Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council held its meeting in Torino (ITA) on December 15-16, 2008. The following were among the decisions made by the ISU Council:

1. KNSB Appeal Decision

The Council considered the Appeal of KNSB concerning the results in the 1000m race for men (Division A) in the World Cup competition held in Calgary (CAN) on 18 November, 2007 and adopted the following decision:

The appeal of KNSB against the results of the men’s 1000m race held in Calgary (CAN) on November 18, 2007 is sustained. The decision of the referee Jim McClements by which the original official times and results of the race were changed is hereby cancelled and these original results as signed by the Referee, announced and presented during the victory ceremony, are restored. These restored results are: 1st Denny Morrison (CAN) 1:07.25, 2nd Jeremy Wotherspoon (CAN) 1:07.31, 3rd Simon Kuipers (NED) 1:07.39, 4th Kyou-Hyuk Lee (KOR) 1:07.40, 5th Shani Davis (USA) 1:07.41.

There is no further appeal from this decision (Article 17 paragraph 2,a) of the ISU Constitution 2006.

The full decision with reasons will be published on the ISU website.

2. Modification of rule 251, paragraph 2

The Council further decided to change with immediate effect Rule 251 paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“For the automatic timekeeping system two complete sets of photo cells may be installed between the lanes, as close as possible to the ice. Also photo finish equipment or a transponder system may be used to determine the time and the order of finish of Skaters or teams. If a transponder system is used, the definition (in Rule 260, paragraph 1) as to when a Skater is considered to have completed the race may need to be adjusted in order to be compatible with the actual implementation of the transponder system.

When both photo cells and photo finish equipment are in use, the times from the photo cells system may be displayed on the scoreboard, but the order of finish and the official protocol will be formed by the times recorded by the photo finish system. With the photo finish equipment in use, the times recorded by the photo cells system, or by transponder technology (if used) shall be checked against the times recorded by the photo finish system. If the times of the systems in use differ, the times and order of finish of Skaters or teams from the photo finish system determine the final results and form the official protocol.”

Milano, January 16, 2008
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