

## Communication No. 2637

### 59<sup>th</sup> ISU Ordinary Congress, Las Vegas, June 2024

#### URGENT MATTERS

According to Section VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution Part A. Congress - Organization, Article 30, paragraph 5, if a proposal for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations is submitted later than December 1, it can be discussed and voted upon at Congress, provided the proposal has reached the ISU Secretariat in English for distribution to all Members, not later than three weeks before the Congress and shall be certified as urgent business by a four-fifths majority of Members present and voting.

The following urgent matters have been submitted:

#### CONSTITUTION

##### **Urgent Proposal No. 1**

##### **ISU COUNCIL**

Article 5, paragraph 1

##### 1. Financial Year

The financial year of the ISU begins ~~January~~ July 1 and ends ~~December 31~~ June 30. This amendment enters into force from July 1, 2025.

Reason: A change of the ISU financial year to run from July to June will provide ISU Members with a financial picture corresponding to a sporting season and give a true understanding of financial results in a sporting context. This is a widespread practice for most winter sports (e.g. IIHF, USA FS) and will simplify and accelerate the financial closing process. In addition, all ISU commercial agreements run from July 1 to June 30. There will be a shortened 6-month reporting period from January 1-June 30 2025, in order to make the transition.

##### **Urgent Proposal No. 2**

##### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 8, Organization

Insert and renumber as follows:

The Bodies, Office Holders, Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants of the ISU are:

##### a) Bodies

i) The Congress

ii) The Council

iii) The Disciplinary Commission

iv) The Technical Committees

v) The Athletes Commission

vi) The Medical Commission

vii) The Development Commission

viii) The Compliance Commission

- ix) The Secretariat.
- b) Office Holders
  - i) The President
  - ii) The Vice Presidents – a Vice President for the Figure Skating Branch and a Vice President for the Speed Skating Branch
  - iii) The Council members – five (Council members for the Figure Skating Branch and five Council members for the Speed Skating Branch)
  - iv) The Director General
  - v) The Chair and members of the Disciplinary Commission
  - vi) The Chairs and members of the Technical Committees
  - vii) The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the Athletes Commission
  - viii) The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the Compliance Commission
- ix) The Directors
  - x) The Chair and members of the Medical Commission
  - xi) The Legal Advisors
  - xii) The Treasurer
  - xiii) The Development Commission members.

Reason: A detailed analysis of the Members' Proposals in the Final Congress Agenda 2024 revealed that there is a great demand for an ISU Compliance Commission that focuses on compliance with existing rules and on eliminating ad personam provisions. Furthermore the ISU Compliance Commission marks a new era to establish a transparent zero-tolerance policy compliance management system based on the ISU Code of Ethics to combat multiple threats to the integrity of our ISU sports. The ISU Compliance Commission also monitors and propose that the statutes, practice and activities of the ISU and their Officials are always in conformity with the Code of Ethics and the Olympic Charter, including the full adoption and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions. Annual Costs: zoom meetings, 1 physical meeting a year: max. 20.000 Euro

### **Urgent Proposal No. 3**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 16, paragraph 2b), President

Add as follows:

b) Within the supervisory duties of the Council, the President focuses on the control of the commercial, media/communications ~~and~~ legal and compliance areas. He ensures timely and sufficient answers to all questions, informations, suggestions and complaints by ISU Members.

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of democracy, good governance and transparency.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 4**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 16, paragraph 3f), Vice Presidents

Insert as follows:

f) The Council shall be kept informed on ongoing actions of the Vice Presidents within the respective Branch. In matters, that possibly touch compliance areas, the whole Council shall be kept informed. Information must include all written documents in the respective case. The Vice Presidents may receive cooperation for specific actions from the other Council members, other Office Holders and Advisors.

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of democracy, good governance and transparency.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 5**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 17, paragraph u), Functions of the Council

Add as follows:

u) Keeping of accurate written records and Minutes of meetings and of actions of the Council. Those records and minutes have to include possibly dissenting opinions and its reason.

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of democracy, good governance and transparency.

## Urgent Proposal No. 6

### ISU COUNCIL

Article 23

Evaluation of Figure Skating Officials

An Officials' Assessment Commission (OAC) will be appointed by the Council. The OAC shall consist of a pool of current or former ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers and ISU Judges of different nationalities. This pool will be appointed by the Council evaluating the recommendation of the Vice President Figure Skating. The OAC shall evaluate

- a) evident anomalies and suspected (national) bias in the Judges' scores identified based on predetermined criteria, including mathematical criteria, confirmed by the Council, and
- b) decisions taken by the Technical Panel.

National bias means to favor a Skater or Skaters for reason of nationality as a result of judging deviating from the average judging on the Panel for the respective competition.

The Rules of Procedure of the Officials Assessment Commission will be determined by the Council, based on the judging system and international Officials categories decided by the Congress.

Reason: Need of amendment arose when establishing the new OAC list (after the deadline for regular proposals). Amendment wants to make sure that the best experienced candidates can be selected. Definition of national bias as a consequence of a recent decision of the Disciplinary Commission.

## Urgent Proposal No. 7

### AUSTRIA, Speed

Article 24A, J. Compliance Commission

Insert after Article 24 I Development Commission

#### 1. Eligibility and Composition

The Compliance Commission is elected by the ISU Congress. It will consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair and min 3 max 5 additional members. All members have to be of different citizenship and ISU Members, the number of Commission members depending upon the volume of work required. The members of the commission should either be President of ISU members or their representative. Every elected President is entitled to name her/his representative

#### 2. Functions of the Compliance Commission

The Commission will advise the Council in all matters, that possibly touch compliance themes.

Primary functions of the Compliance Commission include:

- a) Develop, maintain, expand and standardize a comprehensive and fair compliance strategy
- b) Improve the awareness and education of the skating family of sports related compliance issues.
- c) Effectively communicate information on compliance issues to the ISU Members, and advise ISU Members and Office Holders on correct handling with respect to compliance issues.
- d) Protect integrity of sports, status of skating as Olympic sports and ISU reputation

#### 3. ISU Compliance is a comprehensive term that includes e.g.

- Transparency and traceability
- Avoiding incompatibility and impression of bias, missing equidistance and neutrality or of conflict of interests
- Providing at least compliance standards higher or equal to compliance standards of IOC and EU
- Avoiding any impression of lack of compliance, especially by using a strict interpretation in doubt
- Timely reaction to questions and complaints

#### 4. Rule 125/3 applies. ISU Compliance Commission must be informed by the reporting Official as soon as possible.

#### 5. ISU Members are entitled to report possible lack of compliance to ISU Compliance Commission at any time.

Reason: A detailed analysis of the Members' Proposals in the Final Congress Agenda 2024 revealed that there is a great demand for an ISU Compliance Commission that focuses on compliance with existing rules and on eliminating ad personam provisions. Furthermore the ISU Compliance Commission marks a new era to establish a transparent zero-tolerance policy compliance management system based on the ISU Code of Ethics to combat multiple threats to the integrity of our ISU sports. The ISU Compliance Commission also monitors and propose that the statutes, practice and activities of the ISU and their Officials are always in conformity with the Code of Ethics and the Olympic Charter, including the full adoption and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions. Annual Costs: zoom meetings, 1 physical meeting a year: max. 20.000 Euro.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 8**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 30, 2. Proposals to Congress, paragraph 2 b)

Insert as follows:

b) ISU Members may send proposals for changes in the Technical Rules for the consideration of the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Technical Directors to the Secretariat by September 1 preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the respective Sports Technical Directors and the respective Vice President, and proposals of the Council shall then be sent by January 31 to ISU Members and Office Holders.

This summary has to include all proposals sent by ISU Members as well as the explanation and reasons, why and which parts of the proposals the Technical Committee after consideration has included in its own proposal to the ISU Congress or is not in favor of.

ISU Members and Office Holders may submit comments on the proposed Technical Rule changes by March 1 to the Secretariat for consideration by the respective Technical Committees and the respective Sports Technical Directors. An updated summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees and the Sports Technical Directors, approved by the respective Vice President (Article 16, paragraph 3.e) applies) and proposals of the Council, shall then be included in the Congress Agenda and published through an ISU Communication to all ISU Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year.

Reason: Clarification. Good governance (see also ISU Vision 2030) includes elements as democracy and transparency. It should be clear and self-evident that ISU Congress is the highest and only rule giving body of ISU. Hence the term “consideration” in Article 30 does not mean final decision. Nevertheless all proposals by Austria Speed concerning Technical Rules were not included in the summary of the Provisional Agenda per January 31 nor in the Final ISU Congress Agenda. Only on request ISU informed us that our technical proposals “would not improve the Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating”. This is no explanation and shortens ISU Members’ rights in an undemocratic way.

The alteration of Article 30 shall come into effect immediately. ISU is advised to include all not published Members’ technical Proposals into the respective Congress Agenda and to vote upon them.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 9**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 34, paragraph 6), Council Agenda

Add as follows:

An agenda, including all proposals, will be circulated, in English, by the President at least 7 days prior to all meetings. The agenda must include all available written documents (correspondence, statistics, reports, opinions, respective rules of IOC) to the agenda items.

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of democracy, good governance and transparency.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 10**

#### **AUSTRIA, Speed**

Article 34, paragraph 11), Confidentiality

Insert as follows:

Discussion at the Council meetings, voting by Council members, Minutes of meetings and other documents sent to Council members, except those which are published, are confidential, except the following cases:

ISU Congress can decide to make Discussion at the Council meetings, voting by Council members, Minutes of meetings and other documents sent to Council members public by simple majority.

ISU Disciplinary Commission can request the respective information in case of a pending disciplinary case.

The respective ISU Member or ISU Office Holder, whose questions, informations, suggestions and complaints sparked Council action must be kept informed completely.

In case an ISU Compliance Commission is established the Chair of ISU Compliance Commission must be kept informed completely.

Violation of confidentiality by Council members may result in sanctions for misconduct under the applicable Rules.

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of democracy, good governance and transparency.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### Urgent Proposal No. 11 ISU COUNCIL

Rule 102, paragraph 6

#### 6. Trademarks

a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and service 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. 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 dignified and with a maximum of 60 cm<sup>2</sup> each and do not refer to tobacco or alcohol 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. One marking of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than 30 cm<sup>2</sup>. No markings are permitted on boots or blades, except for the boot manufacturer’s name on the boot heel not larger than 10 cm<sup>2</sup> and one engraved identification of the manufacturer not larger than 20 cm<sup>2</sup> on each blade and each blade guard. Markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn.

During the competitive competition performance, the Gala Exhibition at the end of an event and for the medal award Victory Ceremony, one Manufacturer Identification with a maximum of 30cm<sup>2</sup> 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). ~~no markings on Skaters costumes are allowed, but only the above referenced markings on boots and blades. In addition, Skater’s costumes may, however, carry the Skater’s and his ISU Member’s name and/or logo and/or official ISU Member abbreviation. Boots and blades may carry the above-referenced markings.~~

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.

b) In all ISU Championships and all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Competitors of the same national team (entered by the same ISU Member) must wear identical uniforms while within the premises of the arena or ice track during the whole period of the Championships or competition including official practice sessions, which clearly identify their country, with a design, as prescribed by the ISU Members which enter the Skaters for competition. The ISU Members have the obligation to submit the design of the team uniform (skin suit, warming up jacket and zipper trousers, podium and team personnel jacket) to the ISU.

The team officials, Coaches, service 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 (vii) 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 tobacco and alcohol in the competition area, in the television interview area and during the award ceremonies, in accordance with the following:

i) The table below shows the allowed total maximum size of all markings (excluding 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. All markings shall be dignified.

Place of the markings	Maximum size per marking	Number of markings	Total maximum Size
Upper body (above the waist including arms, headgear and helmet)	50 cm <sup>2</sup>	Maximum 6	650 cm <sup>2</sup>
Lower body (below the waist)	250 cm <sup>2</sup>	Maximum 2	

If a manufacturer also acts as sponsor (in ISU Events only), in addition to the manufacturer trademarks according to paragraph 6.b)ii) only one advertising marking of the manufacturer can be exposed on the entire uniform to a maximum size of 50 cm<sup>2</sup>. Such marking shall be placed on the upper body.

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

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, the ISU will cancel the release of the front part for the Events or periods for which they have the sponsor.

Armbands and helmet covers are in the exclusive domain of the ISU. Organizing Committees may request permission from the ISU to place markings on the armbands.

ii) 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, blade guards and on clothing. 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.

The table below shows the allowed maximum sizes and number of manufacturer's trademarks. It is not allowed to include manufacturer's trademarks in other markings or combine manufacturer's trademarks with other markings.

Item	Total maximum size	Max. size per marking	Number of markings
<b>Skates</b>			
Pair of boots	40 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each boot)
Pair of blades	40 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each blade)
Pair of connecting constructions	12 cm <sup>2</sup>	6 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (engraved) (1 on each construction)
<b>Competition Speed Skating racing suit</b>			
Upper body (incl. cap)	60 cm <sup>2</sup>	30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Lower body		30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Competition Short Track racing suit and warming up suit</b>			
Upper body	60 cm <sup>2</sup>	30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Lower body or trousers		30 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Sport and Technical equipment</b>			
Headgear	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Glasses	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Pair of Gloves	16 cm <sup>2</sup>	8 cm <sup>2</sup>	2 (1 on each glove)
Neck protector	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Ankle protector	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Blade guards	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	20 cm <sup>2</sup>	1

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.

iii) In general, up to two manufacturer trademarks (maximum of 20 cm<sup>2</sup> per manufacturer trademark) are allowed on helmets. No manufacturer trademarks are allowed on armbands and helmet covers.

iv) The determination of the design, without any commercial images or registered trademarks, and markings on the clothing of Competitors and team officials, Coaches and service personnel of the same national team, is the sole right and responsibility of the national associations as ISU Members to ensure compliance with this Rule. It is recommended that the ISU Members consider providing the use of markings to the athletes or personnel;

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

vi) 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 Speed Skating 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.

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

Reason: To allow commercial markings on competition and other clothing and skates for Figure Skating in order to give opportunities to Skaters and ISU Members, and not to be stricter than the current IOC Marketing Guidelines for the Olympic Games.



## SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

### Urgent Proposal No. 12

#### SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.2.2 and 2.3.2. To amend as follows:

#### 2.2 World Championships – Allround combination

##### 2.2.2 Qualification system

The SQRL will be formed by the combined results (total points in accordance with Rule 265, paragraph 3) of Skaters ~~from the same ISU Member~~ competing in ~~both~~ 1500m and 3000m (for Women) and 1500m and 5000m (for Men) in World Cup Competitions designated as qualifying Competitions. For ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places based on results from the preceding Championships, their best ranked Skaters from the SQRL corresponding to the number of these pre-allocated quota places, will be disregarded for the further allocation of quota places.

The SQRL ranking positions beyond the total number of quota places for a competition will be referred to as "SQRL reserve positions" and will be limited to a maximum of 10 positions.

This reserve list will be applied to reallocate quota places in the case that some ISU Members will not use all their achieved quota places. In the reallocation process, priority will be given to ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

Within its allocated entry quota for the Championships an ISU Member may enter Competitors, and substitute, among Skaters who have achieved the required qualifying times (see paragraph 1.2. above).

Detailed regulations for the special qualifying ISU Events and the SQRL will be issued in an annual ISU Communication.

#### 2.3. World Championships - Sprint combination

##### 2.3.2 Qualification system

The SQRL will be formed by the combined results (total points in accordance with Rule 265, paragraph 3) of Skaters from the same ISU Member competing in ~~both~~ 500m and 1000m (for Women and Men) in World Cup Competitions designated as qualifying Competitions. For ISU Members that have been pre-allocated quota places based on results from the preceding Championships, their best ranked Skaters from the SQRL corresponding to the number of these pre-allocated quota places, will be disregarded for the further allocation of quota places.

The SQRL ranking positions beyond the total number of quota places for a competition will be referred to as "SQRL reserve positions" and will be limited to a maximum of 10 positions.

This reserve list will be applied to reallocate quota places in the case that some ISU Members will not use all their achieved quota places. In the reallocation process, priority will be given to ISU Members that have not yet been allocated a quota place.

Within its allocated entry quota for the Championships an ISU Member may enter Competitors, and substitute, among Skaters who have achieved the required qualifying times (see paragraph 1.2. above).

Detailed regulations for the special qualifying ISU Events and the SQRL will be issued in an annual ISU Communication.

Reason: This rule change will allow ISU Members to not have to prioritize trying to qualify for the World Single Distances and/or the World/European Allround/Sprint combinations occurring during the same season. For example, the best 1500m and 3000m times (for Women) for each ISU Member will be used to calculate the points from the qualifying events (World Cup) to earn a quota spot, not the best 1500m and 3000m from an individual skater from the qualifying events. In the past many countries have had to choose which event to prioritize to earn quota places. This will also provide for better pairs in World Cups as skaters don't have to compete in a distance that might not be their specialty.

### Urgent Proposal No. 13

#### AUSTRIA, Speed

212, paragraph 6), Nomination of Referees and Starters for ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games

Delete and renumber

~~6. Among the nominated Referees/Starters the Speed Skating Technical Committee recognizes for one year a maximum of 25 individuals who may officiate as ISU Referees or Assistant Referees (A) and a maximum of 25 individuals who may officiate as ISU Starters.~~

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of training, qualification, good governance and transparency for Judges (see ISU Vision 2030), and at the same time eliminate an unjustified discrimination. On the one hand, the ISU fears to have too few qualified ISU Officials as candidates for the Technical Committees (see proposal 22), on the other hand, access to the ISU Championship List is severely restricted. Only a few "selected"

members have so far been granted access to this list. The Principle of equal opportunities for all members with equal training and qualifications need to be established.

## TECHNICAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

### Urgent Proposal No. 14

#### SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 245, add new paragraph 1.e) and amend paragraph 4 as follows:

Withdrawal from the start after draw or did not start (DNS). Entry of substitutes

1. Rearrangement of the starting order without a substitute:

....

e) If a Skater does not start (DNS), the competitor will be ineligible to compete in another distance on the same day and no substitute will be allowed to replace the skater with a DNS for other distance(s) on the same day.

....

4. If a Competitor in a competition over several distances with one award prizes withdraws from a distance after the draw for the distance has taken place, or did not start (DNS), this Competitor is not allowed to be entered again for this or any other distance.

Reason: Paragraph 1.b) is a drafting matter. Paragraph 1.e) is a new paragraph to explain the consequences for a Skater to not start (DNS). The current rules aren't clear on how to handle a DNS. Paragraph 4. also clarifies the consequences for a DNS in a competition over several distances with one award of prizes.

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

### Urgent Proposal No. 15

#### AUSTRIA, Speed

289, paragraph 5a), Nomination and Appointment of Officials

Delete and renumber

~~5. a) Among the nominated International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards, for each season, the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall recognize a maximum of thirty five individuals who shall officiate as Referees or Assistant Referees, a maximum of twenty individuals who shall officiate as Starters and a maximum of twenty individuals who shall act as Competitors' Stewards in ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games~~

Reason: ISU striving towards the highest standards of training, qualification, good governance and transparency for Judges (see ISU Vision 2030), and at the same time eliminate an unjustified discrimination. On the one hand, the ISU fears to have too few qualified ISU Officials as candidates for the Technical Committees (see proposal 22), on the other hand, access to the ISU Championship List is severely restricted. Only a few "selected" members have so far been granted access to this list. The Principle of equal opportunities for all members with equal training and qualifications need to be established.

### Urgent Proposal No. 16

#### SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 289, paragraph 7

Amend sub-paragraphs a), c), d), move former b) to the bottom and renumber as follows:

- a) The Officials are appointed in accordance with Rule 126, paragraphs 9 and 10 for the Olympic Winter Games and in accordance with Rule 129, paragraph 4 for the ISU Championships. The Referee, the Assistant Referees Video, at least one but possibly all Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards for each World Cup Competition, except Junior World Cup, shall be appointed by the President.
- b) At least three qualified Officials, from other ISU Members than the ISU Member of the country in which the Competition is held, shall be among those appointed. For Junior World Cup, at least one qualified Official from another ISU Member must be among the appointed Officials.



- c) During ISU Events the maximum number of Officials (Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards) per ISU Member that can officiate at the same time is four. In each category not more than half of the Officials can be of the same ISU Member. This does not apply to the Junior World Cup.
- d) For ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games all Officials required (other than the Representative of Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and the Technical Delegate), not appointed by the President, shall be appointed by the ISU Member in the country where the Competition is held.
- e) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games all Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be selected from the current List of ISU Officials.
- f) Appointed Officials must be invited by the organizing ISU Member not less than 60 days before the start of the respective Competition.

Reason: Respective Rules for Junior World Cup could not be finalised prior to deadline for regular proposals. For Junior World Cup several positions are left to appointment by the Organizers.

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING/ICE DANCE

### Urgent Proposal No. 17

#### ISRAEL, Figure

Rule 378, paragraph 5.e): Advancement from Championship Round Short Program/Rhythm Dance to Free Skating/Free Dance:

The total number of Competitors advancing from the Short Program/Rhythm Dance to the final Free Skating/Free Dance is twenty-four for Women, twenty-four for Men, ~~sixteen~~ twenty for Pair Skating, and twenty for Ice Dance.

Reason: To help the development of Pair Skating in the World taking into account that since 2019 at the World Championships there were 20 Pairs which advanced to the final Free Skating.

### Urgent Proposal No. 18

#### GREAT BRITAIN

Rule 378, paragraph 5.e) Amend as follows:

e) Advancement from Championship Round Short Program/Rhythm Dance to Free Skating/Free Dance:

The total number of Competitors advancing from the Short Program/Rhythm Dance to the final Free Skating/Free Dance is twenty-four for Women, twenty-four for Men, ~~sixteen~~ twenty for Pair Skating, and twenty (20) for Ice Dance.

Reason: To continue the development of Pair Skating in the world. Continuing to allow 20 teams in the free skate as opposed to reducing the number to 16 would give more nations the opportunity to qualify and continue to positively develop the discipline in their country.

## TECHNICAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING / ICE DANCE

### Urgent Proposal No. 19

#### ISU COUNCIL

Rule 515, paragraphs 4 and 5, amend as follows:

4. Adverse conditions related to the Competitor and/or his Equipment occurring during the program:

If a Competitor is injured during the program or another adverse condition related to him or his equipment (such as but not limited to ~~health problems, nose bleeding,~~ lace undone, damage to clothing or skates) occurs the Competitor must stop skating when he becomes aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier. The music shall be stopped only if the Referee instructs the music technician to do so according to section b) below.

Duration of Interruptions:

a) Up to 40 seconds If the adverse condition can be remedied without delay the Competitor does not need to report to the Referee and the music continues to play. If he resumes skating within 40 seconds, the Referee will apply a deduction as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

b) Up to 3 minutes If the Competitor does not resume skating within 40 seconds, the Referee shall instruct the music technician to stop the music and allow the Competitor 3 additional minutes. If the Competitor resumes skating within this additional period, the Referee will apply a deduction of 5.0 points as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) This deduction also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding

the allowance of 3 additional minutes. When the problem is solved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element which was called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, at the point immediately following this element. The call made prior to the interruption shall stay. Only one resumption per program is allowed upon an allowance of additional 3 minutes. If there is a second interruption of more than 40 seconds due to an adverse condition related to a Competitor or his equipment the Competitor shall be considered withdrawn.

5. If medical attention is required (including nose bleeding), the Referee must stop the performance by an acoustic signal, follow the Medical Protocol (Communication 2267 or any update thereof) and instruct the music technician to stop the music. After consulting with the respective Team Physician, or, if not present, the medical doctor provided by the Organizer, the Referee shall decide if the Competitor is allowed back to compete. If the Referee does not allow the Skater to resume within 3 minutes since the Competitor stopped skating their program, the Competitor is withdrawn. If the Referee allows the Competitor/s to continue skating his program, no deduction will apply. When the problem is resolved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately following this element, which is called by the Technical Panel and the call remains.

Reason: Clarification. Health and medical conditions are covered in Rule 515 paragraph 5 only. Nose bleeding is considered to require medical attention.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 20**

#### **ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 707

Add two Pattern dances to the List.

1. Pattern Dances consist of the skating of prescribed Patterns, Steps and Turns to music with a defined Rhythm and constant Tempo.  
2. In an International Competition including a Pattern Dance(s) Segment, the Pattern Dances to be skated will be selected from the following:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Fourteenstep               | <u>20.</u> Yankee Polka      |
| 2. Foxtrot                    | <u>21.</u> Quickstep         |
| 3. Rocker Foxtrot             | <u>22.</u> Finnstep          |
| 4. Tea Time Foxtrot           | <u>23.</u> Paso Doble        |
| <u>5.</u> Ten Fox             |                              |
| <u>6.</u> Swing Dance         | <u>24.</u> Rhumba            |
| <u>7.</u> Dutch Waltz         | <u>25.</u> Rhumba D'Amour    |
| <u>8.</u> Willow Waltz        | <u>26.</u> Cha Cha Congelado |
| <u>9.</u> European Waltz      | <u>27.</u> Silver Samba      |
| <u>10.</u> American Waltz     | <u>28.</u> Tango Fiesta      |
| <u>11.</u> Westminster Waltz  | <u>29.</u> Tango Canasta     |
| <u>12.</u> Viennese Waltz     | <u>30.</u> Tango             |
| <u>13.</u> Austrian Waltz     | <u>31.</u> Argentine Tango   |
| <u>14.</u> Starlight Waltz    | <u>32.</u> Tango Romantica   |
| <u>15.</u> Ravensburger Waltz | <u>33.</u> Rhythm Blues      |
| <u>16.</u> Golden Waltz       |                              |
| <u>17.</u> Hickory Hoedown    | <u>34.</u> Blues             |
| <u>18.</u> Kilian             | <u>35.</u> Midnight Blues    |
| <u>19.</u> Maple Leaf March   |                              |

The descriptions, charts and diagrams of the Sequences of the above Pattern Dances are included in the ISU Handbook Ice Dance 2003.

The Man must skate the Man's Steps and the Woman must skate the Woman's Steps. Descriptions of the additional Pattern Dances will be published in an ISU Communication.

3 b) For three Sequences of the dance:

Tango Fiesta

Tango Canasta

Ten Fox

Viennese Waltz

Hickory Hoedown

Rhythm Blues

Blues

Paso Doble

Reason: The Ten Fox and Hickory Hoedown are very good Pattern dances for beginner Ice Dance and development and would be used for all of the following Ice Dance categories: Basic Novice, Basic Novice Solo Ice Dance and for Adult Solo and Ice Dance competitions.

## TECHNICAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

### Urgent Proposal No. 21

#### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 970 Draws for Starting Orders to delete and replace:

~~Draws for Teams for Starting orders~~

~~At all ISU Synchronized Skating Championships, the draw for the Short Program and the Free Skating will be held according to the number of entries.~~

~~1. The Draw for the Short Program will be made as follows: At all ISU Championships, the draw for the Short Program will be held according to the latest World Standings utilizing the Teams' own name. World Standings are established as per the procedures published in an ISU Communication. The draw for the Short Program will be conducted as follows:~~

- ~~a) Teams will be divided into two approximately equal groups with the higher ranked Teams being drawn in the second part (hereafter called the part "skating later") and the lower ranked Teams, and Teams with no ranking, being drawn in the first part (hereafter called the part "skating earlier"). If the number of Teams cannot be divided equally by two, the skating later part will include one Team more than the skating earlier part. In the case of ties in the World Standings on the border of the two parts, all those tied Teams will be included in the skating later part;~~
- ~~b) if the number of Teams with no ranking is bigger than the number of places in the skating earlier part, some of these Teams (decided by draw) will be in the skating later part. For this draw, all Teams with no ranking will participate to draw for as many positions as necessary for the skating later part;~~
- ~~c) the number of Teams in the last and the next to last starting order groups will be determined according to the Table in Rule 981 using the total number of Teams;~~
- ~~d) there will be a free draw among Teams with the highest ranking to skate in the last starting order group of the skating later part and a free draw among Teams with the next highest ranking to skate in the next to last starting order group of the skating later part.
  - ~~(i) In case of ties in the World Standings on the border between the last and next to last starting order groups, all those tied Teams will be included in the last starting order group and the next to last starting order group will be smaller by the number of Teams so added to the last starting order group. In the event the last starting order group exceeds the maximum size permitted by two 79 or more Teams, the last starting order group will be divided into two subgroups and there will be a free draw in each subgroup;~~
  - ~~(ii) In case of ties in the World Standings on the border between the next to last starting order group and the rest of the Teams, all those tied Teams will be included in the next to last starting order group. In the event the next to last starting order group exceeds the maximum size permitted by two or more Teams, the next to last starting order group will be divided into two subgroups and there will be a free draw in each subgroup;~~~~
- ~~e) there will be a free draw among all other Teams of "skating later" part.~~
- ~~f) there will be one more free draw among all Teams of the skating earlier part. For this draw all these Teams will be divided into two parts: Teams with and without ranking, so that Teams with ranking will draw for the later starting numbers;~~
- ~~g) starting numbers are drawn according to the World Standings with the highest ranked Team being drawn first, the next ranked Team — second etc. In cases of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between tied Teams to decide the order of the main draw.~~
- ~~h) Starting Order groups will be determined according to Table II in Rule 981, using the total number of Teams. In case of adjustments to the last and next to last starting order groups as per paragraph d) (i) and (ii) above, Starting Order groups will be adjusted accordingly~~

For all ISU Championships, the draw for the Short Program and if applicable, for the Qualifying Free Skating will be held according to the latest World Standings as follows, whereby World Standings will be established as per the procedure published in an ISU Communication:

- a) For the purpose of the draw, the Teams are listed in accordance with the latest ISU World Standings at the time of the Team Leaders Meeting at the respective competition.
- b) The Teams will be divided into starting order groups in accordance to Table II of the Technical Rules using the total number of Teams entered.

- c) Within the starting order groups, the Teams will be divided into two equal subgroups, in case of an odd number of Teams the subgroups with the Teams drawing for the higher starting numbers will include one more Team.
- d) There will be a free draw among all Teams of each such subgroup with the highest ranked Team of the World Standings drawing first and so on.
- e) In case of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between the tied Teams to decide the order of the draw. In case of ties in the World Standings on the border of starting order groups or the subgroups, all those tied Teams will be included in the later group or subgroup and the earlier competing group or subgroup will be smaller by the number of Teams so added to a later group. However, this procedure has no influence on the size of the warm-up groups for the Short Program or Qualifying Free Skating which strictly follows Table III of the Technical Rules.
- f) Teams, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those Teams with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of the draws.

Reason: To harmonize with other Figure Skating disciplines.

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