

Status Report to the 2018 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18

Committee/Commission: **Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee (S&PTC)**

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

The S&PTC has performed the activities as planned in order to achieve the specific results & benefits stated in the 2016 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 Germany (Berlin) and Russia (Sochi/Moscow). Every year there are more than 20 pairs from about 10 ISU Members in each Training Camp. 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.

Both Camps (Berlin and Sochi/Moscow) will be conducted in 2018 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 Central Europe Development Project in Ostrava, Czech Republic with 4 camps in May and August in 2016 and 2017.
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 2018 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. 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 (Tallinn Cup, Tallinn, Estonia, November 2017).

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