

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1974

Open International Competitions

With respect to Open International Competitions, Rule 107 paragraph 13 of the 2014 ISU General Regulations states:

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a) The event must be sanctioned by the ISU, which also has the right to approve the financial conditions for all parties and persons involved.

b) An Open International Competition is a competition in which eligible and ineligible persons (as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2) may compete together. The following provisions must be observed:

i) the entry of eligible Skaters may be made only under the control of the respective Member;

ii) the competition must be conducted strictly in accordance to ISU Regulations (see Rule 104, paragraph 11 and Rule 367).

This Communication rules on the procedure applied by the ISU for sanctioning an Open International Competition.

A. APPLICATIONS

The application to organize an Open International Competition (the “Application”) must be submitted by ISU Members in writing with all available supportive documentation to the ISU Secretariat at least three months prior to the intended starting date of the competition. If the application is not submitted by an ISU Member but a third party, the application must be submitted at least 6 months prior to the intended starting date of the competition.

Applications need to include the following information:

1: Details of the Applicant

- (i) Name of the ISU Member or alternatively Name, contact address, address, phone number, email address of the third party Applicant.
- (ii) If a legal entity: registered address, registration number, tax number(s), name and function of representative for Applicant, direct contact number, direct contact email address.

2. General & Financial Requirements

In order to ensure the proper functioning of Open International Competitions, the following general and financial details must be provided in the Application to determine whether the Applicant is capable of organizing the event:

- (i) Indicative business plan for the Open International Competition including an overall budget
- (ii) Evidence of relevant professional risk liability insurance for the Applicant and any third-party service providers involved in the organization of the Open International Competition.
- (iii) Written declaration confirming that the Applicant conforms to the ISU Statutes (ISU Constitution & General Regulations, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules of the concerned discipline, and ISU Communications) and to the ISU jurisdiction in all matters relating to the Open International Competition.
- (iv) Planned TV coverage (Host Broadcaster and right holding TV companies for each territory) and tentative telecast schedule in each territory.

The ISU reserves the right to request additional information (Financial Statements, Bank statements etc.) in particular if the application is not submitted by an ISU Member or legal entity that is already known to the ISU.

If, for any valid reason, the Applicant is unable to provide the references requested by the ISU, the Applicant may prove its general and financial standing by any other document which the ISU confirms in writing may be provided as an appropriate substitute.

3. Technical & Sporting Requirements

In order to ensure the proper functioning of Open International Competitions, the following technical and sporting information must be provided in the Application to demonstrate that the Applicant is capable of organizing the event:

- (i) Provide details of the Competition plan for the purpose of the ISU Calendar including:
 - Venue and facilities
 - Proposed dates including an indication of any potential conflicts with events on the ISU Calendar.
 - A Draft Announcement for the Open International Competition (see ISU General Regulations, Rule 112) including the format of competition and any novelty in format
 - Intended list of invited Skaters (eligible and non-eligible)
 - Prize Money and/or appearance fees
 - Proposed number and qualification of Officials to be appointed who must all be ISU approved Officials (see ISU General Regulations, Rule 121).
 - Health & Safety: Provide details and confirmation that the venue and medical staff shall conform to the standards in the ISU Statutes in particular but not limited to ISU General Regulations Rule 119, 140, 141 & 142 plus any relevant ISU Communication
 - Confirmation of compliance at the full expense of the organizers with ISU Anti-Doping Rules, i.e. ISU General Regulations, Rule 139, ISU Communication 1922 (in particular but not limited to paragraph 5.3) and ISU Communication 1970 (in particular but not limited to paragraph B.1.1)

The ISU reserves the right to request further information relating to the technical organization of the proposed Open International Competition.

4. Ethical Requirements

In order to protect the ethical integrity of Skating, the following information must be provided in the Application to demonstrate that the proposed Open International Competition shall be organized in line with the ISU Code of Ethics.

The Applicant and any party/person cooperating with the Applicant in the organization and conduct of the event shall adhere to the ISU Code of Ethics. The Applicant shall be required to provide the following declaration:

Declaration on Ethics

[NAME] (the "Organizer") hereby declares that the Organizer [and its directors and shareholders] do not hold a conviction by final judgment for one of the following reasons: participation in an organized criminal organization; corruption; fraud; offences linked to terrorist activities; and money laundering.

The Organizer further confirms to the ISU that it is not engaged in any activity prohibited by the ISU Code of Ethics, and in particular is not engaged in any betting activity. The Organizer confirms that it shall adhere at all times to the ISU Code of Ethics (from time to time in force) and that it shall require all persons in its employment and third party service providers to adhere to the standards in the ISU Code of Ethics in the organization of the Open International Competition.

The Organizer hereby acknowledges to the ISU that any breach of the ISU Code of Ethics may result in the withdrawal at any time of the authorization to hold the Open International Competition and that any losses incurred as a result of such a withdrawal shall be borne solely by the Organizer.

Note: It is recommended that an Applicant consult with the ISU if it has any doubts whether a particular activity conforms to the ISU Code of Ethics. The ISU reserves the right to request further information concerning the Applicant and the proposed Open International Competition including (but not limited to) the proposed ethical protection program, information concerning shareholders and directors related to the Applicant, or sponsors of the event.

B. SOLIDARITY CONTRIBUTION

The Applicant agrees to pay a Solidarity Contribution to the ISU in favor of the development of the ISU Sports of an amount to be agreed upon on a case by case basis.

C. AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE

The Council tasks the Director General to verify the completeness of documentation contained in the Application and in case of incompleteness to grant the applicant the right to supplement its documentation. Failure to complete the Application with the requested time frame (or revised time frame agreed with the Applicant) shall result in the rejection of the Application for being manifestly incomplete.

Complete Applications will be submitted by the Director General together with a recommendation to the Council. The Council may decide on the Application by means of a

circular vote or, at the request of any Member of the Council, by means of a vote at the next available Council meeting.

The Council shall accept or reject the Application having regard to the following criteria in particular:

- (i) The Ethical Requirements; and/or
- (ii) General and Financial Requirements; and/or
- (iii) Technical and Sporting Requirements, and/or
- (iv) Overriding objectives of the ISU, in particular as laid down in Article 3 paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution

The Council's decision shall be communicated to the Applicant in writing. In the event that the Application is rejected, the ISU shall provide the Applicant with a brief set of reasons for the decision.

In the event that the Applicant wishes to appeal against a decision of the Council to reject an Application before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, the ISU at the request of the Applicant shall agree to sign a respective arbitration agreement in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

D. CONDITIONS FOLLOWING AUTHORISATION

Upon ISU authorization, the Event Announcement may be posted by the Organizers on the Internet and the ISU will include the Event in its Event Calendar on the ISU website.

The successful Applicant has permission to use the following statement "Approved by the International Skating Union" or "ISU Approved Open International Competition" in any correspondence or advertising associated with the Open International Competition.

The ISU reserves the right to conduct an inspection before the authorized Open International Competition and to maintain an inspection team on site at all times during the event.

The Applicant shall submit a protocol including all competition results immediately after completion of the Open International Competition to the ISU Secretariat.

Milano,
October 20, 2015
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General