

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1326

### Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council held meetings on June 3-5 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The following decisions were taken during these meetings (this Communication does not include items that have been dealt with in previous or separate Communications):

#### 1. Allotment of ISU Championships

##### a) Definite allotment of 2006 ISU Championships

The Council decided to confirm the following definite allotments for 2006 Championships:

#### ISU Championships 2006

##### Speed Skating

**European Speed Skating Championships**, January 13 - 15, 2006

Norges Skøyteforbund: Hamar/ Norway

**World Sprint Speed Skating Championships**, January 21 – 22, 2006

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: Heerenveen/ The Netherlands

**World Junior Speed Skating Championships**, March 10 - 12, 2006

Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft: Erfurt/ Germany

**World Allround Speed Skating Championships**, March 18 – 19, 2006

Speed Skating Canada: Calgary/ Canada

##### Short Track Speed Skating

**World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, January 6 - 8, 2006

Romanian Skating Federation: Miercurea Ciuc/ Romania

**European Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, January 20 - 22, 2006

Polish Speed Skating Association: Krynica Zdroj/ Poland

**World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships**, March 25 - 26, 2006

Speed Skating Canada: Montreal/ Canada

**World Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, March 31 – April 2, 2006  
U.S. Speedskating: Minneapolis/ USA

### **Figure Skating**

**European Figure Skating Championships**, January 16 – 22, 2006  
Fédération Française des Sports de Glace : Lyon/ France

**Four Continents Figure Skating Championships**, January 23 – 29, 2006  
United States Figure Skating Association: Colorado Springs/ USA

**World Junior Figure Skating Championships**, March 6 – 12, 2006  
Slovene Skating Union: Ljubljana/ Slovenia

**World Figure Skating Championships**, March 20 – 26, 2006  
Skate Canada: Calgary/ Canada

### **Synchronized Skating**

**World Synchronized Skating Championships**, March 31 - April 1, 2006  
Czech Figure Skating Association: Prague/ Czech Republic

### **Provisional Allotments 2007 ISU Championships:**

The ISU Council maintained the following provisional allotments:

#### **Provisional Allotments ISU Championships 2007**

### **Speed Skating**

**European Speed Skating Championships**, January 12 - 14, 2007  
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Collalbo/ Italy

**World Sprint Speed Skating Championships**, January 20 – 21, 2007  
Norges Skøyteforbund: Hamar/ Norway

**World Allround Speed Skating Championships**, February 10 - 11, 2007  
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: Heerenveen/ The Netherlands

**World Junior Speed Skating Championships**, February 23 - 25, 2007  
Österreichischer Eisschnellauf Verband: Innsbruck/ Austria

**World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships**, March 8 - 11, 2007  
U.S. Speedskating: Salt Lake City/ USA

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

**World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, January 12 - 14, 2007  
Czech Speed Skating Federation: Mladá Boleslav/ Czech Republic

**European Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, January 19 – 21, 2007  
National Ice Skating Association of UK: Sheffield/ UK

**World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships**, March 10-11, 2007  
To be decided

**World Short Track Speed Skating Championships**, March 16 - 18, 2007  
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Milan / Italy

### **Figure Skating**

**European Figure Skating Championships**, January 22 - 28, 2007  
Polish Figure Skating Association : Warsaw/ Poland

**Four Continents Figure Skating Championships**, February 5 - 11, 2007  
To be decided

**World Junior Figure Skating Championships**, February 26 – March 4, 2007  
Deutsche Eislauf-Union: Oberstdorf/ Germany

**World Figure Skating Championships**, March 19 – 25, 2007  
Japan Skating Federation: Tokyo/ Japan

### **Synchronized Skating**

**World Synchronized Skating Championships**, March 30 – 31, 2007  
Skate Canada: London, Ontario/ Canada

### **Provisional Allotments ISU Championships 2008 and not yet allotted ISU Championships 2007**

The Council, based on Article 17, paragraph 1.m) of the ISU Constitution, decided to postpone, until its meeting scheduled for October 2005, further consideration of the applications made by Members for the 2007 ISU Championships not yet allotted, as well as for the 2008 Championships.

The postponement was considered advisable to permit more precise clarification of TV and other criteria under evaluation for many of the applications received. This concerns the 14 ISU Championships scheduled for 2008, as well as for the 2 Championships not yet allotted for 2007.

Taking into account the current economic conditions for sport, the Council also decided to consider proposals for 2008 that envisages a reduction or waiver of the ISU contribution and/or that proposes the sharing of profit with the ISU.

## 2. Evaluation of Figure Skating Officials

The ISU Council reviewed the Officials evaluation procedure as implemented during the season 2004/05, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1275.

All ISU sanctioned International Competitions, from the beginning of the 2005/06 season, must be conducted using the ISU Judging System. In light of this fact that the 6.0 based Judging System will not be used anymore, the Council has decided not to take into account possible Assessments of competitions that were conducted under the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

The Council acknowledged and ratified the "Assessments" given to Officials in accordance with the procedure established in this Communication and in accordance with Rules 421 and 427 (Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2004), Rules 588 and 590 (Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2004) and Rules 815 and 822 (Special Regulations Synchronized Skating 2004).

During the 2004/2005 season the Assessments were determined jointly by the assigned Officials Assessment Commission members and by the Technical Committees and can be summarized as follows:

### a) Single and Pair Skating:

Assessment 1:	41 Assessments
Assessment 2:	1 Assessment
Total season 2004/05:	42 Assessments
Out of which	35 concerning Program Components
	13 concerning Technical Elements
	6 concerning both Program Components and Technical Elements
Previous Seasons Assessments:	
Total season 2003/04**:	20 Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	11 Assessments
Total season 2001/02*:	13 Assessments

### b) Ice Dancing:

Assessment 1:	43 Assessments
Assessment 2:	9 Assessments
Assessment 3:	3 Assessments
Assessment 4:	1 Assessment
Total season 2004/05:	56 Assessments
Out of which	18 concerning Program Components
	44 concerning Technical Elements
	6 concerning both Program Components and Technical Elements
Previous Seasons Assessments:	
Total season 2003/04**:	9 Assessments

Total season 2002/03*:	4 Assessments
Total season 2001/02*:	14 Assessments

c) Synchronized Skating:

No Assessments were given.

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2003/04**:	1 assessment
Total season 2002/03*:	2 assessments
Total season 2001/02*:	0 assessments

\* = Assessment 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 through their Members.

The Council acknowledged that the detailed scoring data and video tapes, available from competitions conducted under the ISU Judging System, has introduced a new level accountability. The system has enabled a thorough, rigorous, consistent and fair evaluation process to be put in place. This has resulted in a substantial increase of the so-called "Assessments" (Warnings). The elaborate evaluation system has also contributed to the education of Officials, which is indicated by the decrease in the number of Assessments towards the end of the season. The fact that the vast majority of "assessed" Officials were subject to Assessment 1 only, also demonstrates a successful deterrent effect.

Contrary to previous seasons, the evaluation process and applicable Assessments were monitored as the season progressed rather than at the end of the season. This proved to be a key factor contributing to the above-mentioned prevention and education throughout the season.

The Council also acknowledged that key to the success of the evaluation process was the cooperation of 2 bodies, independent from each other, i.e. the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) and the respective Technical Committees. This independence ensured a neutral, consistent and fair process. The exchange of opinions between the 2 bodies guaranteed a thorough review of each case until a fair consensus was achieved. Furthermore, the anonymity of the Judges for the major ISU Events ensured that the bodies evaluating the Judges would not be subject to any kind of favouritism or biased reprimand (note: neither the OAC nor the TC members are informed of the identity of the Judge under evaluation until an Assessment has been mutually confirmed). Finally, the detailed data, the possibility of video tape review and monitoring by 2 specialized internal bodies also guarantees consistency in the evaluation of the Officials. In the past, such evaluation was largely dependant on the Referees' input. Based on the varying experience of the many different Referees, this input could fluctuate greatly, which created the risk of inconsistency from one competition to another.

The Council noted that one Assessment 4 has been given in Ice Dancing for which the procedure, in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1275, Paragraph II. F) i), is in progress. This procedure ensures that the Official(s) concerned, before/if facing a possible demotion has/have a fair chance to explain their officiating to the respective Technical Committee including the possibility to review on video the key skating sequences which constituted the basis of the Assessments.

Based on this positive experience during this second season of the ISU Judging System and enhanced evaluation process, the Council decided to continue the established procedure as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1275, with some minor adjustments.

In particular but not limited to, the assigned OAC members to a competition will have a greater impact on the determination of the limits for the acceptable scores (the so called corridor). In order to ensure consistency of the OAC evaluation with the established principles in the Rules as well their application, it will be mandatory for OAC members (as selected by the ISU Council) to attend the educational ISU Seminar which will be held in Frankfurt/Germany on July 11-17, 2005 (see ISU Communication No. 1314). For more details regarding the continuation of the Figure Skating Officials evaluation process please refer to ISU Communication No. 1327.

### **3. ISU financial Assistance to Figure Skating Members in acquiring the equipment for the ISU Judging System**

The Council confirmed that, as a one time exceptional decision, the ISU shall reimburse each ISU Figure Skating Member the cost of one set of the identified ISU Judging System hardware equipment. This support is offered on the condition that the Member concerned buys and uses such equipment in the course of the next 2 seasons. Furthermore, the Council decided that the necessary software will be made available free of charge to ISU Members. For details on this ISU assistance, please refer to the dedicated ISU Communication No. 1328.

### **4. 2006 Olympic Winter Games – Torino – Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dancing Judges Draw**

The ISU Council, came to the conclusion that in view of the importance of the Olympic Winter Games, all Judges Panels officiating at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games should be composed of 12 Judges.

For this reason, the ISU Council decided, under Article 17, paragraph 1, m. of the ISU Constitution, to modify Rule 401, paragraph 1. b) of the Special Regulations for Single and Pair Skating and Rule 572, paragraph 1.d) of the Special Regulations for Ice Dancing to read as follows:

*“The Panels of Judges shall consist of 12 Judges. In case that not enough Judges and alternates can be nominated for the draw according to paragraph 1 of this Rule, an additional number of Judges will be nominated after the Olympic Qualifying Competition (Vienna, October 12-14, 2005) and in accordance with the results of that Competition.*

*Therefore, the draw for the Judges Panels for the 2006 Olympic Games has been postponed until October 15, to be held in Geneva on the occasion of the scheduled ISU Council meeting”.*

## 5. Recognition of new World records Speed Skating

Upon the recommendation of the Speed Skating Technical Committee, the Council has recognized the following World records:

### Men

#### 1500 meters

Shani Davis, USA	Salt Lake City	09.01.2005	<b>1.43,33</b>
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#### 3000 meters

Chad Hedrick, USA	Calgary	10.03.2005	<b>3.39,02</b>
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#### 500/5000/1500/10 000 meters

Shani Davis, USA	Salt Lake City	08/09.01.2005	<b>149,359 p.</b>
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#### Team Pursuit

USA (KC Boutiette, Chad Hedrick, Derek Parra)	Hamar	13.11.2004	<b>3.48,56</b>
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Netherlands (Mark Tuitert, Carl Verheijen, Erben Wennemars)	Berlin	21.11.2004	<b>3.46,44</b>
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### Ladies

#### 1500 meters

Cindy Klassen, CAN	Salt Lake City	09.01.2005	<b>1.53,87</b>
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#### 500/3000/1500/5000 meters

Cindy Klassen, CAN	Salt Lake City	08/09.01.2005	<b>159,605 p.</b>
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#### Team Pursuit

Canada (Cindy Klassen, Clara Hughes, Kristina Groves)	Hamar	14.11.2004	<b>3.05,49</b>
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Canada (Cindy Klassen, Clara Hughes, Kristina Groves)	Berlin	20.11.2004	<b>3.03,07</b>
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### Junior Men

#### 3000 meters

Wouter Olde Heuvel, NED	Calgary	10.03.2005	<b>3.44,72</b>
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#### 5000 meters

Sven Kramer, NED	Berlin	20.11.2004	<b>6.28,27</b>
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Sven Kramer, NED	Heerenveen	18.12.2004	<b>6.26,63</b>
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Sven Kramer, NED	Heerenveen	07.01.2005	<b>6.24,29</b>
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#### 500/3000/1500/5000 meters

Wouter Olde Heuvel, NED	Calgary	09/11.03.2005	<b>148,614 p.</b>
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#### Team Pursuit

Russia (Aleksey Yunin, Pavel Bakhayev, Stepan Solovyev)	Moscow	12.12.2004	<b>4.00,45</b>
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### **Junior Ladies**

#### 1000 meters

Annette Gerritsen, NED	Salt Lake City	23.01.2005	<b>1.16,14</b>
Ireen Wüst, NED	Calgary	11.03.2005	<b>1.15,93</b>

#### 1500 meters

Ireen Wüst, NED	Calgary	10.03.2005	<b>1.56,69</b>
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#### 3000 meters

Ireen Wüst, NED	Moscow	05.02.2005	<b>4.08,15</b>
Ireen Wüst, NED	Calgary	11.03.2005	<b>4.07,71</b>

#### 500/1000/500/1000 meters

Sang-Hwa Lee, KOR	Salt Lake City	22/23.01.2005	<b>153,200 p.</b>
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#### 500/1500/1000/5000 meters

Ireen Wüst, NED	Calgary	09/11.03.2005	<b>157,436 p.</b>
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#### Team Pursuit

Netherlands (Ireen Wüst, Annette Gerritsen, Janneke Ensing)	Moscow	12.12.2004	<b>3.12,38</b>
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### **6. Recognition of new World records Short Track Speed Skating**

Upon the recommendation of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee, the Council has recognized the following World records:

#### **Men**

##### 5000 meters Relay

Canada (Charles Hamelin, Steve Robillard, François-Louis Tremblay, Mathieu Turcotte)	Beijing	13.03.2005	<b>6.39,990</b>
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#### **Junior Men**

##### 1500 meters

Ho-Suk Lee, KOR	Belgrade	08.01.2003	<b>2.13,340</b>
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