

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION – FOUR YEAR PLAN 2014/15 – 2017/18**

***Project/Function/Area of activity:***

**Officials education and assessment**

***Decision Package prepared by:***

**Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee (STSSTC)**

***Statement of specific results & benefits to be obtained:***

- Continued education of Short Track Speed Skating Officials (Referees, Starters, Competitors Stewards) keeping them informed of Rules changes, procedures and technical development of the sport and ensuring consistency of interpretation.
- Maintenance of clear criteria and conditions for the nomination of international Officials and maintenance of the Officials Database for proper evaluation of Officials' performance at ISU Events.
- Continued support of the Regional courses concept for the advancement of future ISU Officials.

**Recommended activities to obtain benefits:**

**2014/15    2015/16    2016/17    2017/18**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
1. Organizing and Holding of Championships Officials Course by STSSTC.	X		X	
2. Organizing and holding of Referee's only course by the STSSTC.		X		X
3. Organizing and Holding of Regional Officials courses by STSSTC.	X	X	X	X
4. Preparation and production by STSSTC of teaching materials such as CD Roms and other for Officials.	X	X	X	X
5. Annual review of criteria and conditions by STSSTC for Officials nomination based on evolution of the sport and the corresponding Rules.	X	X	X	X
6. Continued review by STSSTC of international Officials activities and determination of Officials allowed to officiate at International Competitions and ISU Events.	X		X	
7. Publication of a Handbook for Short Track Speed Skating Officials.	X		X	
8. Race Report System (RRS) Project	X	X		

## **Status Report to the 2016 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18**

**Committee/Commission:** **Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee**

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The activity of the TC related to the training of referees and their assessment after the 55th Congress in Dublin has been very active, observing closely the accepted and scheduled tasks in the 4-year plan for the period 2014-2018.

Special attention has been invested in the coaching of judges with the emphasis in the activities of the TC being on the following areas, namely:

1. Improvement of the training of referees
2. Courses and Seminars
3. Nomination of referees
4. Annual assessment of referees

### **In regard to p.1 above:**

Over the past two years, the TC has realized its program as it comes to the two important projects - the "RRS" (Race Report System) and "ODB" (Officials Data Base) respectively. Both projects are related to one another and provide the necessary information about referees' work. The TC has held more than 15 tests of the RRS during past ISU events as well as competitions of the "Danubia" and "Star Class" Series. These tests of the system were completed successfully during last season and the system was also used during the 2015/16 season. It is important to note that the information which is received from the RRS is directly recorder on a server as ODB.

The objectives of the Technical Committee on these two Projects are for them to be officially implemented as Regulations. Therefore the TC has prepared proposals to amend some of the Rules associated with these two systems.

The integration of systems ("IVR", "RRS" and "ODB") used during ISU and other international competitions greatly facilitates the work of the TC in regard to the officiating activities of Referees as well as during their training.

The information from these two systems is also very useful as meaningful material for the preparation of seminars and courses.

### **In regard to p.2 above:**

The Technical Committee had planned, organized and conducted three ISU Courses during the period 2014-2016. The first one, held in Frankfurt, Germany was for all Referees of the ISU list, including those having the "W" designation, Starters and the Comp. Stewards.

At this ISU Official's Course was also invited a representative of the company that caters all ISU Events with "IVR" System which provided multiple video clips with the aim of training by the participants in that seminar.

The second and third Seminars were organized exclusively for starters from the ISU list, respectively in Graz, Austria in September and in Turin, Italy in October. It is important to note that both Seminars for starters were held during actual competitions from the "Danubia" and "Star Class" Series. Major focus in these two Courses was to allow Starters to practice in reality during actual competitions what had been learned during Seminar sessions.

For the first time during these two Courses was provided Video Replay System to monitor the implementation of the starting procedure from the skaters and Starters.

The Technical Committee believes that this practice should continue in the future. Claimed Regional Seminars were also approved by the TC, while Members of the Committee participate in them - for example the Regional Seminar in Scandinavia.

**In regard to p.3 above:**

Over the past two years, the process of nomination of Officials has followed the existing Rules. The TC has carefully conformed to the requirements and proposals for the approval of new Referees.

In addition, during last two seasons, the proposals for nomination of referees for ISU Events were very well balanced, with each of the Officials being nominated for at least two ISU Event per season . The trend is to continue in the future.

**In regard to p. 4 above:**

In this regard, TC works, following the existing rules and regulations.

Annually after all completion of the season TC review and discuss the available reports sent by Official after the each Event. Based on these reports - i.e. the Reports of the Referee and the reports of the Representatives of TC and ISU formed its opinion and evaluation of Officials for the past season.

In supported of this activity of TC is of the finished TC Project №2 - namely "ODB".

The Information stored in "ODB" demonstrated the level of competence of the officials.

TC works and strives every year to improve the system of training and motivation for young officials.

On behalf of the entire TC I would like to thank the Council and all the Staff of the ISU Office for all help and support they have given to the Short Track TC for the past two years.

The Short Track TC it is very much appreciated of this collaboration.

Our sport continues to growing up around the world and this requires all of us to do our best for the development Short Track Speed Skating in the right direction.

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