

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1561

### Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on March 28-30, 2009 in Los Angeles/United States. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

#### 1. World Cup Speed Skating 2009/10

The Council approved the schedule for the World Cup Speed Skating 2009/10 season as follows:

6-8 Nov 2009	Berlin (GER)	All Distances
13-15 Nov 2009	Heerenveen (NED)	All Distances
21-22 Nov 2009	Hamar (NOR)	Long Distances
4 - 6 Dec 2009	Calgary (CAN)	All Distances
11-13 Dec 2009	Salt Lake City (USA)	All Distances
6-7 March 2010	Erfurt (GER)	Sprint
12-14 March 2010	Heerenveen (NED)	All Distances - Final

The Council further decided to remove the 100 meter distance from the World Cup Speed Skating Program.

#### 2. ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2011 – New dates

The Council decided to revise the dates of the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2011. This event will now be held on February 15-20, 2011 (not yet allotted).

#### 3. New competition format Ice Dance

Following the discussions during the 2008 Congress and the resolution passed by the Congress, the Council approved a budget allowing the Ice Dance Technical Committee to perform a test of new competition formats proposal for Ice Dance, in Milan/Italy, on May 15-16, 2009.

#### 4. Short Track Speed Skating – New shape of the track – Test Event

The ISU Council decided to evaluate the possibility of a new shape of the track for Short Track Speed Skating and mandated the ISU Sports Directorate and Short Track Speed Skating

Technical Committee to work out a specific proposal and to organize a test event to be held in Salt Lake City/USA on May 14-17, 2009. The purpose of this initiative is to evaluate whether a new shape of the track would permit more passing (that is considered to be the most exciting action in this sport discipline) and whether it would increase the safety for the Skaters. ISU Members are being informed of details of the Test Event and its conclusion through separate correspondence.

## **5. Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012, Innsbruck**

As announced in ISU Communication 1550, the first winter edition of the Youth Olympic Games will be held in Innsbruck/Austria on **January 13-22, 2012**.

The applicable program including disciplines, qualifying systems, entry quotas, competition formats and age limits are under preparation in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and will be released in due time.

The tentative age limits, subject to final confirmation, for the ISU disciplines will be as follows:

- For all ISU disciplines: Skaters born between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, i.e. 15-16 years old;
- For male skaters in Pair Skating and Ice Dance: born between January 1 1994 and December 31, 1997, i.e. 15-18 years old.

## **6. ISU Judging System Working Group**

Taking into account the experience gained during the past seasons during which the ISU Judging System has been successfully implemented, the Council decided to form a Working Group to ensure the continued fine tuning of the system in a consistent manner across the ISU Figure Skating disciplines (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating). A primary objective of the Working Group is to evaluate and advise the Council on potential proposals to be submitted to the 2010 ISU Congress.

The Working Group is composed as follows:

Coordinator: David M. David Dore, ISU Vice President Figure Skating  
Members: Alexander Lakernik, Chair ISU Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee  
Robert Horen, member ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee  
Joanne Shaw, member ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee  
Peter Krick, Chair ISU Sports Directorate  
Ted Barton, ISU Consultant & ISU Data & Replay Operator

## **7. ISU Council Meetings**

The Council confirmed that its June meeting will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on June 3-6, 2009. The autumn Council meeting is scheduled for October 22-25, 2009 in Turkey. The Council will furthermore meet during the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver/Canada (February 12-28, 2010) and the days before and after the 2010 ISU Congress in Barcelona/Spain (June 14 – 18, 2010 in the Hotel Rey Juan Carlos).

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