superior decision power of the Congress at the next following Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. See Article 29, paragraph 21.
- b) If a decision of the Council may be appealed under specific provisions of the ISU Statutes, the Council shall have the power to decide that an appeal will have no postponing effect if the Council concludes that the postponement would reflect adversely upon the reputation or the integrity of the ISU.

### **3. Assistance to the Council**

The Council is assisted by the Director General and the Secretariat, and other Office Holders and Coordinators (see Article 8, paragraphs b) and c)) and Advisors in the execution of its functions and has the authority to assign specific tasks to the Advisors, insofar as they are not otherwise set forth in Articles 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

## C. Director General

### Article 18

The Director General is appointed by the Council and is responsible for:

- a) The daily management of all business and financially related activities of the ISU carried out in accordance with the decisions of the Congress and the Council.
- b) The operation of the Secretariat and the management of its personnel.
- c) Reporting to, and receiving direction from, the President.
- d) Entering into contracts necessary for the operation of the Secretariat or ISU business matters that involve an ISU annual commitment of SFr.20,000 or less.
- e) Entering into contracts necessary for the operation of the Secretariat or ISU business matters that involve an ISU annual commitment of more than SFr.20,000 provided the President and the Treasurer have received prior written information about such contracts and have approved the same.
- f) To be involved in, or in any case be kept informed on the negotiation of all other commercial contracts. All such contracts shall be signed by the President and the Director General. The Council shall be informed.
- g) Ensure the implementation and protection of commercial agreements (TV and advertising) in cooperation with the Vice Presidents, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Event Coordinators. Attend and/or assign ISU employees to attend ISU Events and/or inspection visits of ISU Events as necessary in consultation with the Vice Presidents and Event Coordinators.
- h) The preparation and submission to the Council of bi-annual budgets for subsequent submission by the Council to the Congress. The budget for the Secretariat shall be fixed annually by the Council taking into account the input of the Director General.
- i) The day to day monitoring and assurance that the accounting for and management of assets are subject to adequate, auditable controls.
- j) The arrangements for Congresses.
- k) Giving advice to the Council for the admission of new Members, and the suspension, if considered necessary, of a Member which has violated the ISU Statutes, or which fails to maintain the minimum requirements for Membership. The Director General may use feedback also from the Advisors.
- l) Monitoring of, and giving advice to, the Council respecting decisions and settlements in all disputes between Members and Complaints by Members against others.



- m) Preparing, implementing and monitoring communications plans (both internal and external) and public relation programs and supervising and coordinating the area of communication and statistics.
- n) Preparing, in consultation with the President, the Agenda and materials for use at all Council meetings, and attending all such meetings with a voice but without a vote.
- o) Informing the Council during the periods between Council meetings on all important issues related to the ISU activities.
- p) Attending at his discretion any meeting or portion of meeting of an ISU body different from the Council, when it is considered advisable to be acquainted with the on-goings of the Union.
- q) Recruiting and hiring/dismissing of personnel and informing the Council accordingly.
- r) Signing documents in the name of the ISU with internal and external parties.
- s) Signing as the representative of the ISU, together with the President, Diplomas of Honor, etc.
- t) Monitoring, as authorized by the President, contacts with external bodies such as the IOC, IF's, NOC's, Municipalities, etc.
- u) Assigning personnel to other ISU Bodies. The personnel will work for the assigned Body, but as a professional employee they remain under the responsibility of the Director General.
- v) Empowered to call, coordinate and manage meetings with any ISU body, except the Council, to be properly informed and provide support and information to the President and Council.
- w) With due confidentiality, acting as liaison between the Council and any other ISU body to provide the Council with information that could help the Council take a decision.
- x) Acting, in respect of instructions of the President/Council, as the spokesperson regarding the general activity of the Union.
- y) Monitoring the implementation of the expense guidelines with the cooperation of the Treasurer, to be submitted if required to the Council for ratification. The expense reports of the Sport Manager Figure Skating and the Sports Directors and Council shall also be checked and approved by the Director General.
- z) Special tasks as assigned from time to time by the Council.

## **D. Sports Directors/Sport Manager Figure Skating**

### **Article 19**

#### **1. General Role Sports Directors**

a) The Sports Directors are appointed by the Council. They act as liaison between the Council and the other ISU Bodies in the area of sports political/philosophical and technical matters. The Sports Directors must have extensive experience in the ISU sports discipline(s) for which they are acting and possess practical, technical, inter-personal and professional skills and know-how to perform their tasks. The following appointments are mandatory:

i) Sports Director Figure Skating;

ii) Sports Director Speed Skating;

Additional Sports Directors for the sport related functions may be appointed by the Council.

Each Sports Director shall have an assigned portfolio of responsibilities as decided by the Council.

The Council may appoint a Coordinator among the Sports Directors for general sports related matters and/or for specific sports related tasks and projects. Sports Directors if possible and necessary, may also act as Event Coordinators. The Sports Directors report to the respective Vice President.

#### **b) Sport Manager Figure Skating**

The Council may appoint for the period between the 2014 and 2016 ISU Congress a Sport Manager Figure Skating to coordinate and advice/mentor the activities of the Event Coordinators Figure Skating (see Article 37, paragraph 4) and to give advice to the Vice President Figure Skating in the area of Officials appointments and Figure Skating Seminars organization. The Sport Manager Figure Skating reports to the President.

#### **2. Functions of the Sports Directors**

The functions and powers of the Sports Directors include:

a) Advising the Council on policy decisions and implementation of ISU policies regarding ISU sport-related activity; keeping the Council fully informed on all on-going matters of importance.

b) Coordinating the sport activities of the ISU including the implementation of Congress and Council decisions in relation to the function of the Sports Directors.

c) Closely cooperate with the Development Coordinator and Technical Committees on the proposal of the ISU Development Program, Development Projects and the corresponding budgets to be prepared by

the Development Coordinator for final approval by the respective Vice President; in case of persisting different opinions submit its comments to the Vice Presidents; assist the Vice Presidents in monitoring of and ensuring correct implementation of the Program, Projects and budgets.

- d) Assisting the Technical Committees in preparing, maintaining and developing the ISU four-year plans for sports-related activities; monitoring the implementation of such plans by directing and overseeing the activities of all involved parties to ensure consistent focus upon the strategic direction of the ISU as decided by the Congress and the Council; making revisions as necessary to the plan and preparing status reports as required.
- e) Giving advice to the Vice Presidents and President for the appointment of the necessary ISU Event Officials in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f).
- f) Assess the conditions related to the recognition of new records; the Council homologates the records.
- g) Monitoring and, after consultation with the bodies and Advisors concerned, advising the Council in cooperation with the Director General regarding the adoption of all the necessary Rules for the work of the Sports Directors, including but not limited to: (1) Rules for the administration of sanctions authorized by the ISU Statutes; (2) Rules of Honor respecting compliance with the ISU Statutes; (3) Anti-Doping Rules with respect to Competitors, Coaches, managers, medical personnel, trainers and Officials; (4) Rules and procedural provisions for the work of all Advisory Bodies elected by the Congress or appointed by the Council.
- h) Communicating with the Director General on a regular basis to ensure availability of adequate services necessary to the maintenance of the objectives and the work plan of the ISU and the Sports Directors.
- i) Keeping accurate written records and minutes of meetings and of actions of the Sports Directors and inform the Council regularly.
- j) Submitting periodic reports to the Council summarizing their activities and addressing problems and proposing solutions.
- k) Submitting an annual budget to the Council at the end of each season including the budgeted expenses for the subsequent season.
- l) The conducting of seminars, schools and examinations for the Officials of their sports in cooperation with the respective Technical Committee.

**3.** All Sports Directors, and the Sport Manager Figure Skating will be based in the country of residence, be available to travel extensively and be remunerated according to their scope/extent/duration of activity as decided by the Council. They must not hold any official position of responsibility within the ISU, Member federations, club and/or public or private entities involved in ice skating activities and not work as a Coach.

## **E. Technical Committees**

### **Article 20**

#### **1. Number of Technical Committees**

The following Technical Committees are established: Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. Each of the Technical Committees shall consist of an elected Chair, who shall have a tie-breaking vote, three full elected members and two additional full members, of which one shall be a Skater and one a Coach, subsequently appointed by the Council from recommendations received from the respective Technical Committee and the respective Sports Directors.

#### **2. Eligibility and Composition**

- a) Within one Committee the members must be of different citizenship and Members.
- b) Only persons named in the current lists of ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers or ISU Judges are eligible for election to the four positions in the Committees for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating and then only in the respective discipline.
- c) An appointed Skater must have been a participant Competitor and respectively an appointed Coach must have been the primary Coach of a participating Competitor, at least in one ISU Event or Senior International Event in the past 10 seasons preceding the election Congress.
- d) An appointed Coach to a Technical Committee shall not be subject to Rule 102 paragraph 4 as far as Technical Committee membership is concerned.
- e) In Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, a Technical Committee member cannot be appointed as Referee in ISU sanctioned competitions.

#### **3. Functions of the Technical Committees**

The functions of the Technical Committees include:

- a) The preparation, monitoring and maintenance of the “Technical Rules” for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, taking into account the input received from Members, the Council and the Sports Directors. The Technical Committees will also request input from Coaches, Skaters and officials during meetings held on the occasion of ISU Events and workshops organized by the Technical Committees during Congresses and other dedicated meetings for such purpose.
- b) The preparation of reports, mainly technical ones, assigned to them by the Congress, the Council and the respective Sports Director.

- c) The monitoring and final assessment of Officials officiating at ISU sanctioned competitions. For disciplines where an ISU Officials Assessment Commission is established, such monitoring and assessment by the Technical Committees shall be done in cooperation with such Officials Assessment Commission and taking the recommendations of the Assessment Commission into account. Such monitoring and assessment shall conclude in:
- i) the drawing up of the lists of International (for International Competitions) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards (and other future “International” Officials categories as decided by the Congress) based principally upon the nominations and re-nominations by the Members, subject to approval by the corresponding Vice President;
  - ii) the drawing up of the lists of ISU (for ISU Championships) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards (and other future “ISU” Officials categories as decided by the Congress) based principally upon the initial nomination by the Members and upon re-nomination made by the respective Technical Committee, subject to approval by the corresponding Vice President.
- d) Closely following the functions of the Officials officiating at ISU sanctioned events and the making of recommendations to the respective Vice President with respect thereto.
- e) The conducting of seminars, schools and examinations for the Officials of their sports in cooperation with the respective Sports Directors.
- f) The development and submission to the respective Vice President for approval of four-year plans for their Committee areas of responsibility. Monitoring the implementation of such plans and recommending revisions as necessary in the interests of the sport and preparing a status report as required.
- g) The designation of members of the respective Technical Committee to collaborate with members of other Technical Committees in areas of common sport interests (e.g. events calendar, Rules, development, etc.).
- h) Submitting written proposals to the Vice Presidents for the appointment of the necessary ISU Event Officials in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f).
- i) Its respective budget preparation for the approval by the Council.

## **F. The Medical Commission**

### **Article 21**

#### **1. Eligibility and Composition**

The Medical Commission appointed by the Council, will consist of a Chair and up to six medical doctors of different citizenship and Members, the number of Commission members depending upon the volume of work required.

#### **2. Functions of the Medical Commission**

The Commission will advise the Council and co-ordinate medical and doping control affairs in line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the ISU Anti-Doping Rules. Primary functions of the Medical Commission include:

- a) Maintain, expand and standardize a comprehensive, fair and safe Anti-Doping testing program (in competition at ISU Events) and out of competition as a deterrent to all forms of doping.
- b) Improve the awareness and education of the skating family of sports related doping and medical issues.
- c) Improve the administrative follow-up of Anti-Doping Testing, Skaters medical records and injury statistics through safe and efficient Information Systems and procedures.
- d) Maintain, improve and standardize medical care at ISU Events and International Competitions.
- e) Strengthen the detection techniques of banned substances through proactive cooperation with other organizations and continued research;
- f) Effectively communicate medical information on prevention of injury through education to the Members, and advise Members and Office Holders on safe participation with respect to equipment, facilities and frequency of injury patterns.
- g) Keep up-to-date on injury prevention, rehabilitation and safe return to sport and other sports related medical research and developments including related legal issues.

## **G. Officials Assessment Commission - Evaluation of judging and technical content decisions, penalties for the Figure Skating Branch**

### **Article 22**

An Officials' Assessment Commission (OAC) will be appointed by the Council. The OAC shall consist of a pool of ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers and ISU Judges of different nationalities. This pool will be appointed by the Council evaluating the recommendation of the Vice President Figure Skating. The OAC shall evaluate

- a) evident anomalies in the Judges scores identified based on a predetermined criteria, including mathematical criteria, confirmed by the Council, and
- b) decisions taken by the Technical Panel.

The Rules of Procedure of the Officials Assessment Commission will be determined by the Council, based on the judging system and international Officials categories decided by the Congress.

## H. Development Coordinator/Development Commission

### Article 23

1. The Council shall appoint a Development Coordinator. In case of need the Council may appoint two or a maximum of three Coordinators and in such case form a Development Commission. References in this Article to the Coordinator shall include the Commission, if formed.
2. The Coordinator reports to and is supervised by the Vice Presidents, each in the respective Branch. The Vice Presidents shall collaborate with each other in decisions taken to assure consistent implementation of the ISU Development Program.
3. The Coordinator shall closely cooperate with the Vice Presidents, the Sports Directors and the Technical Committees for the implementation of the Development Program in accordance with the ISU policy and the approved budget.
4. The Coordinator shall:
  - a) Collaborate with the Sport Directors and Technical Committees in preparing an annual proposal of activities considered in general categories, e.g. training camps, scholarships, seminars, etc., with related budgets that, in total, are within the ISU budget.
  - b) Receive and organize requests for development aid from Members, and from within the ISU and prepare tentative proposal and budget of each Development Project.
  - c) Evaluate, on a timely basis, plans and programs submitted for consistency with Development Program objectives and the current budget allocations.
  - d) Establish various performance indicators for each approved project or activity and to identify successes and failures in meeting such indicators.
  - e) Prepare quarterly a plan of the Coordinators' business trips and a corresponding budget of expected expenses.
  - f) Properly check the use of the financial contributions to Members for individual Projects based on the approved budget and measurable performance indicators.
  - g) Report periodically to the Vice Presidents and Council on the work and progress of the Program with emphasis on the performance results.
  - h) Report to the Congress on the work and progress of the Program during the period between Congresses with emphasis on the performance results.



5. a) The annual proposal of activities and the related budget prepared in accordance with paragraph 4.a) above is subject to joint decision of the Vice Presidents who shall approve or disapprove such proposal.
  - b) All other proposals and plans prepared by the Coordinator under paragraph 4 must be submitted, prior to implementation, to the respective Vice President who decides upon approval or disapproval (See Article 16, paragraph 3.d), i)).
6. Any change in an approved proposal, or a proposal for a business trip not included in the plan, shall be submitted before implementation for approval of the Vice President of the Branch involved.
7. The Council may, from time to time, specify in greater detail the functions and duties of the Development Coordinator and establish a timetable for Development Program submissions, review actions and related activities.

## **IV. Judicial Bodies**

### **Article 24**

#### **1. Disciplinary Commission**

The ISU Disciplinary Commission (DC) is an independent body elected by the Congress. The DC serves as a first instance authority to hear and decide all charges referred to it by any ISU authority or party against any Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities (Alleged Offender) accused of a disciplinary or ethical offence (Offence).

#### **2. Composition**

The DC shall consist of a Chair, experienced either in Figure Skating or in Speed Skating, and a “pool” of four other members available to act as DC Panel members. Two members must be experienced in Figure Skating and two members in Speed Skating. All members including the Chair must be lawyers by education. The Chair and the members of the DC shall be elected by the Congress for a four year term.

#### **3. Independence**

The Chair and other members of the DC may not hold any other ISU Office and must be of different citizenship and from different Members. They may not hold the office of President or member of the highest executive body of a Member, and upon standing for DC election must submit to the ISU before such election a written resignation from any Member office then held, conditional only upon being elected to the DC.

#### **4. Minimum Number of Members - Vacancies**

- a) The minimum number of members of the DC must always be maintained. If a permanent vacancy occurs, the person (with either Speed or Figure Skating experience as appropriate to fill the vacancy), with the highest number of votes from the non-elected candidates from the last election shall fill the vacancy.
- b) If a temporary vacancy (or vacancies) prevents the convening of a three-person panel to act on a pending case, that vacancy shall be filled in like manner, if possible. A temporary vacancy may result from illness, conflict of interest, withdrawal for personal reasons, temporary incapacity or unavailability. Temporary vacancies shall be filled on a case-by-case basis with the person so appointed serving for that case only.

- c) If such permanent or temporary vacancy occurs but cannot be filled in the above stated manner, the Council shall immediately appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The term of office of a member appointed by the Council to fill a permanent vacancy shall expire at the next-following Congress. If this requires a special election at a Congress at which no general elections are held, the term of office of the member so elected shall expire when the terms of the other DC members expire.

## **5. Decisions**

Each case shall be heard and decided by a panel composed normally of the Chair of the DC and two other members appointed by the Chair in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. If the Chair is unable to act in a specific case, the DC member elected with the highest number of votes shall act as Chair for that case.

## **6. Filing of Complaints**

- a) Complaints must be filed with the DC by any Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participants in the ISU activities, within 60 days of learning of the facts or events, which constitute a disciplinary or ethical offence.
- b) The 60 day deadline does not apply to filing of charges for violation of an Anti-Doping Rule.
- c) A disciplinary or ethical offence shall consist of any violation of any material ISU disciplinary or ethical Rule and of any other conduct which can be deemed disciplinary or ethical by nature.

## **7. Rules of Procedure**

The filing of Complaints and the proceedings before the DC shall be regulated in more details in the Rules of Procedure submitted by the DC, approved by the Council and ratified by the next following Congress. The proceedings are handled in writing. The DC, at its sole discretion, may decide upon a hearing.

## **8. Jurisdiction**

- a) Complaints involving disputes between Members are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. Alleged breaches of the eligibility Rules by Competitors, Officials, Office Holders and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congresses or other activities, shall be decided by the Council. The person concerned may appeal adverse decisions of the Council in eligibility cases to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

- b) The appointment of a person to an official position in the ISU, and the continued assignment of that person in such position, or any other ISU position, is not a matter of right but a function entrusted to the designated body or Official of the ISU. Accordingly, such appointments or continued assignments are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC.
- c) Performance evaluations of Officials, including Assessments, warnings, criticisms, letters of advice and other evaluations issued by the Technical Committees and the Council, and the appointment or removal of ISU Officials, are not disciplinary but technical decisions. Accordingly, they are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. Complaints alleging incompetence, carelessness, lack of proper attention to duty, deficient performance, error or faulty judgment, are therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC and shall be referred to the relevant ISU Official or body for performance evaluation and resolution.
- d) All decisions of Officials, Office Holders or ISU bodies that are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC under this provision are final unless otherwise stated in another section of the ISU Statutes. Any such final decision shall however be subject to the exercise of the superior decision authority of the ISU Congress at the next following Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. The Congress is vested with appellate and review authority to affirm, modify or reverse any such final decision.
- e) In the case a Complaint is obviously not disciplinary or ethical, or evidently lacks any ground or chances of success, the Chair of the DC may dismiss the matter without submission to the DC full panel. The DC Chair's summary decision dismissing the matter for lack of jurisdiction or evident lack of grounds is subject to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

## **9. Sanctions**

- a) The DC may impose the following sanctions if the Alleged Offender is found to have committed an Offence:
  - i) a warning;
  - ii) a financial penalty not exceeding 15,000 Swiss Francs;
  - iii) suspension of participation in any specific ISU activity or of all ISU activities for a definite period;
  - iv) exclusion for life from specific ISU activity or from all ISU activities;
  - v) annulment of results, including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes obtained in competitions at which the Alleged Offender committed the Offense.

- b) Any sanction specified in the preceding paragraph (except warning) may be conditionally suspended for a certain period of time under the condition that the person committing the Offence (Offender) will not commit any other Offence during such period and/or under the condition that the Offender performs a remedial action specified by the DC.
- c) The DC shall impose such sanction or sanctions which it finds adequate and justified by the facts of the case, by the seriousness of the Offence and by mitigating circumstances. Cooperation by the Offender may be considered a mitigating factor.
- d) A financial penalty may be imposed in concurrence with any other sanction except warning.

### **10. Doping Case Sanctions**

Doping cases are subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. In such cases, the DC shall impose sanctions in accordance with the ISU Anti-Doping Rules.

### **11. Charges against DC members**

If a Complaint is filed against a member of the DC (including the Chair), the disciplinary proceeding shall be conducted by the Council. The Rules of Procedure of the DC shall apply accordingly.

### **12. Appeals**

Appeals against the decisions of the DC, against the decisions of the DC Chair in the case of paragraph 8.e) above and against the decisions of the Council pursuant to paragraph 11 above may be filed in accordance with Article 25.

**13.** If a decision of the DC is appealed, the appealed decision does not become effective until the final decision by CAS is rendered with the exception of a decision imposing a sanction for violation of the ISU Anti-Doping Rules which becomes effective immediately.

In addition, in the case of a serious violation of the ISU Statutes which reflects adversely upon the reputation or integrity of the ISU, the DC, upon a motion of the Council, or *sua sponte*, may decide that an appeal will have no postponing effect.

## **V. Arbitration**

### **Article 25**

#### **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) – Appeals Arbitration**

##### **1. Appeals**

Appeals against decisions of the DC, and of the Council when allowed by explicit provision of this Constitution, may be filed with the Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland.

##### **2. CAS Jurisdiction**

The CAS shall have the power to hear and decide appeals in the following cases

- a) Against any decision of the DC, or of the DC Chair in the case of Article 24, paragraphs 8.e).
- b) Against decisions of the Council imposing any penalty on or suspension of Membership of a Member.
- c) Against any decision of the Council declaring ineligibility of a Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities.
- d) Against any decision of the Council sitting as a disciplinary body hearing charges against a member of the DC.

**3.** The appeal may be filed by the person or Member concerned (the “Offender”) or by the ISU in cases under paragraph 2.a) of this Article 25.

**4.** The appeal must be filed in writing with the CAS and the Secretariat within 21 days from the communication of the decision to the party having the right of appeal.

**5.** All such sport appeal arbitration proceedings in the CAS shall be conducted in English under the Special Provisions of the CAS Code of Sport-Related Arbitration applicable to Appeal Arbitration Proceedings.

**6.** Decisions of the CAS shall be final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction of any civil court.

## **Article 26**

### **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) – Ordinary Arbitration**

#### **1. CAS Jurisdiction**

All Members, their members, and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congress or other activities, and the ISU, agree to binding arbitration under the Rules of the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland, as the exclusive jurisdiction and method of resolution of all claims or disputes not governed by the terms of Articles 24 and 25 above, that is:

- a) Damage and money claims as well as other claims, which could otherwise be the subject of a lawsuit in a civil court: (1) against the ISU or any Office Holder, ISU Official, agent or employee acting on behalf of the ISU; and, (2) by the ISU against any party with standing, or claiming standing, with the ISU as identified above in this Article 26.
- b) Requests under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code.

#### **2. Requests for Arbitration**

A request for arbitration filed pursuant to the present Article must be filed with the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the CAS at the claimant's cost. A request recognized under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code must be filed with the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the CAS at the claimant's cost within one month after the Complainant has had a reasonable opportunity to become aware of the decision which is the subject of the request. Decisions published on the ISU website ([www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)) shall be deemed reasonably available as of the date of first publication.

**3.** Decisions of the CAS shall be final and binding. All proceedings shall be in English and awards shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**4.** Decisions of the ISU Congress taken as the result of a review/appeal according to Article 24, paragraph 8.d) are final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction by any civil Court or the CAS except requests for arbitration recognized under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code.

## **VI. Communication and Liquidation**

### **Article 27**

#### **1. Communications**

Communications of the ISU must bear the signature of both the President and the Director General. In exceptional circumstances, specific Council decisions may be signed by the President only. The originals are archived in the Secretariat.

ISU Communications are published on the ISU website only and Members must ensure that their members, including all international Officials are informed about the release of ISU Communications and their content.

#### **2. Publications of Decisions**

Decisions of general interest and importance to the Members taken by the Council shall be published on the ISU website and available for public access. Such decisions as well as any ISU Communication become effective on the day following the day on which they are published on the ISU website. In addition, final decisions of the DC and any subsequent corresponding final decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) shall be published in their entirety on the ISU website no later than the next business day following the rendering of any final decision and shall remain available on the ISU website for public access.

#### **3. Validity of decisions issued in Communications**

Communications issued between Congresses concerning interpretation of Rules and/or modifying or suspending Rules shall lapse at the next succeeding Congress unless presented to the Congress for approval before implementation.

### **Article 28**

#### **1. Liquidation of the ISU**

The liquidation of the ISU can be decided upon only at Congress by a four-fifths majority of Members with the presence of at least 80% of Members.

2. Congress elects by simple majority the liquidator and decides upon the manner of distribution of the assets.



## VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution

### A. Congress – Organization

#### Article 29

##### 1. Invitations

Invitations to a Congress must be forwarded to all Members at least six (6) months in advance.

##### 2. Proposals to Congress

- a) Members and Technical Committees must send all proposals for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations for inclusion in the agenda to the Secretariat by December 1 preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals from Members, the Council and Technical Committees for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations shall then be sent to all Members, the Council, the Sports Directors and the Technical Committees by January 31. Members and Technical Committees may submit amendments to their own previous proposals to the Secretariat by March 30. An updated agenda including such amendments, as well as amendments to Council proposals, will be sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year.
- b) Members may send proposals for changes in the Technical Rules for the consideration of the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Directors to the Secretariat by September 1 preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the respective Sports Directors and the respective Vice President, shall then be sent by January 31 to Members and Office Holders. Members and Office Holders may submit comments on the proposed Technical Rule changes by March 1 to the Secretariat for consideration by the respective Technical Committees and the respective Sports Directors. An updated summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees and the Sports Directors, approved by the respective Vice President (Article 16, paragraph 3.e) applies), shall then be included in the Congress Agenda and published through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year.
- c) All proposals must be written in English. All wording in new paragraphs and new wording in existing paragraphs must be underlined. Proposals causing expense to the ISU, either directly or through hosting agreements with Members, must be accompanied by a budget.

**3.** To give proper effect to the latest enactments of each Congress, any Constitutional provision, or General Regulation or Special Regulations or Technical Rules that is, or may be reasonably believed to be, contrary to or inconsistent with decisions taken by such Congress shall be deemed amended to be consistent with the most recent Congress decisions. The Drafting Committees of the relevant Congress or the Director General, as most convenient, shall amend such other provisions and regulations accordingly before publication of the new Constitution and Regulations. All such amendments shall be submitted to the Council before such book publication for review and approval or appropriate modification for accuracy.

#### **4. Drafting Matters**

Proposals for improvements in the wording of the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the Regulations shall not be included in the Congress agenda. These shall be submitted by the Director General directly to the drafting committees of the Congress.

#### **5. Urgent Matters**

If a proposal for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations is submitted later than the date specified above, it can be discussed and voted upon at Congress, provided the proposal has reached the Secretariat in English for distribution to all Members, not later than three (3) weeks before the Congress and shall be certified as urgent business by a four-fifths majority of Members present and voting.

#### **6. Forum on topics**

The Forum at the Congress with no elections shall present topics of interest concerning the ISU sports, including ISU strategy and possible Rule changes for the next Congress.

The Forum on topics proposed and prepared by the Members and/or ISU Office Holders (see Article 17, paragraph 1.o), to the Council, shall be held at the Congress without elections. The final program for each Forum shall be published with the Congress Agenda and shall not be subject to modification as an Urgent Matter or at the Congress of the current Forum. The Forum has no right to adopt binding decisions. Its role is to advise and assist the Council in performing its tasks as the highest body between the Congresses.

#### **7. Call to Order**

The procedures in “Call to Order”, Perry Edition, latest edition are recommended to be followed by the Congress when considering proposals and amendments to proposals. Prior to the Congress the Council may at its discretion, appoint a Parliamentarian to assist the Chair of the General and

Branch meetings. A drafting group to ensure the proper preparation of the wording of proposals subject to amendments from the floor shall be appointed.

#### **8. Attendance of Office Holders**

Members of the Council, Sports Directors, the Sport Manager Figure Skating, Technical Committees, Disciplinary Commission, Medical Commission, Development Coordinator/Commission members and Advisors may attend Congress in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote in their capacity as such, unless the only representative of a Member present is also an Office Holder.

#### **9. Attendance of Honorary Members**

Honorary Members may attend Congresses without counting in the quota of their Members and have a voice at the discretion of the Chair but will have no right to vote in their capacity as Honorary Members.

#### **10. Members Right to vote**

The right to vote may be exercised only by representatives of each Member, duly nominated in accordance with the Member's Constitution, who can prove their identity. Voting by proxy given to another Member is not permitted.

#### **11. Voting at Congress**

Voting at Congress is made by representatives of Members present. Each Member which controls both Branches shall have two votes. (Members having 2 votes cannot split the vote when voting in the whole Congress, i.e. the two votes cannot be different one from the other). All other Members shall have one vote. In dealing with the Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure or Speed Skating respectively, those Members which have two votes shall have only one vote with respect to those Rules.

The Member organizing the Congress shall provide an electronic recording system of voting for resolutions and proposals for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and Regulations as well as for elections. The system must permit an open vote (not secret) for the voting on resolutions, proposals and other decisions as determined by the Chair and must permit a secret vote for the elections.

#### **12. Notification of participation**

Members who desire to exercise their rights at a Congress must notify the Secretariat and the organizers of their intention to participate at least seven days before the Congress. Ineligible persons in accordance with Rule 102, paragraph 2, must not be nominated and must not participate.

### **13. Number of representatives**

- a) The total number of persons who may represent a Member which governs both Figure and Speed Skating is limited to eight, with the recommendation to include at least one active Skater in such Member representation. The total number of persons who represent a Member that governs separately either Figure Skating or Speed Skating is limited to five, with the recommendation to include at least one active Skater in such Member representation.
- Office Holders (the President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Technical Committee Chair and members, Disciplinary Commission Chair and members, Medical Commission Chair and members, and Advisors) may serve as one of a Member's delegation to the Congress but may not vote in any capacity at the Congress, unless the only representative present is also an Office Holder. Honorary Members are not counted in the quota of any Member.
- b) Member delegations from non-English speaking countries are permitted to enroll one (if governing separately either Figure or Speed Skating) or two (if governing both Branches) translators within their Congress delegation. These translators will be seated alongside their respective delegation party in the Congress hall, thus assisting those delegation members requiring translation support directly. The inclusion of such translators does not impact upon the quota of delegation members stated in the preceding paragraph a).
- c) While the costs associated with translator services as per the preceding paragraph b) will remain essentially at the discretion of the respective Member, the Council is available to examine requests for an ISU financial contribution on a case-by-case basis. Members applying for such financial assistance must send their request to the Secretariat by March 30 of the respective Congress year. Such request must include proof of the legitimacy and credentials of the proposed accompanying translators.

### **14. Right to vote for National Associations**

If more than one Association of a country belongs to the ISU, they shall exercise the voting power personally and separately.

### **15. Rights of National Associations**

When a national association of a country not previously represented in the Membership of the ISU becomes a Member, it exercises forthwith and solely the right to vote for that country.

### **16. Resolutions**

Ordinary resolutions are passed by a simple majority of votes of Members represented and voting at a Congress.

## **17. Majorities**

For the purpose of ascertaining majorities on any vote, Members that abstain from voting or Members casting invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting on the question at Congress.

## **18. Chair of Congress meetings**

During sessions of Congress the President serves as Chair and may be assisted by a Parliamentarian appointed at the discretion of the Council. The Chair is entitled to move resolutions and amendments. He is also responsible for the proper, smooth and democratic running of the meetings and, if necessary, may propose to the Congress to exclude a specific person from a meeting or from the whole Congress.

## **19. Branch meetings**

The meetings of the Branches take place simultaneously but separately.

## **20. Chairs of Branch meetings**

During sessions of the Branches, the Vice President concerned serves as Chair and may be assisted by a Parliamentarian appointed at the discretion of the Council. The Chair is entitled to move resolutions and amendments.

## **21. Decision power Congress / Council / Director General / Sports Directors / Sport Manager Figure Skating**

The Congress has the decision-making power regarding any matter but shall normally execute that power by deciding upon principles and directions for developing the sport and shall give to the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors and the Sport Manager Figure Skating, with the assistance of the Technical Committees and the Medical Commission, the power to decide upon details.

## **22. Proceedings and Minutes**

All Congress proceedings are conducted in English and every resolution which is duly passed at Congress must be recorded in full in the Minutes of Congress circulated to Members.

## **23. Elections**

The President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Disciplinary Commission Chair and members and Technical Committee Chair and members are elected by secret ballot, if necessary in two stages. Before the election process starts, the Congress will be asked for objections to any nominee.

**24. Elections in case of restricted number of candidates**

If there is one candidate only for an open position, or the same number of candidates as open positions within a body, the candidates are elected without a vote. If necessary, a special vote will be held to determine the order of precedence.

**25. Valid ballots**

Members will be required to select as many names of candidates as there are open positions. Ballots with more or fewer names than open positions or containing non-nominated candidate names are invalid.

**26. First ballot – subsequent ballots**

The election in the first ballot of those listed becomes effective only by the vote of an absolute majority of the Members voting. If in the first ballot there is no absolute majority, the candidate/s with the highest number of votes obtained in the second ballot is elected. “Absolute majority” means more than half of all valid votes cast.

Abstaining Members and invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting, and shall not be counted in ascertaining a majority (See paragraph 17 above).

**27. Tie breaking ballot**

If several candidates obtain an equal number of votes there shall be a deciding ballot between them, and if again there is a tie, a decision shall be reached by lot.

**28. Order of precedence**

In the case of a tie vote the order of precedence shall be decided by a further vote. If the number of votes is again equal, the order of precedence shall be decided by lot.

**29. Technical operation of elections**

The Council shall ensure the use of an electronic voting system operated by an independent service company appointed by the Council. The appointed Service Company shall certify that the system used has been tested and guarantees 100% accuracy of the results and shall confirm in writing that all data related to the secret elections shall remain strictly confidential. In addition, the Council shall ensure that scrutineers accepted by the Congress monitor the accuracy and confidentiality of the electronic voting system. In the case of malfunctioning of the electronic system, a traditional paper based system shall be used.

Any records of data relating to the election, in paper or electronic form, shall be destroyed by the Director General in the presence of the scrutineers immediately after the conclusion of the Congress.

**30. Scrutineers**

The Council must ensure that the scrutineers appointed to ensure the accuracy of the minutes of the Congress sight the draft minutes and verify them as accurate before the minutes are published and circulated.

## **B. Congress Agenda**

### **Article 30**

1. Opening of Congress by the President.
2. Verification that Congress has been duly convened according to the Constitution.
3. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of Congress Meetings.
4. Verification of the qualifications of representatives and of their right to vote.
5. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes of Congress Meetings.
6. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of the proposals adopted concerning the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the General Regulations.
7. Approval of the Agenda that shall include the items included in the Congress Meeting Procedures.
8. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress.
9. Biennial report by the President.
10. Biennial Report by the Development Coordinator.
11. Forums on topics as per Article 29, paragraph 6.
12. Questions and objections and Appeals, if any against decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and Technical Committees during the period since the last Congress not otherwise acted upon by the Disciplinary Commission.



- 13.** Report of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission during the period since the last Congress.
- 14.** Report by the auditors with respect to the financial administration of the ISU since the last Congress, the approval thereof and the discharge of the Council, Director General, Treasurer, Sports Directors and the Sport Manager Figure Skating with respect thereto.
- 15.** Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions made by the Council, Technical Committees and Members.
- 16.** Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations.
- 17.** A budget for the year of the Congress and the forthcoming two-year period as submitted by the Council and the approval thereof.
- 18.** Appointment of an auditing company to serve until the next Congress.
- 19.** Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Branches.
- 20.** Ratification of the actions and decisions of the Council, Director General, Sports Directors, Sport Manager Figure Skating and the Technical Committees.
- 21.** Objections to nominations for elected positions.
- 22.** Election of the President.
- 23.** Election of two Vice Presidents, one for Figure Skating and one for Speed Skating.
- 24.** Election of the First Vice President (in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 6).
- 25.** Election of eight members of the Council, four for Figure Skating and four for Speed Skating.
- 26.** Communication of the results of elections to the Technical Committees by the Vice Presidents.

- 27.** Election of a Disciplinary Commission consisting of a Chair, experienced in either Figure Skating or Speed Skating plus a minimum of two and a maximum of four other members.
- 28.** Presentation of a status report on the existing four-year plan for the ISU.
- 29.** The approval of the four-year plan sent to all Members by May 1 of the same year of the Congress at which the then current four-year plan will expire.
- 30.** Election of Honorary Members.
- 31.** Various including all other matters which in accordance with the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or the Regulations are required to be dealt with by Congress.
- 32.** Closing of Congress by the President.

## **C. Speed Skating Branch Agenda**

### **Article 31**

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch.
3. Verification of the qualifications of the Speed Skating representatives and of their right to vote.
4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes.
5. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of proposals adopted concerning the Speed Skating Regulations and election of a similar drafting committee for the Short Track Speed Skating Regulations.
6. Approval of the Agenda.
7. Report by the Vice President on the Speed Skating activities of the past two years.
8. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.
9. Reports by the Chair of the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committees concerning proposed amendments to the Technical Rules for Speed Skating and for Short Track Speed Skating.

The Reports shall include:

- a) a summary of proposals and comments received from Members, the Council and the Sports Directors that were submitted to the respective Technical Committee in line with the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution (A. Congress) and during Forums/Workshops preceding the Congress;
- b) a summary of input received from Coaches, Skaters and Officials;
- c) a summary of the most significant conclusions reached by the respective Technical Committees and the most significant changes proposed;

d) a detailed summary of amendments to the proposed Technical Rule changes included in the agenda, as worked out by the respective Technical Committee and Sports Directors and approved by the respective Vice President further to discussions during the workshops that precede the Congress.

**10.** Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a simple majority to become effective, as stated in Article 11, paragraph 2 of this Constitution.

**11.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Speed Skating consisting of:

a) A Chair.

b) Three regular members.

c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

**12.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Short Track Speed Skating consisting of:

a) A Chair.

b) Three regular members.

c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

**13.** The order of election of the Technical Committees referred to in paragraphs 11, and 12 shall be on a rotating basis starting from Congress 2006. (i.e., 2006 with paragraph 11 – Speed Skating; 2010 with paragraph 12 – Short Track Speed Skating - rotating cycle to repeat).

**14.** Presentation of a status report on the four-year plan for each Technical Committee.

**15.** Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.

**16.** Various.

**17.** Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President.

## **D. Figure Skating Branch Agenda**

### **Article 32**

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch.
3. Verification of the qualifications of the Figure Skating representatives and of their right to vote.
4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes.
5. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of proposals adopted concerning the Single and Pair Skating Regulations, and election of a similar drafting committee for Ice Dance Regulations and Synchronized Skating Regulations.
6. Approval of the Agenda.
7. Report by the Vice President on the Figure Skating activities of the past two years.
8. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating.
9. Reports by the Chair of the Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees concerning amendments to the Technical Rules for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and for Synchronized Skating.

The Reports shall include:

- a) a summary of proposals and comments received from Members, the Council and the Sports Directors that were submitted to the respective Technical Committee in line with the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution (A. Congress) and during Forums/Workshops preceding the Congress;
- b) a summary of input received from Coaches, Skaters and Officials;
- c) a summary of the most significant conclusions reached by the respective Technical Committees and the most significant changes proposed;

d) a detailed summary of amendments to the proposed Technical Rule changes included in the agenda, as worked out by the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directors and approved by the respective Vice President further to discussions during the workshops that precede the Congress.

**10.** Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a simple majority to become effective, as stated in Article 11, paragraph 2 of this Constitution.

**11.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Single and Pair Skating consisting of:

- a) A Chair.
- b) Three regular members.
- c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

**12.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Ice Dance consisting of:

- a) A Chair.
- b) Three regular members.
- c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

**13.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Synchronized Skating consisting of:

- a) A Chair.
- b) Three regular members.
- c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

**14.** The order of election of the Technical Committees referred to in paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 shall be on a rotating basis starting from Congress 2006. (i.e., 2006 with paragraph 11 - Single and Pair Skating; 2010 with paragraph 12 – Ice Dance; 2014 with paragraph 13 – Synchronized Skating; 2018 – rotating cycle to repeat).

**15.** Presentation of a status report on the four-year plan for each Technical Committee.

- 16.** Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.
- 17.** Various.
- 18.** Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President.

## **E. Council**

### **Article 33**

#### **1. Minimum number of annual Council meetings**

The Council meets at least twice a year on dates determined by the Council.

#### **2. Council meetings and decisions**

The Council arrives at its decisions by correspondence between its members, or at meetings.

**3.** Decisions of the Council are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present. Pursuant to Article 17, paragraph 1.b) the only exception to the simple majority decision is the appointment and dismissal of the Director General for which a two third majority of Council votes is required including the vote of the President. Formal voting shall be by open vote, e.g. show of hands, voice etc., recorded in the minutes. In exceptional cases the Council may decide by simple majority of members present to vote by secret ballot. However, if such secret vote results in a tie, there will be a second secret ballot. If a tie persists then the vote must be repeated openly.

**4.** The President presides, may vote and also has a tie breaking vote.

#### **5. Quorum for Council meetings**

Six members present at a meeting or participating within the given time limit in the vote by correspondence form a quorum.

#### **6. Council meeting Agenda**

An agenda, including all proposals, will be circulated, in English, by the President at least 7 days prior to all meetings.

#### **7. Proposals**

Proposals from individual members of the Council which are within the jurisdiction of the Council, may be dealt with by correspondence.

**8.** Answers from individual members of the Council will be communicated to the other members.



**9. Decisions on Member disputes**

Decisions by the Council on disputes between Members or on Complaints by Members against others, accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefore, together with a summary of the opinions of the members of the Council, shall be announced by the President. The opinions of members of the Council shall be ascertained by correspondence.

**10. Budget additions**

The Council, in consultation with the Director General and the Treasurer may approve individual additions to budgets as approved by the Congress. The Council shall inform Members by Circular Letter if changes of incomes or expenditures will have a considerable negative effect on the accumulated retained earnings for the budget approved by the Congress.

**11. Confidentiality**

Discussion at the Council meetings, voting by Council members, minutes of meetings and other documents sent to Council members, except those which are published, are confidential.

Violation of confidentiality by Council members may result in sanctions for misconduct under the applicable Rules.

## **F. Article 34 (Reserved)**

## **G. Technical Committees**

### **Article 35**

#### **1. Plan of work**

The Committees shall establish their plan of work with the approval of the corresponding Vice President.

#### **2. Technical Committee meetings and decisions**

The Committees shall meet with the appropriate Sports Directors if the Committees have meetings at the same place and at the same time. The minutes of the Technical Committee meetings must be sent to the Council, the Director General, the respective Sports Directors, the Legal Advisor(s) and the Treasurer at the latest one (1) month after the meeting.

**3.** The Chairs of the appropriate Committees shall meet with the respective Sports Directors when required for consultation on technical matters.

**4.** The work of the Technical Committees is under supervisory control of the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice President may delegate certain responsibilities to the respective Sports Directors.

**5.** Decisions of the Technical Committees are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present at the meeting or sent by correspondence within the given time limit. Formal voting at a meeting shall be by open vote, e.g. show of hands, voice etc., recorded in the minutes. In exceptional cases the Technical Committees may decide by simple majority of members present to vote by secret ballot. However, if such secret vote results in a tie, there will be a second secret ballot. If a tie persists then the vote must be repeated openly.

#### **6. Information to Technical Committees**

The Chair of the appropriate Technical Committee shall be informed of the activities of the appointed Commissions and/or Advisors active within the respective Branch and receives immediately information from the respective Sports Directors regarding the decisions related to the respective Technical Committee.

## **H. The Medical Commission**

### **Article 36**

#### **1. Plan of work**

The Commission shall establish its plan of work, with the approval of the Council.

#### **2. Commission meetings and decisions**

The Commission shall meet with the appropriate Sports Directors if needed. The Report of the Medical Advisors from the Championships shall be sent to the Council.

**3.** The Chair of the Medical Commission may attend the Council meetings upon invitation from the President when required for consultation on medical or Anti-Doping matters, but without the right to vote.

**4.** The work of the Medical Commission is under the supervisory control of the Council, which may delegate the power to Council member(s) and all actions undertaken by the Commission (in particular actions involving ISU policy or those with financial implications), except those related to day-to-day administration, are subject to the approval of the responsible Council member(s).

## **I. Office Holders & Officials**

### **Article 37**

#### **Office Holders and Officials Definition and Functions**

##### **1. ISU Office Holders**

Office Holders are eligible persons (except the appointed Coaches in Technical Committees), elected or appointed, who hold an office specifically named in the Constitution in Article 8, paragraph b). Coordinators as named in Article 8, paragraph c) are not ISU Office Holders.

##### **2. Officials**

Officials are persons who perform any function mentioned in the ISU Statutes at any event organized under the ISU Statutes (that is ISU Representatives, Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games, Event Coordinator/Assistant Event Coordinator, Regional Event Coordination Assistants, Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competitors Stewards) and other future “ISU” Officials categories as decided by the Congress.

##### **3. Functions of the ISU Representative**

The ISU Representative is the highest ISU Official at the ISU Championships or at any other ISU Event if appointed by the Council.

The ISU Representative when appointed by the Council represents the ISU at the given Event, performs all functions specified in the ISU Statutes and the ISU Memorandums for guidance in holding ISU Championships/Events and, in addition, decides all important matters relating to the organization and conduct of the Event which are not specifically within the jurisdiction of another Official, in particular but not limited to the Referee and the Sport Manager Figure Skating (for the Figure Skating Branch) respectively the Event Coordinator.

The ISU Representative may not alter or modify any term or conditions of ISU commercial agreements unless required by extraordinary circumstances.

#### **4. Functions of the ISU Event Coordinators/ISU Assistant Event Coordinators**

a) The ISU Event Coordinators and the ISU Assistant Event Coordinators are appointed by the Council and will act with the primary focus to ensure the proper organization and conduct of the ISU Events. They report to the respective Vice President.

b) In the Figure Skating Branch and for the period between the 2014 and 2016 Congresses only, their activities are coordinated by the Sport Manager Figure Skating who is also responsible for their training and advising/mentoring their work during the ISU Events and Site Inspections.

On site of the ISU Events they act under the supervision of the ISU Representative (if appointed & present – see Article 37, paragraph 3) and in the Figure Skating Branch also under the supervision of the Sport Manager Figure Skating if present. They cooperate closely with the Director General and competent ISU Secretariat staff in the implementation and protection of ISU commercial agreements.

c) All Event Coordinators and Assistant Event Coordinators will be based in the country of residence, be available to travel extensively and be remunerated according to their scope/extent/duration of activity as decided by the Council. The Event Coordinators must not hold any official position of responsibility within the ISU, Member federations, club and/or public or private entities involved in ice skating activities and not work as a Coach.

d) Detailed job descriptions in line with the functions listed above are periodically updated as decided by the Council

#### **5. Regional Event Coordination Assistants (RECAs – Figure Skating Branch only)**

In the Figure Skating Branch only, the Vice President Figure Skating in cooperation with the Sport Manager Figure Skating and the Event Coordinators and Assistant Event Coordinators is responsible to train and maintain a pool of Regional Event Coordination Assistants (RECAs) composed of individuals knowledgeable in Figure Skating, but also having people skills, organizational skills and computer skills.

The RECAs included in the pool will be appointed by the Council to act in ISU Events in the regional area of their residence with the purpose to transmit their experience gained in favor of their respective Members and local Organizing Committees. The remuneration for such Regional Event Coordination Assistants shall be proposed by the Vice President Figure Skating within a yearly budget and shall be decided annually by the ISU Council.

## **6. ISU Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games**

The ISU Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games are appointed by the Council and are responsible for assuring compliance by the ISU, the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games (OCOG) and the IOC with all rights and responsibilities specified in the then applicable Olympic Charter relating to ISU participation in the Olympic Winter Games.

## Article 38

### Other Definitions

#### 1. ISU Statutes

The ISU Statutes consist of the Constitution including its Procedural Provisions, General & Special Regulations, Technical Rules and the ISU Code of Ethics, the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures as well as all currently valid Communications.

#### 2. Regulations

Where used in the ISU Statutes without the words “General” or “Special”, the word “Regulations” includes both the General Regulations and the Special Regulations, but does not include Technical Rules.

#### 3. Branches and Disciplines

a) The Branches of the ISU are:

- Figure Skating
- Speed Skating.

b) The Figure Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):

i) Single & Pair Skating disciplines:

- Ladies Single Skating
- Men Single Skating
- Pair Skating (1 Lady & 1 Man);

ii) Ice Dance discipline:

- Ice Dance (1 Lady & 1 Man);

iii) Synchronized Skating discipline

Synchronized Skating (Team composed of Ladies and Men as per Special Regulations Synchronized Skating, Rule 800, paragraph 2.).

iv) Figure Skating Team event consisting of one (1) to two (2) Lady/Ladies, one (1) to two (2) Man/Men, one (1) Pair Skating Couple, one (1) Ice Dance Couple (see also Rule 300, paragraphs 1 and 2).

- c) The Speed Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):
- i) Speed Skating disciplines:
    - Ladies
    - Men
    - Team Pursuit Ladies
    - Team Pursuit Men
    - Mass Start Ladies
    - Mass Start Men
    - Relay Ladies
    - Relay Men
    - Relay Mixed (Ladies and Men);
  - ii) Short Track Speed Skating disciplines:
    - Ladies
    - Men
    - Relay Ladies
    - Relay Men
    - Relay Mixed (Ladies and Men).

#### **4. ISU Events**

The ISU Events (with capital “E”) are those listed under Rule 100, paragraph 3. b).

#### **5. events**

“events” (small “e”) are all other ice skating events in general (other than ISU Events), both International Competitions, Local Competitions as well as non-competitive events such as skating exhibitions, shows and tours.

#### **6. Individual Series events**

Individual Series events are events linked together in an ISU Series as listed under Rule 100, paragraph 3.c)

#### **7. International Competitions/Local Competitions**

International Competitions are competitive events (ISU Events and other events) as listed under Rule 107, paragraph 1-11.

The Olympic Winter Games (OWG) and the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) are administered by the ISU as International Competitions (see Rule 107, paragraph 2 and 3 and Rule 126).

Interclub Competitions are defined under Rule 107, paragraph 14.



## **8. competitions**

“competitions” (small “c”) are:

- a) A single skating competition regardless of how many segments, races or qualifying rounds (heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals, final) it consists of, provided that it leads to one final result. The Skaters competing in such competition may be competing as individuals or as members of a Team.
- b) In the Figure Skating Branch these are competitions of a discipline held during an ISU Event or other event composed of one or several segments.
- c) In the Speed Skating Branch these are competitions of a discipline over a determined distance or a series of distances composed of one race or several races (for team events, one or several qualifying rounds or heats) in Speed Skating and qualifying rounds (heats etc) etc for Short Track Speed Skating.

## **9. Segments**

Segments are the parts forming the program of a Figure Skating competition, namely for Single & Pair Skating and Synchronized Skating being the Short Program and Free Skating and for Ice Dance being the Short Dance and Free Dance.

## **10. Distances/Races**

Distances are the parts forming the program of a Speed Skating or Short Track competition. The applicable metric distances of such competitions are listed in the Special Regulations for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.

For each distance the actual races are performed in accordance with the Special Regulations and Technical Rules of Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.

## **11. Qualifying Rounds (pre-preliminaries, preliminaries, heats, Eight-Finals, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals) & Finals**

Qualifying Rounds may consist of pre-preliminaries, preliminaries and heats that are the first instance elimination races. Depending on the number of entries, Eight-Finals, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals may be required to determine who will skate in the Final. The Final is the final race of the competition over the relevant distance.

## **12. Age Categories**

Age Categories are defined in Rule 108.

### **13. Skater – Competitor**

A Skater, whether eligible or ineligible, is a person participating in ISU Skating discipline events including competitions and other events (exhibitions, shows etc).

A Competitor is a Skater (Competitors in case of Pair Skating & Ice Dance couples and teams) entering and/or competing in a competition.

## II.

### General Regulations

#### A. General

##### Rule 100

###### 1. Definition

The Associations and Special Clubs hereinafter constitute the International Skating Union (herein called the "ISU").

###### 2. Affiliated Clubs

An "affiliated Club" shall mean a Skating club affiliated with a Member.

###### 3. ISU Events

- a) The sporting activity of the ISU is conducted principally through the "ISU Events". The ISU owns all rights to the names, program format, scoring Rules, computer programs, organization, marketing, advertising, broadcasting and reproduction of the ISU Events. Through trademark registrations, licensing and marketing/advertising exploitation of these rights, the ISU ensures the continuity of these unique, worldwide ISU Events.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, ISU Events are defined hereby to include all ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating, the ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup as well as any other event such as ISU shows, ISU exhibitions or other ISU International Competitions directly organized, financed and promoted by the ISU and specifically designated "ISU".
- c) Each ISU Series of International Competitions, as a linked Series, now consisting of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (senior and junior), and the ISU Speed Skating World Cup (senior and junior) and Short Track Speed Skating World Cup are also defined "ISU Events", however the domestic TV rights (see Rule 105, paragraph 1) and marketing/advertising rights for the individual events remain with the organizing Member unless agreed upon otherwise through a specific agreement between the respective organizing Member and the ISU.
- d) The international competitive events that are identified in Rule 107 but not included in the above categories a) through c) as well as shows, exhibitions and tours that are not included in the above categories a)

through c) are organized and conducted by Members (except the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games that are organized and conducted by the IOC) as sanctioned by the ISU and are not ISU Events.

#### **4. Rights**

The ISU holds all the rights to its activities and is entitled to organize ISU Events directly, with the full cooperation of the Member concerned or other appointed bodies, if the Member concerned is unable or unwilling to organize an ISU Event in its own country.

### **Rule 101**

#### **1. Regulations**

The changes and amendments to the General Regulations shall come into force immediately after the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress. However, no changes and amendments may become effective during the current Congress unless so stated in the printed Agenda.

**2.** These Regulations govern the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches of the ISU and are binding to all Members and affiliated clubs as far as international matters are concerned.

**3.** All International Competitions and exhibitions must be conducted strictly in accordance with the ISU Regulations in effect at the time such events are held (for exceptions see Rules 367 and 857).

## **B. Eligibility**

### **Rule 102**

#### **1. Eligibility Status**

- a) The eligibility Rules of the ISU are based upon the principles that:
- i) a person has the privilege to take part in the activities and competitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU only if such person respects the principles and policies of the ISU as expressed in the ISU Statutes and fulfills those obligations on the basis of which the ISU functions and governs all its activities;
  - ii) the condition of eligibility is made for the adequate protection of the economic and other interests of the ISU, which uses its financial revenues for the administration and development of the ISU sport disciplines and for the support and benefit of the Members and their Skaters.
- b) An eligible person is one who elects to take part only in International Competitions which are:
- i) sanctioned by the Member and/or the ISU;
  - ii) conducted by ISU recognized and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards and others; and
  - iii) conducted under ISU Regulations.
- c) A Skater wishing to take part in ISU activities should not be placed at a disadvantage by reason of the necessity to prepare for and participate in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and all International Competitions, exhibitions and tours properly sanctioned by the ISU or a Member. Accordingly, a Skater may receive payments for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances and still remain eligible, provided:
- i) such Skater complies with conditions established by the respective Member of which such Skater is a member concerning such appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances, including all financial arrangements;
  - ii) payments or other benefits to be received by such Skater for any Skating appearance are made through the respective Member of which such Skater is a member or at least with full information on such payments or benefits given by such Skater to the Member;
  - iii) such Skater complies with all other provisions of this Rule 102.
- d) It is the responsibility of each Member to establish the basis for the receipt of payments by such Skater for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances.  
Members may share such payments in consideration of past and present

support of such persons, but with not more than 10%. Members shall monitor their Skaters to ensure that they do not participate in competitions that would render them ineligible.

## **2. Definition of an ineligible person**

A person becomes ineligible to participate in ISU activities and competitions by:

- a) skating or officiating without the prior express authorization of the respective Member, in any capacity in a Skating competition, exhibition or tour in any of the sport disciplines of the ISU;
- b) skating or officiating in a competition conducted by Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards, etc.) not on the approved list of the respective Member or on the ISU approved list;
- c) skating or officiating in an event not sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU; or
- d) otherwise violating this Rule 102.

In addition to the consequences and status of ineligibility described in Rule 102, paragraph 7 and Rule 103, paragraph 1, a person specifically declared ineligible by the Council, if the Council so states in its decision, may be also declared to be *persona non grata* within the ISU and such person may not take part in ISU activities, stand for or hold any ISU Office, be a delegate to any Congress, be an ISU Official, be granted credentials to any ISU Event, seminar or meeting in any capacity, or otherwise occupy any position, appointed or otherwise, identified in the ISU Statutes as a position of service or responsibility on behalf of the ISU.

## **3. Participation of eligible persons**

Only eligible persons, including Skaters, are permitted to take part in ISU Events, ISU Congress, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and other International Competitions unless another Rule explicitly provides otherwise (See paragraph 4 below and Rule 121, paragraph 3.a). Eligible persons may take part in exhibitions and tours which may include ineligible Skaters, only if such exhibitions and tours are sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU.

Eligible persons may participate in ISU approved Open International Competitions that include invited ineligible Skaters as approved by the Council. Members shall have the obligation to inform the ISU immediately in case that a Skater or Official, who has taken part in international activities as an eligible person, becomes ineligible.

#### **4. Restricted eligibility**

Eligibility rights are restricted as follows:

- a) A person (although not otherwise ineligible under other provisions of this Rule) who receives remuneration from ownership or management of an ice show or skating exhibition tour may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Competitors Steward, Judge, OAC member or Starter in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the ISU Council, a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress.
- b) Paid employees of Members and their affiliated clubs, and remunerated Coaches, may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Events or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the Council, an elected member of a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission. However, such persons may attend ISU Congresses subject to Article 29, the Procedural Provision of the Constitution, Part A., paragraph 13, but without the right to vote. Such persons may also act as Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operator in ISU sanctioned competitions.  
For the purpose of this Rule, a paid employee is defined as a person working an average of more than 25 remunerated hours per week for a Member or affiliated club, regardless of the legal nature of the respective contractual relationships.
- c) A person may not serve as an appointed member of the Technical Committee or as a leader of an ISU seminar or course if such person participated after July 1, 1998 as an official in the administration of events defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2. b) and c).
- d) Ineligible Skaters may serve as Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators.

#### **5. Payments**

Payments may be made either by the Member concerned or the ISU, as applicable, to Competitors, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters or Competitors Stewards in all events listed in Rule 107 and members of the ISU Council, Technical Committees, the Disciplinary Commission and Advisors or other persons serving the ISU in other capacities in connection with the preparation for or participation in such ISU activities or competitions. If payments are made, the ISU must be informed in writing within a two month period as to the amounts paid.

## 6. Trademarks

a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and service personnel may display on their persons and their clothing their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Member Federation and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation with letters of maximum 15 cm high. In addition they may display on their person and their clothing not more than four (4) advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”), provided they are dignified and with a maximum of sixty (60) square centimeters each and do not refer to tobacco or alcohol while being off the ice including in the “kiss and cry” area, the television interview area, during the official warm-up before the competitive performance and during practice sessions. One marking of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than thirty (30) square centimeters. No markings are permitted on boots or blades, except for the boot manufacturer’s name on the boot heel not larger than ten (10) square cm and one (1) engraved identification of the manufacturer not larger than twenty (20) square centimeters on each blade and each blade guard (the provisions relating to boots and blades will become effective as of July 1, 2015). Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn.

During the competitive performance, the exhibition at the end of an event and for the medal award ceremony no markings on Skaters costumes are allowed, but only the above-referenced markings on boots and blades. Skater’s costumes may, however, carry the Skater’s and his ISU Member Federation’s name and/or logo and/or official ISU Member abbreviation

In other off-ice areas additional markings with no limitation in size are allowed. However, such additional markings must be authorized by the respective Member.

b) In all ISU Championships and all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Competitors of the same national team (entered by the same Member) must wear identical uniforms while within the premises of the arena or ice track during the whole period of the Championships or competition including official practice sessions, which clearly identify their country, with a design, as prescribed by the Members which enter the Skaters for competition. The Members have the obligation to submit the design of the team uniform (skin suit, warming up jacket and zipper trousers, podium and team personnel jacket) to the ISU for approval.



The team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Skaters may display on their clothing and on technical equipment their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Member Federation and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation (as per paragraph (vi) below). In addition, they may display on their person and their clothing, advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”) that do not refer to tobacco and alcohol in the competition area, in the television interview area and during the award ceremonies, in accordance with the following:

- i) the total maximum surface area of all markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks as per sub-paragraph ii) below) on clothing shall not exceed six hundred and fifty (650) cm<sup>2</sup>. The maximum number of markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks as per sub-paragraph ii) below) shall not exceed six (6) on the clothing on the upper body (above the waist including arms) and two (2) on the clothing on the lower body (below the waist) and shall be dignified. The maximum surface area for a single marking is forty five (45) cm<sup>2</sup> for the upper body and thirty (30) cm<sup>2</sup> on the cap for Speed Skating. The maximum surface area for a single advertising marking on the lower body is two hundred and fifty (250) cm<sup>2</sup>;
- ii) No markings other than manufacturer’s trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, shin guards, headgear, helmets (without covers). One manufacturer’s trademark may appear on each piece of equipment and clothing. Skin suits are considered as two pieces; one piece upper body and one piece lower body. Skates are considered as consisting of 6 pieces namely 2 boots and 2 blades and a construction for connecting the blade to the boot. The manufacturer’s trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices and not exceed twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup> per piece of equipment, with the following exceptions: one engraved identification or trademark of the manufacturer with a maximum of six (6) cm<sup>2</sup> is permitted on each connecting construction, two manufacturer’s trademarks with a maximum of six (6) cm<sup>2</sup> each are permitted per item for glasses, headgear and set of gloves maximum; maximum two manufacturer’s trademarks are permitted to a total maximum of twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup> for helmet. The Skater’s own name may be engraved on pieces of equipment, with the same size restrictions as for trademarks.
- iii) Armbands and helmet covers are not considered as technical equipment. Markings on armbands and helmet covers in ISU Events (ISU Championships & World Cup Competitions), the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games are

reserved for ISU. For other International Competitions markings of maximum thirty (30) cm<sup>2</sup> per armband or helmet cover may be authorized by the organizing Member;

- iv) The determination of the design, without any commercial images or registered trademarks, and markings on the clothing of competitors and team officials, Coaches and service personnel of the same national team, is the sole right and responsibility of the national associations as Members of the ISU to ensure compliance with this Rule. It is recommended that the Members consider providing the use of markings to the athletes or personnel;
- v) Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn;
- vi) The racing and warm-up suits of the Skaters must display the name of the country or its official ISU abbreviation (letters of minimum 5 cm and maximum 15 cm high). In Speed Skating the country name or abbreviation shall be placed on the back of the upper body. In Short Track Speed Skating the country name or abbreviation shall be placed on the external part of both lower legs, the size of the characters not to be smaller than 5 cm high.

## **7. Loss of eligibility**

- a) The consequence of a breach of the eligibility Rules shall be the loss of eligibility. The status of a person disqualified or suspended under other applicable Rules, does not affect the eligible status of such person, but it limits, according to the terms of the applicable disciplinary sanction, the right of such person to participate in the competitions and activities of the ISU.
- b) The ISU Council, upon the presentation of such evidence as it considers sufficient at its sole discretion, may rule upon an alleged breach of the eligibility Rules, whether or not any protest has been made against an individual's eligible status in skating.
- c) Before a ruling is made by the Council, both the Member and the person concerned shall be notified and the person concerned shall be given the opportunity to furnish an explanation of the alleged breach (which may be in writing).  
If the person concerned does not avail himself of such opportunity within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice, his right to furnish an explanation shall be waived.

**8.** Matters concerning eligibility not otherwise foreseen in the ISU Rules shall be considered by the Member concerned in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the ISU Rules.

## **Rule 103**

### **1. Reinstatement as an eligible person**

A person who is or has been ineligible, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 102, may thereafter not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games or International Competitions, or a member of the Council, a Technical Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress, unless he has been reinstated as an eligible person by the Council.

**2.** A person who is or has been ineligible may apply for reinstatement as a Skater only if such person had not violated Rule 102, paragraph 2. b) and c).

**3.** Requests for reinstatement as an eligible person by the Council shall be made:

- a) Only by Members.
- b) Only once for the same person.
- c) Only by submitting the completed official ISU form, including all pertinent information.

**4.** The ISU Council, in approving a reinstatement request, may make such reinstatement effective immediately or after such waiting period as it sees fit, depending upon the circumstances.

**5.** Reinstatements of ineligible persons for all national activities may be made as desired by the Member concerned.

## **C. Obligations of Members**

### **Rule 104**

#### **1. Members of the ISU**

Members of the ISU are either

- a) National associations or
  - b) special clubs,
- elected pursuant to Article 6 of the Constitution.

#### **2. Addresses**

Each Member must keep the Secretariat constantly up to date as to its name and address and must send to the Director General its name and address and the names of its President and Secretary, stating their addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses, website if any etc.

#### **3. Official names**

In ISU matters, the official names of the Members (and not the names of the nations) should be used whenever mentioned.

#### **4. Communications**

All communications of members of the Members or affiliated clubs, and like organizations with the ISU may be made only through their respective Members. Official communications in particular official forms (e.g. entry forms, nomination forms etc) or applications for ISU Events to be submitted to the ISU or an organizing Member of an ISU Event must be signed either by the Member's President or General Secretary (or equivalent such as Executive Director, Director General or CEO). Payment instructions for the transferring of ISU contributions must be signed by both the Member's President and General Secretary. For communications between Members and Skaters see Rule 111.

#### **5. Official journal**

Each Member must notify the Director General of the name and address of its official journal (if any).

#### **6. List of Members**

The list of Members will be kept up to date on the ISU website and will be published annually in an ISU Communication by October 1.

## **7. Subscriptions**

The annual fee from each Member is 300 Swiss Francs. In case of need, the Council may increase this amount.

## **8. Payment**

Payment of the annual fee for the current financial year must be made at the latest by January 31.

## **9. Loss of Membership rights**

Members in arrears with respect to their annual fee payment or other payments due to the ISU shall after July 1st lose all their rights of Membership until payment in full is made.

## **10. Expulsion**

Members which, after notification in July, do not remit the amount due by the following January 1st, may be expelled from Membership.

## **11. Compliance with Rules**

Those Members and others acting on their behalf in organizing International Competitions must adhere to the Regulations governing such competitions.

## **12. Competitions for ineligible persons**

Members and their affiliated clubs are not allowed to organize, support and assist with or to furnish facilities for skating competitions for ineligible persons, unless approved by the Council.

## **13. Publication of best Skaters**

Before May 1st of each year each Member shall announce in respect of the preceding skating season and the Secretariat shall publish those received in a Communication by July 1st:

- a) Speed Skating: the five best times set up on standard tracks by Speed Skaters of the Member over the distances of 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000 and 10000 meters for Men and 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters for Ladies and Team Pursuit for Men and Ladies.
- b) Short Track Speed Skating: the five best Short Track Speed Skaters of the Member over the distances 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 meters and Relay based on the distance classification at national championships.
- c) Figure Skating: the names of the five best Ladies and Men single Skaters, the five best pairs and the five best couples in Ice Dance and the five best Synchronized Skating teams based on the results of national championships.

#### **14. Planned International Competitions Speed Skating**

- a) Each Member must announce to the Secretariat, by June 1st, the International Competitions it intends to organize in the coming season, stating the class, place, date, type of track (indoor or outdoor, natural or artificial) and basic measurements of the track and ice surface. In the event of two or more competitions being organized on conflicting dates on the same continent, the Director General shall immediately inform the Members concerned to co-ordinate the dates between them. The Members must inform the ISU of the arrangements made by July 1st. The Secretariat shall publish those competitions announced in a Communication by August 1st. This Communication does not replace announcements according to Rule 112.
- b) A Member which intends to organize an International Competition that has not been included in the relevant annual ISU Communications on International Speed Skating Competitions must submit the announcement to the Secretariat for approval in order to have the competition recognized with the status of an International Competition.
- c) Each Member must announce to the ISU, by October 1st, the National Championships and country matches it intends to organize in the coming season, stating the class of Championships or country match, as well as the date, place and track at which the respective Championships or country matches are planned to be held.  
At least two copies of the announcement of National Championships and country matches should be sent to the Secretariat not later than four weeks before the first day of the event. The announcements must include the information items mentioned in Rule 112, paragraphs 1 and 2 or 3.

#### **15. Planned International Competitions Figure Skating**

- a) Each Member must announce to the Secretariat by March 1st the International Competitions it intends to organize in the coming season. Members may also announce competitions which fall under Rule 107, paragraph 14, but such competitions shall be listed separately. In the event of two or more competitions being organized on conflicting dates, the Director General shall immediately inform the organizers concerned to coordinate the dates between them. The organizers must inform the ISU of the arrangements made by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) The Secretariat shall publish those competitions received in a Communication by May 1st. This Communication does not replace announcements according to Rule 112.

- c) A Member which intends to organize an International Competition that has not been included in the relevant annual ISU Communications on International Figure Skating Competitions must submit the announcement to the Secretariat for approval in order to have the competition recognized with the status of an International Competition.

## **16. Exclusion**

- a) The Council may exclude a Member or an affiliated club from:
  - i) all international skating events that require ISU approval or sanction; and
  - ii) all other ISU activities, including but not limited to, Congresses, seminars, workshops and development programs, based on reasonable evidence that the Member or affiliated club has materially violated the ISU Statutes, including, but not limited to, violations involving misconduct by officials and representatives of the Member or affiliated club thereof.
- b) Any Member entering or cooperating in the entry of a Skater in a skating competition, or permitting a Skater or official of the Member, to participate in a skating competition or exhibition, whether organized by such Member or others, after issuance of an ISU Communication of a decision of the Disciplinary Commission excluding such Skater and/or such Member official from ISU activities or of a decision of the Council declaring such Skater or official ineligible, shall risk exclusion of the skating event involved from the calendar of approved ISU events for such period of time, or forever, as decided by the Council.
- c) The sanctions mentioned in this paragraph 16 are in addition to, and not to the exclusion of, all other sanctions available under the ISU Statutes.
- d) Before exclusion the Member or affiliated club thereof must be informed about the nature of the alleged offence, all facts pertaining to the case and all evidence available, in order to allow a defence to be made. If the Member or affiliated club does not take advantage of this opportunity within 15 days after the information has been received, by written notice to the Secretariat, the right to do so is forfeited.
- e) The Member or affiliated club thereof must be notified in writing of such a decision and the reasons therefore. The Council shall publish its decision, including the reasons or their summary, in an ISU Communication.

- f) The provisions of this Rule 104, paragraph 16 are not applicable to, and do not limit or otherwise govern, actions and responsibilities of the Council taken pursuant to the requirements of Articles 6, 7 and 17 of the Constitution respecting the maintenance by Members of required minimum standards for continued Membership.

## **17. Exhibitions**

- a) The exhibition at the conclusion of an ISU Event, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games if included in the program of such Games, is part of the same Event. Members, when entering their Skaters, undertake a commitment that their Skaters will take part in such exhibitions.  
In the event that such commitment is not complied with, the Member will not permit the Skaters concerned to participate in any kind of event for a period of sixty (60) days following the date of such exhibition. In the case of illness or injury, a confirmation thereof by medical certificate shall be issued by the ISU Medical Advisor or an appointed medical doctor, in consultation with the ISU Medical Advisor.
- b) For Skaters chosen to take part in the Exhibition at an ISU Event, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games, it is mandatory to take part in the practice scheduled for the Exhibition. Failure to attend this practice will result in a reduction in the Exhibition fee of 50%.



## **Rule 105**

### **1. Television and Other Media Exhibition Arrangements**

- a) All arrangements for television and other media exhibition of ISU Events (see Rules 100, paragraph 3 to identify ISU Events) shall be made solely by the ISU with the television and other media exhibitors concerned, except for television and other media exhibition rights for dissemination solely within the country of the individual event of an ISU Series (such as ISU World Cups and ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating) which remain with the Member organizing the event.
- b) Television and other media exhibition rights described above held by the ISU include rights of every kind and description, including, without limitation, live and re-broadcast exhibitions of the ISU Events or excerpts from the ISU Events, and all related Event activities of all participants, in all forms of television and other media exhibition and transmission methods now known or hereafter devised, including, but not limited to, video cassettes, DVDs, compact discs, mobile devices, internet, telephones and computers. Such television and other media exhibition rights may be made available by the ISU directly or through licensing with television and other media exhibitors, including free or pay-to-view, interactive and on-demand services, for public and/or private viewing, and with or without accompanying commentary, music or other sound, and the ISU Events or excerpts from the ISU Events may be transmitted by any method of delivery now or hereafter developed, including but not limited to satellite, terrestrial lines, the internet, mobile telephony networks or other physical conductors such as cable, DSL receptors, telephone lines, or any combination thereof, in any norm or standard now or hereafter used for any such transmissions.
- c) Television and other media exhibition rights held by the ISU shall include the incidental right to authorize the use of footage from such ISU Events for the promotion of other ISU Events and activities, and for the general advancement of the image and popularity of the Figure and Speed Skating sports.

**2.** The Member and the organizers of any ISU Event shall be responsible that the ice rink where the Event is held will be free of any television or film cameras (except those licensed and authorized by the ISU) and free of any advertisements within the view of the spectators watching the Event.

**3.** The ISU Council may delegate, wholly or partially, the responsibility for the actual negotiations for television coverage or other media exhibition to a consultant or media agency, or to an organizing Member, as its authorized representative for this purpose, but the ISU shall retain the right of final approval of all arrangements.

4. Arrangements for television and other media exhibition made after the allocation of an ISU Championship or other event to an organizing Member shall be made in cooperation with such Member, however, in all cases the ISU shall retain the right of final approval of all arrangements.

5. A Member arranging for television or other media exhibition of an International Competition, Figure Skating exhibition or other event (except ISU Events as described above in this Rule) shall hold the rights thereto. The Member may sell these rights for:

- a) Transmission of the telecast or other media exhibition solely within its own country; however, to avoid conflicts with ISU interests, a Member may not sign any exclusive television contracts exceeding 3 years for any international events.
- b) Sale to other television or media exhibitors for rebroadcast in another specifically identified country (or countries) if authorized in advance in writing by the ISU Council as not constituting a conflict with the interests of the ISU or another Member.

6. Only television and other media exhibition coverage as authorized by this Rule 105 shall be allowed. Any other television, video, film or media exhibition of competitions and exhibitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU and its Members is strictly prohibited.

## **Rule 106**

### **1. Financial contribution for ISU Events**

For all ISU Events, the contributions to 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 Members is observed and respected.

2. The Council may reduce the ISU financial contribution to the Member in case the Member/organizer does not fully comply with all obligations undertaken by the Member/organizer.

## D. Competitions

### Rule 107

#### Definition of ISU Championships and International Competitions

##### 1. ISU Championships

- a) World Allround Speed Skating Championships.
- b) World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships (to be held in non-Olympic Winter Games years unless the program of the Olympic Winter Games is changed resulting in an adverse situation for the ISU, in which case the Championships can be held during Olympic Winter Games years).
- c) World Sprint Speed Skating Championships.
- d) World Junior Speed Skating Championships.
- e) World Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- f) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- g) World Figure Skating Championships.
- h) World Junior Figure Skating Championships.
- i) World Synchronized Skating Championships.
- j) World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (every 2<sup>nd</sup> season, beginning with the season 2012/13).
- k) European Speed Skating Championships.
- l) European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- m) European Figure Skating Championships.
- n) Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

ISU Championships are ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

##### 2. The Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

The OWG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program for the OWG in compliance with the Olympic Charter which includes only Olympic Sports governed by International Federations specifically recognized by the IOC as International Olympic Federations. The ISU is so recognized. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports, i.e. Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) and Synchronized Skating (subject to the approval of the IOC to include Synchronized Skating into the program of the OWG) at the OWG under the patronage of the IOC. The OWG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition (See Rule 126).

### **3. Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)**

The YOG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program and applicable conditions (age limits, Officials categories, responsibility for expenses etc.) for the YOG in consultation with the respective International Federation (IF) and in compliance with the Olympic Charter. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports at the YOG under the patronage of the IOC. The YOG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition.

### **4. Definition of International Competition**

An International Competition under paragraphs 5 to 13 is a competition for which:

- a) The organizing Member invites at least one foreign Member to participate.
- b) The entry of Competitors can be made only through the respective Members.
- c) Competitors from at least two Members participate.
- d) Conducted in accordance with the Rules of the ISU.
- e) In all International Competitions organized as a series, television and advertising agreements must be authorized by the ISU Director General to avoid conflicts with ISU contracts.

### **5. ISU World Cups**

- a) ISU Speed Skating World Cup (junior and senior).
- b) ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Cup.  
The World Cups as a Series are ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

### **6. The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final**

- a) The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating is a series of International Competitions and consists of individual senior and junior International Competitions, recognized by the ISU as an ISU Series Competitions.
- b) The special regulations for participation in these events, the skating requirements, the point system and prize money, etc., shall be established by the respective Sports Directors in consultation with the Vice President Figure Skating and shall be approved by the Council and distributed to Members at least three (3) months before the first scheduled International Competition of the season to which they apply.
- c) Each Grand Prix Series as a series (junior and senior) and each Final is an ISU Event (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

## **7. ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating**

The ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating is an ISU Event based on a competition among national teams from Members. The dates and locations of ISU World Team Trophy events to be held and its number of participating teams, qualifying/participation/entry criteria, technical format, starting order, result determination, Officials participation and other relevant technical and organizational details shall be determined by the ISU Council and published in the respective Announcement.

## **8. International Senior Competitions**

- a) Open to all Members of the ISU.
- b) Limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way.

## **9. International Junior Competitions**

- a) Open to all Members of the ISU.
- b) Limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way.

## **10. International Novice Competitions**

- a) Open to all Members of the ISU.
- b) Limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way.
- c) The respective Technical Committee in consultation with the respective Sports Directors shall prepare guidelines approved by the Council which shall be published in an ISU Communication.

## **11. International Masters/Adult Competitions**

Competitions for Masters (Speed Skating) and Adults (Figure Skating) that may be conducted in cooperation with the ISU as decided by the Council.

## **12. “Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions**

“Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions are competitions in Figure Skating and Speed Skating organized or authorized by the ISU in cooperation with Members, in which only eligible Senior Skaters can compete.

The “Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions must be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the ISU. However, the technical requirements and general format may differ from other International and Open International Competitions.

The technical requirements must be submitted by the respective ISU Technical Committee, in consultation with the Sports Director(s) of Figure Skating, respectively Sports Director(s) Speed Skating, to the respective Vice President for approval.

The following conditions must be observed:

- a) The Skater(s) must be a member in good standing of a Member.
- b) The Skater(s) must be entered in the competition by the Member concerned.
- c) The Skater(s) must have earned a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal in either the European, the Four Continents, or the World Figure Skating Championships respectively the World Allround, Single Distances or World Sprint Speed Skating Championships respectively the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships or in the Olympic Winter Games.

### **13. Open International Competitions**

- a) The event must be sanctioned by the ISU, which also has the right to approve the financial conditions for all parties and persons involved.
- b) An Open International Competition is a competition in which eligible and ineligible persons (as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2) may compete together. The following provisions must be observed:
  - i) the entry of eligible Skaters may be made only under the control of the respective Member;
  - ii) the competition must be conducted strictly in accordance to ISU Regulations (see Rule 104, paragraph 11 and Rule 367).

### **Other Provisions:**

#### **14. Interclub Competitions with participation of Skaters from at least two Members**

- a) The organizing club must first obtain from its Member a sanction for the event to take place within the territory, and in accordance with the Rules of that Member.
- b) The organizing club invites at least one club affiliated to another Member, either directly or through that Member.
- c) Entries of Competitors shall be made by the clubs, however, the club shall inform the Member to which it is affiliated.
- d) The results protocol and other competition materials shall state the club of the participating Skaters; the abbreviation of the Member may be stated in parentheses after the name of the club.
- e) In case of TV coverage, the requirements of Rule 105, paragraph 6 shall apply.
- f) The nature and composition of the events are arranged by or with the approval of the Member concerned.
- g) The Member concerned is responsible that these competitions are conducted in accordance with all other applicable ISU Rules.
- h) Such competitions may be organized also for other Skaters who cannot compete in International Competitions, e.g. for Masters (Speed Skating) and Adults (Figure Skating).

**15. Restrictions on Competition title names**

The words “ISU”, “Championship/s”, “World”, “European” and “Continent/s” cannot be used in the title name of any International Competitions without prior written approval of the Director General.

**16. Local Competitions**

Local competitions conducted under the Rules of a Member.

**17. ISU sanctioned events**

Only events published by the ISU shall be deemed sanctioned events.

## Rule 108

### 1. Categories of Skaters by Age and Age Entry Requirements for Competitions

- a) The word “Senior” is used in this Rule and in the ISU Statutes to describe certain competitions that have a minimum age entry requirement of fifteen (15) years, determined in each instance by the birthday of the Skater that occurs before the July 1<sup>st</sup> that immediately precedes the relevant competition.
- b) “Senior” shall not be used in the title of any ISU Event. The official title of the ISU Event is that title stated in a specific ISU directive such as the ISU Communication announcing allotments by the Council, the relevant Memorandum, or the Official ISU Trade Name and Trademark Guide. The word “Senior” may be used by the organizer in the text of the Event Announcement or the Event Program to refer to the minimum age requirements specified in this Rule.

### 2. Age limits for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating

- a) For ISU Senior Championships, Olympic Winter Games and International Senior Competitions only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of 15 before July 1st preceding these Events.
- b) A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of 19 before July 1st preceding the competition.
- c) In International Competitions the following age classifications shall apply for the Junior age category:
- | Classification | Age before July the 1st preceding the Competition: |
|----------------|--|
| A              | 17 through 19                                      |
| B              | 15 and 16  |
| C              | 13 and 14  |
| D              | 12 and under.                                      |
- d) For World Junior Championships, only Junior Skaters may compete who have reached the age of 14 before July 1st preceding the Championships.

### 3. Age limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance

- a) In International “Senior” Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fifteen (15) before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the Events.



- b) In International Junior Competitions and ISU Junior Championships a Junior is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the event:
  - i) has reached at least the age of thirteen (13);
  - ii) has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and Men in singles competition; and
  - iii) has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and the age of twenty-one (21) for Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.
- c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:
  - i) has reached at least the age of ten (10);
  - ii) has not reached the age of fifteen (15);
  - iii) has not reached the age of fifteen (15) for girls and seventeen (17) for boys for Pair Skating and Ice Dance.

#### **4. Age limits for Synchronized Skating**

- a) In International "Senior" Synchronized Skating Competitions and the ISU "Senior" World Synchronized Skating Championships a "Senior" team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of fifteen (15) before July 1st preceding the Championships or Competition.
- b) In International Junior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, a Junior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached the age of thirteen (13) but not have reached the age of nineteen (19), before July 1st preceding the competition.
- c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice team comprises Skaters who have met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:
  - i) have reached at least the age of ten (10);
  - ii) have not reached the age fifteen (15).

#### **5. Penalties**

Each Member must ensure that Skaters entered for Senior and Junior International Competitions, ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games fulfill the requirements of the Rules. In case of violation, the Member concerned may lose the right to send Skaters the following season to all "Senior" and Junior (as the case may be) ISU Championships and International Competitions.

## **Rule 109**

### **1. Participation in Competitions**

The International Competitions, listed in Rule 107, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 organized by Members, may be entered only by Competitors who belong to a Member and for whom the entry can be made only through the respective Members. For participation in the Olympic Winter Games, Rule 126 applies.

2. a) In principle, a Skater may compete only as a member of the Member of the country of which he is a citizen.

b) A Skater may compete for the Member of the country of which he is not a citizen if he fulfils the following conditions:

- i) he has resided for at least one year in that country and has been permitted to compete for that Member by the National Association of the country of which he is a citizen, or he has resided for at least one year in that country and he (or his parents if he is not of age) has applied for citizenship in that country;
- ii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first International Competition as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the twelve (12) preceding months;
- iii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first ISU Championship as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the eighteen (18) preceding months;
- iv) any denial of a request for permit by the Member submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) above may be the subject of a request to the Council by the involved Skater or any involved Member for exceptional permission as provided in paragraph 5 of this Rule.

c) In the case of a Pair Skating or an Ice Dance couple, one partner at least must be a citizen of the country of the Member for which the Pair Skating or Ice Dance couple competes. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other Member. The residence and permit requirements and the waiting periods stated above in paragraph 2.b) i), ii), and iii) and in paragraph 3 do not apply to such partner. However, if such partner has already represented another Member, regardless of the discipline, the permit from the Member the Skater represented is required and the waiting period 12 months from the day of the last competition in which the Skater represented another Member applies.

- d) In the case of Synchronized Skating Teams, up to 25% (four (4) Skaters on a team with sixteen (16) Skaters and three (3) Skaters on a team with twelve (12) Skaters) of a team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country of which the Skater is a citizen, but such Skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same season (July 1st-June 30th). Alternates are not included for the calculation of percentages purposes. Restrictions specified in paragraph 2.b) do not apply.
3. If a Skater, who has already represented one Member in an International Competition or ISU Championship, intends to compete in the future for another Member, regardless of the grounds on which the possibility of such change is based, such Skater shall be subject to the waiting periods set forth in subparagraphs 2.b) ii) and iii) above.
4. In the course of the same season (July 1st–June 30th) a Skater may skate in competitions and exhibitions for only one and the same Member or affiliated club.
5. Exceptions to paragraphs 2 & 3 of this Rule may be granted by the Council, which may also enter a Competitor for an event (see also Rule 115, paragraph 5 and Rules 130 and 131). A Competitor nominated by the ISU does not count in the quota of the country of his citizenship or residence.  
The Council may also reject an application from a Member for a permission that a Skater who has or had foreign citizenship may compete for that Member, although the formalities and requirements stated in this Rule have been met, if in the opinion of the Council granting such application would be contrary to the purpose and spirit of the Rule. (e.g. in case that a Member tries to “import” several athletes with foreign citizenship, in particular when such athletes should form a new national team of such Member or its substantial part).
6. In exceptional cases, the Council may permit eligible persons to take part in competitions in countries in which there is no Member.
7. All relevant procedures such as the procedure to apply for Clearance Certificates if necessary, applicable deadlines etc, implementing this Rule 109 are published in an ISU Communication.

## **Rule 110**

### **1. Date of announcement**

The announcement of an International Competition must be published in English, four weeks for Speed Skating and two months for Figure Skating, before the first day of the competition (for Championships see Rule 129), on the ISU website but under the responsibility of the organizing Member. A file of the announcement must reach the Secretariat at least one week prior to the desired publication.

## **Rule 111**

### **Prohibition of direct communication between Members and Skaters**

A Member or affiliated club may not communicate directly with Skaters belonging to another Member, concerning participation in the competition (except in matters concerning arrival and departure to/from an event).

## **Rule 112**

### **1. Contents of announcements**

Every announcement of an International Competition must include the following general items:

- a) A statement regarding the place where the competition will be held.
- b) A statement regarding the type of the rink (natural or artificial, open air or indoor).
- c) The dates and starting times of the competition.
- d) The date of closing of entries.
- e) The character of the prizes.

**2.** In addition to the general items, announcements for Speed Skating competitions must include the following supplementary items:

- a) A statement regarding the type of race, in accordance with Rule 200.
- b) A statement regarding the track, which must be in accordance with Rules 203 and 227, or otherwise specified in accordance with Rule 204.

**3.** In addition to the general items, announcements for International Competitions in Short Track Speed Skating must include the following supplementary items:

- a) A statement regarding the track, which latter must be in accordance with Rule 280; also the ice surface and the type of barriers surrounding the ice.
- b) The maximum number of Skaters.

- c) A statement regarding the type of race in accordance with Rule 294 and 295.
  - d) The drawing procedure.
  - e) Progression all the way to the final.
  - f) The maximum number of points.
- 4.** In addition to the general items, announcements for Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Competitions must include the following supplementary items:
- a) The size (length and width) of the ice surface for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating and for Synchronized Skating a diagram of the rink indicating the location of the Judges platform and entrance and exit to the ice.
  - b) The technical details of the Pattern Dance, Short Program, Short Dance, Free Skating, Free Dance including the duration and special conditions.
  - c) The means of music production (see Rules 343 and 823).
  - d) The scheduled date and time of the first Judges meeting and Round Table Discussion.
  - e) The multiplying factors for the Program Components in accordance with Rules 353 and 843.
  - f) Age requirements as per Rule 108.
  - g) Eligibility requirements, citizenship and clearance certificates as per Rule 102 and Rule 109.
  - h) Official hotels.
  - i) Address and contact persons of the Organizing Committee.
  - j) The maximum number of Skaters (see Rule 115, paragraph 1).

**5. Supplementary conditions**

The organizing Member or affiliated club may include supplementary conditions in the announcement, as long as these do not conflict with the ISU Statutes (does not apply to Championships).

**6.** It is obligatory for the organizing Member or affiliated club of an ISU Championship in Figure Skating including Synchronized Skating and strongly recommended to the organizers of other competitions, to inform the audience at the beginning of an event of the basic principles of judging and of the ascertainment of the results, in leaflet form or in the program distributed to the audience.

## **Rule 113**

### **Late or improper announcement**

If the announcement is issued late (see Rule 110, paragraph 1) or contains conditions contrary to ISU Statutes, the Vice President of the corresponding Branch may forbid Skaters of Members to participate in the competitions concerned, and will issue a warning to the organizing Member reminding them of their obligations. If two warnings are issued consecutively, then the Member shall be suspended from hosting an International Competition for the ensuing two years.

## **Rule 114**

### **1. Postponement of date of competition**

Postponement of the date of a competition necessitates an extension of the date for the closing of entries for a corresponding period.

2. When possible, Members or affiliated clubs entering Competitors must be notified at once of postponement, so as to permit withdrawal of entries before the new date for the closing of entries.

### **3. Withdrawal of announcement**

If an organizing Member or affiliated club withdraws its announcement, it must communicate its reasons to the Director General of the ISU within eight days.

4. **Advice of a postponement or withdrawal** must be made at once on the ISU website but under the responsibility of the organizing Member who must inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

## **Rule 115**

### **1. Entries Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance**

Entries in International Competitions in Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance should not exceed a total of twenty (20) if possible.

### **2. Entries Synchronized Skating**

Names listed on the Team entry form for International Competitions may be changed after the closing of entries. The names of all Team Skaters including alternates may be finally announced at the time of registration (see Rule 868).

- 3.** Entries must include:
- a) The title of the competition.
  - b) The name of the Member or affiliated club making the entry.
  - c) The given name (first) and surname of the competitor.
  - d) Date of birth of each competitor.
  - e) For Synchronized Skating, the name of the team and list of Skaters, including alternates (given names, surnames, citizenship and birth-dates) in alphabetical order, with the team captain identified by a C.
  - f) A certificate of the Competitor eligibility status from the Member or affiliated club making the entry.
  - g) In Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance as used in these Regulations, Competitor(s) shall include Men, Ladies, Pair Skating and Ice Dance Couples.

**4. Nicknames**

“Nicknames” or “preferred names” are permitted, but must be accompanied by the information in subparagraph 3.c) above. A Preferred name may be different from the passport name and must be based on the same terms/conditions as applied by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

- 5.** Entries must be made by the Member or affiliated club concerned (for exception see Rule 109, paragraph 5 and 6) and must be forwarded in writing or electronically submitted to the body or person and within the time limit (closing date) designated in the Regulations and/or in the Announcement for the competition. Receipt of Entries must be confirmed immediately in writing by the Organizer to the Member. Entries for all ISU Events must be submitted electronically using the online entries and accreditation portal operational at the ISU web site latest by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

**6. Post entries**

- a) All entries arriving after 8.00 p.m. (local time at the site of the competition) on the day for the closing of entries are post entries and shall not be accepted (Rule 115, paragraph 6.b) applies).
- b) In case of exceptional circumstances a post entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizer in case of International Competitions and the respective Vice President in case of ISU Events except ISU Championships.  
For ISU Championships, in case of exceptional circumstances, post entries may be accepted by the President. If the President is not reachable in a timely fashion, the respective Vice President may authorize post entries in exceptional circumstances. On site of a Championships, if both the President and the respective Vice President

are not present, then the ISU Representative may authorize post entries in exceptional circumstances.

- c) Post entries may be accepted only up to the time when the starting order is drawn.
- d) This provision for post entries also applies to Judges nominations.

7. For more details in respect of entries for Championships see Rules 208 Speed Skating, 281, 283, 285 and 295 Short Track Speed Skating, and 378 Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and 868 Synchronized Skating.

## **Rule 116** Reserved

## **Rule 117**

### **1. Entrance Fees**

There are no entrance fees for ISU Championships in Figure Skating and Speed Skating. There may be entrance fees for International Competitions which are not ISU Championships. In Synchronized Skating, these fees shall be a single fee charged per team. Fees per Skater are not permitted.

## **Rule 118**

### **Validity of events**

An event shall take place if at least three Competitors (or three teams for Synchronized Skating) have entered and if two of them appear at the start.

## **Rule 119**

### **1. Medical Insurance**

It is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and International Competitions as defined in Rule 107, 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 of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

2. The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the events outlined in paragraph 1.



## **Rule 120**

### **1. Prizes**

For all ISU sanctioned events (see Rule 107), medals, trophies, and/or money prizes may be given.

**2.** For ISU Championships and any other ISU Events, the minimum value of any prize money or contribution will be determined by the Council.

## Rule 121

### Officials

#### 1. Officials categories

##### a) Figure Skating Branch

Officials are classified in two categories: “ISU” and “International” as follows:

- i) ISU: ISU Referee, ISU Technical Controller, ISU Technical Specialist, ISU Judge, ISU Data & Replay Operator;
- ii) International: International Referee, International Technical Controller, International Technical Specialist, International Judge, International Data & Replay Operator.

The procedures for nomination and appointment of the above-mentioned Officials are stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

Depending on the qualification “ISU” or “International” the Officials are qualified to officiate in the respective function in the competitions according to the chart below:

	Judge	Referee	Technical Controller Technical Specialist Data & Replay Operator
- Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU
- Qualifying Competition for the Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	Intern.	<u>ISU</u>	ISU
- ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	Intern.	Intern.	ISU
- International Competitions other than above	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.
- ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup	ISU	ISU	ISU

b) Speed Skating Branch

The following Officials categories apply divided into 2 qualification groups “ISU” and “International” as follows:

- i) ISU Referee, ISU Starter, ISU Competitors Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only);
- ii) International Referee, International Starter, International Competitors Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only).

The nomination and appointment to the above-mentioned functions is stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

Depending on the qualification “ISU” or “International” the Officials are qualified to officiate in the respective function in the competitions according to the chart below:

	Referee	Starter	Competitors Steward
- Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU
- World Cup Speed Skating	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.
- World Cup Short Track Speed Skating	ISU	ISU	ISU
	For Assistant Referees, Assistant Starters and Assistant Competitors Stewards refer to Special Regulations, Rule 286, paragraph <u>3</u>		
- International Competitions other than above	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.

2. The Member or affiliated club holding the competition is entitled to appoint the Officials (for exceptions in the case of ISU Championships or other ISU Events see Rules 214, 289 paragraph 7, 421, 521, 911 and 971).

3. Restrictions applying to appointed Officials:

- a) All Officials, except the Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators must be eligible persons.
- b) Council members, Sports Directors, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, the Sport Manager Figure Skating shall not and ISU Advisors if possible should not act as Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters and Competitors Stewards in competitions specified in Rule 107.
- c) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters and Competitors Stewards may not compete in ISU Events and

International Competitions of the respective discipline except in Adult and Masters competitions.

- d) Council members, Sports Directors, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, the Sport Manager Figure Skating and ISU Advisors who are on the list of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards at the time of their election or appointment to such office shall remain on such list during the entire term of their office even if they, as consequence of paragraph 3 of this Rule do not satisfy the requirements of the respective Rules included in Special Regulations for various ISU disciplines. After their term of office expires they must satisfy such requirements within the next twelve (12) months.
- e) Members of the Technical Committees, although they are approved as Judges according to the provisions of the relevant Rules in the respective Special Regulations should not, if possible, act as Judges in competitions of their appropriate Branch. They may act as Referees and Technical Controllers, however, provided that they are approved as such, according to the provisions in the respective Special Regulations.
- f) Technical Controllers
  - i) should not act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Judge in the same event in another competition/discipline (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance);
  - ii) cannot act as Technical Specialist in the same season independent of the discipline.
- g) Technical Specialists
  - i) cannot act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Technical Controller and/or Judges in the same season independent of the discipline;
  - ii) cannot be a full time employee of a Member Federation.
- h) Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees, Judges, Data & Replay Operators cannot be a full time sports journalist or TV Commentator.
- i) Referees

If possible, a Referee of an ISU Championship should not act as a Judge in another discipline of the same Championship.
- j) Personal, Commercial and Family Relationships
  - i) The ISU Code of Ethics, including but not limited to its “conflict of interest” provisions, is applicable to appointed ISU Officials and other participants as stated in the ISU Code of Ethics;
  - ii) Without detracting from the broad and personal applicability of the Code of Ethics, the following examples are presented for guidance:
    1. At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games Office Holders, elected or appointed,

shall not act as members of any national team, or act as team leaders, assistant team leaders, chaperons, team doctors or team coaches, or wear national team uniforms (except Coaches serving on an ISU Technical Committee, may coach individually their students who are entered in an ISU Event or an International Competition).

2. For the Figure Skating Branch only, ISU Officials (Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, etc.), when at an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games where they are not serving as an ISU Official, may act as a member of a national team, team leader, assistant team leader, chaperon, team doctor or team coach, and may wear national team uniforms.
3. At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games, a person of the family of a competing Skater is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which such Skater is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.
4. At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games, a person of the family of an ineligible person, or of the family of a remunerated Coach, is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which a competing student of the ineligible person or remunerated Coach is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.
5. The term "family" as used in this Rule shall be understood as including all persons who, due to their relationships, may reasonably appear to be in a conflict of interest position regarding a competing Skater, ineligible person or remunerated Coach.
6. For purposes of staffing at an event, the Referee(s) shall decide any issues raised at the event concerning conflicts of interest or other matters involving the applicability of the ISU Code of Ethics to assigned ISU Officials.

## **Rule 122**

### **1. Nomination and appointment of Officials**

Nomination and appointment of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards: Every Member of the ISU must, annually before April 15th, announce to the Secretariat the names and pertinent contact details of those individuals:

- a) Not listed on the previous list published in an ISU Communication whose services as International Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards are recommended.
- b) Who are recommended for the first time as ISU Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards respectively, and who are recommended for the respective required examinations (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating)
- c) Who were on the previous list of ISU and International Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competitors Stewards and who, due to the facts known to the Member should be deleted from the respective ISU list (e.g. age limit, resignation by the individual, death, sanctions imposed by the Member, etc).
- d) All nominated individuals must fulfill the specific requirements for the respective position as stated in the corresponding Special Regulations.

2. Two separate Communications of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges, Data & Replay Operators for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating with the names in alphabetical order and of Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, are sent every year by August 1st.

## **Rule 123**

### **1. Protests**

Protests based on alleged violation of Rules may be lodged provided that they are not forbidden by this or another Rule. The Referee decides upon all protests. Protests must be filed with the Referee in writing and within the stated time limit. At the same time 100 Swiss Francs or other convertible currency to the same value must be deposited with the Referee. The Referee will remit the protest fee to the ISU.

### **2. Persons entitled to file a protest**

Protests may be lodged only:

- a) By a Competitor, (team captain in Synchronized Skating), or Competitors entered for the competition concerned or a team leader accredited for the competition concerned.
- b) With the approval of such Competitor, Competitors, Coach (for Speed Skating only) or team leader, by members of the committee organizing the competition or by official representatives of those Members or affiliated clubs that have entered Competitors.

### **3. Time limits for filing protests**

- a) Protests concerning the participation of a Competitor must be filed before the competition starts. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the Competitor is permitted to start, but the announcement of the result and the distribution of the prizes shall be deferred until a decision has been reached.
- b) Protests concerning the composition of the panel of Officials must be filed within 30 minutes of its announcement.
- c) Any other protests, except cases covered by subparagraph d) below, must be filed with the Referee immediately, however, not later than 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned. Completion of a competition (for this purpose only) means end of the last race of all races for a single distance in Speed Skating, end of the last heat/qualifying round or of the last of a series of heats/qualifying rounds, or all four quarter finals or of the last of both semi-finals or of the final for a single distance in Short Track Speed Skating, and end of any single segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Pattern Dance / Short Dance / Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition.
- d) Protests against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the completion of the competition concerned. (See also paragraph 4. A. iii) below). If the Referee is not available in person at the site or hotel, the Protest shall be sent by fax or email to the Secretariat which will forward it to the Referee concerned.

#### **4. Protest restrictions**

##### **A. Figure Skating**

- a) No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operator) of Skaters' performances are allowed;
- b) Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score, is a human error and not an incorrect mathematical calculation;
- c) However, if the Referee learns:
  - i) Prior to the beginning of the award ceremony or prior to the official announcement of results if there is no award ceremony, that a human error relating to a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was an error;
  - ii) Within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation even without a protest provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction requires corrections of the final placements of the Skaters, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be changed accordingly;
  - iii) If the situation under paragraph a) and b) arises the Referee shall make a short record in writing which has to be signed by all the Officials concerned.

##### **B. Speed Skating**

Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation.

##### **C. Short Track Speed Skating**

No protests are allowed against a Referee's or Starter's decision concerning disqualification or non-disqualification for violation of any of the general and individual Racing Rules described in Technical Rules 297 and 298.



## **5. Referee's decision**

- a) The Referee shall decide upon any protest in writing and as soon as possible. The Referee shall deliver such decision to the person filing the protest or shall arrange such delivery. Copies of any protest and Referee decision shall be forwarded to the Secretariat.
- b) If a protest is filed:
  - i) after the time limit or
  - ii) which is not allowed by the Rules,the Referee shall dismiss the protest in writing with reference to the applicable Rule but without dealing with the merits of the claim.
- c) In cases not covered by subparagraph b) above, the Referee shall briefly state reasons for his decision.
- d) In Speed Skating and in Short Track Speed Skating the Referee may at his discretion, prior to his decision on the protest, review the replay of the official ISU digital replay, if the Referee deems it to be relevant and if readily available. This does not apply to attempts to protest in Speed Skating that are excluded above in paragraph 4.B, and to attempts to protest in Short Track Speed Skating that are excluded above in paragraph 4.C.
- e) The Referee's decision upon a protest is final and there is no appeal against such decision except in cases specified in Rule 124.
- f) The Referee may at his discretion decide to officially announce to the public any protest filed and in such case also his decision upon the protest. Such announcement should, if possible, be made before or within 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned (see definition for "competition" for this purpose under paragraph 3.c) above).

## **Rule 124**

### **1. Appeals**

An appeal may be made to the Council only against decisions which concern the eligibility of a Competitor, the incorrect calculation of the result, or the composition of the panel of Officials and only in cases where the ISU Statutes relating to the afore-mentioned subjects have been contravened.

2. Every appeal against a decision of the Referee must be submitted to the Council of the ISU within 30 days from the issuance of the decision.
3. Appeals do not have the effect of deferring the decision.
4. Appeals may be lodged only by those entitled to lodge protests (see Rule 123, paragraph 2).

## Rule 125

### **1. Conduct of Competitors and Team Officials towards Competition Officials**

Competitors and team officials must obey the instructions of the Officials in charge of the competition.

### **2. Improper Public Comments**

Competitors and team officials who, either directly or through a third party, openly express themselves in an improper manner regarding the Officials or their decisions, namely for Figure Skating competitions in particular but not limited to the calling of elements and/or levels of difficulty by the Technical Specialists and the Technical Controller or regarding the markings of the Judges and for Speed Skating competitions in particular but not limited to disqualifications of Skaters due to Racing Rule violations, may be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission of the ISU as provided in Article 24 of the Constitution.

### **3. Conduct of Officials, Office Holders, Competitors and others**

Any Official on the ISU list as published in an ISU Communication who learns of improper or irregular conduct or proposals concerning Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competitors Stewards) and related personnel (Result Service Providers, timekeepers and others) or activities while on site at an event must immediately report the details to the Referee and the ISU Representative if one is present on site, or if one is not present on site, to the highest ranking Office Holder present, i.e. President, Vice President(s), ISU Council members in order of their election, Director General, Sport Manager Figure Skating (for Figure Skating events only), Sports Directors of the corresponding Branch, TC Chair of the respective discipline, TC members of the respective discipline in the order of their election) and, if not yet on site of the event, to the President of the ISU. Such report must be urgently submitted in writing and, to effect immediate remedial actions, before the end of the competition.

On site of the event, the Referee and the ISU Representative (or highest ranking Office Holder present), upon receipt of the report, must confer immediately with the President if present or attainable by phone. The Referee and ISU Representative, if possible after consultation with the President, are empowered to take promptly all reasonable and necessary actions to protect the integrity of ISU officiating. The Chair of the concerned Technical Committee will be informed as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### **4. Compliance with ISU Rules and the Code of Ethics**

Office Holders, Officials, Members, Remunerated Persons and Voluntary Persons, and eligible Skaters and remunerated Coaches, participating in any ISU activity shall comply with any applicable statutes, position descriptions, ethical declarations and codes of conduct prescribed by the Council. Failure to comply may result in sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with Article 24 of the Constitution.

#### **5. Disciplinary Sanctions**

Sanctions may be imposed by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with Article 24 of the Constitution against any Skaters, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities who can be proved to have acted against the spirit of the ISU Statutes or otherwise improperly. Improper conduct by a Skater includes refusal, for other than medical or justifiable reason to participate in ISU Events in accordance with the commitments established by the ISU and the Members concerned. (For confirmation of illness and injury, see Rule 140, paragraph 5).

## **E. The Olympic Winter Games**

### **Rule 126**

#### **1. Skating Competitions at the Olympic Winter Games**

The skating competitions in the Olympic Winter Games are International Competitions and not ISU Championships and are subject to the provisions of the Olympic Charter and ISU Regulations governing such competitions. In accordance with Rule 121, all Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges, Starters and Competitors Stewards acting in the Olympic Winter Games must be designated ISU. A Judge may serve in not more than two (2) events.

**2.** Entry in the Olympic Winter Games is subject to the requirements of the Olympic Charter, as well as of the applicable ISU Regulations. They are subject to the Regulations of the IOC governing such competitions.

**3.** For the Speed Skating events the provisions of Rules 202, 206, 209, 215 and 241 must be observed.

**4.** For the Figure Skating events the provisions of Rules 400–403 must be observed.

**5.** For Short Track Speed Skating the provisions of Rules 280, 284 and 289, paragraph 7 must be observed.

**6.** For Synchronized Skating, the provisions of the respective Rules in the Special Regulations and Technical Rules Synchronized Skating must be observed. (Subject to the approval of the IOC to include Synchronized Skating into the program of the OWG).

**7.** Only Competitors from Members may participate in the Skating events of the Olympic Winter Games.

**8.** Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games:

- a) The Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games are appointed by the ISU Council.
- b) The Technical Delegates' expenses for travel, room and meals are paid in accordance with IOC Rules.

**9.** The Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters and one Competitors Steward each for Ladies and Men shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution.

**10.** All other Officials required (other than the Technical Delegates, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters, Judges and one Competitors Steward each for Ladies and Men otherwise designated as International Technical Officials - ITOs) shall be appointed by the Member of the country in which the Olympic Winter Games are held. These officials are designated as National Technical Officials (NTOs).

**11.** The Officials appointed to serve at the Olympic Winter Games are not permitted to wear national team emblems or uniforms while officiating.

## **F. ISU Championships**

### **Rule 127**

#### **1. Allotment of Championships**

The allotment of Championships, i.e. World Figure Skating Championships, World Synchronized Skating Championships, World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, World Allround Speed Skating Championships and Qualifying Competitions, World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships, World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Speed Skating Championships, World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Figure Skating Championships, European Figure Skating Championships, European Speed Skating Championships, European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, Four Continents Figure Skating Championships is made annually by the ISU Council.

#### **2. Applications/Allotments for Championships**

Applications for Championships must be made to the Council of the ISU before April 15, accompanied by a statement of the suggested dates and place and must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Member concerned.

- 3.** The Council, at its annual session held not later than July 31st,
- a) Must decide definitely when and where the Championships of the following year shall take place.
  - b) Should decide provisionally when and in which country the Championships shall be held in the subsequent two years. If no appropriate application has been received for a Championships for a year and/or there is evidence of insufficient interest as evidenced by participation by Members in such Championships during several previous years, the Council, in its discretion, may decide: (i) that the provisional allotment(s) of such Championships for subsequent year(s) shall be postponed temporarily or (ii) that such Championships for subsequent year(s) shall not be definitively allotted.

- 4.** Within seven days of making its decision the Council must inform the applicant Members of the outcome.

- 5.** The Council shall ensure that all TV arrangements for ISU Championships are complete, with contracts signed between the ISU and the relevant TV companies before the Council confirms or allows an allotment to become definite. If the Council finds all factors remain favorable to the holding of the Championships as provisionally allotted, and TV arrangements are in

place, the Council, at its meeting of the year preceding the Championships, shall, by resolution, confirm the allotment as definite for the following year.

**6.** If TV arrangements or other essential elements stipulated in the provisional allotment document are not completed, the Council at such meeting shall either:

- a) Continue the provisional allotment with the Member involved in anticipation of resolving such arrangements or elements within a reasonable time; or
- b) The Council shall consider other Members or locations for the allotted Championships and transfer the allotment accordingly. Thereafter, when appropriate, the Council shall confirm the allotment as definite to the Member so determined.

**7.** The Council may, for emergency, safety or other serious reasons, either upon the request of the organizing Member or on its own initiative, cancel the definite allotment or cancel the Championships at any time.

Absent fault on the part of the organizing Member, such Member shall be reimbursed by the ISU for normal expenses incurred in preparation for the Championships by an appropriate contribution, determined by the Council.

## **Rule 128**

### **1. Order of Championships**

In no event may the World Figure Skating Championships be scheduled to commence on a date earlier than the fourth Monday in February.

**2.** If possible, the World Championships should be held after the European Championships and the Four Continents Championships.

**3.** There should be an interval of at least 14 days between the European Figure Skating Championships/ Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (whichever is later) and the World Figure Skating Championships.

**4.** The World Junior Figure Skating Championships should be held in the first half of March.

**5.** The European Short Track Speed Skating Championships shall be held before the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (excluding World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships), but before the 31st of January each season.

6. During World, European or Four Continents Championships:
  - a) No other competition may be held in the same rink.
  - b) No exhibition by ineligible persons may be held in the same rink.
  - c) Exhibitions by Competitors in an event may not be held until after completion of that event.
  
7. In ISU Championships the Organizers may hoist the ISU flag during an appropriate ceremony on the opening day.
  
8. The World Synchronized Skating Championships may not be scheduled earlier than the last week of March and should be scheduled in April.
  
9. The World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (every 2<sup>nd</sup> season, beginning with the season 2012/13) may not be scheduled earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

## **Rule 129**

### **1. Announcement and conduct of Championships**

The conduct of ISU Championships is the responsibility of the organizing Member, which must observe the ISU Statutes and the current applicable Memorandum for guidance in holding ISU Championships that includes guidelines regarding the preparation and publication of the announcement.

2. The announcement must be approved by the Director General before publication.
  
3. The announcement of every ISU Championship must be published on the ISU website not later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
4. The Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Official Assessment Commission members, Starters and one of the Competitors Stewards for ISU Championships shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution.



## **Rule 130**

### **1. Participation in Championships**

Participation in World Championships is open to all Skaters who belong to a Member (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5 and 6) and fulfill the minimum Technical Requirements as stated in the respective Special Regulations and/or in the Technical Rules.

**2.** In European Championships the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who are members of a European Member under the provisions of Rule 109, paragraph 2 (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5).

**3.** In Four Continents Championships, the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who are members of a non-European Member and who are either nationals of a non-European state or have been ordinarily a resident outside Europe for at least one year immediately prior to the Championships concerned (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5 and 6).

**4.** Entries for ISU Speed Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions laid down in Rule 208.

**5.** Entries for World and European Short Track Speed Skating Championships are subject to restrictions laid down in Rules 281, 283 and 285.

**6.** Entries for ISU Figure Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions enumerated in Rule 378.

**7.** Entries for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions set forth in Rule 868.

## Rule 131

### Entries

Entries for all ISU Events must be made electronically (starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 using online entries and accreditation portal) through the respective Members (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5 and 6).

Each Competitor, Official and Member must sign a Declaration form confirming familiarity with and acceptance of the ISU Statutes governing participation in ISU Events and activities. Such declaration forms are intended as explicit reminders of certain of the comprehensive provisions of the ISU Statutes and other official regulations applicable to and binding upon all participants in ISU competitions and activities. In case of Competitors who are not full of age, such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

The Declaration form must be returned to the Secretariat annually latest two (2) weeks prior to the Competitor's or Official's first competition of the season.

The Director General and Sports Directors shall prepare appropriate Declaration forms for review and approval by the Council. Separate forms may be proposed for each the Figure Skating Branch and the Speed Skating Branch ISU Officials. Upon approval, such forms shall be copied into the respective ISU Memorandum, if issued, governing the ISU Events and published in a Communication posted on the ISU website. The Declaration forms shall include (but not be limited to) the following subjects:

- a) All Competitors, Officials and Members shall acknowledge acceptance
  - i) of the applicability of the Constitution, which establishes an ISU Disciplinary Commission (Article 24) and recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland as the arbitration tribunal authorized to issue final and binding awards involving the ISU, its Members and all participants in ISU activities, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts (Articles 25 & 26);
  - ii) of inclusion of the ISU Event in the television and other media exhibition arrangements entered into by the ISU pursuant to Rule 105, and that the Competitor's performance(s) and all activity related to the ISU Event, may be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, and otherwise depicted, recorded and further exhibited and distributed worldwide under conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorized by the ISU in relation to promoting the Figure and Speed Skating sports.

- iii) In respect of information about Personal Data that they declare and agree:
- that personal data are collected by the ISU and such data are stored and used by the ISU, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitate their participation in, and/or organizing competitions; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, and sex;
  - that the ISU shares with the concerned National Anti-Doping Organization all concerned personal data with relevance for the Athlete Biological Passport according to the WADA Operating Guidelines (For competitors only);
    - to the transfer of personal data to the ISU and by them to such third parties, and to the processing of such data and potentially any relevant sensitive personal data (including about unspent criminal convictions), as are necessary for security and other background checks by the ISU in order for them to gain the necessary accreditation for competitions;
    - that the ISU and other necessary third parties, including National Anti-Doping Organizations, law enforcement and border services agencies, may share amongst themselves and with third parties personal data for the purposes of investigating and/or prosecuting breaches of any of the relevant provisions of the ISU Statutes. This includes in particular personal data with relevance for the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) according to the WADA Operating Guidelines (for competitors only) and/or betting rules;
    - to the collection and use of personal data and statistics in ISU approved research projects (e.g. athlete biographies, questionnaires, filming, measures, medical encounters etc.) conducted during the competitions;
    - to personal data being used in any other way to which the concerned person provides his express consent to the ISU.
- b) All Figure Skating Competitors and their Members shall:
- i) certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitor have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and television and other media exhibition broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind on the part of the ISU, the organizing Member, the Organizing Committee or the relevant television networks or broadcasters being required;
  - ii) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations, Rule 102 paragraph 6.a) regarding the display and

non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, prize-giving ceremonies, and recognize that negative consequences as outlined in ISU Communication 1625, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing (or any update of this Communication) will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.

- c) All Speed Sating and Short Track Speed Skating Competitors and their Members shall:
- i) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU Communication 1625, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/ Clothing” (or any update of this Communication) and recognize that negative consequences will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements;
  - ii) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations Rule 102 paragraph 6.b) regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, award ceremonies.

### **Rule 132**

#### **Communications during Championships**

All official communications during ISU Championships must be published in English.

## Rule 133

### Titles

The winner of a Championship bears the title:

- a) World Allround (or European) Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Allround (or European) Speed Skating Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- b) World Sprint Champion or Lady World Sprint Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- c) World (or European) Speed Skating Champion or Lady World (or European) Speed Skating Champion \_\_\_ meters for \_ (year of the Event) and World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion or Lady World Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for \_\_\_ (year of the Event).  
The provision relating to the European Champions is effective as of the season 2016/17.
- d) World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions and Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for (year of the Event).
- e) World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- f) World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions or Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- g) World Junior Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion \_\_\_ meters for \_ (year of the Event) and World Junior Speed Skating Mass Start Champion or Lady World Junior Speed Skating Mass Start Champion for \_\_\_ (year of the Event).
- h) World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion for \_ (year of the Event);  
World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for \_ (year of the Event).  
The provision for the European Champions for the 500/1000/1500 meters is effective as of the season 2016/17.
- i) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- j) World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- k) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for \_\_\_ (year of the Event).
- l) World (or European or Four Continents) Figure Skating Champion or Lady World (or European or Four Continents) Figure Skating

- Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- m) World (or European or Four Continents) Pair Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- n) World (or European or Four Continents) Ice Dance Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- o) World Synchronized Skating Champion for \_ (year of Event).
- p) World Junior Figure Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Figure Skating Champion for \_ (year of the Event).
- q) World Junior Pair Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- r) World Junior Ice Dance Champions for \_ (year of the Event).
- s) World Junior Synchronized Skating Champion for \_ (year of Event).

## **Rule 134**

### **1. Medals**

The organizing Member or affiliated club must obtain the ISU Championship medals from the Secretariat upon prepayment of the cost in advance.

2. Members of the ISU are not permitted to present, for other competitions, any medals which resemble or are similar to the ISU Championship medals.

### **3. Award of medals**

The ceremonies of awarding medals at ISU Championships shall be as follows:

- a) When the competition has been completed and the results have been calculated, the final placements are announced and first the champion and then the second and third placed Competitors are called to the winners' platform on the ice.
- b) For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (senior and junior), when the competition has been completed and the results have been calculated, the final placements are announced, first the champion team captain and team and then the second and third placed team captains and teams are called to the winners platform on the ice. The team captains shall stand on the podium and the respective teams shall be lined up behind their captain on the ice.
- c) The Representative of the ISU awards the champion(s) (team captain) the gold ISU medal(s) (ISU World Synchronized Skating medal) and the silver and bronze ISU medal(s) (ISU Synchronized Skating medal) to the second and third placed Competitors (team captains) in the event. In Speed Skating (but not in Short Track) the Referee presents the champion with a laurel wreath.  
The Referee and Assistant Referee or Technical Controller and the representative of the organizing Member also may congratulate the medal winners (team captains) and present flowers to them.  
Representatives of the organizing Member award the ISU Synchronized Skating medals to the members of the teams and registered alternates.
- d) The national anthem of the country of the champion(s) shall be played and the flags of the countries of the three medal winners shall be hoisted, whenever possible (except when prevented by government or law).

The short version of the national anthem of a Member may be played when such an official version exists. It is the duty of the organizing Member to provide the necessary anthems and flags. In Speed Skating

the champion and in Figure Skating the medal winners skate a lap of honor once around the ice surface.

- e) In Short Track Speed Skating at European Short Track and World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, the Referee shall present after completion of each distance (excluding 3000m) the ISU small gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners, the second and third placed Skaters respectively in each distance, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted.
- f) In Figure Skating the Referee shall present after the completion of each segment (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men, Pairs and in Synchronized Skating and Short Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dance) a small ISU gold medal to the winner of each event and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each discipline, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted. The ceremony cannot be held on the ice and/or in the kiss and cry area.

### **Rule 135**

#### **Results of Championships**

The result of the ISU Championships including good pictures of those placed first, second and third must be published on the ISU website in protocol form at the latest two weeks after the Championships. The results must be published in English. It is the responsibility of the organizing Member to provide the results in electronic form latest one week after the Championships to the Secretariat.



## **G. ISU Events**

### **Rule 136**

#### **1. Organization**

In addition to the ISU Championships, the ISU may organize other ISU Events, as set forth in Rule 100, paragraph 3.

#### **2. Allotment**

The allotment of ISU Events in Figure Skating and Speed Skating shall be made by the ISU Council.

#### **3. Applications**

Applications for ISU Events in Figure Skating and Speed Skating must be submitted by the Member seeking to host such an ISU Event, within time limits and including detailed information as requested by the ISU in ISU Communications or Circular Letters.

#### **4. Expenses**

For the allocation of Expenses, the ISU Memorandums for guidance in hosting the respective ISU Event applies.

#### **5. Financial arrangements**

All financial arrangements are negotiated and agreed between respective parties. However, all international television rights remain with the ISU, except as specified in Rule 105, paragraph 1.a).

**6.** Members with Skaters who place within the first ten places at any ISU Championships and who continue in the following season to participate in Skating competitions and/or exhibitions as eligible Skaters, shall have the obligation, when entering or authorizing the participation of such Skaters in Skating competitions and/or exhibitions, to give first priority to participation of such Skaters in those ISU Events which are the subject of ISU television and commercial contracts as notified to Members. Members who fail to comply with the above obligation, and Skaters who refuse to participate in such ISU Events, without medical or other justified reasons, shall be subject to sanctions under the relevant Rules.

**7.** In any ISU Event the Member/Organizer must pay the prize money of the amount specified by the Council.

**8.** The Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators and OAC members for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior) and the Olympic Qualifying Competition as well as the Referees, Assistant Referees, Starters and one Competitors Steward for Speed Skating Short Track Speed Skating World Cup events or the same Officials for any newly added ISU Event shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution.

## **H. Expenses**

### **Rule 137**

#### **1. International Competitions**

For International Competitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all Competitors and as many officials of those Members invited to participate as it desires to invite, but is not required to do so.

2. For Competitors and exhibitors in Figure Skating, expenses for travel, room and meals may be reimbursed either through or to such participant's own Member or affiliated club or through the Member or affiliated club organizing the event, but must not be paid directly to such participant.

3. In Speed Skating, at the site of an event, the expenses for room and meals may be provided or paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for the days of the entire event and for one day after it, at hotels designated by it.

4. Members and affiliated clubs are not permitted to demand or to pay for participation in a competition, exhibition or other event more than the actual expenses incurred for travel (economy fare by air) and any necessary expenses during travel, as well as room and meals at the site of the event.

5. Any participant who elects to stay at a hotel other than the one designated by the organizing Member or affiliated club shall be entitled to receive only the per diem amount applied to such other hotel specified by such Member or club. Such participants are responsible for notifying the organizing Member or affiliated club of their local addresses.

6. a) In Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating competitions:  
the organizing Member or affiliated club must provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all Referees, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists invited to serve.
- b) In Short Track Speed Skating World Cups:  
the expenses for travel of the Officials assigned by the ISU and/or the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall be the responsibility of the ISU. The Organizing Member or affiliated club must pay room and meal expenses according to paragraphs 10.b) and c) of this Rule.

7. In Figure Skating, for exhibitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of the exhibitors concerned and of any invited individuals accompanying them.

**8.** In Figure Skating, for ISU Events, including Series, the Organizing Member must provide or pay the expenses for room and meals of all Competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges beginning not later than lunch on the day before the competition and ending with lunch on the day after it.

**9. ISU Championships**

For ISU Championships the ISU must pay the travel expenses of:

- a) The President, unless he is acting as the ISU Representative.
- b) The Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), unless he is acting as the ISU Representative.
- c) The Director General and the Sports Directors of the respective Branch/ discipline of the ISU.
- d) In Speed Skating, one member of the applicable Technical Committee. In Figure Skating including Synchronized Skating, one member of each of the applicable Technical Committees which has no member of the committee present as a Referee, Assistant Referee(s), Technical Controller or Technical Specialist.
- e) The ISU Medical Advisor designated by the President to attend the Championships.
- f) In the Figure Skating Branch, all necessary Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators appointed by the President and all Judges nominated and participating in the draws for the composition of the panels of Judges pursuant to Rule 521 for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and Rule 971 for Synchronized Skating.
- g) In the Speed Skating Branch all necessary Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters appointed by the President.
- h) In Short Track Speed Skating for ISU Championships all necessary Competitors Stewards appointed by the President.

**10.** For ISU Championships the organizing Member must provide or pay:

- a) The expenses for room and meals for the ISU President, Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), Director General and the Sports Directors of the respective Branch/discipline and Medical Advisor.
- b) The expenses for travel, room and meals of the ISU Representative, two Regional Event Coordination Assistants and the Representative of the applicable Technical Committee for Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating, for the Event and for one consultation and inspection visit for each, if required.

- c) The expenses for room and meals for the necessary Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards.
- d) The expenses for room and meals for all Council members and members of the Technical Committees for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, respectively, for the Championship concerned, not serving as ISU Representative, Regional Event Coordination Assistant, Referee or Assistant Referee, Technical Controller or Technical Specialist.
- e) In Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the expenses for room and meals for one Judge in each competition in which a Member has Judges drawn and present in line with the applicable Rules and Communications.
- f) The expenses for room and meals for all Competitors participating in the Championships. This provision does not apply for Synchronized Skating, see 10.h) below.
- g) The expenses for room and meals of one team leader for each participating Member in the Championships. This provision does not apply for Synchronized Skating, see 10.h) below.
- h) For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, the organizing Member, affiliated club or the ISU is not responsible for paying the room, meal or travel expenses for team leaders, team managers or members of participating teams. The participating Member is responsible for and must pay the room, meals and travel expenses.

**11.** For ISU Championships not more than two Competitors should be accommodated in one room, where possible, but in no event shall more than three Competitors be assigned to one room. The accommodation must be of an acceptable standard with facilities for meals at times compatible with the schedule of the skating events. Any participant having special requirements for his or her accommodations must inform the organizing Member or affiliated club in due time and shall pay any difference in cost required in advance.

**12.** For ISU Championships single bedrooms should be provided for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, OAC members, Starters and Competitors Stewards where possible, but in no circumstances shall these Officials be required to share accommodations with Competitors.

**13.** An organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship may also provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals for as many other officials of those Members participating as it desires to invite.

**14.** In Speed Skating, expenses shall be paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for room and meals at the designated hotels for the days of the event, beginning with lunch on the day before the competition and ending with lunch on the day after it, if the participants have to leave in the afternoon.

**15. a)** In Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses of the Office Holders referred to in paragraphs 10.a) and d) above, shall begin with lunch on the day of the first draw of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

**b)** For Figure Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, Data & Replay Operators and Judges shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the concerned initial Judges' meeting and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

For Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, and Judges shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the Judges' meeting and end with breakfast on the day after the round table discussions or the closing banquet/Skaters' party whichever is later.

**c)** For all ISU Figure Skating Championships the room and meal expenses for all Competitors participating, and one team leader, the Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists shall begin with dinner on the third day prior to the start of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later. (See paragraph 10.h) above for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships Junior & Senior);

For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (Junior & Senior) the room and meal expenses for the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data and Replay Operators shall begin with dinner on the day preceding the first official practice until breakfast the day following the round table discussion or Closing Party whichever is later.

**d)** For Competitors (except Synchronized Skating) participating in the post competition exhibitions and one team leader concerned, the expenses shall end with lunch on the day following the last exhibition.

**16.** The organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship is not permitted to dictate the airlines or flight schedules to be used by those officials, the travel expenses of whom it is obligated to pay, unless travel has been arranged by special charter.

## Rule 138

### 1. Olympic Winter Games

For the skating competitions of the Olympic Winter Games, the ISU will pay the travel, room and meal expenses of the following:

- a) The President, the Vice Presidents, the Director General and the Sports Directors.
- b) The necessary Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters and Competitors Stewards appointed by the President (see Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution and Rule 126, paragraph 8).
- c) Figure Skating Judges named by the participating Members, subject to the following:
  - i) Judges panels will be drawn from Members in accordance with Rule 402. A Member may name one Judge and one substitute in the discipline/s in which they have been drawn, but considering limitations in available accommodation, not more than three Judges in total;
  - ii) when a Member has been drawn for all four (4) disciplines, one of the Judges assigned must serve in two (2) competitions; or
  - iii) when a Member has been drawn for all four (4) disciplines, a request to name a fourth Judge may also be made to the ISU;
  - iv) if the request is granted and in case the Organizing Committee of the OWG does not cover the expenses for such fourth Judge, the expenses for this Judge will be paid by the Member;
  - v) when a Member has the right to name a Judge for the Ice Dance competition, the expenses of such Judge.

2. Every Member having the right to nominate Figure Skating Judges must confirm to the Secretariat not later than 10 days after the end of the Olympic Qualifying Competition preceding the Olympic Winter Games, its intention to nominate and send such Judges. The travel expenses of the participating Judges should be submitted to and be reimbursed by their own Members, respectively. Such Members must in turn submit a documented accounting to the Secretariat for final reimbursement of the expenses incurred. With respect to airfares, the ISU will reimburse the cost only at the cheapest possible economy air fares.

3. The expenses of all other officials required, other than the Regional Event Coordination Assistants and those set forth in paragraph 1 above, shall be the responsibility of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in agreement with the Member for the country in which the Games are held.

## **I. Doping**

### **Rule 139**

#### **1. Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures**

All Anti-Doping matters shall be regulated by the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures to be adopted by the Council and published in the form of an ISU Communication. Such Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures will follow the general principles included in the World Anti-Doping Code as in force and published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and also being adopted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and shall be binding as of the day they are published.

**2.** In case that the World Anti-Doping Code is amended, the Council shall have the right to modify, amend, replace or cancel with immediate effect the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures.



## **J. Medical**

### **Rule 140**

#### **1. On-site medical services**

- a) In Figure and Speed Skating Competitions, a trained emergency medical team, consisting of an appropriately trained medical doctor and adequate number of emergency paramedical staff, must be present at each arena during all scheduled practices and competitions.  
An ambulance must be accessible within five (5) minutes for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. If the response time is more than five (5) minutes, an ambulance must be on site.
- b) For medical services at the different hotel(s) there must be a physician available on short notice (10-15 minutes) at all times.
- c) In Short Track Speed Skating competitions, emergency medical personnel and an appropriately trained medical doctor must be present at the rinkside and an ambulance must be present during all scheduled practice sessions and competitions.

**2.** A medical room must be close to the ice surface and accessible by ambulance personnel for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. The medical room and/or the ambulance/personnel must have the equipment to treat and stabilize cardiovascular collapse, respiratory compromise, lacerations (minor and major), extremity, spinal and head trauma.

**3.** The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for prearranging liaison with the clinics, hospitals, and appropriate specialist for the care of Competitors during competition.

**4.** The Organizers shall provide without charge emergency medical services for all participants at competition and practice.

**5. a)** In the case a Skater is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as provided by ISU Regulations, Communications or Announcements.

**b)** The Certificate must be issued on the stationery of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal notification form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Skater and the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the Member of respective Skater must be attached.

- c) In addition, upon request of the respective Vice President, the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal, and the Member or the Skater must include or attach the following additional information:
- i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
  - ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
  - iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

## **Rule 141**

### **1. Safety**

It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that their Competitors can physically and mentally compete safely. If a Competitor is withdrawn for medical reasons, written notification must be submitted by the team medical doctor or competition physician to the Referee and Medical Advisor prior to the event. Reinstatement may not be made without certification by the team medical doctor or competition medical doctor to the Referee.

2. Any medical appliances containing metal or hard plastic must be approved by the medical advisor/competition physician and the Referee in advance of the competition.

3. When entering an eligible Skater in an ISU Championship or International Competition, the Member making the entry shall certify that the Skater is physically and mentally able to participate safely.

## **Rule 142**

### **Security**

Members organizing ISU Events must follow the ISU guidelines regarding security as included in the respective Memorandums for holding such ISU Events and/or as published in dedicated ISU Communications.

Rules 143–199 are reserved for any further regulations in Part II: “General Regulations”.

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Founded: July 23rd, 1892, at Scheveningen (Netherlands)

## MEMBERS

<b>AND</b>	<b>Andorra</b>	Federacio Andorrana d'Esports de Gel (Figure)
<b>ARG</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	Argentine Ice Speed Skaters Union (UVEPA) (Speed) Federacion Argentina de Patinaje Sobre Hielo (Figure)
<b>ARM</b>	<b>Armenia</b>	<u>Figure Skating Federation of Armenia (Figure)</u>
<b>AUS</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Australian Ice Racing Inc. (Speed) Ice Skating Australia Incorporated (Figure)
<b>AUT</b>	<b>Austria</b>	Österreichischer Eisschnelllauf Verband (Speed) Österreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband (Figure)
<b>AZE</b>	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	The Skating Federation of Azerbaijan Republic ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>BLR</b>	<b>Belarus</b>	Skating Union of Belarus
<b>BEL</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique (Figure)
<b>BIH</b>	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Skating Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>BRA</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	Brazilian Ice Sports Federation ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>BUL</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Bulgarian Skating Federation
<b>CAN</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Speed Skating Canada (Speed) Skate Canada (Figure)
<b>CHN</b>	<b>China</b>	Chinese Skating Association
<b>TPE</b>	<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	Chinese Taipei Skating Union
<b>CRO</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	Croatian Skating Federation
<b>CYP</b>	<b>Cyprus</b>	Cyprus Skating Federation ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>CZE</b>	<b>Czech Republic</b>	Czech Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Czech Figure Skating Association (Figure)
<b>DEN</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	Dansk Skøjte Union
<b>PRK</b>	<b>D.P.R. Korea</b>	Skating Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
<b>EST</b>	<b>Estonia</b>	The Estonian Skating Union
<b>FIN</b>	<b>Finland</b>	Suomen Luisteluliitto (Speed) Suomen Taitoluisteluliitto (Figure)
<b>FRA</b>	<b>France</b>	Fédération Française des Sports de Glace
<b>GEO</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	Georgian Figure Skating Federation ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>GER</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft (Speed) Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V. (Figure)
<b>GBR</b>	<b>Great Britain</b>	National Ice Skating Association of UK Ltd.

<b>GRE</b>	<b>Greece</b>	Hellenic Ice Sports Federation
<b>GRN</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	Grenada Figure Skating Association (Provisional Member Figure)
<b>HKG</b>	<b>Hong Kong/ China</b>	Hong Kong Skating Union Ltd
<b>HUN</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	Hungarian National Skating Federation
<b>ISL</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	Icelandic Skating Association (Figure)
<b>IND</b>	<b>India</b>	Ice Skating Association of India
<b><u>INA</u></b>	<b><u>Indonesia</u></b>	<u>Persatuan Olahraga Sepatu Roda Seluruh Indonesia (PORSEROSI) (provisional Member for Figure and Speed)</u>
<b>IRL</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	Ice Skating Association of Ireland ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>ISR</b>	<b>Israel</b>	Israel Ice Skating Federation
<b>ITA</b>	<b>Italy</b>	Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio
<b>JPN</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Japan Skating Federation
<b>KAZ</b>	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<u>National Skating Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan</u>
<b>LAT</b>	<b>Latvia</b>	Latvian Skating Association
<b>LTU</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>	Lithuanian Speed Skating Association (Speed) Lithuanian Skating Federation (Figure)
<b>LUX</b>	<b>Luxembourg</b>	Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage (Figure)
<b>MAS</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	Ice Skating Association of Malaysia
<b>MEX</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	Federacion Mexicana de Patinaje Sobre Hielo y Deportes de Invierno, A. C. ( <u>Figure</u> )
<b>MON</b>	<b>Monaco</b>	Fédération Monegasque de Patinage (Figure)
<b>MGL</b>	<b>Mongolia</b>	Skating Union of Mongolia
<b>MAR</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	Association of Moroccan Ice Sports (Provisional Member Figure)
<b>NED</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond
<b>NZL</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc (Speed) New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association (Inc) (Figure)
<b>NOR</b>	<b>Norway</b>	Norges Skøyteforbund
<b>PHI</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	Philippine Skating Union (Figure)
<b>POL</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Polish Speed Skating Association (Speed) Polish Figure Skating Association (Figure)
<b>PUR</b>	<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Puerto Rico Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
<b>KOR</b>	<b>Rep. of Korea</b>	Korea Skating Union
<b>ROU</b>	<b>Romania</b>	Romanian Skating Federation
<b>RUS</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Russian Skating Union (Speed) The Figure Skating Federation of Russia (Figure)

<b>SRB</b>	<b>Serbia</b>	Serbian Skating Association
<b>SIN</b>	<b>Singapore</b>	Singapore Ice Skating Association
<b>SVK</b>	<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Slovak Speed Skating Union (Speed) Slovak Figure Skating Association (Figure)
<b>SLO</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	Slovene Skating Union
<b>RSA</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	South African Speed Skating Association (Speed) South African Figure Skating Association (Figure)
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Spain</b>	Federacion Española de Deportes de Hielo
<b>SWE</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	Svenska Skridskoförbundet (Speed) Svenska Konstakningsförbundet (Figure) Stockholms Allmänna Skridskoklubb (Club Member)
<b>SUI</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	Schweizer Eislauf-Verband Internationaler Schlittschuh-Club Davos (Club Member)
<b>THA</b>	<b>Thailand</b>	Figure and Speed Skating Association of Thailand
<b>TUR</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	Turkish Ice Skating Federation
<b>UKR</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	Ukrainian Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
<b><u>UAE</u></b>	<b><u>United Arab Emirates</u></b>	<b><u>UAE Ice Sports Federation (Provisional Member Figure)</u></b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>USA</b>	US Speedskating (Speed) The United States Figure Skating Association (Figure)
<b>UZB</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Winter Sports Association of Uzbekistan

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		Susan Lynch	Australia
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	Appointed Coach:	David Paul Kirby	USA
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		Gilles Vandebroeck	France
		Alla Shekhovtsova	Russia
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	Appointed Coach:	<u>Maurizio Margaglio</u>	<u>Italy</u>
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		Karen Wolanchuk	USA
		Philippe Maitrot	France
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	Appointed Coach:	Cathy Dalton	Canada

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	Appointed Skater:	Jae-Seok Choi	Rep. of Korea
Appointed Coach:	Christian Breuer	Germany	
		Jildou Gemser	Netherlands
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		Ji-Hoon Chae	Rep. of Korea
		<u>Nathalie Lambert</u>	<u>Canada</u>
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Appointed Coach:	<u>TBA</u>		
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		Ruben Ambartsumov	Ukraine
		Hannu Koivu	Finland
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Viktor Gustaf Balck †	Sweden		1925
Emerich von Szent Györgyi †	Hungary		1933
Herbert J. Clarke †	Great Britain		1955
James Koch †	Switzerland		1967
Jacques Favart †	France		1982
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Hermann Schiechl	F.R.G.		1984
Georg Pettersson †	Sweden		1986
Jean Heckly†	France		1992
Josef Dedic †	Czech Republic		1994
Lawrence Demmy M.B.E.	Great Britain		1998
Gerhard Zimmerman	Germany		2010



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### Honorary Secretary:

Georg Häsler †	Switzerland	1975
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### Honorary Members:

		Year of election
Hans Pfeiffer †	Austria	1939
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Marcel Nicaise †	Belgium	1959
Friedrich Kachler †	Austria	1959
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Georg Krog †	Norway	1969
Ernest Labin †	Austria	1969
Harald Halvorsen †	Norway	1969
Ernest J. G. Matthews †	Great Britain	1977
Heinz Dragunsky †	G.D.R.	1980
Oskar Madl †	Austria	1980
George Blundun †	Canada	1980
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Herman J. van Laer †	Netherlands	1992
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John Hurdis †	Canada	1992
Charles A. De More †	USA	1994
Hans Kutschera†	Austria	1996
Jean Grenier	Canada	1996
Jürg Wilhelm †	Switzerland	1998
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Joyce Hisey	Canada	2002
Walburga Grimm	Germany	2002
John Hall †	Great Britain	2002
Maria Bialous-Zuchowicz	Poland	2006
Claire Ferguson	USA	2006
Monique Georgelin	France	2006
Myong-Hi Chang	Rep. of Korea	2010
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## Past Presidents

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Ulrich Salchow †	Sweden	1925–1937
Gerrit W.A. van Laer †	Netherlands	1937–1945
Herbert J. Clarke †	Great Britain	1945–1953
James Koch †	Switzerland	1953–1967
Ernest Labin †	Austria	1967
Jacques Favart †	France	1967–1980
Olaf Poulsen †	Norway	1980–1994

## Jacques Favart Trophy

established 1981

Year of award

Irina Rodnina	U.S.S.R.	1981
Eric Heiden	USA	1983
Jayne Torvill / Christopher Dean	Great Britain	1986
Scott Hamilton	USA	1987
Katarina Witt	G.D.R.	1988
Karin Kania	G.D.R.	1990
Natalia Bestemianova / Andrei Bukin	Russia	1992
Tomas Gustafson	Sweden	1993
Gaétan Boucher	Canada	1994
Bonnie Blair	USA	1998
Kurt Browing	Canada	1998
Johann Olav Koss	Norway	1998
Ludmila & Oleg Protopopov	Switzerland	1998

## Georg Häsler Medal

established 1985

Zoltán Balázs †	Hungary	1987
Willi Zipperlen †	Switzerland	1987
F. Ritter Shumway †	USA	1988
Herbert Kunze †	F.R.G.	1989
Assen Pavlov	Bulgaria	1989
W. Thayer Tutt †	USA	1989
Victor Blinov †	U.S.S.R.	1990
Andrea Ehrig	G.D.R.	1990
Radovan Lipovscaĉ †	Yugoslavia	1990
Courtney J. L. Jones O.B.E.	Great Britain	1991
Milan Duchon	Czechoslovakia	1992
Klaas Schipper	Canada	1992
Lysiane Lauret	France	1993
Anna Sinilkina †	Russia	1993
George Howie †	USA	1993
Pamela E.L. Davis, M.B.E. †	Great Britain	1994
Jurjen Osinga	Netherlands	1994
Ivan Mauer	Slovak Republic	1995
Florea Gamulea	Romania	1996
David E. Morgan †	Australia	1996
Beat Häsler	Switzerland	1998

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## **Georg Häslér Medal**

established 1985

Mitsuo Matsumoto	Japan	2000
Robert Moir	Canada	2002
Valentin Piseev	Russia	2002

## **ISU Gold Award of Merit**

established 2004

Lysiane Lauret	France	2006
Lucy Brennan	USA	2007
Susan Johnson	USA	2007
Joachim Franke	Germany	2008
Ann Shaw	Canada	2008