

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1570

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council held a meeting on June 4 - 6, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The following were among decisions taken by the Council during this meeting:

1. Allotment of 2010 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2010 as follows:

Speed Skating

Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships, January 8 - 10, 2010

Norges Skøyteforbund: Hamar/Norway

Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, January 16 - 17, 2010

Japan Skating Federation: Obihiro/Japan

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, March 12 - 14, 2010

The Russian Skating Union: Moscow/Russia

Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships, March 19 - 21, 2010

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: Heerenveen/Netherlands

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 8 - 10, 2010

Chinese Taipei Skating Union: Taipei City/Chinese Taipei

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 22 - 24, 2010

Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft: Dresden/Germany

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 19 - 21, 2010

Bulgarian Skating Federation: Sofia/Bulgaria

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 27 - 28, 2010

Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Bormio/Italy

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU European Figure Skating Championships, January 18 - 24, 2010
The Estonian Skating Union: Tallinn/Estonia

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, January 25 - 31, 2010
Korea Skating Union: Jeonju City/Republic of Korea

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, March 8 - 14, 2010
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: The Hague/Netherlands

ISU World Figure Skating Championships, March 22 - 28, 2010
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Torino/Italy

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2010, April 9 - 10, 2010
United States Figure Skating Association: Colorado Springs/USA.

2. Provisional allotment of 2011 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has provisionally allotted the pending Championships for 2011 as follows:

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2011, February 15-20, 2011
Chinese Taipei Skating Union: Taipei City/Chinese Taipei

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2011, April 1 - 2, 2011
Suomen Taitoluisteliitto: Helsinki/Finland

The provisional allotments of the Championships for 2012 will be decided during the October 2009 Council meeting.

3. Suspension of ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships as of season 2011/2012

Considering the experience gained over the past seasons and the evidence of insufficient interest from participating Members and in line with ISU Rule 127 paragraph 3.b), the Council decided to suspend the allotment of the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships effective as of the season 2011/2012 (2012 Championships).

4. ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup 2010 designation & allotment

In line with Rule 100 paragraph 3.b), the Council decided to designate this Event as an ISU Event now called "ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup". The Council allotted the edition for the season 2009/10 to Swedish Figure Skating Association to be held in Göteborg/Sweden on March 11-13, 2010.

5. Composition Sports Directorate

The Council decided to keep the composition of the Sports Directorate unchanged at least until the 2010 Congress and not to fill the vacant position of the Sports Director Figure Skating. The Chair of the Sports Directorate, Mr. Peter Krick, will fulfill this function until further advise. Mr. Hugo Herrnhof will continue in his function as Sports Director Speed Skating.

The Council will evaluate the situation again after the 2010 Congress.

6. Recognition of new World Records Speed Skating

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 5 j), the Council homologated the following World Records for which the conditions for recognition have been assessed by the Sports Directorate.

Men 1000 meters

1.06,42 Shani Davis USA Salt Lake City, 07.03.2009

Men 1500 meters

1.41,80 Shani Davis USA Salt Lake City, 06.03.2009

7. Recognition of new World Records Short Track Speed Skating

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 5 j), the Council homologated the following World Records for which the conditions for recognition have been assessed by the Sports Directorate.

Men 1000 meters

1.23,454 Charles Hamelin CAN Montreal, 18.01.2009

Men 5000 meters Relay

6.38,486 Republic of Korea KOR Salt Lake City, 19.10.2008
(Yoon-Gy Kwak, Ho-Suk Lee, Jung-Su Lee, Si-Bak Sung)

Ladies 500 meters

43,125 Meng Wang CHN Salt Lake City, 19.10.2008

42,609 Meng Wang CHN Beijing, 29.11.2008

Ladies 3000 meters Relay

4.07,179 China CHN Salt Lake City, 18.10.2008
(Qiuhong Liu, Meng Wang, Hui Zhang, Yang Zhou)

Short Track Speed Skating Junior World Records 2008/2009

Junior Men 500 meters

41,462 J. R. Celski USA Sherbrooke, 10.01.2009

Junior Men 1000 meters

1.25,304 J. R. Celski USA Sherbrooke, 11.01.2009

Junior Men 1500 meters

2.13,338 Cheon-Ho Um KOR Sherbrooke, 09.01.2009

Junior Ladies 500 meters

43,922 Marianne St-Gelais CAN Sherbrooke, 10.01.2009

The Council decided that effective the season 2009/10 only World Records skated in ISU Events (ISU Championships and ISU World Cups) shall be officially recognized and homologated by the ISU.

8. Judges Draw for 2010 ISU Figure Skating Championships

In accordance with Rules 582/660/972 of the ISU Technical Rules for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating the Council decided to hold the Judges Draw for ISU Figure Skating Championships on October 21, 2009 in Zurich/Switzerland. Detailed information including the exact time and venue as well as the applicable draw procedure will be sent to Figure Skating Members in due time.

9. Judges Draw for 2010 Olympic Winter Games

In accordance with Rule 402 of the ISU Technical Rules for Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance as specified in ISU Communication 1563 the Council decided to hold the Judges Draw for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games on September 26, 2009 in Oberstdorf/Germany. Detailed information including the exact time and venue as well as the applicable draw procedure will be sent to Figure Skating Members in due time.

10. Proposals to the 2010 ISU Congress

The Council decided to remind Members of the applicable deadlines for the submission of proposals to be included in the 2010 Congress Agenda in accordance with VII Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Paragraph 2 of the ISU Constitution as copied herein. The Council points out in particular that proposals for changes in the Technical Rules, for the consideration of the Technical Committees and Sports Directorate must be sent by September 1, 2009 to the ISU Secretariat.

The VII Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Organization, Article 29, Paragraph 2 read as follows:

2. Proposals to Congress
 - a) Members and Technical Committees must send **all proposals for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations for inclusion in the agenda to the ISU Secretariat by December 1** preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals from Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations shall then be sent to all Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees by January 31. Members and Technical Committees may submit amendments to their own previous proposals to the ISU Secretariat by March 30. An updated agenda including such amendments, as well as amendments to Council and Sports Directorate proposals, will be sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year;
 - b) **Members may send proposals for changes in the Technical Rules for the consideration of the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Directorate to the ISU Secretariat by September 1** preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the Sports Directorate, shall then be sent by January 31 to Members and Office Holders. Members and Office Holders may submit comments on the proposed Technical Rule changes by March 1 to the ISU Secretariat for consideration by the respective Technical Committees

and the Sports Directorate. An updated summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the Sports Directorate, shall then be included in the Congress Agenda and sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year;

- c) All proposals must be written in English. All wording in new paragraphs and new wording in existing paragraphs must be underlined. Proposals causing expense to the ISU must be accompanied by a budget.

11. Summary Figure Skating Officials Evaluation Season 2008/2009

During the 2008/2009 season the Assessments (warnings) were determined jointly by the assigned Officials Assessment Commission members and by the Technical Committees. The Council reviewed and ratified the following Assessments:

a) Single and Pair Skating:

Assessment 1:	15	Assessments
Assessment 2:	2	Assessments
Assessment 3:	0	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	17	Assessments
Out of which	10	concerning Program Components
	4	concerning Technical Elements
	2	concerning both Program Components and Technical Elements
	1	concerning Poor Referee Report

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2007/08:	12	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	13	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	29	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	42	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	20	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	11	Assessments

b) Ice Dance:

Assessment 1:	7	Assessments
Assessment 2:	3	Assessments
Assessment 3:	1	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	11	Assessments
Out of which	2	concerning Program Components
	9	concerning Technical Elements

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2007/08:	21	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	20	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	25	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	56	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	9	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	4	Assessments

c) Synchronized Skating:

Assessment 1:	2	Assessments
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Total season 2008/09: 2 Assessments
Out of which 2 concerning Technical Elements

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2007/08: 3 Assessments
Total season 2006/07: 1 Assessments
Total season 2005/06: 0 Assessments
Total season 2004/05**: 0 Assessments
Total season 2003/04**: 1 Assessments
Total season 2002/03*: 2 Assessments

* = Assessments based on the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

** = Assessments based on partly the ISU Judging System, partly the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

The concerned Officials have been notified about the Assessments by letter and through their Members.

12. Clarification of ISU Communication 1562 – Cost savings at ISU Events

Following inquiries from Members the Council has decided to clarify certain provisions of the Communication 1562 and to amend them in order to remove drafting inconsistencies.

1) Rule 137, paragraph 8 (clarification):

The words in line 1, page 2 "*ending with breakfast on the day after the competition for competitors*" have to be understood as meaning the day after the competition in which the skaters have participated is fully completed, i.e. the day after the Free Skating/Free Dance.

2) Rule 137, paragraph 10, f) (drafting):

The same words and with the same meaning as above, i.e. "*on the day after the competition is fully completed*" shall replace the words "*on the day after the last day on which they competed*" in line 3 and 4 of this subparagraph.

3) Rule 137, paragraph 8 (drafting):

The words in line 2, page 2 are amended as follows:

"and with lunch on the day on which the respective Round Table Discussion is held for Officials" .For Officials with no connecting flights on that day, the room and meals shall be paid until breakfast on the following day.

4) Rule 137, paragraph 8, respectively paragraph 10, c) and e) (clarification):

The beginning of the period during which the Organizing Member of an ISU Event must provide or pay for room and meals specified in this paragraph has to be understood as being the obligatory minimum (which is the reason that the term "*...not later than*" was used). However, depending on the transportation possibilities (arrivals) and practice schedule, the Organizer is expected to begin to pay for room and expenses one day earlier. Such decision of the Organizer taken in consultation with the ISU Event Coordinator shall be published in the Announcement.

In the case of ISU Figure Skating Championships this period starts always two (2) days before the beginning of the respective competition

Milan,

June 26. 2009

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General