



# **STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONGRESS**

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CONGRESS AND THE ISU COUNCIL ON 3 & 4 JULY  
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## 1 General Provision

- 1.1 These Standing Orders consist of two parts:

**Section A** of the Standing Orders of the Congress is adopted by the Congress and can be amended by the next Ordinary Congress following the electoral Congress and stay in force for four years until confirmation or amendment by the next non-electoral Ordinary Congress.

**Section B** is adopted by the Council and is confirmed or amended prior to the next Ordinary Congress following the electoral Congress and stays in effect for four years until next confirmation or amendment.

## Section A

### 2 Rights of Members

- 2.1 The Members shall have the exclusive right to amend the ISU Constitution in accordance with Article 9.1b of said Constitution.
- 2.2 The Members shall have the exclusive right to elect the ISU President, the Vice Presidents, the ISU Council, the Chairperson and members of the Disciplinary Commission and all Committee Chairpersons and members unless otherwise provided by the Constitution.
- 2.3 The Members shall be entitled to request from the Council any reasonable, additional and necessary information relevant for taking their decision, in so far it is not bound to confidentiality to third parties.
- 2.4 Such reasoned request for information can be submitted to the Council at any time, but at the latest two weeks before the start of a Congress and shall be answered by the ISU within a reasonable time and conveyed in the most suitable manner to the requesting Member.
- 2.5 The Members shall be entitled to submit proposals for adoption or amendment of the Competition and Event Regulations and Sports Rules to the respective Technical Committee(s) or the Council in accordance with the procedures described in the ISU Regulations.
- 2.6 The Members shall be entitled to submit suggestions to the Council for nominations of candidates for appointment to the Elections Committee and the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee and committees the Council might establish. To facilitate such suggestions for a committee the Council may establish, the Council will announce its intention of establishing a committee to the Members in due course.
- 2.7 The Members shall have the right to speak at a Congress. Unless an exception is granted by the Chair of the Congress, there shall be no more

than two statements per Member per agenda item or proposal and a statement may not exceed three minutes.

## **Section B**

### **3 Preparation of Congress and Agenda**

- 3.1 The ISU Office shall include into the agenda of an Ordinary Congress all proposals submitted in time and falling into the jurisdiction of the Congress. Proposals submitted out of time shall be rejected. Proposals falling into the jurisdiction of any other Body than the Congress shall be forwarded to that other Body. In both cases the proposal-maker shall be informed accordingly.
- 3.2 The agenda of an Ordinary Congress shall include:
  - 3.2.1 Verification that the Congress has been duly convened;
  - 3.2.2 Election of a secretary and two scrutineers to record the minutes;
  - 3.2.3 Roll call of delegates duly representing ISU Members;
  - 3.2.4 Approval of the agenda;
  - 3.2.5 Report of the President; report of the Vice Presidents and/or report of the Director General/ISU Office; report of the Integrity Unit Board;
  - 3.2.6 Appeals as to membership, if any;
  - 3.2.7 Suspension or removal of a Council member, if applicable;
  - 3.2.8 Appeals under ISU Regulations, as far as falling in the jurisdiction of the Congress, if any;
  - 3.2.9 Financial Report, Report of the external auditors; approval of ISU Financial Statements and ISU Budget;
  - 3.2.10 Decision on the Membership Fee, if applicable;
  - 3.2.11 Decision on replacement of a member of the Disciplinary Commission, if applicable;
  - 3.2.12 Discharge of President, Council, Committees elected by the Congress, Disciplinary Commission and Skating Integrity Unit Board;
  - 3.2.13 Decisions on Proposals of the Council and the ISU Members;
  - 3.2.14 Decision on any other matter within the authority of the Congress for which notice has been properly given, if applicable;
  - 3.2.15 Decision on granting of ISU honours;
  - 3.2.16 Any other business falling within the jurisdiction of the Congress.

- 3.3 The agenda of an electoral Congress shall include in addition to the agenda items in 3.2:
  - 3.3.1 Election of President;
  - 3.3.2 Election of two Vice Presidents;
  - 3.3.3 Election of ten members of the Council;
  - 3.3.4 Election of the chairpersons of the Technical Committees;
  - 3.3.5 Election of members of the Single and Pair Technical Committee, the Ice Dance Technical Committee, the Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, the Speed Skating Technical Committee and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee;
  - 3.3.6 Election of the members of the Audit, Risk and Investment Committee nominated by the Council;
  - 3.3.7 Election of the chairperson and members of the Disciplinary Commission;
  - 3.3.8 Election of the chairperson and the two members of the IU Board nominated by the Council.
- 3.4 The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress shall include the items above under 3.2.1 – 3.2.5 and the specific item(s) being the reason(s) for convening such Extraordinary Congress under condition of Congress jurisdiction.
- 3.5 The agenda of a virtual Congress to be organised on or before 1st September preceding the start of the next electoral Congress, or nine (9) months prior to the start of the next electoral Congress, whichever is earlier, shall include
  - 3.5.1 the items above under 3.2.1 - 3.2.4;
  - 3.5.2 presentation of the nominations of the candidates for the Elections Committee;
  - 3.5.3 electronic voting;
  - 3.5.4 communication of the voting results; and
  - 3.5.5 declaration by the elected members of the Elections Committee to accept their election.
- 3.6 The agenda of a Congress dissolving the ISU shall include the items 3.2.1 – 3.2.5 and the items: dissolution of the ISU; appointment of a liquidator; donation of the remaining assets after discharge of all debts and liabilities incurred by the ISU.
- 3.7 The agenda of an Ordinary Congress or electoral Congress may include the assignment of items to Branch meetings, if appropriate based on the items on the agenda. Branch meetings will be chaired by the respective Vice President with subsequent reports to be presented by them to the plenary.
- 3.8 The chairpersons of the Technical Committees and the chairpersons of the Athletes Committee, the Elections Committee, the Audit, Risk and Investment Committee and the Disciplinary Commission shall submit written reports covering the outgoing Congress period to the President,

Council and ISU Office at least two months before the start of an Ordinary Congress so that the President can include the major items in their report to the Congress or decide who will present the report on the major items to the Congress.

- 3.9 The Members and Provisional Members shall notify their participation, whether in person or online, and the names and details of their delegates at least 30 days before the start of the Congress. The Member must provide a declaration, signed by the Member's President, that the requirements stated in Article 16.3 of the Constitution are fulfilled. In the absence of such a declaration, the delegate will not be admitted. The ISU Office will so inform the respective Member(s) at least 14 days before the start of the Congress so that the Member can select proper replacement and immediately so inform the ISU Office. Changes to Member's delegates may be notified to the ISU Office, at latest five days before the start of the Congress, in the event that the named delegate is unable to attend.
- 3.10 In addition to the delegates of the ISU Members, the Council, chairpersons and members of the Technical Committees, Athletes Committee, Elections Committee, Audit, Risk and Investment Committee, Disciplinary Commission, Skating Integrity Unit Board and Honorary Members as well as any other person invited by the President, may attend the Congress without the right to vote. They may speak upon invitation of the President. The ISU Office will take care of their proper invitation and provide the agenda and accompanying documents and they will confirm their participation in due course.
- 3.11 Member delegations from non-English speaking countries are permitted to register one translator (if governing separately either Figure or Speed Skating) or two translators (if governing both Branches) within their Congress delegation. Translators will be seated alongside their respective Member delegation party and have the right to speak on their behalf. Translators do not count for the quota of delegation members stated in the Constitution.

## 4 Conduct of Congress

- 4.1 In case of unavailability of the President, the First Vice-President, or, if also unavailable, the Second Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If none of them is available, the chair shall be taken by the most senior member (in years of holding the office) of the Council, and, in case of equal seniorities by the most senior Council member (in age) among them. The same rule applies by analogy for the chair of Branch sessions in case of unavailability of the respective Vice President. The chair may delegate the conduct of the Congress to the Director General or any appropriate person upon consultation with the Council and intervene, when they consider to be appropriate.
- 4.2 No person is allowed to speak without being given the floor by the chair of the Congress.
- 4.3 The maker of a proposal shall have the right to speak first and can withdraw or amend their proposal before the vote on the proposal is taken. Other Members can raise questions to the proposal-maker which shall be answered immediately. Statements beyond a question will be deferred to

the debate on the proposal and will count toward the maximum number of statements per Member. The chair will first ask for questions on a proposal and then open the debate.

- 4.4 When debating a proposal, a Member who takes the floor may table either a proposed amendment or a counter proposal to the original proposal. If the maker of the original proposal agrees to the proposed amendment or counter proposal, that amendment or counter proposal shall be voted on. Otherwise, both the original proposal and the proposed amendment or counter proposal shall be shown in writing to the Congress, and both versions shall be submitted to a first vote. The version receiving more votes will be submitted to a further vote for adoption.
- 4.5 During the debate, procedural motions (e.g. requesting the end of debate, the adjournment of the meeting or a secret vote) may be submitted at any time. In such case, the chair will interrupt the debate, give the floor for a short explanation of the request and submit the request to a vote without further debate. The Congress will proceed according to the result of that vote.
- 4.6 Motions for reconsideration of a proposal are not allowed.
- 4.7 The chair may order the Congress to divide into Branch sessions, have the debate continued there under the chair of the respective Vice President and then resume the Congress for the debate and decision-making on the proposal based on a summary given by the Vice Presidents. The chair may order that the Branch sessions shall take place in parallel at the same time but separately or subsequent to each other and, in that case, which Branch session will proceed first.
- 4.8 Delegates disturbing the conduct of the Congress may be called to order by the chair or in case of repetition expelled from the Congress for the day or the remainder of the Congress. If this delegate is the voting delegate, the respective Member may choose to assign voting to another of its delegates and must inform the President or the chair, if applicable.

## 5 Voting procedure

- 5.1 The right to vote may be exercised only by the delegate announced to the ISU Office as voting delegate prior to the date of the Congress with the exception of paragraph 4.8 above.
- 5.2 In case of a single Member representing the two branches in one country, a voting delegate must be nominated for each Branch. This can be the same person, but in a vote by showing cards this person must exercise the vote by showing two cards.
- 5.3 The Member organizing the Congress or the ISU shall provide an electronic recording system of voting and elections operated by an independent service company appointed by the Council. The appointed Service Company shall certify that the system used has been tested and guarantees 100% accuracy of the results and shall confirm in writing that all data related to secret votes and secret elections shall remain strictly confidential. In addition, the Council shall ensure that the scrutineers and for elections the

members of the Elections Committee monitor the accuracy and confidentiality of the electronic voting system. In the case of malfunctioning of the electronic system, a traditional paper-based system shall be used. The system must permit open and secret ballots. The result of all ballots shall be published on the display panel. In the case of open ballots, the display shall contain a list of all Members present at the vote indicating for each Member whether it has voted yes, no or has abstained.

- 5.4 In case of electronic voting, each voting delegate receives one voting machine. A Member representing both Branches will receive two voting machines.
- 5.5 Online voting in online or hybrid Congresses must be organised securely and respecting the secrecy of vote, if so requested, to the same extent as electronic voting in an in-person Congress.

## 6 Special Rules for Elections

- 6.1 An electoral Congress must take place in person, except in the event of force majeure.
- 6.2 The elections take place in the order of the agenda.
- 6.3 When the Congress reaches the first agenda point related to elections, the chair of the Congress temporarily turns over the running of the meeting to the chairperson of the Elections Committee. The chairperson of the Elections Committee explains the procedure for the elections set out in the Constitution; reports the results of the eligibility checks conducted by the Elections Committee and confirms the eligibility of the candidates on the ballots.
- 6.4 The chairperson of the Elections Committee gives each candidate for the positions of President and the two Vice Presidents, the possibility for an oral presentation immediately before the respective elections. The candidates' presentations shall be limited to ten (10) minutes for President and five (5) minutes for Vice President.
- 6.5 The ISU Office provides physical or electronic ballots containing the names of all candidates for each position or Body in alphabetic order. The chairperson of the Elections Committee, supported by the Elections Committee members and ISU Office staff, monitors the elections and verifies and announces the results.
- 6.6 Voting papers in writing or electronically that show no name, other names than duly nominated candidates or more or fewer names than positions to be elected are considered to be invalid. The same rule applies to voting papers which contain signs, signatures or are unreadable.
- 6.7 Once the elections have concluded, the chair resumes conduct of the Congress from the chairperson of the Elections Committee.
- 6.8 Elected persons take their office or function on the day following the closing of the Congress.

## 7 Final Provision

- 7.1 These Standing Orders of the Congress are subordinate to the Constitution. In case of conflict, the Constitution takes precedence.

## Appendix - Definitions

For purposes of the ISU Constitution and Regulations, provided the context so permits:

- a. the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa;
- b. the feminine gender shall include the masculine and vice-versa;
- c. references to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation.

**“Athlete Support Personnel”** means any coach, team leader, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, federation official, technician, medical, paramedical personnel, choreographer, parent or any other person working with, treating or assisting a Skater participating in or preparing for sports Competition.

**“Internal Control System” / “SCI”** means measures, which are adapted to regular risk assessment designed to help monitor important internal business processes in order to achieve corporate goals, to safeguard process security and to identify or prevent errors and irregularities. The SCI includes policies and internal regulations concerning the limitation of the powers and responsibilities of the President, Vice-Presidents, individual Council members, Director General and the ISU Office.

**“ISU Communications”** are the official means of publication of general decisions of the Council.

**“ISU Events”** are Competitions enumerated and described in Article 1 of the Competition and Event Regulations.

**“ISU Office Holders”** are:

- President, Vice Presidents and Council Members
- Director General
- Chair persons and members of the Technical, Athletes and Elections Committees.

**“ISU Officials”** are all persons, other than ISU Office Holders and ISU staff, having a special role in overseeing and upholding the rules of Competitions falling under the application of the Competition and Event Regulations. ISU Officials includes, but is not limited to, Judges, Referees, Assistant Referees, Assistant Referees Video, Starters, Competitors' Stewards, Sport Experts, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, and Doping Control Officers and Chaperones.”

**“ISU Regulations”** are sets of rules subordinate to the ISU Constitution adopted by the Council to provide for a consistent non-contradictory legal order of the ISU. If an ISU Regulation contains a section which must be approved by the Congress, it is adopted by the Council pending approval of that section by the next-following Ordinary Congress.

**“ISU Sports”** shall be defined as all sports disciplines that involve racing or artistic performances on ice skates, conducted on ice, as well as any e-sports, electronic, e-gaming or any other digital simulation of these sports.