

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1535

### Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council held meetings on October 3-5, 2008 in Trento, Italy. The following were among decisions taken by the Council during these meetings:

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

Due to financial reasons the Czech Figure Skating Association informed the ISU that they were unable to organize the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2009 which had been provisionally allotted to them. In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has definitely allotted the pending Championships for 2009 as follows:

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, February 23 - March 1, 2009  
Bulgarian Skating Federation : Sofia, Bulgaria.

#### **2. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has provisionally allotted the pending Championships for 2010 and 2011 as follows:

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2010, January 25 - 31, 2010  
Korea Skating Union: Jeonju City, Republic of Korea;

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2011, February 28 - March 6, 2011,  
Korea Skating Union: Gangneung City, Republic of Korea.

#### **3. Cost saving measures for ISU Events Organizers**

The ISU Council took the following decisions based on the powers granted to the Council in the Constitution in Article 17, paragraph 1 q) (i):

##### **Number of Judges used in the ISU Championships**

Rule 582, paragraph 5 c), Rule 660 paragraph 5 c) and Rule 972 paragraph 4 b) of the ISU Special Rules for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, and the Special Rules for Synchronized Skating 2008, are changed as follows:

“Each panel of Judges will consist of a maximum of nine (9) Judges but not less than 8 Judges”.

All other paragraphs in these rules mentioning the number of Judges are changed accordingly. The number of the Alternate Judges remain four (4). The drawing procedure and the allocation of Judges for the second segment remain unchanged.

The above maximum number of Judges will also be applied to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Junior and Senior).

#### **Closing Banquet at ISU Championships**

Taking immediate effect, the Closing Banquet at ISU Championships will no longer be mandatory. The Organizing Committee has the discretion to decide whether to offer a closing banquet or similar social event at the end of the ISU Championship Event.

A number of other cost saving measures at ISU Championships were decided, effective as of the season 2009/2010. These measures will be outlined in a dedicated ISU Communication to be released in due course.

#### **4. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final – Secret Random Draw**

The Council considered that the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be held this season for the first time during the same week and in the same venue (Goyang City /Republic of Korea on December 10-14, 2008). In light of this fact, for consistency and based on the powers granted to the Council in the Constitution in Article 17, paragraph 1 q) (i) the Council decided that, as with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (senior), a secret random draw in line with ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance, ISU Judging System – General, paragraph f) shall apply also for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

#### **5. Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance - Discrepancy in calculation Rules 353 paragraph 3 b) vs 579 paragraph 5**

In order to remove a discrepancy between Rules 353 paragraph 3 b) vs 579 paragraph 5 the Council decided to cancel Rule 579 paragraph 5 so that Rule 353 paragraph 3 b), amended as follows, applies for both Single and Pair Skating as well as Ice Dance:

Rule 353

- 3) Determination of the Combined and Final Result
  - a) The Total Segment Score of the Short Program and Free Skating respectively the Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance and Free Dance are added and the result constitutes the Final Score of a Skater/Couple in an event. The Skater/Couple with the highest Final Score is first etc;
  - b) In cases of ties after the Combined Result or the Final Result the Skater/Couple with the highest score for the last skated segment is placed first etc. If there is a tie in the highest score the better placement will decide upon the better place. In Ice Dance, if two Compulsory Dances are to be skated, both dances are even in value. There are no tie-breaking criteria for the second dance;
  - c) If there is a tie for this segment, the placement of the previously skated segment will count for the better place etc. If there is no previous segment, Skaters/Couples are tied.

## 6. Council Member Assignments

Besides the specific duties assigned to the President and Vice Presidents as per the ISU Constitution (Article 16) each Council Member has been assigned provisional specific supervisory duties as follows:

<p><b>Gerhard Zimmermann</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 - Speed Skating</li> <li>• Supervision of the Technical Committees and Sports Directorate</li> <li>• Supervision of the Development Program (assisted by German Panov)</li> <li>• Officials (submission of assignment proposals)</li> </ul>	<p><b>David Dore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 - Figure Skating</li> <li>• Supervision of the Technical Committees and Sports Directorate</li> <li>• Supervision of the Development Program (assisted by Courtney Jones)</li> <li>• Officials (submission of assignment proposals)</li> <li>• Grand Prix of Figure Skating</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jan Dijkema</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Cup Speed Skating (senior and junior)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Marie Lundmark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synchronized Skating activity</li> </ul>
<p><b>German Panov</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 - Speed Skating</li> <li>• Liaison with the Technical Committees and Sports Directorate</li> <li>• Assist the Vice President Speed Skating with the Supervision of the Development Program</li> <li>• Resolution for Novice Category for Speed Skating and Figure Skating with advice from Jim Hawkins</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tjasa Andree Prosenc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating</li> </ul>
<p><b>Myong-Hi Chang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 – Short Track</li> <li>• Short Track Speed Skating activity</li> <li>• Figure Skating and Speed Skating activity in Asia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Courtney Jones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaison with the Technical Committees and Sports Directorate</li> <li>• Assist the Vice President Figure Skating with the Supervision of the Development Program</li> <li>• Resolution for Ice Dance with advice from Gerhardt Bubnik</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gyorgy Martos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 – Short Track</li> <li>• Short Track Speed Skating activity</li> <li>• Masters (Speed Skating ) activity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phyllis Howard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Delegate – Olympic Winter Games 2010 - Figure Skating</li> <li>• Adult (Figure Skating) activity</li> <li>• Figure Skating and Speed Skating activity in North America</li> </ul>

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**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

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