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Consequences of the cancellation of the Free Skating/Free Dance at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event, Trophée Eric Bompard 2015, Bordeaux France

Following the attacks in Paris, France on November 13, 2015, the Minister of Interior Affairs of France, Mr. Bernard Cazeneuve, and the Mayor of Bordeaux, Mr. Alain Juppe, informed the French Ice Skating Federation (FFSG) and the delegate of the International Skating Union (ISU) present in Bordeaux, that the competitions of November 14, 2015 and the exhibition of November 15, 2015 of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event in France, the “Trophée Eric Bompard 2015” in Bordeaux, had to be cancelled due to the state of emergency and national mourning days in France.

The ISU acknowledged the decision. Accordingly, while the Short Program/Short Dance segments had been completed on Friday, November 13, 2015, the rest of the event, namely the Free Skating/Free Dance segments scheduled for November 14 and the Exhibition Gala, scheduled for November 15, 2015 were cancelled.

According to Article 17, paragraph 1. r) of the ISU Constitution, the ISU Council unanimously agreed upon the following measures related to the Trophée Eric Bompard 2015 (hereafter “the event”):

1) ISU World Standing/Ranking Points and Prize Money

The results of the Short Programs / Short Dance of the event are considered as the final result and the World Standing Points, the Seasons World Ranking Points as well as the Prize Money are awarded based on the results of the Short Programs / Short Dance of the event.

2) Qualification Criteria ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Tie Breaking Criteria

The results of the Short Programs / Short Dance of the event are considered as the final results and the Grand Prix points are awarded based on the results of the Short Programs / Short Dance of the event.

As the Skaters who competed at the event were not able to achieve a combined Total Score and a Free Skating Score, the Tie Breaking Criteria, Point 4.3, b), d) and e) as per the General Announcement for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2015/16, are void and the Tie Breaking Criteria is revised as follows:

Ties

If there is a tie by added points, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for tie-breaking:

- a) the best place obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- b) the higher total of the added scores in the Short Program/Short Dance obtained in the two designated events will count for the better place/ranking;

If there is still a tie,

- c) participation in two events will be considered better than having participated in only one event;

If there is still a tie

- d) the number of participants finishing the two individual events in which the tied Skaters/Couples have completed, will be added to the total. The higher number of participants will count for the better place/ranking.

If there is still a tie, all Skaters tied are qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

3) Exceptional Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final qualification criteria

As usual, the top 6 Skaters/Couples placed in the final Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2015/16 ranking (after the last individual event of the 2015/16 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series, the NHK Trophy) will qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Barcelona, while places 7 to 9 are the Substitute Skaters/Couples for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and need to stay on stand-by in case of a withdrawal of the top 6 ranked Competitors.

However, following the events as mentioned above and due to the fact that no Free Skating/Free Dance segments could be skated at the Grand Prix event in Bordeaux, any first Substitute Skater/Couple (placed 7th in the above-mentioned 2015/16 Grand Prix ranking) will be invited to join the qualified Skaters/Couples, provided that this/these Competitor(s) has/have skated the Short Program/Short Dance at the event in Bordeaux. Such additional Competitor(s) will be added to the qualified Competitors for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2015/16 and the warm-up groups will be adjusted accordingly once the number of participating Competitors is confirmed.

The ISU will cover the costs for travel and full board on site for such an additional Competitor(s) possibly entered into the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

The usual procedure for the Substitute Skaters/Couples will remain unchanged.

The International Skating Union reiterates its deepest sympathies to the victims of the attacks in Paris.

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