

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1596

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 25-28, 2009 in Istanbul/Turkey. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. ISU Synchronized Skating Championships 2011, Helsinki, Finland

Upon request from the Finnish Figure Skating Association the Council decided that the 2011 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships shall be held on **April 8-9, 2011** (instead of April 1-2, 2011).

2. ISU World Speed Skating Championships Single Distances 2011, Inzell, Germany

Upon request from the German Speed Skating Union (DESG) the Council decided that the 2011 ISU World Speed Skating Single Distances Speed Skating Championships shall be held on **March 10-13, 2011** (instead of March 17-20, 2011).

3. Allotments of ISU Championships 2012 (season 2011/2012)

The Council reviewed the applications received and concluded that some additional evaluation was necessary for certain Championships. Decisions and communication of the provisional allotments for the 2012 Championships are expected during the month of November 2009.

4. Figure Skating and Speed Skating – withdrawals and/or disqualification in between segments

The current rules in Figure Skating do not fully cover the issues relating to withdrawals and/or disqualification during a competition. In order to avoid any controversy and inconvenience already for the ongoing Olympic season, the Council decided to use its extraordinary powers under Art. 17.1.q)i) and enforces the following Rule changes:

“Single & Pair Skating & Ice Dance Special Regulations

Rule 353, paragraph 4 and Rule 579, paragraph 7 (Publication of Results)

Amend and move existing Rule 579, paragraph 7 to Rule 353 by adding new paragraph 4.a) and renumber the following paragraphs

Rule 353, paragraph 4. Publication of Results

a) In the publication of the overall results of an event, the eliminated Competitors (Competitors who do not qualify for the next segment either due to the insufficient scores or due to withdrawal) shall be listed following the Competitors who have successfully finished the competition and such eliminated Competitors will be listed in order of their placement after their last completed segment.

Disqualified Competitors will lose their placements and be officially noted in the intermediate and final results as disqualified (DSQ). Competitors having finished the competition and who initially placed lower than the disqualified Competitor(s) will move up accordingly in their placement(s).

Reason: To clarify the placements and publication of results in case of withdrawals and disqualification in between segments.

Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating

Rule 548 Order of Competitors in Single and Pair Free Skating

Insert new paragraph 4 and 5:

4. If one or more Competitors having obtained scores that would have qualified them for the next segment decide to withdraw their participation before the beginning of the following segment then the open spots will not be substituted by any other Competitor(s) and the number of maximum qualified Competitors for the next segment will be reduced by the number of withdrawn Competitors.

If the withdrawal(s) is announced after the draw for the starting order of the following segment, then the starting order and the warm-up groups will not be changed and the spot of the withdrawn Competitor(s) remains empty.

5. If one or more Competitors having obtained scores that would have qualified them for the next segment are disqualified before the beginning of the following segment then the open spot(s) will be filled by the first placed Competitor(s), who, in the concerned segment, initially had not reached the following segment.

Such Competitor(s) will receive the first starting numbers in the first warm-up group and this warm-up group will be complemented with the concerned number of Competitors.

If there is more than one Competitor to be added (e.g. among ties, host Member, disqualification procedure) the first warm-up group will be divided into two (2) subgroups with a separate warm-up group for each of them. The starting order of the added Competitors in the first subgroup will be decided by an additional separate draw.

Reason: To clarify the procedure in case of withdrawal and/or disqualification in between segments.

Since in the case of withdrawal the withdrawn Competitors remain listed in the official result, the “open” spots are not filled for the following segment.

Since however in the case of disqualification the disqualified Competitors do not remain in the official result, the “open” spots are filled for the following segment.

Rule 579

Delete paragraph 7 (moved to Rule 353, paragraph 4) and replace with new paragraph 7 as follows:

7. For the publication of results, refer to Rule 353, paragraph 4. For the starting order of Competitors including withdrawals and/or disqualifications refer to Rule 548.

Technical Rules Ice Dance

Rule 635 Draws for Starting Order Ice Dance

Add new paragraphs 6, 7 and 8:

6. In case of withdrawal in between segments, Rule 548, paragraph 4 applies.

7. In case of disqualification in between segments, Rule 548, paragraph 5 applies.

8. For the publication of results, refer to Rule 353, paragraph 4.

Reason: To clarify the procedure in case of withdrawal and/or disqualification in between segments in line with the same proposed provision for Single & Pair Skating.

Special Regulations Synchronized Skating

Rule 738 Determination and publication of results

Add new paragraph 4.a) and renumber following paragraphs.

a) In the publication of the overall results of an event, Teams who did not participate in the Free Skating due to withdrawal shall be listed following the Teams who have successfully finished the competition and such withdrawn Teams will be listed in order of their placement after the Short Program.

Disqualified Teams will lose their placements and be officially noted in the intermediate and final results as disqualified (DSQ). Teams having finished the competition and who initially placed lower than the disqualified Teams will move up accordingly in their placement(s).

Reason: To clarify the consequences in case of withdrawal and/or disqualification.”

Speed Skating & Short Track Speed Skating

For withdrawals and/or disqualification due to infringement of racing rules in Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, please refer to the respective Special Regulations/Technical Rules.

For disqualification due to doping violations, please refer to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules, Communication 1546, Art. 10.1 and Art 11.

5. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The following allotments for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2010/2011 events were agreed:

Courchevel, FRA		August 25-28, 2010
Brasov, ROU		September 8-12, 2010
Graz, AUT	(including Pair Skating)	September 15-19, 2010
Karuizawa, JPN		September 22-26, 2010
Sheffield, GBR	(including Pair Skating)	September 29 – October 3, 2010
Dresden, GER	(including Pair Skating)	October 6-10, 2010
Ostrava, CZE	(including Pair Skating)	October 13-17, 2010
ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final		December 9-12, 2010, location to be confirmed (in conjunction with ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final)

6. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The following calendar was agreed. The sites/venues will be decided at a later stage:

NHK Trophy, JPN	October 22-24, 2010
Skate Canada, CAN	October 29-31, 2010
Cup of China, CHN	November 5-7, 2010
Skate America, USA	November 12-14, 2010
Cup of Russia, RUS	November 19-21, 2010
Trophée Eric Bompard, FRA	November 26-28, 2010
ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	December 9-12, 2010, location to be confirmed (in conjunction with ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final)

7. Homologation of World Records in Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating for times skated at ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games only

The Council clarified that the decision published in ISU Communication 1570 “Decisions of the Council” should have been considered only as a proposal to be put on the 2010 ISU Congress Agenda and also that the Olympic Winter Games shall be among the competitions subject to World Record homologation. Therefore the information in this respect included in Communication 1570 has no immediate effect and will be subject to a Congress Proposal.

8. Provisional ISU Membership for the Ice Skating Association of Malaysia

The ISU Council has accepted the application by the Ice Skating Association of Malaysia to join the ISU as a provisional Figure Skating and Speed Skating Member with immediate effect.

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9. Avoiding Conflicts of Interest

The ISU Council decided that the provisions of ISU Communication 1481 on Avoiding Conflicts of Interest remain valid until the 2010 Congress. However, as per the decision of the 2008 Congress and the clarification included in Communication 1513, item 1, the Council decided that the recommendations made in paragraph 4 of Communication 1481 shall not be strictly enforced but that in the interest of the integrity of the ISU, ISU Office Holders and Officials they should be applied by the Members, ISU Office Holders and Officials to the extent reasonably possible. After the 2010 Congress the Council will evaluate the experience gained at ISU and International Competitions and decide upon the further course of action in this area.

Milan,

November 13, 2009

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General