

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on June 12-13, 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. ISU Figure Skating Championships 2016 – Minimum Technical Elements Scores

Taking into account the expected number of entries into the Short Program/Short Dance at the ISU Figure Skating Championships for the season 2015/16 and the related time schedule, the reasonable maximum officiating time for the Officials, limits in the number of participants and related workload an Organizing Committee can be expected to handle physically and financially as well as implications with commercial partners, the Council concluded that the Minimum Technical Elements Scores as per the 2014 Special Regulations, Rule 378, paragraph 3 must be determined for all ISU Figure Skating Championships in order to limit the number of entries to the appropriate level.

ISU European and ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2016:

	SP/SD	FS/FD
MEN	25.00	45.00
LADIES	20.00	36.00
PAIR SKATING	20.00	36.00
ICE DANCE	19.00	29.00

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2016:

	SP/SD	FS/FD
MEN	34.00	64.00
LADIES	27.00	47.00
PAIR SKATING	25.00	43.00
ICE DANCE	29.00	39.00

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2016:

	SP/SD	FS/FD
MEN	20.00	42.00
LADIES	20.00	35.00
PAIR SKATING	20.00	30.00
ICE DANCE	18.00	28.00

The required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance segment to participate in the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships can only be obtained in registered International *Junior* Competitions/Championships.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 38, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance 2014, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

The Council also decided that the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached **21** (twenty-one) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

The Council agreed that if it became evident that the number of entries based on the Minimum Technical Elements Scores listed above would be significantly higher or lower than expected, the ISU Council reserves the right to subsequently slightly re-adjust the Minimum Technical Elements Scores in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective.

2. Judges Draw – ISU Figure Skating Championships 2015/16

The annual Judges Draw for the 2016 Figure Skating Championships shall be held on October 15, 2015 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

3. Implementation of an electronic entry system for Figure Skating

The 2014 ISU Congress amended Rule 115, paragraph 5 of the ISU General Regulations by adding a provision stating that “Entries for all ISU Events must be submitted electronically using the online entries and accreditation portal operational at the ISU web site latest by July 1st 2015.” (See Congress Agenda and Congress Minutes, Proposal No. 88).

While for the Speed Skating Branch, the above-mentioned condition is already in place, this is not yet the case for the Figure Skating Branch.

Due to the heavy workload of the Event Coordination Group and Secretariat as well as unexpected and prolonged sick leaves in the Secretariat, the July 1, 2015 deadline cannot be met. However, the Figure Skating electronic entry system will be implemented during the 2015/16 season with a full integration of all data/forms and statistical systems during the season 2016/17.

For the sake of a full integration with the current result and statistical system in place and in order to avoid costly and critical interfaces and/or double input of certain data, the entry system will be provided and operated by the same service provider currently contracted for the Figure Skating result and statistical services.

4. Definite allotment for 2016 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulation, the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2016 as follows:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Minsk, Belarus on January 9-10, 2016

ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships to be held in Kolomna, Russia on February 11-14, 2016

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships to be held in Seoul, Rep. of Korea on February 27-28, 2016

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships to be held in Berlin, Germany on March 5-6, 2016

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Changchun, China on March 11-13, 2016

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Moscow, Russia on January 22-24, 2016

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on January 29-31, 2016 (revised date)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Seoul, Rep. of Korea on March 11-13, 2016

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic on January 25-31, 2016

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
Chinese Taipei Skating Union to be held in Taipei City, Taipei on February 16-21, 2016 (revised date)

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Debrecen, Hungary on March 14-20, 2016 (subject to satisfactory inspection visit)

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Boston, USA on March 28- April 3, 2016

Synchronized Skating:

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Budapest, Hungary on April 8-9, 2016 (subject to satisfactory inspection visit).

5. Provisional Allotments 2017 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has maintained the previous provisional allotments as follows:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Warsaw, Poland on January 6-8, 2017

ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gangneung, Rep. of Korea on February 9-12, 2017

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Helsinki, Finland on February 17-19, 2017

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships to be held in Calgary, Canada on February 25-26, 2017

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships to be held in Hamar, Norway on March 4-5, 2017

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Torino, Italy on January 13-15, 2017

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Innsbruck, Austria on February 3-5, 2017

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands on March 10-12, 2017

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Ostrava, Czech Republic on January 25-29, 2017

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Gangneung, Rep. of Korea on February 15-19, 2017

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei on 15-19 March, 2017

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Helsinki, Finland on March 29-April 2, 2017

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Mississauga, Canada on March 10-11, 2017

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Colorado Springs, USA on April 7-8, 2017.

6. New Provisional Allotments of 2018 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2018 Championships:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships (January 5-7, 2018): pending – Members are invited to submit applications for this Championships

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships to be held in Changchun, China on March 3-4, 2018

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Salt Lake City, USA on March 9-11, 2018

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships to be held in Heerenveen or Amsterdam, Netherlands on March 10-11, 2018

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Dresden, Germany on January 12-14, 2018

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Warsaw, Poland on March 2-4, 2018

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Montreal, Canada on March 16-18, 2018

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Moscow, Russia on January 15-21, 2018

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (January 23-28, 2018 or January 30-February 4, 2018): pending – Members are invited to submit applications for this Championships

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 5-11, 2018

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Milan or Torino, Italy on March 19-25, 2018.

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on April 6-7, 2018.

7. Appointment of new Medical Advisor

The ISU Medical Commission reviewed the applications of the potential candidates and conducted phone interviews. Based on the recommendation of the Chair of the Medical Commission, Dr. Jane Moran, the Council decided to appoint Dr. Eunkuk Kim (KOR) as ISU Medical Advisor in the ISU Medical Commission.

8. Short Track Speed Skating – Race Reporting System (RRS)

The Council received a report from the Sports Director Speed Skating, the Chair of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and the RRS Service Provider on the development and progress of this project.

The Council agreed that the RRS project enhances the quality and speed of the decision making of the Short Track Speed Skating Referees and allows a better monitoring of the Short Track officiating by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. The Council approved funding for the continuation of this project.

9. Adult Skating

The Council agreed in principle to add a partner event to the annual International Adult Competition held in Oberstdorf Germany which has been supported by the ISU over many years. The partner event will be held in North America. Further information will be available in due time on www.isu.org/en/single-and-pair-skating-and-ice-dance/adult-figure-skating.

10. Development Trophies season 2015/16

The Council approved the continuation of the Development Trophies during the season 2015/16 including 4 Development Trophy competitions tentatively to be held in Gdansk (Poland) for Single Skating in December 2015
Zakopane (Poland) for Speed Skating in December 2015
Johannesburg (South Africa) for Single Skating in December 2015
Melbourne (Australia) for Short Track Speed Skating in May 2016.

Full details will be included in the respective Announcements to be published on the ISU website in due course.

11. Recognition of new World Records Speed Skating

In accordance with article 19, paragraph 2 f), the Council homologated the following World Records:

Junior Ladies 2x500 meters

78,90	(39,63+39,27)	Karolina Erbanova	CZE	Obihiro	2./4.03.2012
76,85	(38,441+38,411)	Vanessa Bittner	AUT	Heerenveen	14.02.2015

Junior Men 2x500 meters

71,12	(35,62+35,50)	Lauren Dubreuil	CAN	Obihiro	2./3.03.2012
70,78	(35,303+35,481)	Jun-Ho Kim	KOR	Heerenveen	15.02.2015

12. Recognition of new World Records Short Track Speed Skating

In accordance with article 19, paragraph 5 i), the Council homologated the following World Records:

Ladies 500 meters

42,504 Kexin Fan CHN Salt Lake City 9.11.2014

13. Summary of Figure Skating Officials Evaluation 2014/2015

During the 2014/2015 season the Assessments/Warnings were determined jointly by the assigned Officials Assessment Commission members and by the Technical Committees. The Council reviewed and ratified the following Assessments and Warnings:

a) Single and Pair Skating:

Assessment 1: 8 Assessments

Assessment 2: 1 Assessments

Warnings: 62

Total season 2014/15: 9 Assessments

Out of which 3 concerning Program Components

2 concerning Technical Elements

4 concerning both Program Components

and Technical Elements

concerning non presence at IJM

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2013/14: 23 Assessments

Total season 2012/13: 12 Assessments

Total season 2011/12: 17 Assessments

Total season 2010/11: 14 Assessments

Total season 2009/10: 24 Assessments

Total season 2008/09: 16 Assessments

Total season 2007/08: 12 Assessments

Total season 2006/07: 13 Assessments

Total season 2005/06: 29 Assessments

Total season 2004/05**:

42 Assessments

Total season 2003/04**:

20 Assessments

Total season 2002/03*:

11 Assessments

b) Ice Dance:

Assessment 1: 6 Assessments

Assessment 2: 1 Assessments

Warnings: 10

Total season 2014/15: 7 Assessments

Out of which 1 concerning Program Components

5 concerning Technical Elements

1 concerning non presence at IJM

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2013/14:	10	Assessments
Total season 2012/13:	8	Assessments
Total season 2011/12:	27	Assessments
Total season 2010/11:	13	Assessments
Total season 2009/10:	17	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	11	Assessments
Total season 2007/08:	21	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	20	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	25	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	56	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	9	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	4	Assessments

c) Synchronized Skating:

Total season 2014/15:	1	Assessment
Out of which	-	concerning Technical Elements
	-	concerning Program Components
	-	concerning late submission of TC and Referee Reports

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2013/14:	0	Assessments
Total season 2012/13:	0	Assessments
Total season 2011/12:	3	Assessments
Total season 2010/11:	5	Assessments
Total season 2009/10:	2	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	2	Assessments
Total season 2007/08:	3	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	1	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	0	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	0	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	1	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	2	Assessments

* = Assessments based on the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

** = Assessments based on partly the ISU Judging System, partly the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

The concerned Officials have been notified about the Assessments by letter and through their Members.

14. ISU Council meeting

The Council agreed to meet again
on October 16-18, 2015 in Lausanne, Switzerland
on April 9-11 in Budapest, Hungary
on June 5, 11 & 12, 2016 in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Milan,

June 18, 2015

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General