

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1894

### CHALLENGERS SERIES IN FIGURE SKATING REVISION OF MINIMUM ENTRY CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS CHALLENGER SERIES EVENT

ISU Communication No. 1858 established the basic principles of the ISU Challenger Series including the minimum number of entries for an International Competition to qualify as a Challenger Series event.

The selected International Competitions were announced in ISU Communication No. 1876 and are:

U.S. International Figure Skating Classic	Salt Lake City, USA	September 10-14, 2014
Lombardia Trophy	Sesto San Giovanni (Milan), ITA	September 18-21, 2014
Nebelhorn Trophy	Oberstdorf, GER	September 24-27, 2014
Ondrej Nepela Trophy	Bratislava, SVK	October 1-5, 2014
Finlandia Trophy	Espoo, FIN	October 9-12, 2014
Autumn Classic International	Barrie, CAN	October 14-17, 2014
Volvo Open Cup	Riga, LAT	November 5-9, 2014
Triglav Trophy	Jesenice, SLO	November 6-9, 2014
Ice Challenge	Graz, AUT	November 13-16, 2014
Warsaw Cup	Warsaw, POL	November 20-23, 2014
Golden Spin of Zagreb	Zagreb, CRO	December 4-7, 2014

Each Organizing Member of an International Competition, linked with the ISU Challenger Series, must make every attempt to reach the required number of participants as stated in paragraph 2 of ISU Communication 1858. However, the monitoring of the ongoing entries to the above-mentioned International Competitions indicates that the set minimum number of entries appears to be too high and by no fault of their own certain Organizing Committees/Organized Members might not be able to meet this entries criteria.

Therefore in order to maintain and secure the main purpose of this series, namely to give adequate opportunities for many Skaters (mostly not qualified to enter Grand Prix events) to compete at the international senior level and earn World Standing Points, the Council determined to apply the following (revised) criteria for an International Competition to become a Challenger Series event:

A minimum of the following entries at the time of the draw are required for the identified International Competitions (which are lower than those stated in para 2 of Communication 1858):

- a minimum of 12 Members must have made entries (in total - not per category, which is unchanged from Communication 1858)
- Men: 8 entries from 4 Members (instead of 15 entries from 7 Members as para 2 of Communication 1858)
- Ladies: 8 entries from 4 Members (instead of 15 entries from 7 Members as per para 2 of Communication 1858)
- Pairs: 5 entries from 3 Members (instead of 8 entries from 4 Members as per para 2 of Communication 1858)
- Ice Dance: 6 entries from 4 Members (instead of 10 entries from 5 Members as per para 2 of Communication 1858)

The other criteria as stated in Communication 1858 remain unchanged.

Provided that the above mentioned criteria are met, the event in question will be considered to be a full part of the ISU Challenger Series with all further consequences, e.g. full ISU contribution, higher World Standing Points, ranking within the ISU Challenger Series, participating in the Challenger Series Prize Money etc.

In the case that one discipline within an event of the ISU Challenger Series does not meet the above mentioned revised minimum number of participants, this discipline will not be considered as part of the ISU Challenger Event. Consequently no World Standing Points would be awarded for this discipline and the participants of the discipline in question would not be awarded points for the special ranking of the series. The event, however, would still count for “Seasons Best Score” and “Minimum total Technical Score”.

#### **Correction to Communication No. 1858, point 5**

For the World Standing Points for Pairs, 5<sup>th</sup> place, a typing error occurred. The Communication should read:

5<sup>th</sup> place          Pairs    198 points (164)

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