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1. ISU EVENTS

GENERAL

1.1 ISU Events are all competitions specifically designated by the ISU as "ISU Events". The sporting activity of the ISU is conducted principally through international competitions designated as "ISU Events".

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 hosting agreement (as applicable), or the Official ISU Trade Name and Trademark Guide.

1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, ISU Events are defined hereby to include all ISU Championships, the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Series (see 1.3 below), the ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix Series (for the Series see 1.3 below), the ISU Figure Skating World Team Trophy, the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition(s), 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".

1.3 In the season 2026/27 each ISU Series of International Competitions, organized as a linked Series (except the Challenger Series) now consisting of the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix (Senior and Junior) and the ISU Speed Skating World Cup (Senior and Junior), Short Track World Tour (Senior) and Short Track World Cup (Junior) are also defined as "ISU Events", however the domestic TV rights and marketing/advertising rights for the individual events, which are International Competitions, remain with the Hosting Member unless agreed upon otherwise through a specific agreement between the Hosting Member and the ISU.

From the season 2027/28 onwards each ISU Series [e.g. ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix, (Senior and Junior), the ISU Speed Skating World Cup (Senior and Junior), Short Track World Tour (Senior) and Short Track World Cup (Junior)] and each of its linked international competitions are ISU Events.

1.3.1 ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Series (Junior and Senior)

1.3.1.1 Season 2026/27

The special regulations for participation in the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix (Junior) Series (such as, but not limited to the skating requirements, the point system and the prize money) and its International Competitions shall be established by the Council. These special regulations shall be distributed to ISU Members at least three months before the first scheduled Series competition of the season to which they apply.

The special regulations for participation in the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix (Senior) Series (such as, but not limited to the skating requirements, the point system and the prize money) and its International Competitions shall be established by the Council in consultation with the hosting ISU Members.

1.3.1.2 Season 2027/2028 onwards

The special regulations for participation in the Junior and Senior ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Series (such as but not limited to the competition format, skating requirements, the point system and the prize money) shall be established by the Council. These special regulations shall be distributed to ISU Members at least three months before the first scheduled Series competition of the season to which they apply.

1.3.2 ISU Short Track World Tour and ISU Short Track Junior World Cup.

All details shall be set out in sport specific regulations issued before July 1 of each season.

1.3.3 ISU Speed Skating World Cup and ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup.

All details shall be set out in sport specific regulations issued before July 1 of each season.

1.3.4 ISU Figure Skating World Team Trophy

The ISU Figure Skating World Team Trophy brings together national teams from ISU Members to compete against one another. All details shall be set out in competition specific regulations issued at least 9 months before each competition.

1.4 ISU REPRESENTATIVE

1.4.1 The ISU Representative is appointed by the Council for ISU Championships and any other ISU Event for which it considers to be appropriate. The ISU Representative is the highest ISU Official at an ISU Event.

1.4.2 The ISU Representative represents the ISU at the given Event, performs all functions specified in the ISU Regulations and decides all matters relating to the organization and conduct of the Event which are not specifically within the jurisdiction of another Official.

2. OLYMPIC GAMES

2.1 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES (OWG) AND WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG)

2.1.1 The OWG and YOG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but are administered by the ISU like International Competitions.

2.1.2 The IOC establishes and approves the program and applicable conditions (IOC Qualification System Principles, ISU Officials categories, responsibility for expenses etc.) for the OWG and YOG in compliance with the Olympic Charter and in consultation with the Council.

2.1.3 The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU Sports at the OWG and YOG under the patronage of the IOC.

2.2 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR OWG AND YOG

2.2.1 Applicable Rules

The skating competitions in the OWG and YOG are subject to the provisions of the Olympic Charter, its Bylaws, the IOC Qualification System Principles (IOC provisions) and ISU Regulations and Rules as far as reasonable and feasible. In case of conflict between the IOC provisions and the ISU Regulations and/or Rules, the IOC provisions shall prevail.

2.2.2 Entries

Entries for the skating competitions at the OWG shall be made pursuant to the requirements set out in the applicable ISU Sports Rules of the relevant ISU sports discipline.

2.2.3 Participation

Unless otherwise required by the IOC, only Competitors of ISU Members are eligible to participate in the Skating competitions of the OWG and YOG.

2.2.4 ISU Technical Delegates

The ISU Delegates for the OWG and YOG are appointed by the President as the highest operational ISU authority with all rights and responsibilities specified by the ISU and in the applicable Olympic Charter relating to ISU participation in the OWG. The ISU Delegates' expenses for travel, room and meals shall be paid in accordance with IOC Rules.

2.2.5 ISU Officials

All ISU Officials required by the ISU Rules for administration of the OWG and YOG are appointed by the Council. All ISU Officials acting in the OWG must be designated "ISU". A Judge may not serve in more than two disciplines at the same edition of the OWG or YOG.

2.3 EXPENSES AT OWG

2.3.1 Expenses Covered and Paid by ISU

For the skating competitions of the OWG, the ISU will pay the travel, room and meal expenses of the following (in each case, to the extent not covered by the IOC):

2.3.1.1 The President, the Vice Presidents, the members of the Council, the members of Technical Committees of disciplines on the OWG Program, the Director General and ISU staff or contractors deemed necessary by the Director General; and

2.3.1.2 The ISU Officials appointed by the Council.

2.3.2 Expenses Covered and Paid by the Organizing Committee

The expenses of all other officials required by the ISU shall be the responsibility of IOC and payable in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IOC.

3. International Competitions

3.1 DEFINITION AND TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

3.1.1 An International Competition is a competition which fulfils all of the following criteria:

3.1.1.1 The hosting ISU Member invites at least two other ISU Members to participate.

3.1.1.2 The entry of Competitors is made solely through the participating ISU Members.

3.1.1.3 Competitors from at least two ISU Members participate.

3.1.1.4 The competition is conducted in accordance with ISU Regulations and Rules.

3.1.2 Figure Skating Challenger Series (Senior)
The Figure Skating Challenger Series serves as the preparation of Skaters for qualifying and competing in ISU Championships. The objective is to ensure the proper and consistent organization of International Competitions linked together within the Challenger Series. All details shall be set out in sport specific regulations issued before July 1 of each season.

3.1.3 ISU Synchronized Skating Challenger Series (Junior and Senior)
The ISU Synchronized Skating Challenger Series serve as the preparation of Teams for qualifying and competing in ISU Championships. All details shall be set out in sport specific regulations issued before July 1 of each season.

3.1.4 Joint national championships organized by two or more ISU Members are classified as National Competitions rather than International Competitions, provided they are officially announced as Joint National Championships and separate results are issued for each participating ISU Member. Except for such Joint National Championships, any competition (co-) organized by any ISU Member in which at least two Skaters from Non-Hosting Members participate is considered an International Competition.

3.1.5 International Competitions (Senior, Junior, Novice) can either be open to all ISU Members (Provisional and Full Members), limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way. Details and Guidelines must be set out in the corresponding Communication.

3.1.6 International Masters and other competitions for special groups of Skaters may be conducted in cooperation with the ISU as decided by the Council.

3.1.7 An Open (Third Party) International Competition is an International Competition that meets one or more of the following criteria:

3.1.7.1 it is organized by a third party, or co-organized by a third party together with an ISU Member;

3.1.7.2 it allows both eligible and ineligible persons (as defined in Article 7.2.3 below) may compete together; and/or

3.1.7.3 it includes any novel competition format.

The competition must be sanctioned by the ISU, whereby the following provisions must be observed:

3.1.7.4 the entry of eligible Skaters may only be made under the authority of the respective ISU Member to which the participating Skater belongs. In countries where no ISU Member exists, or where no ISU Member exists for the respective Branch, entries shall be made under the authority of the ISU. In such cases, approval by the respective ISU Member or by the ISU shall not be unreasonably withheld or denied.

3.1.7.5 the competition must be conducted in accordance with ISU Regulations and Rules, subject to any novelties approved by the Council. Such approved novelties shall exempt the competition from the otherwise applicable ISU Regulations and Rules.

For further details see ISU Communication 2171 or any subsequent updates that may apply.

3.2 COMPLIANCE WITH ISU REGULATIONS AND NOVEL FORMATS AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

3.2.2 Modifications of a technical nature and new methods/systems with respect to the Sports Rules (hereafter referred to as 'novel format') may be implemented and approved by the Council in consultation with the relevant Technical Committee on a trial basis in International Competitions or Open International Competitions, but not in ISU Championships. Applications by ISU Members for competitions which include a novel format shall be submitted to the ISU Office in line with the procedure outlined in Communication 2171 or any subsequent update.

3.2.3 The details of the novel format as approved by the Council shall be included in the Announcement of the concerned competition. The hosting ISU Member of a competition including a novel format shall submit a report to the relevant Technical Committee within two weeks after the conclusion of the competition.

3.3 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PLANNED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS BY ISU MEMBERS TO THE ISU OFFICE

3.3.1 Each ISU Member must announce to the ISU Office by April 1 any International Competitions it intends to organize in the following season. In the event of conflicting dates, the ISU Office shall immediately inform the ISU Members concerned to coordinate the dates between them. The ISU Members must inform the ISU of the arrangements made by April 15.

3.3.2 The ISU Office shall publish those competitions communicated to it by a Member in a Communication by May 1.

3.3.3 Any ISU Member wishing to organize an International Figure Skating Competition that is not listed in the annual ISU Communications must first submit the official competition announcement to the ISU Office for review. The competition will only be officially recognized as an International Competition once the ISU Office has granted its approval.

3.4 ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TO ISU MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

3.4.1 The announcement of an International Competition must be published in English on the ISU international competition calendar, with the hosting ISU Member bearing full responsibility for the accuracy of its contents and for ensuring timely publication. For the Speed Skating Branch, the announcement must be published no later than four weeks before the first day of the competition, and for the Figure Skating Branch, no later than eight weeks before the first day of the competition. In addition, a copy of the announcement must be submitted to the ISU Office at least one week prior to the planned publication date.

3.4.2 Contents of Announcements of International Competitions

3.4.2.1 General Items

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 nature and, if monetary, the amount of the prizes.

f) Entry fees (if any).

3.4.2.2 Supplementary Items for Speed Skating

In addition, announcements for Speed Skating competitions must include:

a) A statement regarding the type of race; and

b) A statement regarding the track and padding system.

3.4.2.3 Supplementary Items for Short Track

In addition, announcements for International Competitions in Short Track must include all of the following requirements:

a) A statement regarding the track, the ice surface and the type of barrier padding surrounding the ice;

b) The maximum number of Skaters (if applicable);

c) A statement regarding the type of race;

d) The official draw procedure (if applicable); and

e) Progression system all the way to the final.

3.4.2.4 Supplementary Items for Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating

In addition, announcements for Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Competitions must include:

a) The size (length and width) of the ice surface for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, and Synchronized Skating. For Synchronized Skating, a diagram of the rink must also be provided, indicating the location of the Judges' platform as well as the entrance and exit to the ice;

b) The technical details of the Pattern Dance, Short Program, Rhythm Dance, Free Skating, Free Dance including the duration and special conditions;

c) The means of music production and the format, means and timetable in which the music and back-up music shall be uploaded to the relevant platform. Acceptable music formats are CD, MP3, AAC, WAV and WMA;

d) The scheduled date and time of the first Judges meeting and Round Table Discussion;

e) The multiplying factors for the Program Components;

f) Age requirements as per Article 9 below;

g) Eligibility requirements, citizenship and clearance certificates as per Articles 7.2 and 8 below;

h) Official hotels (if applicable);

i) Address and contact persons of the Organizing Committee;

j) The maximum number of Skaters per Pair and Couple (to the extent reasonable).

3.4.2.5 Supplementary Conditions

The hosting ISU Member or affiliated club may include supplementary conditions in the announcement, as long as these do not conflict with the ISU Regulations and/or Rules.

3.4.3 Late or Improper Announcements of International Competitions

If the announcement is issued late or contains conditions contrary to ISU Regulations and /or Rules, the Vice President of the corresponding Branch may prohibit Skaters of ISU Members from participating in the competitions concerned and will issue a warning to the hosting ISU Member reminding them of their obligations. If two warnings are issued consecutively, then the ISU Member may be suspended by the Council from hosting an International Competition for a maximum of the ensuing two years.

3.4.4 Postponement of Date or Withdrawal of Competition

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

3.4.4.2 When possible, ISU 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.

3.4.4.3 If a hosting ISU Member or affiliated club withdraws its announcement, it must communicate its reasons to the Director General of the ISU within 8 days.

3.4.4.4 Notification of a postponement or withdrawal must be made on the ISU digital channel(s) under the responsibility of the hosting ISU Member which must inform the ISU Office as soon as possible.

4. Interclub Competitions

4.1 Interclub Competitions are competitions organized by a club affiliated with an ISU Member, but not by the ISU Member itself, in which Skaters from at least one club of at least one other ISU Member participate.

4.2 Interclub Competitions are subject to the respective rules and conditions of the participating ISU Members only, subject to the following provisions:

4.2.1 Interclub Competitions must be conducted under the exclusive authority of the organizing club and their significance must be limited to the club sphere. The results of Interclub Competitions shall not serve as qualifying criteria and/or for obtaining Minimum Total Elements Scores, World Standing/Ranking Points and/or qualifying times for participation in ISU Events, the OWG and the YOG.

4.2.2 Interclub Competitions may also be organized for Skaters who cannot compete in International Competitions (e.g. masters, adults, cubs, chicks etc.).

4.2.3 However, if an Interclub Competition includes competitions for Seniors, Juniors and/or Novices as defined in Article 9 below and in the respective Sports Rules, the respective competition(s) must be conducted in accordance with all applicable ISU Regulations and Rules. The ISU Member of the organizing club is responsible for compliance by the organizing club.

4.2.4 The organizing club must take all necessary measures in order to assure that the Interclub Competition is clearly distinguished from ISU Events and International Competitions. This includes, but is not limited to, the following restrictions:

4.2.4.1 The announcement must unequivocally designate the respective club as organizer of the competition, and not its ISU Member.

4.2.4.2 All competition materials, in particular entry lists, starting orders and results protocols shall state the club of the participating Skaters; the abbreviation of the ISU Member may be stated in parentheses after the name of the club.

4.2.4.3 In case of TV coverage, the requirements communicated by the ISU must be observed.

5. National Competitions

All competitions other than those set out in Articles 1 - 4 above are deemed to be National Competitions and are conducted under the rules of an ISU Member.

6. Bidding, Allotment and Announcement of ISU Events

6.1 ALLOTMENT OF ISU EVENTS

The allotment of ISU Events in Figure Skating and Speed Skating shall be made by the Council based on submitted bids. The details for bidding and allotment are set out in the ISU Bidding Regulations.

7. Basics of Competitions

7.1 VALIDITY OF EVENTS

A competition shall be deemed to have taken place if at least three Competitors (or three Teams for Synchronized Skating) have entered and two have appeared at the start.

7.2 ELIGIBILITY STATUS

7.2.1 The eligibility rules of the ISU are based upon the following considerations:

The condition of eligibility is necessary to achieve the following objectives of the ISU:

7.2.1.1 protection of the ethical values of skating,

7.2.1.2 preservation of integrity,

7.2.1.3 safeguarding of health and safety,

7.2.1.4 proper functioning of skating and international skating competitions.

These objectives are achieved by the following means:

7.2.1.5 guaranteeing uniform rules for skating (subject to any novelties approved by the Council) to ensure that international skating competitions receive worldwide recognition and are regulated in a fair manner that accords with sporting principles;

7.2.1.6 enforcement of the ethical values of skating and the ISU Code of Ethics which, in particular:

a) protect skating from sports betting activities and other conduct giving rise to a risk of manipulation of international skating competitions;

b) prevent harassment and abuse of Skaters;

c) protect and ensure the integrity of ISU Officials and competitions on the ISU Calendar;

d) prohibit corrupt and unethical activities and conduct with respect to the ISU; and

e) prevent conflicts of interest.

7.2.1.7 enforcement of Anti-Doping rules and specific rules that protect the health and safety of the Skaters;

7.2.1.8 organization of the International Skating Calendar during the competitive season (i.e. July 1 – June 30) to prevent or limit clashes between competitions so that Skaters, ISU Officials and athlete support personnel, as well as spectators can participate in as many skating events as possible; and

7.2.1.9 support for the voluntary structures of skating and the development of skating at all levels through the implementation of development and solidarity programs.

As the ISU can only properly safeguard and enforce these objectives at competitions it has officially sanctioned, it is essential that eligibility is limited to individuals who choose to participate exclusively in international competitions which are:

7.2.1.10 sanctioned by the ISU, if the type of competition falls under the jurisdiction of the ISU based on Article 1.1 of the ISU Constitution;

7.2.1.11 conducted by ISU recognized and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, Judges, Starters, Competition Coordinators and other Officials approved by the ISU; and

7.2.1.12 conducted under ISU Regulations and Rules (subject to any novel formats approved by the Council thus exempting them from the otherwise applicable ISU Regulation/Rule).

7.2.2 Limitation of Scope of ISU Eligibility Rules

7.2.2.1 Participation of Skaters and Officials in national competitions and in non-competitive events (e.g. appearances, endorsements, exhibitions (other than at ISU-recognised events), shows and other events with a recreational or show-type character) shall be subject solely to the rules and conditions of their respective ISU Members. Such rules and conditions are not part of the ISU eligibility rules under this Article 7.

7.2.2.2 ISU Members shall also monitor their Skaters to ensure that they do not participate in competitions that would render them ineligible.

7.2.3 Definition of Ineligible Person

A person shall become ineligible to participate in ISU activities and competitions if they skate or officiate in an international competition not sanctioned by the ISU in any of the ISU sport disciplines, or otherwise violate this Article 7, provided that ineligibility is imposed by the Council in accordance with this Article.

7.2.4 Participation of Eligible Persons

7.2.4.1 Only eligible persons, including Skaters, are permitted to take part in ISU Events, the ISU Congress, the OWG, the YOG and International Competitions unless another Regulation explicitly provides otherwise.

7.2.4.2 Eligible persons may participate in exhibitions and shows (including other events of a recreational and/or show-type character) that may include ineligible Skaters, provided such participation is in accordance with the conditions established by the ISU Member of the participating Skater.

7.2.4.3 Eligible persons may also take part in ISU-approved Open International Competitions that include invited ineligible Skaters, as authorized by the Council.

7.2.4.4 Further, eligible persons may participate in competitions which are open for a specific, clearly defined group of participants only such as e.g. Adult or Impaired Skaters, upon prior written approval of the respective competitions by the Council.

7.2.4.5 ISU Members shall have the obligation to inform the ISU immediately in case a Skater or Official who has taken part in international sporting activities as an eligible person engages in activities which could render them ineligible.

7.2.5 Loss of Eligibility

7.2.5.1 The consequence of a breach of the eligibility rules may be the loss of eligibility. The status of a person disqualified or suspended under other applicable rules does not affect that person's eligibility status except where under the terms of the applicable disciplinary sanction, such status limits the right of the person to participate in ISU Events and activities and International Competitions.

7.2.5.2 The Council may rule upon an alleged breach of the eligibility rules, whether or not any protest has been made against an individual's eligibility status in Skating.

7.2.5.3 The ruling is made by the Council having regard to the written and/or oral evidence submitted pursuant to the following procedure:

a) The ISU shall send a notice in writing to the affected individual of the allegations and reasons why the ISU considers there to have been a breach of the eligibility rules, having regard in particular to the legitimate objectives protected by those rules.

b) The affected individual shall have the right to respond in writing to the notice within one month of confirmation of receipt by the person concerned (extendable upon reasoned request by one month).

c) If the ISU considers there to be sufficient grounds to maintain its allegations, it shall reply to the Response within one month.

d) The person concerned shall have the right to submit a rejoinder to the Reply in writing within one month. The person concerned may also request an oral hearing.

e) The oral hearing shall be held before the Council or by the ISU President and Director General acting on the Council's delegation.

7.2.5.4 In cases that the Council considers give rise to serious concerns for the objectives protected by the eligibility rules, the Council has the right to impose interim measures of ineligibility when submitting a Notice to the person concerned. Any such decision shall be immediately reviewable by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with its expedited procedures.

7.2.5.5 A breach of the eligibility rules is subject to sanctions imposed by the Council which may issue a warning or impose ineligibility for a determined period of time. The Council shall determine the applicable sanction in accordance with the principle of proportionality and in consideration of all relevant circumstances of each individual case, especially the degree of fault of the offender, their previous record and the seriousness of the violation with regard to the objectives of the ISU eligibility rules. In its determination of the sanction, the Council shall also take into account the features and purpose of the non-sanctioned event (if applicable).

7.2.5.6 Within this framework, the Council shall, depending on the severity of the violation and considering the legitimate interests of the persons concerned:

a) As to a Skater

(1) issue a "no fault" finding for a first-time breach where the Skater participated in an event that would clearly have been sanctioned by the ISU but for administrative error by the organizer of the unsanctioned event;

(2) impose a warning for a first-time breach where the Skater was reasonably aware that the event was not sanctioned (and there is no suggestion of an administrative error by the organizer) but has demonstrated that the event otherwise adhered to the objectives of the ISU protected by the eligibility rules;

(3) impose a warning or period of ineligibility for up to one year for a first-time participation at a non-sanctioned event where clearly the event would not have been sanctioned;

(4) impose a warning or period of ineligibility for up to two years for any further participation at a non-sanctioned event, where the event would clearly not have been sanctioned.

b) As to an Official

(1) impose a warning in case of a minor violation, which includes first-time participation in a non-sanctioned event which would otherwise have been sanctioned;

(2) impose a period of ineligibility for up to one year for a first-time participation at a non-sanctioned event where the event would clearly not have been sanctioned;

(3) impose a period of ineligibility for up to two years for any further participation at a non-sanctioned event which would otherwise have been sanctioned;

(4) impose a period of ineligibility for up to two years for a second-time participation at a non-sanctioned event where clearly the event would not have been sanctioned;

(5) impose a period of ineligibility for up to fifteen years for any further participation at a non-sanctioned event where the event would clearly not have been sanctioned.

7.2.6 Duration of Ineligibility Status

An Official who is or has been ineligible, in accordance with the provisions of this Article 7, may thereafter not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Judge, TPAG or OEC member, Starter or Competition Coordinator in ISU Championships, the OWG, the YOG or International Competitions, or a member of the Council, a Technical Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress, unless they have been reinstated as an eligible person by the Council.

7.3 REINSTATEMENT AS AN ELIGIBLE PERSON

A person who is or has been ineligible may apply for reinstatement once they have served half of the determined period of ineligibility.

7.3.1 Requests for Reinstatement

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

7.3.1.1 By the relevant person or by an ISU Member on behalf of the relevant person (such request not to be unreasonably withheld).

7.3.1.2 Only once for the same person per sanction.

7.3.1.3 Only by submitting a completed official ISU form provided by the ISU, including all pertinent information.

7.3.2 Decisions on Reinstatement Requests

The 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.

8. Residence & Citizenship

8.1 ENTRY THROUGH ISU MEMBER

ISU Events and International Competitions may be entered only by Competitors who are members of an ISU Member and entries may be submitted solely through that ISU Member.

For participation in OWG and YOG, Article 2.2.2 above, as well as the provisions of the Olympic Charter and its By-Laws, shall apply.

8.2 BASIC REQUIREMENTS

8.2.1 A Skater may compete only as a member of the ISU Member of a country of which they are a citizen or in which they have resided for at least one year. Citizenship shall be evidenced by an official certificate of citizenship issued by the competent national authority. Residence for one year means and shall be evidenced by documentation demonstrating to the ISU's satisfaction (acting reasonably) that the individual has maintained continuous stay in the country of residence for a minimum of 180 days within the past calendar year. Proof of residence shall be reconfirmed annually through the submission of appropriate documentation by the ISU Member.

8.2.2 In Pair Skating and Ice Dance one partner must be a citizen of the country of the represented ISU Member. Article 8.2.1 shall not apply to the other partner, on whom no citizenship or residency requirement is imposed. Articles 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 are standalone provisions and shall not be read in conjunction with one another.

8.2.3 A Skater who has competed in any ISU Event and/or International Competition for any ISU Member and who intends to compete in the future for another ISU Member needs formal permission from the last ISU Member they previously represented, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld.

In addition, such Skater may compete for the respective ISU Member in International Competitions and ISU Events only after a waiting period of twelve months has elapsed since the Skater last competed for any other ISU Member in any such competition.

8.2.4 Synchronized Skating Teams

8.2.4.1 Synchro12-16

The number of Skaters as per the table below may be members or affiliates of an ISU Member different from the one the Team is competing for, provided they have a respective permit from the ISU Member they belong to. To such Skaters, the citizenship/residency requirements specified in Article 8.2.1 and the waiting period according to Article 8.2.3 above do not apply.

Synchro12-16	Number of non-citizens allowed
Teams of 12 to 14	3
Teams of 15 or 16	4

8.2.4.2 Synchro 9

All Skaters and the Alternate must be citizens of the ISU Member entering the team.

8.3 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

Skaters competing for the ISU Member of a country whose citizenship they do not hold (except for members of Synchronized Skating Teams pursuant to Article 8.2.4 above), as well as Skaters who have previously competed in any ISU Event and/or International Competition and intend to compete in the future for another ISU Member, may do so only after obtaining a Clearance Certificate (CC) from the ISU Office, through the ISU Member for which they intend to compete. For further details, refer to ISU Communication No. 2526 and any subsequent updates.

8.4 SEASON RESTRICTION

8.4.1 In the course of the same season (July 1 – June 30) a Skater may skate for only one ISU Member in all ISU Events and International Competitions. This also applies to Skaters who compete in several ISU sport disciplines.

8.4.2 This provision also applies with respect to members of Synchronized Skating Teams under Article 8.2.4 above.

8.5 WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS

If special circumstances so warrant the Council may waive the requirements of Article 8.

In exceptional cases (such as, in the case of a refugee, stateless or neutral athlete), the Council itself may enter a Competitor for a specific event. A Competitor entered by the ISU does not count towards the quota of the country of their citizenship or residence.

8.6 RIGHT TO REJECTION OF CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

The Council may reject an application from an ISU Member for a Clearance Certificate for any Skater, even if all formalities and requirements under these Regulations have been met, if the Council determines that granting such application would be detrimental to the development of the sport.

8.7 PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

The procedure and criteria to obtain a Clearance Certificate are set out in a Communication 2526 and any subsequent update.

8.8 TRANSFER OF ISU OFFICIALS

The above provisions shall apply with the relevant adjustments to the transfer of ISU Officials, except that the deadline to submit a Clearance Certificate to the ISU Office for ISU Officials in respect of an upcoming season shall be April 15 of the preceding season.

9. Age Criteria

9.1 CATEGORIES OF SKATERS BY AGE AND AGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIONS

9.1.1 The word Senior is used in these Regulations and in the ISU Rules to describe certain ISU competitions that have a minimum age entry requirement of seventeen years, determined in each instance by the birthday of the Skater that occurs before the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition.

9.1.2 Senior shall not be used in the title of any ISU Event.

9.2 AGE LIMITS FOR SPEED SKATING AND SHORT TRACK

9.2.1 In senior category ISU Events and the OWG, only Skaters who have reached at least the age of seventeen before July 1 of the calendar year preceding the Events shall be eligible to compete.

9.2.2 A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of nineteen before July 1 of the calendar year preceding the Event.

9.2.3 In International Competitions the following age classifications shall apply for the Junior age category:

Classification	Age before July 1 of the calendar year preceding the Competition:
U-19	17 and 18
U-17	15 and 16
U-15	13 and 14
U-13	11 and 12

9.2.4 For World Junior Championships, only Junior Skaters may compete who have reached the age of fifteen before July 1 preceding the Championships.

9.3 AGE LIMITS FOR SINGLE & PAIR SKATING / ICE DANCE

9.3.1 In ISU Events (Senior), International Competitions (Senior) and the OWG, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of seventeen before July 1 of the calendar year preceding the Events.

9.3.2 In ISU Events (Junior) and International Competitions (Junior) a Junior is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 of the calendar year preceding the Event:

Discipline	Category	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Additional Rule
Singles	Women/Men	13 years	has not reached 19 years	-
Pair Skating	Women	13 years	has not reached 21 years	Max. age gap between partners: 7 years
	Men	13 years	has not reached 23 years	
Ice Dance	Women	13 years	has not reached 21 years	Max. age gap between partners: 7 years
	Men	13 years	has not reached 21 years	

9.3.3 In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:

Level	Discipline	Category	Age Requirements
Basic Novice	All disciplines	Any	has not reached 14 years
Intermediate Novice	All disciplines	Any	has not reached 16 years
Advanced Novice	Singles	Any	has reached 10 years and has not reached 16 years
	Pair Skating / Ice Dance	Girls	has reached 10 years and has not reached 16 years
	Pair Skating / Ice Dance	Boys	has reached 10 years and has not reached 18 years

9.4 AGE LIMITS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

9.4.1 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 seventeen before July 1 preceding the Championships or Competition.

9.4.2 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, but not have reached the age of nineteen before July 1 preceding the competition.

9.4.3 In International Novice Competitions a Novice team comprises Skaters who have met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:

9.4.3.1 have reached at least the age of ten;

9.4.3.2 have not reached the age of sixteen.

9.5 PENALTIES

Each ISU Member must ensure that Skaters entered for Senior and Junior International Competitions, ISU Events, YOG and OWG fulfil the requirements of the Regulations. In case of violation, the ISU Member concerned may lose the right to send Skaters the following season to all Senior and Junior (as the case may be) ISU Events and International Competitions.

10. Participation and Entries

10.1 PARTICIPATION

10.1.1 Priority Participation at ISU Events

10.1.1.1 If a Skater:

10.1.1.1.1 finishes in the top ten at an ISU Championship;

10.1.1.1.2 is selected by their ISU Member to compete or perform the next season; and

10.1.1.1.3 continues competing or performing the next season;

their ISU Member must ensure that ISU Events covered by ISU television and commercial contracts are prioritised over any private events (if such private events would conflict with one of these priority Events).

10.1.1.2 ISU Members that fail to comply with this obligation, and Skaters who refuse to participate in such ISU Events without medical or other justified reasons, shall be subject to sanctions under the applicable rules.

10.1.2 ISU Championships Participation

10.1.2.1 ISU World Championships

Participation in World Championships is open to Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (for exceptions see Article 8.5 above) and fulfil the minimum Technical Requirements as stated in the respective Sports Rules.

10.1.2.2 European Championships

In European Championships the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who belong to an ISU Member of a European country as defined by the Council of Europe and fulfil the minimum Technical Requirements as stated in the respective Sports Rules.

10.1.2.3 Four Continents Championships

In Four Continents Championships, the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who belong to a non-European ISU 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 Articles 8.5 and 8.6 above) and fulfil the minimum Technical Requirements as stated in the respective Sports Rules.

10.2 ENTRIES

10.2.1 General Conditions

Entries must be submitted by the ISU Member or affiliated club concerned (for exceptions see Articles 8.5 and 8.6 above). Entries shall be forwarded electronically to the designated body or person, within the time limit (closing date) specified in the rules and/or in the Announcement for the competition.

The Host shall immediately confirm receipt of Entries electronically or in writing to the ISU Member.

For all ISU Events, Entries must be submitted electronically through the online entries and accreditation portal and must include:

10.2.1.1 The title of the competition.

10.2.1.2 The name of the ISU Member or affiliated club making the entry.

10.2.1.3 The given name (first) and surname of the Competitor.

10.2.1.4 Date of birth of each Competitor.

10.2.1.5 For Synchronized Skating, the name of the team and list of Skaters, including alternates (given names, surnames, citizenship and birthdates) in alphabetical order, with the team captain identified by a C.

10.2.1.6 A certificate of the Competitor eligibility status from the ISU Member or affiliated club making the entry.

10.2.1.7 In Single Skating, Pair Skating and Ice Dance, Competitor(s) may be men, women, Pair Skating couples and Ice Dance couples.

10.2.2 Entries Basics

10.2.2.1 Each Competitor, Official, and ISU Member shall sign a Declaration form confirming familiarity with, and acceptance of, the ISU Regulations governing participation in ISU Events, International Competitions and activities of the ISU. Such Declaration forms serve as explicit reminders of certain comprehensive provisions of the ISU Regulations and other official rules applicable to, and binding upon, all participants in ISU competitions and activities. In the case of Competitors who are below the legal age of consent, the Declaration must be co-signed by at least one parent or legal guardian.

10.2.2.2 The Declaration form must be uploaded to the ISU Office entries system annually latest two weeks prior to the Competitor's or Official's first competition of the season.

10.2.2.3 The Declaration forms applicable to each ISU Event, International Competition, OWG and YOG shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following requirements:

a) All Competitors, ISU Officials and ISU Members shall acknowledge acceptance:

(1) of the applicability of the Constitution, which establishes an ISU Disciplinary Commission 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 ISU Members and all participants in ISU activities, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts against appeals;

(2) of inclusion of the ISU-recognised event in the television and other media arrangements entered into by the ISU, and that the Competitor's performance(s) and all activity related to the ISU-recognised 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 the promotion of ISU Sports.

(3) that for Figure Skating ISU-recognised events, the rights in the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitor for their performance have been fully cleared and acquired on a transferable basis from the individual rights owners for public use.

(4) In respect of information about Personal Data that they declare and agree:

i. that personal data shall be collected by the ISU and may be stored and used by the ISU, and, where necessary, by third parties, solely for the purposes of facilitating participation in, promoting and/or organizing, competitions and for furthering the objectives of the ISU. Such use shall be limited to what is strictly necessary for these purposes. Personal data may include, but is not limited to: full legal name (as stated in national identity documents), date of birth, nationality, gender, photographs, images and audiovisual recordings;

ii. that the ISU shares with ITA and the concerned National Anti-Doping Organization all relevant Competitor personal data for the Athlete Biological Passport according to the WADA Operating Guidelines;

iii. 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;

iv. 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; and

v. 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 ISU-recognised events as well as to the recording, broadcast, transmission, reproduction, and distribution of such data, images, and related materials through any media channels (including television, radio, digital platforms, and social media) for the purpose of promoting ISU-recognised events and furthering the objectives of the ISU.

b) All Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Competitors and their ISU Members shall:

(1) certify and warrant that the Competitor holds a valid remix/adaptation licence authorizing the editing and adaptation of the chosen music track and the creation of choreography to it;

(2) declare that they understand and will comply with Article 13.2.1 below regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during events, including, but not limited to, prize-giving ceremonies, and recognize that sanctions as outlined in ISU Communication 2508 or any subsequent update, will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.

c) All Speed Skating and Short Track Competitors and their ISU Members shall:

(1) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU Communication 2508 or any subsequent update and recognize that sanctions will result from non-compliance with ISU requirements;

(2) declare that they understand and will comply with Article 13.2.2 below regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during events, including, but not limited to, award ceremonies.

10.2.3 ISU Championships Entries

Entries for ISU Championships are subject to the restrictions set out in the applicable Competition and Event Regulations and Sports Rules of the relevant sports discipline.

10.2.4 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 must be announced at the latest at the time of registration.

10.2.5 Nicknames

“Nicknames” or “preferred names” are permitted but must be accompanied by the given name (first) and surname of the Competitor. A preferred name may be different from the passport name and its usage must be based on the same terms/conditions as applied by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

10.2.6 Post Entries

10.2.6.1 All entries received after 20:00 (8:00 p.m.) local time at the site of the ISU-recognised competition on the official closing date for entries shall be considered post-entries and shall not be accepted unless otherwise decided by the President.

10.2.6.2 Post entries may be accepted only up to the time when the starting order is drawn.

10.2.6.3 This provision for post entries also applies to the nomination of Judges.

10.2.7 Detailed Information

For more details in respect of entries for Championships see the applicable Sports Rules.

10.2.8 Entrance Fees

There are no entrance fees for ISU Championships in Figure Skating and Speed Skating.

There may be entrance fees for International Competitions. In Synchronized Skating, these fees shall be a single fee charged per team. Fees per Skater are not permitted.

11. Expenses

11.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ISU EVENTS

Where a specific agreement exists between the ISU and the hosting ISU Member or its affiliated club, the terms of that agreement shall take precedence over the provisions of this Article 11.

The provisions below apply solely to travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses and will be applied for ISU Championship events from season 2027/28 onwards and only where there is no hosting agreement or Memorandum in place between the ISU and a hosting ISU Member concerning the relevant ISU Championship event. In relation to other ISU Events, the agreement negotiated between the ISU and the hosting ISU Member will determine the applicable expenses.

All expenses, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, and subsistence, shall be consolidated into a single ISU Event Budget administered under ISU oversight. The hosting ISU Member or its affiliated club shall not be directly responsible for paying such costs. Instead, the hosting ISU Member must submit proposals for hotels, room allocations, rates, and related arrangements to the ISU for prior approval. Once approved, such expenses will be incorporated into the Final Event Budget.

11.1.1 Expenses covered under the Event Budget

The Event Budget shall cover:

11.1.1.1 Travel expenses of the ISU President, Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), ISU Representative, Director General, applicable Technical Committee Member, required ISU staff members, and ISU Medical Advisor.

11.1.1.2 Travel expenses of ISU Officials assigned by the ISU (Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competition Coordinators, Judges), and TPAG and OEC members assigned by the ISU.

11.1.1.3 Room and meals for all ISU Officials, TPAG and OEC members listed above, Council members, and Technical Committee members (except those already covered in official roles).

11.1.1.4 Room and meals for Competitors and for one Team Leader per ISU Member in ISU Events (see relevant Memorandum or hosting agreement for details). For Synchronized Skating, these costs remain the responsibility of the participating ISU Members.

11.1.1.5 Room and meals for exhibitors and invited individuals in Figure Skating exhibitions, where applicable.

11.1.2 Duration of coverage

11.1.2.1 Speed Skating and Short Track:

a) Skaters: coverage begins with lunch on the day before the event in which the Skater competes and ends with lunch on the day after the competition, provided departure is in the afternoon.

b) Team Leaders: coverage begins with lunch on the day of team leader's meeting and ends with lunch on the day after the competition, provided departure is in the afternoon. Lunch on the day before the event in which the Skater competes and ends with lunch on the day after the competition, provided departure is in the afternoon.

c) Office Holders and ISU Officials: coverage shall be set out in the relevant Memorandum or Hosting Agreement (as applicable).

11.1.2.2 Figure Skating (Single & Pair, Ice Dance – Junior and Senior):

a) Office Holders: lunch on the day of the first draw until lunch the day after the last prize giving/banquet/exhibition.

b) Referees, Data & Replay Operators, Judges, TPAG and OEC members: dinner on the day before the first officials' meeting until lunch the day after the last prize giving/banquet/exhibition.

c) Technical Controllers and Specialists: dinner on the day before the first official practice until lunch the day after the last prize giving/banquet/exhibition.

d) Competitors: dinner on the day before first official practice until the later of: (i) lunch the day after their last segment (Qualifying Round or Championship Round (as applicable); and (ii) for those participating at the Exhibition, breakfast the day after the Exhibition.

e) Team Leaders: dinner on the day before first official practice until the later of: (i) lunch the day after their Competitors' last segment; and (ii) for those attending the Exhibition, breakfast the day after the Exhibition.

11.1.2.3 Synchronized Skating (Junior and Senior):

a) Office Holders: lunch on the day of the first draw until lunch the day after the last prize giving/banquet/exhibition.

b) Referees, Judges, TPAG and OEC members: lunch on the day before the Judges' meeting until breakfast the day after round table discussions or closing banquet.

c) Technical Controllers, Specialists, Data & Replay Operators: dinner on the day before first official practice until breakfast the day after round table discussions or closing banquet.

d) Competitors and Team Leaders: expenses remain the responsibility of the participating ISU Members.

11.1.3 Standards and conditions

11.1.3.1 Accommodation must be of acceptable standard, with meals scheduled compatibly with competition timetables.

11.1.3.2 Single bedrooms shall be provided for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, TPAG or OEC members, Starters, Competition Coordinators and, to the extent reasonably possible, ISU Officials shall not share accommodation with Skaters.

11.1.3.3 Participants choosing non-designated hotels shall only receive the approved per diem amount and must notify the hosting ISU Member of their chosen accommodation.

11.1.4 Restrictions

11.1.4.1 ISU Members and affiliated clubs may not request or provide payments for participation beyond actual expenses incurred (limited to economy airfare, necessary travel expenses, and accommodation/meals at the competition site).

12. Titles & Prizes at ISU Championships

12.1 TITLES

The winner of a Championship bears the title reflecting the specific Championship won, as follows:

12.1.1 ISU ([name of ISU Sport], [name of discipline] [category, where applicable]) World Champion(s) _ (year of the Championships).

12.1.2 ISU ([name of ISU Sport], [name of discipline] [category, where applicable]) European Champion(s) _ (year of the Championships).

12.1.3 ISU ([name of ISU Sport], [name of discipline] [category, where applicable]) Four Continents Champion(s) _ (year of the Championships).

12.1.4 ISU ([name of ISU Sport], [name of discipline] [category, where applicable]) Junior World Champion(s) _ (year of the Championships).

By way of example:

ISU Speed Skating 500m Men's World Champion 2026;
ISU Speed Skating 1000m Women's European Champion 2027;
ISU Short Track Relay European Champions 2026;
ISU Synchronized Skating World Champions 2026;
ISU Figure Skating Ice Dance World Champions 2026;
ISU Figure Skating Pairs World Champions 2027.

12.2 MEDALS

The ISU will provide the ISU Championship medals.

12.2.1 Number of medals to be awarded:

12.2.1.1 In Speed Skating and Short Track Team competitions:

Every Skater who takes part in at least one of the qualifying rounds will receive a medal if their team places first, second or third.

12.2.1.2 In Figure Skating Team competitions:

Every Skater who takes part in at least one of the two segments (Short Program and Free Skating/Ice Dance) of the Figure Skating Team competition will receive a medal if their team places first, second or third.

12.2.2 Exclusivity

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

12.2.3 Award of Medals

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

12.2.3.1 Once the competition has been completed and the results have been confirmed, the final placements shall be announced. The Competitors shall then be called to the winners' podium or awarding area in the following order: first the third-placed Competitor(s), then the second-placed Competitor(s), and finally the Champion(s).

12.2.3.2 The ISU Representative (and/or other individual confirmed by the ISU Representative) shall award the bronze and silver ISU medals to the third and second-placed Competitors (Team captains), and the gold ISU medal(s) to the Champion(s) (Team captain).

12.2.3.3 In Speed Skating and Short Track, in exceptional cases, the ISU Representative (or other individual confirmed by the ISU Representative), in consultation with the hosting ISU Member, may decide—upon a request submitted well in advance of the Competition—that another distinguished person from sport shall present the medals. In such cases, the ISU Representative (or other individual, as applicable) shall only congratulate the medallists.

12.2.3.4 A representative of the hosting ISU Member may also congratulate the medal winners (Team captains) and present flowers or other gifts. In Synchronized Skating, representatives of the hosting ISU Member shall award the ISU medals to the members of the Teams and to the registered alternate.

12.2.3.5 The national anthem of the country of the Champion(s) shall be played and the flags of the countries of the three (or more in case of a tie) medal winners shall be shown, whenever possible (except when prevented by government or law). The short version of the national anthem of an ISU Member may be played when such an official version exists. It is the duty of the hosting ISU Member to provide the necessary anthems and flags.

12.2.3.6 In Figure Skating, if present, the ISU Representative or other Council Member, otherwise the Referee shall present, after the completion of each segment (Short Program and Free Skating for women, men, Pairs and in Synchronized Skating and Rhythm Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dance), ISU bronze, silver and gold medals to the third-placed Competitor(s), second-placed Competitor(s) and the winners respectively in each discipline, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted.

12.2.4 Removal of medals

In case of disqualification of Competitor(s)/Team(s) having been awarded a medal, the medal of the disqualified Competitor(s/Team(s) must be returned to the ISU Office/IOC, a re-ranking of the final placements takes place and the medals will be re-awarded according to the new ranking order. The same applies to medals awarded according to paragraph 12.2.3.6 above in the case of disqualification during the competition.

13. Commercial Rights & Trademarks

13.1 RIGHTS

Subject to Article 1.3, the ISU holds all the rights to its activities and is entitled to organize ISU Events directly, with the cooperation of the ISU Member concerned and other contracted entities. Certain rights may be dropped down if agreed upon through a specific agreement between the respective hosting ISU Member and the ISU.

13.2 ATHLETE & MEMBER SUPPORT PERSONNEL – COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

13.2.1 Equipment Markings – Figure Skating Branch

13.2.1.1 In all ISU Events and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and Support Personnel may display on their persons and their clothing their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Members and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation and/or official ISU Member country name with letters of maximum 15 cm high.

13.2.1.2 In addition, they may display on their person and their clothing not more than six advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called “markings”), provided they are a maximum of 60 cm2 each and do not refer to Prohibited Categories 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.

For the purposes of these Regulations, 'Prohibited Categories' shall mean markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs associated with the following:

(1) tobacco (including cigarettes, cigars, vaping and related products);

(2) alcohol;

(3) sports betting, casinos and online gambling;

(4) manufacturers of guns, ammunition and/or military equipment;

(5) pornography and/or similar forms of adult entertainment; and

(6) political parties and/or religious groups.

13.2.1.3 One marking of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than 30 cm2. No markings are permitted on boots or blades, except for the boot manufacturer's name on the boot heel not larger than 10 cm2 and one engraved identification of the manufacturer not larger than 20 cm2 on each blade and each blade guard.

13.2.1.4 Markings may be measured by the ISU Officials for compliance while being worn.

13.2.1.5 During the competition performance, the Exhibition at the end of a competition and the Victory Ceremony, one Manufacturer Identification with a maximum of 30cm2 is allowed on the clothing of Competitors. In all instances where the item contains elastic material (such as synthetic elastic fiber material known as spandex or elastane), the Authorized Identification size shall be measured stretched (e.g. as worn by the Skater). In addition, a Skater's costumes may carry the Skater's and their ISU Member's name and/or logo and/or official ISU Member abbreviation. Boots and blades may carry the Manufacturer Identifications for boots or blades as per paragraph 13.2.1.2 above.

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

13.2.2 Equipment Markings – Speed Skating Branch

13.2.2.1 In all ISU Championships and in all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, team officials, Coaches, Support Personnel, and Competitors of the same national team (entered by the same ISU Member) shall wear identical uniforms while within the premises of the arena or ice track throughout the entire duration of the Championships or competition, including official practice sessions. Such uniforms must clearly identify the country of the team and shall follow a design set by the ISU (in the case of the Short Track World Tour) or by the ISU Member (for all other competitions). The ISU Members are obligated to submit the design of the team uniform (including skin suit, warm-up jacket and zipper trousers, podium jacket, and team personnel jacket) to the ISU Office.

13.2.2.2 The team officials, Coaches, Support 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 and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation (as per paragraph 13.2.2.2k) 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 Prohibited Categories in the competition area, in the television interview area and during the award ceremonies, in accordance with the following:

a) The table below shows the allowed total maximum size of all markings (including manufacturer trademarks) and the maximum number and sizes per marking on the racing suit and warm up suits (jacket and zipper trousers), safety equipment and Team uniforms. The racing suit is considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (including cap in Speed Skating) and one piece lower body.

Place of the markings	Maximum size per marking	Total maximum size
Upper body (above the waist including arms,	80 cm2	750 cm2
Lower body (below the waist)	250 cm2	Any

b) In Mass Start at ISU Speed Skating competitions and in ISU Short Track competitions, two places on the sides of the helmets are reserved for the Skaters' numbers.

c) In ISU Events, the front part of helmets is reserved for usage by the ISU. For each season, ISU Members may ask for the release of the front part of the helmet for their own markings for a certain period. If the ISU gets a sponsor agreement, at any time during a season, with a minimum of 30 days' notice, the ISU will cancel the release of the front part for the Events or periods for which they have the sponsor.

d) Armbands and helmet covers are in the exclusive domain of the ISU. Hosting ISU Members may request permission from the ISU to place markings on the armbands.

e) Only manufacturer's trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, shin guards, headgear, neck and ankle protectors and blade guards. Skates are considered as consisting of six pieces, namely two boots and two blades and two constructions for connecting the blades to the boots. The manufacturer's trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices.

f) The table below specifies the permitted maximum sizes and the number of manufacturer's trademarks. It is prohibited to incorporate manufacturer's trademarks into other markings or to combine manufacturer's trademarks with other markings:

Item	Total maximum	Max. size per marking	Number of markings
Skates			
Pair of boots	40 cm2	20 cm2	2 (1 on each boot)
Pair of blades	40 cm2	20 cm2	2 (1 on each boot)
Pair of connecting constructions	12 cm2	6 cm2	2 engraved (1 per
Sport and Technical equipment			
Headgear	16 cm2	8 cm2	2
Glasses	16 cm2	8 cm2	2
Pair of Gloves	16 cm2	8 cm2	2 (1 per glove)
Neck protector	20 cm2	20 cm2	1
Ankle protector	20 cm2	20 cm2	1
Blade guards	20 cm2	20 cm2	1

g) Instead of a trademark, the Skater's own name may be placed (printed, engraved, embroidered, etc.) on any piece of equipment, with the same size restrictions as for trademarks.

h) In general, up to two manufacturer trademarks (maximum of 20 cm2 per manufacturer trademark) are permitted on helmets. No manufacturer trademarks are permitted on armbands and helmet covers.

i) The determination of the design and markings on the clothing of Competitors, team officials, Coaches, and Support Personnel of the same national team—excluding any commercial images or registered trademarks—shall be the sole right and responsibility of the respective ISU Members in order to ensure compliance with these Regulations. It is recommended that ISU Members consider granting athletes and personnel the use of such markings;

j) Markings may be measured by the ISU Officials for compliance while being worn;

k) 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 the country abbreviation shall be placed on the external part of both lower legs, the size of the characters not to be smaller than 7 cm high and the letters shall be placed vertically from knee to ankle.

The “Prohibited Categories”, enumerated in Article 13.2.1.2 above apply.

13.2.2.3 The Council is authorized to allow deviations from the above provisions and allow for more and other markings and identifications, as long as they do not reduce the ISU Members’ and Skaters’ rights.

14.Officials

14.1 OFFICIALS' EVALUATION COMMISSION, TECHNICAL PANEL ADVISORY GROUP, OFFICIALS' SELECTION COMMISSION

14.1.1 Officials' Evaluation Commission

a) An Officials' Evaluation Commission (OEC) shall be appointed by the Council upon recommendation by the Vice President Figure Skating. The OEC shall consist of a pool of current or former ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers and ISU Judges, who shall act as an independent professional group. OEC members shall not act as an Official in the competitions specified in Articles 1–3 above. The OEC is mandated to evaluate the performance of the Judges, as further determined by the Council in the Terms of Reference for the OEC.

b) During Season 2026/27, the Officials' Assessment Commission (OAC) shall continue to exercise its mandate as set out in ISU Communication No. 2814 or any subsequent update in respect of the competitions and tasks to which it is assigned by the ISU. The OEC shall exercise its mandate in respect of the competitions and tasks to which it is assigned by the ISU. Until the OAC ceases to exist, references in these Regulations to OEC members shall apply equally to OAC members, save that the restriction in paragraph a) on OEC members acting as Officials shall not apply to OAC members, who may continue to act as Officials in the competitions specified in Articles 1–3 above during Season 2026/27.

14.1.2 Technical Panel Advisory Group

A Technical Panel Advisory Group (TPAG) shall be appointed by the Council upon recommendation of the Vice President Figure Skating. The TPAG will consist of a pool of individuals, organized by discipline, with extensive experience serving on Technical Panels and providing training or feedback to other officials. For each ISU Event, the OWG, and the YOG and selected International Competitions, a Technical Panel Advisor from the TPAG shall be appointed by the Council upon proposal of the respective Technical Committee. The role of the Technical Panel Advisor is to ensure consistency and fairness in the application of ISU regulations across events; support the development of high-quality Technical Panel members; enhance the accuracy and quality of Technical Panel decisions; foster teamwork, communication, and professionalism within Technical Panels; provide constructive feedback to ISU Committees for the continuous improvement of technical officiating standards; and promote global consistency in the evaluation and performance of Technical Panels through regular collaboration with fellow Advisors.

Further details shall be established by the Council in the Terms of Reference for the TPAG.

14.1.3 Officials' Selection Commission

The Officials' Selection Commission (OSC) shall determine, amongst others, the selection of ISU Judges to be appointed for ISU Events. Further details shall be set out in the Terms of Reference for the OSC.

14.2 ISU OFFICIALS CATEGORIES

14.2.1 Figure Skating Branch

ISU Officials are classified in the two following categories:

14.2.1.1 ISU Judge, ISU Referee, ISU Technical Controller (TC), ISU Technical Specialist (TS), ISU Data & Replay Operator (DRO);

14.2.1.2 International Judge, International Referee, International Technical Controller (TC), International Technical Specialist (TS), International Data & Replay Operator (DRO).

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

	Judge	Referee	TC, TS	DRO
Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
Qualifying Competition for the OWG	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
Youth Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Final	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix Final	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix events	Intern.*	ISU	ISU	ISU
Figure Skating Challenger Series	Intern.	Intern.	2 ISU & 1 Intern.	Intern.
ISU Figure Skating Junior Grand Prix events	Intern.	Intern.	ISU	ISU
International Competitions (other than Figure Skating Challenger Series)	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.

* for Season 2026/27, this shall read 'Intern' and from Season 2027/28, the text shall read 'ISU' as displayed in the table.

14.2.2 Speed Skating Branch

ISU Officials are classified in the two following categories:

14.2.2.1 ISU Referee & Assistant Referee (AR), ISU Starter, ISU Competition Coordinator (CC);

14.2.2.2 International Referee & Assistant Referee (AR), International Starter, International Competition Coordinator (CC).

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

	Referee	Starter	CC	AR
Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
Youth Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU
World Cup Speed Skating	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU / Intern.
World Tour Short Track	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU / Intern.
Junior World Cup Speed Skating	ISU / Intern.	ISU / Intern.	ISU / Intern.	ISU / Intern.
Junior World Cup Short Track	ISU	ISU / Intern.	ISU / Intern.	ISU / Intern.
International Competitions	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.

14.3 GENERAL APPOINTMENT PRINCIPLES

14.3.1 The ISU and the Members shall appoint ISU Officials in accordance with the requirements set out in ISU Regulations (including the Sports Rules and applicable ISU Communications) taking into account any merit-based recommendations issued by the ISU. This applies to:

14.3.1.1 The ISU Events as specified in Articles 14.4 (Speed Skating Branch) and 14.5 (Figure Skating Branch); and

14.3.1.2 the OWG and the YOG, for which the ISU shall appoint ISU Officials.

14.4 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS – SPEED SKATING BRANCH

14.4.1 The ISU shall appoint all ISU Officials for all ISU Events.

14.4.2 The Members shall appoint the ISU Officials for all International Competitions.

14.5 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS – FIGURE SKATING BRANCH

Season 2026/27:

14.5.1 For ISU Championships, ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix (Junior and Senior) and the World Team Trophy, the ISU shall appoint:

14.5.1.1 Referees;

14.5.1.2 Technical Specialists;

14.5.1.3 Technical Controllers;

14.5.1.4 Data and Replay Operators; and

14.5.1.5 Judges for the ISU Figure Skating World Championships (Senior).

14.5.2 The Members shall appoint the Judges for all ISU Events other than the ISU Figure Skating World Championships (Senior) and all ISU Officials for all International Competitions.

Season 2027/28:

14.5.3 For the ISU Championships, the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix (Junior and Senior) and the World Team Trophy, the ISU shall appoint:

14.5.3.1 Referees;

14.5.3.2 Technical Specialists;

14.5.3.3 Technical Controllers;

14.5.3.4 Data and Replay Operators; and

14.5.3.5 Judges for the ISU Figure Skating World Championships (Junior and Senior) and the ISU Figure Skating Grand Prix Semi Final and Final (Junior and Senior).

14.5.4 The Members shall appoint the Judges for all ISU Events other than those listed under 14.5.3.5, and all ISU Officials for International Competitions.

As of Season 2028/29:

14.5.5 The ISU shall appoint all ISU Officials for all ISU Events.

14.5.6 The Members shall appoint all ISU Officials for all International Competitions.

14.6 RESTRICTIONS APPLYING TO APPOINTED ISU OFFICIALS

14.6.1 All ISU Officials must be eligible persons.

14.6.2 A person who receives remuneration from the ownership or management of an ice show or skating exhibition tour shall not serve as a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Competition Coordinator, Judge, OEC or TPAG member, or Starter in ISU Events, the OWG, the YOG, or any International Competition.

14.6.3 Paid employees of ISU Members and their affiliated clubs, as well as Coaches, shall not serve as Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Judges, TPAG or OEC members, Starters, or Competition Coordinators in ISU Events or in International Competitions. For the purpose of these Regulations, a paid employee is defined as a person working an average of more than twenty-five remunerated hours per week for an ISU Member or affiliated club, regardless of the legal nature of the respective contractual relationships.

14.6.4 Ineligible Skaters may serve as Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators.

14.6.5 Council, Elections Committee, Skating Integrity Unit, Audit, Risk and Investment Committee and Disciplinary Commission members, and ISU Staff (including consultants) shall not act as Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, TPAG or OEC members, Starters, or Competition Coordinators in the competitions specified in Articles 1–3 above. Technical Committee members may only officiate at International Competitions (excluding individual Challenger Series competitions).

14.6.6 Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters and Competition Coordinators may not compete in ISU Events and International Competitions of the respective discipline except in Adult and Masters competitions.

14.6.7 All members elected to ISU Bodies who are included on the list of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data and Replay Operators, Judges, Starters, or Competition Coordinators at the time of their election or appointment shall remain on such list for the entire duration of their term, even if they no longer meet the requirements set forth in the respective Sport Rules for the ISU disciplines. Upon the expiration of their term of office, such persons must satisfy the applicable requirements within twelve months in order to remain on the list.

14.6.8 Technical Controllers:

14.6.8.1 shall not act as Referee and/or Judge in any other discipline at the same ISU Event, OWG and/or YOG;

14.6.8.2 shall not act as Technical Specialist in any other discipline at the same ISU Event; and

14.6.8.3 shall not be a full-time employee of an ISU Member.

14.6.9 Technical Specialists

14.6.9.1 shall not act as Referee and/or Judges in any other discipline at any ISU Event, OWG and/or YOG in the same season;

14.6.9.2 shall not act as Technical Controller in any other discipline at the same competition;

14.6.9.3 shall not be a full-time employee of an ISU Member.

14.6.10 Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees, Judges, Data & Replay Operators cannot be a full-time sports journalist or full-time TV Commentator.

14.6.11 Referees: Unless it cannot be avoided, a Referee of an ISU Championship shall not act as a Judge in another discipline of the same Championship.

14.6.12 Personal, Commercial and Family Relationships

14.6.12.1 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.

14.6.12.2 Without detracting from the broad and personal applicability of the Code of Ethics, the following examples are presented for guidance:

a) At an ISU Event, OWG, or YOG, Office Holders, whether elected or appointed, shall not serve as members of any national team and therefore shall not be entered or accredited by or on behalf of any ISU Member. An exception applies to Coaches serving on an ISU Technical Committee, who may continue to coach their individual students entered in an ISU Event or an International Competition.

b) For the Figure Skating Branch only, ISU Officials (Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, etc.), when at an ISU Event, the OWG or the YOG 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. However, ISU Officials must not act as a team leader (or assistant) in ISU Figure Skating Championships (Single & Pair Skating /Ice Dance), OWG or YOG in the same season during which they serve as Referee, Judge, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, TPAG or OEC member in ISU Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating /Ice Dance) Championships or OWG.

c) At an ISU Event, OWG or the YOG, 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, OWG or YOG unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.

d) At an ISU Event or the OWG or the YOG, a person of the family of an ineligible person, or of the family of a Coach, is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which a competing student of the ineligible person or Coach is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event, OWG or YOG, unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.

e) The term "family" as used in these Regulations shall be understood as including all persons who, due to their relationships, may reasonably be perceived to be in a conflict-of-interest position regarding a competing Skater, ineligible person or Coach.

f) For purposes of staffing at a competition, the Referee(s) shall decide any issues raised at the competition concerning conflicts of interest or other matters involving the applicability of the ISU Code of Ethics to assigned ISU Officials.

14.7 NOMINATIONS OF ISU OFFICIALS

Every ISU Member must, annually before April 15, announce to the ISU Office the names and relevant contact details of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competition Coordinators:

14.7.1 not listed on the previous list published on the ISU website whose services as International Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competition Coordinators are nominated.

14.7.2 who are nominated for the first time as ISU Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and Competition Coordinators, and who are nominated for the respective required examinations (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating).

14.7.3 who were on the previous list of ISU and International Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competition Coordinators and who, due to the facts known to the ISU Member should be deleted from the respective ISU list (e.g. age limit, resignation by the individual, death, sanctions imposed by the ISU Member, etc.).

All nominated individuals must fulfil the specific requirements for the respective position as stated in the corresponding Sport Rules.

14.8 COMMUNICATIONS OF ISU OFFICIALS

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 Competition Coordinators for Speed Skating and Short Track, are sent every year by August 1.

14.9 OFFICIALS' CONDUCT

14.9.1 Conduct of Team Officials towards Competition Officials

Team officials must obey the instructions of the Officials in charge of the competition.

14.9.2 Conduct of ISU Officials and Others

Any Official on the ISU list as published in an ISU Communication who learns of improper or irregular conduct or proposals concerning ISU Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competition Coordinators) 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 no ISU Representative is present, to the highest ranking Office Holder present, i.e. President, Vice President(s), Council members, Director General, TC Chair and TC members of the respective discipline and, if not yet on site of the competition, to the ISU Chief of Sports of the ISU Office. Such report must be urgently submitted to effect immediate remedial actions before the end of the competition. The report shall be in writing. However, if time constraints do not allow to write a report in due time, an oral report shall be made, followed by a written report still on site, as soon as possible.

14.9.3 Uniforms and Equipment

ISU Officials are not permitted to wear national team emblems or uniforms when serving as an ISU Official at an ISU Event or activity or International Competition during the period of the ISU Event, activity, or International Competition, i.e. starting from the Official's arrival in the respective city or region where the competition or activity is being held until the Official's departure from the respective city or region.

14.9.4 Article 13.2 applies as far as reasonable.

14.10 PAYMENTS BY ISU MEMBER (HOSTS)

Per diem payments may be made either by the ISU Member concerned or the ISU, as applicable, to Competitors, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & Replay Operators, Starters or Competition Coordinators in all competitions listed in Articles 1 – 3 above and members of the 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 ISU activities or International Competitions. If such payments are made by an ISU Member, the ISU must be informed in writing in advance as to the amounts paid.

15. Decisions, Protests, Appeals

15.1 PROTESTS AND EX OFFICIO CORRECTIONS OF RESULTS

15.1.1 Right to File Protests

Protests based on an alleged violation of rules may be lodged provided they are not excluded by this or any other rule. The Referee decides upon all protests. Protests must be filed with the Referee in writing and within the stated time limit.

15.1.2 Persons Entitled to File a Protest

Protests may be lodged only:

15.1.2.1 By Competitors, (Team captains in Synchronized Skating) or team leaders accredited for the competition concerned.

15.1.2.2 With the approval of such Competitor(s), or team leaders, by the Coach (for Speed Skating only), members of the committee organizing the competition or any official representatives of ISU Members or affiliated clubs that have entered Competitor(s).

15.1.3 Time Limits for Filing Protests

15.1.3.1 Protests concerning the participation of a Competitor must be filed before the relevant 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.

15.1.3.2 Protests concerning the composition of the panel of ISU Officials must be filed within 30 minutes of its announcement.

15.1.3.3 Any other protests, except cases covered by paragraph 15.1.4 below, must be filed with the Referee immediately, in any event, not later than 15 minutes after the last race of a distance or of a qualifying round or final in Speed Skating, last heat of a qualifying round or final concerned in Short Track, and within 30 minutes from the end of any segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition.

15.1.3.4 Protests against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the completion of the competition concerned. (See also paragraph 15.1.4.1c) below). If the Referee is not available in person at the site or hotel, the Protest shall be sent by email to the ISU Office which will forward it to the Referee concerned.

15.1.4 Protest Restrictions

In line with the generally accepted international sports principle that 'field of play decisions' are not subject to correction or review, the score or time achieved by a Competitor during a segment, race, or qualifying round of a competition shall be considered final once the decision(s) of the competent Official(s) have been announced by the official announcer and/or displayed on the scoreboard or video screen of the competition. An exception applies only in the case of successful protests submitted in accordance with the provisions set out below. Consequently, the following restrictions on protests shall apply:

15.1.4.1 Figure Skating

a) No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists) of Skaters' performances are permitted.

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 not an incorrect mathematical calculation.

c) Authority of Referee to Correct Errors.

As an exception to the aforementioned Rule(s), the Referee shall correct errors, i.e. even if no protest has been filed, if he/she learns:

(1) Prior to the beginning of the award ceremony (or prior to the official announcement of results if there is no award ceremony), that a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, provided the Technical Controller and both Technical Specialists agree that there was an input error. For the purpose of these Regulations, the presentation of the medals for Short Program/Rhythm Dance is considered as an award ceremony; or

(2) Within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, provided the Technical Controller and both Technical Specialists agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction leads to changes in the final placements, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be redistributed accordingly.

d) If a situation under paragraphs 15.1.4.1a) - c) above arises, the Referee shall make a short record in writing which in case of 15.1.4.1a) - b) must be signed by all members of the Technical Panel.

15.1.4.2 Speed Skating and Short Track

No protests are allowed against a Referee's or Starter's decision concerning disqualification or non-disqualification for violation of any Racing Rules contained in the respective Sport Rules.

Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect data processing (including incorrect mathematical calculation).

15.1.5 Referee's Decision

15.1.5.1 The Referee shall decide upon any protest in writing and as soon as possible. The Referee shall first notify his decision verbally and later shall deliver a written decision to the person filing the protest or shall arrange such delivery. Copies of any protest and Referee decision shall be forwarded to the ISU Office.

15.1.5.2 If a protest is filed:

a) after the time limit; or

b) in a manner which is non-compliant with the Rules;

the Referee shall dismiss the protest in writing with reference to the applicable rule but without dealing with the merits of the protest.

15.1.5.3 In cases not covered by subparagraph 15.1.5.2 above the Referee shall briefly state reasons for their decision.

15.1.5.4 In Speed Skating and in Short Track the Referee may at their discretion, prior to their decision on the protest, review the video replay system or other readily available TV feed, if the Referee deems it to be relevant. This does not apply to attempts to protest that are excluded by 15.1.4.2 above.

15.1.5.5 The Referee's decision upon a protest is final. There is no appeal against such decision except in cases specified in Article 15.2 below.

15.1.5.6 The Referee may at their discretion decide to officially announce to the public any protest filed and also their decision upon the protest. Such announcement should, if possible, be made before or within 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned. For the purposes of this Article, a "competition" means a single 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 a member of a Team. (Figure Skating Branch: competitions of a discipline held during an ISU Event or other ice skating event composed of one or more segments; Speed Skating Branch: 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.) for Short Track).

15.2 APPEALS

15.2.1 Right to Appeal

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

15.2.2 Deadline

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.

15.2.3 No Suspensive Effect

Appeals do not have the effect of deferring the decision.

15.2.4 Persons Entitled to Appeal

Appeals may be lodged only by those entitled to lodge protests (see Article 15.1.2 above).

16. Host's Responsibilities

In addition to the Host's responsibilities under the terms of the allotment letter and/or any other agreement between the Host and the ISU, the Host is responsible for the following:

16.1 SECURITY

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

16.2 RESPONSIBILITY OF ISU MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMPETITORS' SAFETY

It is the responsibility of all ISU 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.

16.3 ANTI-DOPING

Hosts of ISU Events and International Competitions must abide by the ISU Anti-Doping Regulations.

16.4 PRIZE-MONEY

In any ISU Event the ISU Member/Host must pay the prize money (at the expense of the ISU) of the amount specified by the Council.

17. Medical

17.1 SKATER HEALTH

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

17.2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

17.2.1 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.

17.2.2 The Certificate must be issued on the stationary 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 ISU Member of the respective Skater must be attached.

17.3 MEDICAL INSURANCE

17.3.1 Obligation of Participating ISU Members

It is the sole obligation of each ISU Member participating in ISU Events, the OWG, the YOG and International Competitions as defined in Articles 1 – 3 above, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU 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 means. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

17.3.2 No Responsibility or Liability of ISU

Other than to the extent required under applicable laws, the ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the competitions outlined in Articles 1 – 3 above.

17.4 ON-SITE MEDICAL SERVICES

17.4.1 The Hosts must acquaint themselves with and follow the detailed Guidelines and Memorandums published by the ISU concerning medical services at competitions.

17.4.2 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 minutes for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. If the response time is more than five minutes, an ambulance must be on site.

17.4.3 In Short Track competitions, emergency medical personnel and an appropriately trained medical doctor must be present at the rink-side and an ambulance must be present during all scheduled practice sessions and competitions.

17.4.4 For medical services at the different hotel(s) there must be a physician available on short notice (10-15 minutes) at all times.

17.5 MEDICAL ROOM

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.

17.6 CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

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

17.7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Hosts shall provide, without charge, emergency medical services for all participants at competition and practice.

17.8 APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEDICAL APPLIANCES

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.