

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

Project/Function/Area of activity: Coaches/Skaters education & monitoring of Technical Rules

Committee/Commission: Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee (SPTC)

Statement of specific results & benefits to be obtained:

- To improve over the four year period the overall quality of skating with a great number of ISU Members in order to ensure a broader range of ISU Members are medalists at ISU Championships in the various disciplines, via Coaches and Skaters education.
- To improve the overall quality of coaching within all ISU Members, assisting them in the development of coaching development program, in order to ensure that a broader range of ISU Members are medalists at ISU Championships in the various disciplines, via Coaches and Skaters education.
- To establish competition structures, rules and systems which are in line with the development of athletes and the sport.

Recommended activities to obtain benefits:

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

1. To continue the ISU International Pair Skating Training Seminar which provides identified Members (Skaters, Coaches and Judges) with the necessary tools to further develop the discipline within their countries. To be developed by the SPTC in cooperation and support of the Sports Directors and facilitated by a Project Manager.	X	X	X	X
2. To support and assist Members in creating Regional Multi-National Training Camps for Skaters and Coaches to be developed by the SPTC in cooperation and support of the Sports Directors and facilitated by a Project Manager.	X	X	X	X
3. To improve dialogue with the Media and be available upon request. To provide the technical information to Media. To be developed by the SPTC in cooperation with ISU Media personnel.	X	X	X	X
4. Preparation, production and periodic revision by the SPTC in cooperation with the other Coaches of teaching materials such as DVDs, handbooks, training programs for Coaches and Skaters	X	X	X	X
5. Periodic event attendance and meetings including workshops between the SPTC and the Sports Directors, Coaches, Skaters, the IDTC and SySTC, Medical Advisors, other ISU Office Holders, Officials, and Member representatives to evaluate the technical development of the sport including its competitions formats, ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games qualification procedures, equipment and scientific developments and the corresponding consequences on the Rules and procedures.	X	X	X	X
6. Regular review by SPTC of Technical Rules and procedures and preparation and submission of corresponding proposals to the ISU Council and the ISU Congress. Editing of Figure Skating Regulations based on the Council and Congress decisions.	X	X	X	X
7. Periodic preparation and submission of reports to the ISU Council/ Sports Directors giving the SPTC's view of the development of the sport and making proposals concerning the technical development of Figure Skating including its International competitions and ISU Events. In particular but not limited to, the close monitoring by the SPTC of the technical development of ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series and other International Competitions.	X	X	X	X
8. Preparation of ISU Communications by the SPTC for clarifications of Rules and procedures.	X	X	X	X
9. Updating the information for announcers to increase the knowledge of the arena audience on Single & Pair Skating rules.	X	X	X	X
10. Trying other formats of conducting events and evaluating Skaters performances.	X		X	

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

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The S&PTC has performed the activities as planned in order to achieve the specific results & benefits stated in the 2014 Four-Year Plan. The following areas require specific attention:

1. Pair Skating definitely remains a field for S&PTC close attention. The number of ISU Members developing this discipline as well as number of good pairs is increasing, but still there are many ISU Members with just a few or no pairs at all. To solve this problem every year a Pair Skating Training Camp is being conducted, usually in Berlin, Germany. In 2015 as the rink in Berlin was on renovation and the camp was conducted in Torun, Poland. Every year there are more than 20 pairs from about 10 ISU Members. Each pair is accompanied by a Coach, plus additional Coaches without pairs are also present. We have seen a considerable increase in the last few years in entries in the JGP's and Junior Worlds in Pair Skating category. Our goal is to train Pairs as well as educate Coaches who already work or would like to work in Pair Skating.

To continue and broaden this practice one more Pair Skating Training Camp was organized and conducted in 2015 in Sochi, Russia. 14 pairs from 9 ISU Members participated. 13 coaches were present. The great advantage of this camp was that all the Moderators were from the same (Russian) school and contributed to the work in the same direction.

Both Camps (Berlin and Sochi) will be conducted in 2016 as well. The ISU should continue this practice on annual basis as it is proving to be very successful.

2. Regional Multi-National Training Camps for Skaters and Coaches were also organized mainly in Single Skating according to the Development Program. Specially should mentioned Nordic Development Project in Vierumaki, Finland, 2010-2014 and Central Europe Development Project in Ostrava, Czech Republic.
3. Media relations: a lot of information can be found on the ISU website: Rules, ISU Communications, Levels requirements and corresponding clarifications, Questions and Answers, Competitions Schedule, medical information etc. The new ISU way of providing information to the TV commentators has proven to be quite beneficial. We are thinking of providing similar information to the audience at the rinks.
4. A lot of materials connected with the ISU Judging System have been prepared and distributed to the ISU Members: New Rules and ISU Communications, various DVDs and Video materials, software and equipment for the Judging System etc. The plan is to have many examples of Pair and Singles elements available for Members to view on the ISU website.
5. Periodic event attendance and meetings in order to evaluate the technical developments are quite beneficial for the development of the disciplines. Such meetings, discussions and written correspondence are conducted on a regular basis which greatly helps the various fields of technical development including Rule changes.

6. In cooperation with the ISU Council, Sports Directors and Sport Manager significant work was done to improve the format of the ISU Events with the goal to make them quicker, more dynamic and interesting for the spectators and the TV audience.

The S&PTC proposals to the ISU Congress 2016 on Special Regulations and Technical Rules were prepared in close cooperation with the Figure Skating Sport Director and sent to the ISU Office by the required deadline.

7. Periodically reports are prepared and submitted to the ISU Council/Sport Directors giving the SPTC's view of the development of the sport; SPTC makes proposals concerning the technical development of Figure Skating including its International competitions and ISU Events. The Committee closely monitors technical development of ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series and other International Competitions.
8. ISU Communications with changes for the next season are prepared on the annual basis and usually published by May 1 (in 2015 this Communication was unfortunately published only June 15). At the end of July following the discussions during the Global Seminar in Frankfurt, the Committee finalizes the Technical Panel Handbooks for the next season.
9. The Committee takes part in the work on updating the information for announcers to increase the knowledge of the arena audience on Single and Pair skating Rules.
10. Periodically other formats of conducting events and evaluating Skaters performances are being tried (Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf, Germany, September 2014; TCC Cup, Spokane, USA, April 2016).

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