## INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## **Communication No. 1601**

## **Decision of Court of Arbitration for Sport**

Further to ISU Communication No. 1571 concerning the decision of the ISU Disciplinary Commission dated July 1, 2009 in the case of Ms. Claudia Pechstein (GER), Ms. Pechstein filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

A hearing was held by the CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland on October 22-23, 2009 to consider the Appeal of Ms. Pechstein. On November 25, 2009, the CAS ruled:

- 1. The appeals of Claudia Pechstein and of the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf Gemeinschaft e.V. against the decision dated 1 July 2009 of the Disciplinary Commission of the International Skating Union are dismissed.
- 2. The decision dated 1 July 2009 of the Disciplinary Commission of the International Skating Union is upheld, with the following modification as set out in para. 3.
- 3. Ms. Claudia Pechstein is declared ineligible for two years as of 8 February 2009.
- 4. The results obtained by Ms. Claudia Pechstein on 7 February 2009 at the ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships are disqualified, with related forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.
- 5. All other motions or prayers for relief are dismissed.
- 6. This award is pronounced without costs, except for the court office fees of CHF 500 (five hundred Swiss Francs) paid by both Claudia Pechstein and the Deutsche Eisschnelllauf Gemeinschaft e.V., which are retained by the CAS.
- 7. Ms. Claudia Pechstein is ordered to pay to the International Skating Union an amount of CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss Francs) as a contribution to the latter's costs incurred in connection with the present arbitration.
- 8. The Deutsche Eisschnelllauf Gemeinschaft e.V. is ordered to pay to the International Skating Union an amount of CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss Francs) as a contribution towards the latter's costs incurred in connection with the present arbitration.

The full decision is published on the CAS website at www.tas-cas.org and via the ISU website at www.isu.org.

Milano, December 8, 2009 Lausanne, Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General