

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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### On Ice Medical Emergencies Protocol

#### **A) Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating)**

The following procedure must be followed in case of evacuation of a Skater from the ice surface in the Figure Skating Branch.

1. Medical Personnel must be present during practice (minimum 2) and competition (minimum 4) and be positioned as stated in the respective ISU Memorandum / Medical and Anti-Doping.
2. The Medical Personnel will have radio contact with the Referee via the Timekeeper.
3. When an emergency occurs on the ice that the Medical Personnel believes requires immediate attention, the Medical Personnel will radio the Referee via the Timekeeper to inform him/her that they need to enter the ice surface.
4. The Referee will clear the ice surface.
5. Medical Personnel with the respective Team physician (if present) enter the ice surface and assess the Skater.
6. Skater is removed from the ice surface by the Medical Personnel and taken to the medical room for further assessment.
7. The assessment is conducted by the Skater's Team Physician (if present). If there is no Team Physician present the assessment will be conducted by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or Assistant CMO for the event.
8. If the respective Team Physician is present to assess the Skater, he/she will provide the Referee via the Timekeeper with his/her assessment if the Skater is fit to compete or not.
9. If there is no Team Physician present, the CMO/Assistant, will provide the Referee via the Timekeeper with his/her assessment if the Skater is fit to compete or not.
10. ISU rule 515 paragraphs 3-7 of the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance is applied.
11. The Referee makes the final decision if the Skater is allowed back onto the ice surface to compete.
12. The Physician who conducted the assessment completes either the Physician Assessment Form if the Skater is fit to compete or the Withdrawal Form if not fit to compete. The respective Form must be completed and submitted by the next day following the emergency at the latest.

## **B) Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating**

The following procedure must be followed in case of evacuation of a Skater from the ice surface in Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.

1. Medical Personnel must be present during practice (minimum 2) and competition (minimum 4) and be positioned as stated in the respective ISU Memorandum / Medical and Anti-Doping.
2. When an emergency occurs on the ice, the Referee stops the race and gives a signal to the closest Team Medical Personnel to allow them entering on the ice surface.
3. The Team Medical Personnel with the respective Team physician (if present) will enter the ice surface and assess the Skater.
4. If more than one Skater requests medical care, the second Team Medical Personnel with the respective Team physician (if present) should enter the ice surface without delay and assess the Skater.
5. The Skater is removed from the ice surface by the Medical Personnel and taken to the medical room for further assessment.
6. The assessment is conducted by the Skater's Team Physician (if present). If there is no Team Physician present the assessment will be conducted by the CMO or Assistant CMO for the event.
7. If the respective Team Physician is present to assess the Skater, he/she will provide the Referee with his/her assessment if the Skater is fit to compete or not.
8. If there is no Team Physician present, the CMO/Assistant, will provide the Referee with his/her assessment if the Skater is fit to compete or not.
9. The Physician who conducted the assessment completes either the Physician Assessment Form if the Skater is fit to compete or the Withdrawal Form if not fit to compete. The respective Form must be completed and submitted by the next day following the emergency at the latest.

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