

Communication No. 2481

58th ISU Ordinary Congress, Phuket, June 2022 Urgent Matters

If a proposal for the Constitution or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations and/or a proposal of the Council and/or the Technical Committees for Technical Rules is submitted later than December 1, it can be discussed and voted upon at Congress, provided the proposal has reached the Secretariat in English for distribution to all ISU Members, not later than three weeks before the Congress and shall be certified as urgent business by a four-fifths majority of ISU Members present and voting.

The following urgent matters have been submitted:

CONSTITUTION

1. ISU COUNCIL

Article 16, paragraph 3. e) – to be discussed together with Proposal 8 of the Congress Agenda (ISU Communication 2472)

Amend as follows:

e) The Vice Presidents monitor the work and activities of the respective Technical Committees including their administration of the Technical Rules. If the respective Vice President concludes that Technical Rule changes and/or ISU Communications proposed by the competent Technical Committees are in conflict with the ISU's policy and/or result in excessive expenditures and/or are not consistent among the ISU sport disciplines and/or their implementation is untimely or premature (e.g. too close to the Olympic Winter Games or impossible to implement safely in the given time frame), the respective Vice President has the duty to inform the Council allowing a Council evaluation and decision.

Reason: See Council recommendation under Proposal 8.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

2. ISU COUNCIL

Rule 104, new paragraph 17, renumber following paragraph

17. Other Protective Measures

In case of occurrence of events or circumstances of an exceptional nature which are outside of the ISU's control (such as terrorism, riot, civil unrest, war (regardless of whether declared or not), strike, nuclear or chemical contamination, epidemic, etc.) (the "Extraordinary Event") compromising the safe and/or regular conduct of ISU's activities, notably, but without limitation, the conduct of the activities of ISU bodies/Commissions and/or the organization of (including the preparations thereof) and/or the participation in events and/or competitions hosted and/or sanctioned by the ISU, being made impossible, objectively endangered, or, in the reasonable judgment of the ISU Council, not reasonably possible or appropriate under adequate conditions given the circumstances, the ISU Council may decide to impose exceptional protective measures aimed at preserving the safe, peaceful and regular conduct of the ISU's activities defined in this Rule in accordance with the ISU's objective.

Protective measures may include, without limitation, the temporary suspension of:

- a) the exercise of rights of ISU Members representing countries that caused or contributed to or are otherwise relevantly involved in the Extraordinary Event; and/or
- b) persons who are affiliated to the ISU Members referred to in sub-paragraph a) above and/or citizens of the concerned countries, to the extent they are participating in the ISU's activities defined in this Rule (including, without limitation, persons who are elected or appointed as members of ISU Bodies/Commissions, athletes, Officials, support personnel); or
- c) any other measure that the ISU deems appropriate in light of the nature and circumstances of the Extraordinary Event.

The protective measures are issued irrespective of any violations by the concerned parties mentioned above of their respective specific obligations under the ISU Constitution and/or the ISU's other regulations.

Protective measures may be maintained by the ISU Council (as issued or as amended from time to time) as long as reasonably required by the circumstances. They must be lifted, partially or totally, as soon as reasonably practicable in view of the evolution of the circumstances having led to the issuance of the measures. In case any protective measure imposed is still in place at the time of the next Ordinary ISU Congress, such ISU Congress shall discuss and decide whether the measures shall be maintained.

Reason: In view of the exceptional developments in Ukraine, the ISU Council had to use its authority under Article 17.1.q) of the ISU Constitution in order to guarantee the safety of participants and integrity of International Competitions as per ISU Communication 2469. However, the ISU Council concluded that similar circumstances might occur again in the future and that there should be a specific provision in the ISU Regulations defining the basic framework under which conditions the ISU Council will be empowered to impose protective measures. This will ensure that in the future and under similar circumstances, the ISU Council will be able to act swiftly within well-defined limits, known and accepted by the ISU Members. The proposed new provision will avoid the need to resort to the ISU Council's extraordinary powers as per Article 17.1.q) of the Constitution for imposing protective measures in case of exceptional circumstances outside of the ISU's Control defined in the first paragraph of the new provision.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING / ICE DANCE

3. ARGENTINA, Figure Skating

Rule 413, paragraph 1 a), rest of the Rule remain unchanged.

Second sentence of subparagraph a) delete. Rest of the Rule remain unchanged.

- a) Age: have reached the age of ~~twenty- four (24), but not the age of fifty (50)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination. ~~If a Judge is already on the ISU List of International or ISU Judges /Referees for another ISU Figure Skating Discipline, the age limit of 50 does not apply.~~

Reason: The small ISU Members or those of recent incorporation have highly motivated officers, many of them constantly updated (through seminars organized by their federations, with the guidance of ISU officers), with the ability to act in international competitions. Due to the recent incorporation of their federations as ISU members they have not had the opportunity to take their exams before the age of 50.

Their qualification as international officers would allow them to work together, both in internal competitions of each country and in regional events, such as in Chile, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, etc. and, thus, contribute to the growth of ice skating in the countries of the region.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

4. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 910 paragraph 1 add paragraph c).

B. Appointment of Officials to International Competitions (general)

1. As per Rule 121, paragraph 2, the ISU Member holding an International Competition is entitled to appoint the Officials, with exceptions for:
 - a) ISU Championships: see Rules 971,
 - b) other ISU Events: see article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution,
 - c) Challenger Series for Synchronized Skating

Reason: Challenger Series for SyS are, after the Worlds, the most important international competitions during a season. To add paragraph c) to Rule 910, the SySTC would appoint at least one panel consisting of a Referee, a Technical Controller and two technical specialists to provide activity for SyS Officials from all ISU Members, helping them to meet the much-needed activity requirements for ISU Officials. The SySTC will ensure that at least one Official of the OC Member is included, if possible.

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