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To: ISU Speed Skating Members

**2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi
Speed Skating – Short Track Speed Skating
IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy (in case of injury and/or illness)**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Contrary to the ISU Events for which the ISU Rules for substitutes/replacements apply, in the case of the Olympic Winter Games the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy applies exclusively. Consequently, in case of **urgent medical reasons**, the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games applies (see Attachment)

In agreement with the International Olympic Committee, the following time lines apply.

For entries related to **Speed Skating** events, it is possible to make athletes replacements only up to and during the **Team Leader meeting** for the Speed Skating Events, scheduled for **10.00 a.m. on February 5th, 2014** (See also ISU Communication No. 1841).

For entries related to **Short Track Speed Skating** events, it is possible to make athletes replacements only up to and during the **Team Leader meeting** for the Short Track Speed Skating events, scheduled for **11.00 a.m. on February 9th, 2014**.



Fredi Schmid
Director General

ATTACHMENT

IOC LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY FOR THE SOCHI 2014 WINTER GAMES

The deadline for the final lists of participating athletes in the Games of the XXII Winter Olympic Games in Sochi 2014 (the "Sochi Winter Games") is 27 January 2014. However, where urgent medical problems arise, or in other exceptional circumstances that are assessed on a case-by-case basis, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) may permit the permanent replacement of one athlete by another ONLY in the same sport and discipline. This can only occur after consultation with the relevant International Federation (IF) and, when deemed necessary by the IOC, an IOC medical expert. The replacement of athletes after 27 January 2014 is possible providing:

- (i) The replacement athlete is entitled, and qualified, to take part in the Sochi Winter Games as stipulated in the "XXII Winter Olympic Games in Sochi 2014 - Participation and Qualification Criteria", published in 2011, and regularly updated by the IOC;
- (ii) No doping control issues are pending concerning the replacement athlete;
- (iii) The National Olympic Committee ("NOC") of the replacement athlete had applied for accreditation for the athlete prior to the application for accreditation deadline on 1 October 2013.

The following additional procedures must also be carried out in order for one athlete to be replaced by another:

- (a) The relevant NOC must fill out an "Official Athlete Replacement Form" for the athlete being replaced and the replacement athlete; including a valid medical certificate for the replaced athlete;
The relevant NOC must fill out the "Eligibility Conditions Form" and, when required, the "Sport Entry Form" and the "Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgment of Consent for Minors" for the replacement athlete;
- (b) The accreditation card of the replaced athlete must be withdrawn and handed over to the Olympic Village Arrivals / Accreditation Centre (OVAC) in the Olympic Village, in order to allow for accreditation entitlements to be transferred to the replacement athlete (subject to the approval of the IOC, as referred to above). Following the transfer, the accreditation card of the replaced athlete shall be cancelled;
- (c) Athletes accredited with a P Accreditation already fulfill paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (b), and NOCs need only to submit an Athlete Replacement Form and a valid medical certificate. Once approved they must hand over the accreditation card of the athlete being replaced. For P athletes, replacement and hand over of the Aa card may happen at the Venue Accreditation Office of the sport of the athletes concerned or at the Olympic Village Arrivals / Accreditation Centre (OVAC).

As a general rule, it is possible to make athlete replacements only up to the time of the Technical Meeting/first Team Captains Meeting for the relevant sport and discipline, with the exception of the disciplines of Men's Ice Hockey and Men's and Women's Bobsleigh (P accreditations) as stated in the respective Qualification Systems. Subject to the consent of both the IOC and the relevant International Federation, late athlete replacements may be made at their discretion. This may occur up to 24 hours prior to the time of the Technical Meeting/first Team Captains Meeting for the relevant discipline/sport, or at such other later time as determined by the IOC and the relevant IF. In instances where a more timely decision is required, an ad hoc management board, comprised of IOC, IF and Sochi 2014 representatives, will be authorized to reach a verdict on the circumstances pertaining to that specific athlete's late replacement.

All documentation and queries regarding this matter should be sent by email or submitted in person to the SOCHI 2014 Sports Entries Department located at:

Sport Entries Office, DRM Center, Sochi 2014 Coastal Olympic Village
Tel: +7 (928) 234 1750
E-mail: entries@sochi2014.com

The SOCHI 2014 Sport Entries Office will forward all received queries to the Athletes' Accreditation Centre and to the IOC Sports Department accordingly.

In exceptional circumstances, the above-noted policy is subject to further change by the IOC