

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 2017

### Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on June 5, 11 & 12, 2016 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

#### 1. New Provisional ISU Member

The ISU Council granted the Ice Skating Association of Ireland (who is already a full Figure Skating ISU Member) with a provisional ISU Membership for Speed Skating Branch.

The contact details and relevant information related to Ice Skating Association of Ireland can be found on the ISU website under the “ISU Member” section.

#### 2. Communications with continued validity

The Council acknowledged the Congress confirmation of the following ISU Communications having continued validity:

No. 1265	Cut Resistant Clothing in Short Track Speed Skating
No. 1420	Citizenship-Rule 109
No. 1531	ISU Development Program
No. 1540	Figure Skating - Use of papers/documents by Figure Skating Judges during competitions
No. 1629	ISU World Standings for Single & Pair Skating & Ice Dance
No. 1630	ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating
No. 1726	Short Track Rinkboard Padding
No. 1717	ISU Code of Ethics
No. 1767	Decisions of the Council Prague: Point 8 – Allowed manufacturers trademarks, Rule 102/6
No. 1776	Guidelines for Short Track Speed Skating Regional Courses and Seminars for Officials
No. 1784	Decisions of the Council Milan: Point 3 – OWG - IOC Code of Ethics, Betting
No. 1811	Skaters’ Participation in ISU Figure Skating Events – Application of Rules 125/5 & 136/6
No. 1834	International Adult Skating Competitions Figure Skating
No. 1853	Betting and Gambling in ISU Sports
No. 1858	ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating
No. 1871	ISU Blood Screening Program
No. 1872	ISU Haematological Module of the Skater Biological Passport Program (H-ABP)
No. 1876	Point 16: Rule 131, Declaration Form
No. 1878	Uniform/Racing Suits/Clothing
No. 1910	Officials’ remuneration for ISU Figure Skating Events

- No. 1913 Point 7: Article 17, paragraph 1.x of the 2014 ISU Constitution - Recreational/Show-type competitions
- No. 1922 ISU Anti-Doping Rules
- No. 1933 Point 3: Measures related to the Romanian Skating Federation
- No. 1936 Ice Dance – Scales of Value effective July 1, 2015
- No. 1946 Point 3: Implementation of an electronic entry system for Figure Skating
- No. 1947 Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance & Synchronized Skating – Guidelines for International Novice Competitions
- No. 1949 & 1969 List of Officials Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating (*valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2016*)
- No. 1951 On Ice Medical Emergencies in Figure Skating Protocol
- No. 1954 Initiatives and measures for the Promotion of Short Track Speed Skating
- No. 1961 & 1968 List of Officials Figure Skating - (*valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2016*)
- No. 1962 Rules of Procedure for Officials Assessment Commission – Evaluation of Judging – Assessments for the Figure Skating Branch
- No. 1966 Synchronized Skating - Appendix Elements & Scale of Values
- No. 1970 ISU Anti-Doping Procedures to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules
- No. 1974 Open International Competitions
- No. 1976 Prize Money ISU Championships
- No. 1986 ISU Pair Skating Development Training Seminar for Coaches and Pair Skaters
- No. 1988 Frankfurt Seminar – July 10 – 17, 2016
- No. 1990 ISU International Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Ice Dance Couples and their Coaches from Asia, Oceania, the Pacific Region and South Africa.
- No. 1991 Ice Dance - ISU Seminars for Referees and Judges hosted by ISU Members 2016
- No. 1992 Single & Pair Skating Judges and Referees Seminars 2016
- No. 1994 ISU Challenger Series in Figure Skating Season 2016/17
- No. 1996 Obligations of ISU Members
- No. 1998 Ice Dance – Requirements for Technical Rules season 2016/17
- No. 2000 Single & Pair Skating – Scale of Values, Level of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution, season 2016/17
- No. 2001 ISU Disciplinary Commission – Rules of Procedure
- No. 2003 Ice Dance – Requirements for Technical Rules with ongoing validity, effective July 1, 2016
- No. 2008 Synchronized Skating - Well Balanced Program Content effective for the 2016/17 season
- No. 2012 Synchronized Skating - Clarification to ISU Communication 2008 - Technical Requirements for Season 2016/17

### **3. ISU General Regulations, Revised Rule 109**

The Council acknowledged the wording of the revised Rule 109 as decided by the 2016 Congress and as included in the Attachment to this Communication. Accordingly, a revision of ISU Communication No. 1420 is being prepared and will be published as soon as possible.

#### **4. ISU Development Program – ISU Development Commission**

Based on the 2016 Congress decision to create a Development Commission and to discontinue the present function of the Development Coordinator, the Council decided to terminate with immediate effect the cooperation with Mr. György Sallak.

The composition of the Development Commission as well as an update of Communication No. 1531 (ISU Development Program) is under preparation for finalization and publication after the ISU Council meeting scheduled for September 9-11, 2016. In the meantime, the respective Vice Presidents in cooperation with the ISU Secretariat will monitor all Development Projects under implementation and/or urgent Development Project requests.

#### **5. ISU Figure Skating Championships 2017 – Minimum Technical Elements Scores**

Taking into account the expected number of entries into the Short Program/Short Dance at the ISU Figure Skating Championships for the season 2016/17 and the related time schedule, the reasonable maximum officiating time for the Officials, limits in the number of participants and related workload an Organizing Committee can be expected to handle physically and financially as well as implications with commercial partners, the Council concluded that the Minimum Technical Elements Scores as per the Special Regulations, Rule 378, paragraph 3 must be determined for all ISU Figure Skating Championships in order to limit the number of entries to the appropriate level.

##### **ISU European and ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2017:**

	<b>SP/SD</b>	<b>FS/FD</b>
MEN	25.00	45.00
LADIES	20.00	36.00
PAIR SKATING	20.00	36.00
ICE DANCE	19.00	29.00

##### **ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2017:**

	<b>SP/SD</b>	<b>FS/FD</b>
MEN	34.00	64.00
LADIES	27.00	47.00
PAIR SKATING	25.00	43.00
ICE DANCE	29.00	39.00

##### **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2017:**

	<b>SP/SD</b>	<b>FS/FD</b>
MEN	20.00	42.00
LADIES	20.00	35.00
PAIR SKATING	20.00	30.00
ICE DANCE	18.00	28.00

The required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance to participate in **Senior ISU Championships** (ISU European Figure Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and ISU World Figure Skating Championships) **can only be obtained in Senior International Competitions**. Likewise, the required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance segment to participate in the **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships can only be obtained in International Junior Competitions**.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 38, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

The Council also decided that the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached **21** (twenty-one) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

*The Council agreed that if it became evident that the number of entries based on the Minimum Technical Elements Scores listed above would be significantly higher or lower than expected, the ISU Council reserves the right to subsequently slightly re-adjust the Minimum Technical Elements Scores in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective.*

#### **6. Judges Draw – ISU Figure Skating Championships 2016/17**

The annual Judges Draw for the 2016/17 Figure Skating Championships shall be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### **7. Definite allotment for 2017 ISU Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulation, the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2017 as follows:

##### **Speed Skating**

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Warsaw, Poland on January 6-8, 2017

ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gangneung, Rep. of Korea on February 9-12, 2017

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Helsinki, Finland on February 17-19, 2017

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships to be held in Calgary, Canada on February 25-26, 2017

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships to be held in Hamar, Norway on March 4-5, 2017

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Torino, Italy on January 13-15, 2017

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Innsbruck, Austria on January 27-29, 2017 (Please note revised date)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands on March 10-12, 2017

### **Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Ostrava, Czech Republic on January 25-29, 2017

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Gangneung, Rep. of Korea on February 15-19, 2017

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei on 15-19 March, 2017

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Helsinki, Finland on March 29-April 2, 2017

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Mississauga, Canada on March 10-11, 2017

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Colorado Springs, USA on April 7-8, 2017.

## **8. Continued and/or new Provisional Allotments of 2018 ISU Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has allotted or maintained the previous provisional allotments for the following ISU Championships 2018:

### **Speed Skating**

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Kolomna, Russia on January 5-7, 2018 (new allotment).

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships to be held in Changchun, China on March 3-4, 2018

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Salt Lake City, USA on March 9-11, 2018

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships to be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands on March 10-11, 2018

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Dresden, Germany on January 12-14, 2018

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Warsaw, Poland on March 2-4, 2018

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Montreal, Canada on March 16-18, 2018

### **Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Moscow, Russia on January 15-21, 2018

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei on January 23-28, 2018 (new allotment).

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 5-11, 2018.

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Milan, Italy on March 19-25, 2018.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 16-17, 2018):  
Pending – ISU Members are invited to submit applications.

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on April 6-7, 2018.

## **9. New Provisional Allotments of 2019 ISU Championships**

### **Speed Skating**

The allotment of the following ISU Speed Skating Championships 2019 was kept pending taking into account the rule changes adopted by the 2016 Congress and in order to allow the necessary consultations with the concerned applicant ISU Members:

ISU European Speed Skating Championships (January 11-13, 2019)

ISU World Single Distance Speed Skating Championships (February 7-10, 2019)

ISU Junior World Speed Skating Championships (February 15-17, 2019)

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships (February 23-24, 2019)

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships (March 2-3, 2019)

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2019 Championships:

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Dordrecht, Netherlands on January 11-13, 2019.

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on January 26-28, 2019.

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 8-10, 2019.

### **Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships (January 21-27, 2019): pending

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Colorado Springs, USA on February 4-10, 2019.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, to be held in Zagreb, Croatia on March 4-10, 2019.

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Saitama City, Japan on March 18-24, 2019.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Neuchâtel, Switzerland on March 15-16, 2019.

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Helsinki, Finland on April 12-14, 2019.

## **10. Recognition of new World Records Speed Skating**

In accordance with article 19, paragraph 2.f), the Council homologated the following World Records:

### Men 500 meters

<b>34,00</b>	Pavel Kulizhnikov	RUS	Calgary, 15.11.2015
<b>33,98</b>	Pavel Kulizhnikov	RUS	Salt Lake City, 20.11.2015

### Men 10 000 meters

<b>12.36,30</b>	Ted-Jan Bloemen	CAN	Salt Lake City, 21.11.2015
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### Ladies 1000 meters

<b>1.12,51</b>	Heather Richardson-Bergsma	USA	Calgary, 14.11.2015
<b>1.12,18</b>	Brittany Bowe	USA	Salt Lake City, 22.11.2015

### Ladies 1500 meters

<b>1.51,59</b>	Brittany Bowe	USA	Calgary, 15.11.2015
<b>1.50,85</b>	Heather Richardson-Bergsma	USA	Salt Lake City, 21.11.2015

## **11. Recognition of new World Records Short Track Speed Skating**

In accordance with article 19, paragraph 5 i), the Council homologated the following World Records:

### Men 1000 meters

<b>1.22,607</b>	Semen Elistratov	RUS	Dresden, 06.02.2016
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### Men 3000 meters Relay

<b>3.59,809</b>	China (Wei Ma, Ziwei Ren, Hongzhi Xu, Wei Yu)	CHN	Sofia, 31.01.2016
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### Junior Men 500 meters

<b>40,892</b>	Shaoang Liu	HUN	Sofia, 30.01.2016
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### Junior Men 1000 meters

<b>1.24,959</b>	Yongjin Lim	KOR	Sofia, 31.01.2016
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### Junior Ladies 500 meters

<b>43,596</b>	Chunyu Qu	CHN	Sofia, 30.01.2016
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## **12. ISU Council meeting**

The Council agreed to meet again  
on September 9-11, 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland  
on October 14-16, 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland  
on March 26-28, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland  
on June 2-4, 2017 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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**Jan Dijkema**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General



## **Rule 109 as adopted by the 2016 Congress**

### 1. Participation in ISU Championships, ISU Events and International Competitions

ISU Championships, ISU Events and International Competitions, listed in Rule 100, paragraph 3, and Rule 107, paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, may be entered only by Competitors who are members of an ISU Member. The entry can be made only through that ISU Member. For participation in Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, Rule 126 respectively the provisions of the Olympic Charter and its By-Laws apply.

2. a) A Skater may compete only as a member of the ISU Member of a country of which he is a citizen or in which he has resided for at least one year.
- b) In Pair Skating and Ice Dance only one partner needs to fulfil the requirements stated in paragraph 2.a). The other partner, however, must be a citizen or resident of the country of an ISU Member.
- c) A Skater who has competed in any ISU Championships, ISU Event and/or International Competition for any ISU Member and who intends to compete in the future for another ISU Member needs a permit from the ISU Member he currently represented in the past, which permit shall not unreasonably be denied.

In addition such Skater may compete for the respective ISU Member in International Competitions, ISU Events and ISU Championships only after a waiting period of twelve (12) months since the Skater competed for any other ISU Member in any such competition has elapsed.
- d) In Synchronized Skating Teams, up to 25 % (four Skaters on a Team with sixteen Skaters and three Skaters on a Team with twelve Skaters) may be member of an ISU Member different from the one the Team is competing for, provided they have a respective permit from the ISU Member they belong to. To such Skaters, the citizenship/residency requirements specified in para. 2 a) and the waiting periods according to paragraph 2.c) do not apply. Alternates are not included for the calculation of percentage purposes.

3. Skaters competing for the ISU Member of a country whose citizenship they do not have (except for members of Synchronized Skating Teams under the 25 % quota according to paragraph 2.d) above), and Skaters who have competed in any ISU Championships, ISU Event and/or International Competition before and intend to compete in the future for another ISU Member may do so only after obtaining, through the Member for which they intend to compete, a clearance certificate (CC) from the ISU Secretariat.

All relevant procedures are published in an ISU Communication.

4. In the course of the same season (July 1st – June 30th) a Skater may skate for only one ISU Member in all ISU Championships, ISU Events and International Competitions. This also applies to Skaters who compete in several ISU sport disciplines.

This provision also applies with respect to members of Synchronized Skating Teams under the 25 % quota according to paragraph 2.d) above.

5. If special circumstances so warrant the Council may waive the citizenship/residency or the permit requirement and/or the waiting periods according to paragraphs 2.a) and c) above.

In exceptional cases the Council itself may enter a Competitor for a specific event. A Competitor entered by the ISU does not count in the quota of the country of his citizenship or residence.

6. The Council may reject an application from an ISU Member for a Clearance Certificate for any Skater, although the formalities and requirements stated in this Rule have been met, if in the opinion of the Council granting such application would be contrary to the spirit of sports (e.g. in case an ISU Member tries to “import” several athletes with foreign citizenship, in particular when such athletes should form a new national team or its substantial part of such ISU Member).