

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 14, 15 and 16, 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland. The following were among decisions taken by the Council during these meetings:

1. Allotment of ISU Championships

a) Provisional Allotments ISU Championships 2008

The Council decided the following provisional allotments for 2008 Championships:

Speed Skating

European Speed Skating Championships, January 12 - 13, 2008

The Russian Skating Union: Kolomna/ Russia

World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, January 19 – 20, 2008

Suomen Luisteluliitto: Helsinki/ Finland

World Allround Speed Skating Championships, February 9 - 10, 2008

Deutsche Eisschnelllauf-Gemeinschaft e.V.: Berlin/ Germany

World Junior Speed Skating Championships, February 22 - 24, 2008

Chinese Skating Association: Changchun/ China

World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships, March 6 - 9, 2008

Japan Skating Federation: Nagano/ Japan

Short Track Speed Skating

World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 11 - 13, 2008

Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Bolzano/ Italy

European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 18 – 20, 2008

The Latvian Skating Association: Ventspils/Latvia

World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 8-9, 2008

Not allotted

World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 14 - 16, 2008

To be decided

Figure Skating

European Figure Skating Championships, January 21 - 27, 2008
Croatian Skating Federation: Zagreb/Croatia

Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, February 4 - 10, 2008
To be decided

World Junior Figure Skating Championships, February 25 – March 2, 2008
Bulgarian Skating Federation: Sofia/ Bulgaria

World Figure Skating Championships, March 17 – 23, 2008
Svenska Konståkningsförbundet: Gothenburg/ Sweden

Synchronized Skating

World Synchronized Skating Championships, March 28 – 30, 2008
Hungarian National Skating Federation: Budapest/ Hungary

2. Incorrect Mathematical Calculation - Human Errors – Field of Play decisions

Members are reminded that the 2004 ISU Congress has clarified **Rule 123, paragraph 5** through the acceptance of the following wording:

In Figure Skating, no protests against evaluation by judges of skaters' performances are permitted. For Figure Skating and Speed Skating, protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation.

In line with the ISU Constitution, Article 17, paragraph 17. 1. m) and n) the ISU Council decided to clarify that the above-mentioned provision also applies to the evaluation by the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data Operator) of skaters' performances. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score, is a human error and not an incorrect mathematical calculation.

However, if the Referee learns,

- a) **prior to the beginning of the award ceremony, that such a human error occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that in Figure Skating the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator respectively in Speed Skating the Assistant Referee(s) all agree that there was an error.**
- b) **within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation even without a protest provided that in Figure Skating the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator respectively in Speed Skating the Assistant Referee(s) all agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction requires corrections of the final placements of the skaters, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be changed accordingly.**

- c) **If the situation under paragraph a) and b) arises the Referee shall make a short record in writing which has to be signed by all the Officials concerned.**

In line with the ISU Constitution Article 17, paragraph 1. m) the Council furthermore decided to change Rule 123, paragraph 7 as follows:

“Any other protests must be made immediately after the event, but at latest within 24 hours after the Award ceremony.”

3. Allotment of Applications for the 52nd Ordinary Congress 2008

In reference to Circular Letter No 595 of July 14, 2005 the Council considered all applications received by the ISU Secretariat before September 30, 2005. The Council decided that Members may have an additional period until December 12, 2005 to submit further information or additional applications.

4. Dates of 2006 Council meetings

The Council will meet on the occasion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino (ITA) on the following dates: February 12, 16, 20 and 23, 2006. The summer Council meeting will take place in Budapest (HUN), on the occasion of the 2006 ISU Congress, on June 25 and July 1-2, 2006. For the autumn 2006 meeting, the Council were in agreement that the meeting should again be held in Geneva, with the dates confirmed as October 13-15, 2006.

Milan,
October 18, 2005
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President
Fredi Schmid, General Secretary