

## **Communication No. 2472**

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# **AGENDA OF THE 58th ORDINARY CONGRESS PHUKET - 2022**

## TIME SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, June 5**

09.00 to 12.00	Council Meeting Technical Committee Meetings
12.00 to 14.00	Lunch
14.00 to 16.00	Council Meeting Technical Committee Meetings
17.00	Welcome reception hosted by the Figure and Speed Skating Association of Thailand

### **Monday, June 6**

09.00 to 12.30 (approx)	Congress – agenda items A.1 – A.16
12.30 to 14.00	Lunch
14.00 to 15.30 (approx)	Workshops (held simultaneously divided by Branch) Technical Rule amendments Figure Skating Branch (as per Art. 33, para 9.d) Technical Rule amendments Speed Skating Branch (as per Art. 32, para 9.d)
16.00 to 17.00	Congress – agenda items A.17-A.18
17.15 to 18.00	Election voting procedure rehearsal

### **Tuesday, June 7**

09.00 to 12.30	Congress – agenda items A.17-A.18
12.30 to 14.00	Lunch
14.00 to 17.00	Congress – agenda items A.17-A.18

### **Wednesday, June 8**

09.00 to 12.30	Congress – agenda items A.17-A.18 (if not completed before) Alternatively to be held simultaneously Speed Skating Branch Session – agenda items B.1-B.11 Figure Skating Branch Session – agenda items C.1-C.11
12.30 to 14.00	Lunch
14.30 to 18.30	Excursion
20.00 to 23.00	Dinner hosted by the Figure and Speed Skating Association of Thailand

### **Thursday, June 9**

09.00 to 12.30	Speed Skating Branch Session – agenda items B.1-B.11 Figure Skating Branch Session – agenda items C.1-C.11
12.30 to 14.00	Lunch
14.00 to 17.00	Speed Skating Branch Session – agenda items B.1-B.11 Figure Skating Branch Session – agenda items C.1-C.11

### **Friday, June 10**

09.00 to 11.00 (approx.)	Congress – agenda items D.19-D.31
11.00 to 11.30 (approx.)	Speed Skating Branch Session – agenda items B.12-B.17
11.30 to 12.15 (approx.)	Figure Skating Branch Session – agenda items C.12-C.18
12.15 to 13.00 (approx.)	Congress – agenda items D.32-D.37
13.00 to 14.00 (approx.)	Opening Doors – Tributes – Cocktails
20.00 to 24.00	Closing Banquet hosted by the ISU

## **AGENDA OF THE 58th ORDINARY CONGRESS PHUKET 2022**

### **A. Congress**

1. Opening of Congress by the President.
2. Verification that Congress has been duly convened according to the Constitution.
3. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of Congress Meetings.
4.
  - i) Verification of the qualifications of representatives and of their right to vote through circulation of a list of representatives among Congress Delegates, objections to ISU Members and/or ISU Member representatives attendance and subsequent confirmation by the Congress.
  - ii) Electronic roll call of ISU Members to establish the presence of ISU Members and corresponding majorities.
  - iii) Approval to an exemption to Art. 30, paragraph 10 of the ISU Constitution, allowing ISU Members having a delegation present in Phuket but, due to positive Covid-19 cases and related isolation, being unable to be present in the Congress hall, to give a proxy in writing to another ISU Member delegation to vote on their behalf.
5. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes of Congress Meetings.
6. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of the proposals adopted concerning the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the General Regulations.
7. Approval of the Agenda.
8. Biennial report by the President.
9. Biennial report by the Coordinator of the Development Commission and presentation of the World Ice Skating Day.
10. Report by the Treasurer/Director General.
11. Report by the Legal Advisors.
12. Questions and objections and Appeals, if any against decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directors and Technical Committees during the period since the last Congress, not otherwise acted upon by the Disciplinary Commission including approval of ISU Communications requiring continued validity in line with Article 28, paragraph 3.

Communications requiring continued validity:

The relevant Communications are listed below. Communications informing about Decisions of the ISU Disciplinary Commission and/or the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS), are not listed but remain valid. The Communications "Decisions of the Council" including routine decisions such as allotments of ISU Events, Membership issues, Appointments, World Record homologations and other information/statistics are not listed but remain valid.

If any decision taken at the 2022 Congress would result in any of the below mentioned Communications to become obsolete or incomplete, such Communication would have to be updated as soon as possible after the 2022 Congress.

Communications requiring continued validity:

No. 1540 *Figure Skating - Use of papers/documents by Figure Skating Judges during competitions*

No. 1629 *ISU World Standings for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance. ISU Season's World Ranking*

No. 1776	<i>Guidelines for Short Track Speed Skating Regional Courses and Seminars for Officials</i>
No. 1898	<i>Evaluation of Officials Performance in Short Track Speed Skating</i>
No. 2001	<i>ISU Disciplinary Commission – Rules of Procedure</i>
No. 2026	<i>ISU Samples Long-Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy</i>
No. 2030	<i>Rule 109, Citizenship/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure</i>
No. 2096	<i>Officials’ remuneration for ISU Events</i>
No. 2195	<i>Mass start and Team races at ISU Speed Skating Events: Safety Measures, promotion initiatives and organization of races</i>
No. 2221	<i>Uniform/Racing Suits/Clothing</i>
No. 2261	<i>ISU World Standings for Synchronized Skating. ISU Season’s World Ranking</i>
No. 2265	<i>ISU Code of Ethics – Requirements for acting ISU Officials - Invitation of ISU Office Holders and ISU Officials to attend Skating Competitions as Guests</i>
No. 2267	<i>On Ice Medical Emergencies Protocol</i>
No. 2310	<i>ISU Development Program</i>
No. 2344	<i>ISU Anti-Doping Rules compiled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code 2021</i>
No. 2357	<i>Figure Skating Judge Reappointment Online Learning Exercises</i>
No. 2365	<i>Short Track Speed Skating Padding, Measures to increase Safety for Skaters</i>
No. 2366	<i>ISU Anti-Doping Procedures to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules compiled in accordance with The World Anti-Doping Code 2021</i>
No. 2368	<i>Prize Money for ISU Championships</i>
No. 2384	<i>Status of Skaters subject to a period of ineligibility following an Anti-Doping Rule violation</i>
No. 2396	<i>Guidelines for International Novice Competitions 2021/22 Single &amp; Pair Skating &amp; Ice Dance</i>
No. 2400	<i>Cut Resistant Clothing &amp; Protection Equipment in Short Track Speed Skating</i>
No. 2404	<i>Personalized Helmets in Short Track Speed Skating</i>
No. 2420	<i>List of Officials for Single &amp; Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating (valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2022)</i>
No. 2423	<i>Rules of Procedure for Officials Assessment Commission – Evaluation of Judging – Assessments for the Figure Skating Branch</i>
No. 2427	<i>ISU Athletes Commission Elections</i>
No. 2434	<i>List of Officials Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating (valid until issuing of new Communication in August 2022)</i>
No. 2436	<i>Guidelines for ISU Events during the Covid-19 pandemic update</i>
No. 2440	<i>ISU Transgender Policy</i>
No. 2441	<i>ISU Centers of Excellence (CoE) Guidelines</i>
No. 2450	<i>ISU Code of Ethics</i>
No. 2457	<i>Challenger Series in Figure Skating Season 2022/23</i>
No. 2458	<i>Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating Season 2022/23</i>
No. 2463	<i>Ice Dance Guidelines for International Novice Competitions 2022/23</i>
No. 2465	<i>Obligations of Members</i>
No. 2468	<i>Ice Dance Requirements for Technical Rules season 2022/23</i>
No. 2469	<i>ISU Council Decision – War in Ukraine-Protective Measures</i>

Other Communications published after the issuing of the Congress Agenda and as indicated by the Chair.

13. Report of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission during the period since the last Congress.
14. Report by the auditors with respect to the financial administration of the ISU since the last Congress, the approval thereof and the discharge of the Council, Director General, Treasurer and Sports Directors with respect thereto.
15. Objections to nominations for elected positions.
16. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions and General Regulations specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as “Drafting Matters” and approval of these “Drafting Matter” Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote. The following Motions labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified: None

17. Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions.
18. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations.
- B. Branch of Special Representatives for Speed Skating**
1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch.
3. Verification of the qualifications of the Speed Skating representatives and of their right to vote.
4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes.
5. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of proposals adopted concerning the Speed Skating Regulations and election of a similar drafting committee for the Short Track Speed Skating Regulations.
6. Approval of the Agenda.
7. Report by the Vice President on the Speed Skating activities of the past two years.
8. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as "Drafting Matters" and approval of these "Drafting Matter" Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote. The following Motions labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified: *None*.
9. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.
10. Reports by the Chair of the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committees concerning proposed amendments to the Technical Rules for Speed Skating and for Short Track Speed Skating.  
The Reports shall include:
  - i) A summary of proposals and comments received from ISU Members, the Council and the Sports Directors that were submitted to the respective Technical Committee in line with the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution (A. Congress) and during Workshops at the beginning of the Congress;
  - ii) A summary of input received from Coaches, Skaters and Officials;
  - iii) A summary of the most significant conclusions reached by the respective Technical Committees and the most significant changes proposed;
  - iv) A detailed summary of amendments to the proposed Technical Rule changes included in the agenda, as worked out by the respective Technical Committee and Sports Directors and approved by the respective Vice President further to discussions during the workshops at the beginning of the Congress.
11. Presentation by ISU Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a second ISU Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations (Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the 2016 ISU Constitution).
12. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Short Track Speed Skating consisting of:
  - a) A Chair;
  - b) Three regular members;
  - c) Note: The additional Skater and Coach Committee members shall subsequently be appointed as per Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2.c) & d).

13. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Speed Skating consisting of:
  - a) A Chair;
  - b) Three regular members;
  - c) Note: The additional Skater and Coach Committee members shall subsequently be appointed as per Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2.c) & d).
14. Presentation of a status report by each Technical Committee on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2018 Congress.
15. Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.
16. Various.
17. Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President.

**C. Branch of Special Representatives for Figure Skating**

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Branch.
3. Verification of the qualifications of the Figure Skating representatives and of their right to vote.
4. Election of two scrutineers of the minutes.
5. Election of a drafting committee, consisting of at least three members, to draft the final text of proposals adopted concerning the Single and Pair Skating Regulations, and election of a similar drafting committee for Ice Dance Regulations and Synchronized Skating Regulations.
6. Approval of the Agenda.
7. Report by the Vice President on the Figure Skating activities of the past two years.
8. Approval of Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating specifically designated and summarized in the Agenda as "Drafting Matters" and approval of these "Drafting Matter" Motions and/or referral of certain of those Motions identified as such for debate and vote. The following Motions labeled as DRAFTING MATTERS have been identified: 186, 195.
9. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating.
10. Reports by the Chair of the Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees concerning amendments to the Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and for Synchronized Skating.

The Reports shall include:

- i) A summary of proposals and comments received from ISU Members, the Council and the Sports Directorate that were submitted to the respective Technical Committee in line with the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution (A. Congress) and during Workshops at the beginning of the Congress;
- ii) A summary of input received from Coaches, Skaters and Officials;
- iii) A summary of the most significant conclusions reached by the respective Technical Committees and the most significant changes proposed;
- iv) A detailed summary of amendments to the proposed Technical Rule changes included in the agenda, as worked out by the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directors and approved by the respective Vice President further to discussions during the workshops at the beginning of the Congress.

11. Presentation by ISU Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a second ISU Member to support the objection and subsequently a simple majority to become effective. Such objection may only propose not to accept the change, it cannot propose any amendment. A Rule in the Technical Rules may not change or amend a rule included in the Constitution or in the General Regulations or in the Special Regulations (Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the 2021 ISU Constitution).
12. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Ice Dance consisting of:
  - a) A Chair;
  - b) Three regular members;
  - c) Note: The additional Skater and Coach Committee members shall subsequently be appointed as per Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2.c) & d).
13. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Synchronized Skating consisting of:
  - a) A Chair;
  - b) Three regular members;
  - c) Note: The additional Skater and Coach Committee members shall subsequently be appointed as per Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2.c) & d).
14. Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Single and Pair Skating consisting of:
  - a) A Chair;
  - b) Four regular members;
  - c) Note: The additional Skater and Coach Committee members shall subsequently be appointed as per Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2.c) & d).
15. Presentation of a status report by each Technical Committee on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2018 Congress.
16. Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.
17. Various.
18. Closing of the Branch meeting by the Vice President.

#### **D. Congress**

19. A budget for the year of the Congress and the forthcoming two-year period as submitted by the Council and the approval thereof.
20. Election of an auditing company to serve until the next Congress.
21. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches.
22. Ratification of the actions and decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Directors and the Technical Committees.
23. Election of the President.
24. Election of the Vice President Speed Skating.
25. Election of the Vice President Figure Skating.
26. Confirmation of the election of the First Vice President in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 6, i.e. the Vice President Speed Skating.

27. Election of five Speed Skating Council members.
28. Election of five Figure Skating Council members.
29. Election of the Athletes' member of the Council.
30. Election of the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.
31. Election of four Disciplinary Commission members as per Article 25, paragraph 2
  - a) election of two Disciplinary Commission members experienced in Figure Skating
  - b) election of two Disciplinary Commission members experienced in Speed Skating
32. Communication of the results of elections to the Technical Committees by the Vice Presidents.
33. Presentation of a status report on the existing four-year plan for the ISU for the period since the 2018 Congress.
34. Approval of the four-year plan sent to all ISU Members by May 1 of the same year of the Congress at which the then current four-year plan will expire.
35. Election of Honorary Members.
36. Various including all other matters which, in accordance with the Constitution or the Regulations, are required to be dealt with by Congress.
37. Closing of Congress by the President.

# I. PROPOSALS FOR CONGRESS

## A. CONSTITUTION

### 1. ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA Figure Skating

Article 13, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

3. Maximum Age In order to be eligible for election, any candidate for election or re-election as an ISU elected Office Holder, (except for Technical Committee Chair or member as specified in Article 20, paragraph 2 and the Special Regulations), must not reach the age of eighty prior to being elected for any elected Office. An elected Office Holder who reaches the age of eighty during his current term of office is not disqualified by such fact from continuing to serve the current term.

Reason: To have a possibility for the active and experienced Council and Disciplinary Commission members to continue their activity.

#### Council Recommendation:

*The increasing awareness for the need to apply the principles of Good Governance and widely accepted best practices all favor age and term limits. Mindful of the importance of Good Governance and the related image and credibility for the ISU, the Council is not in favor of this Proposal. It must also be noted that the IOC applies age limits of 70 years.*

*This Council Recommendation is in line with its recommendation to the basically same Proposal presented in 2018 by Bosnia Herzegovina (Proposal no 11). Based on this Council Recommendation, Bosnia Herzegovina had withdrawn its Proposal.*

*This Proposal was already on the 2021 Agenda but considering the highly political subject, the Council had considered at that time that a debate is essential and therefore agreed to postpone this Proposal to the 2022 Congress with the clarification that if the Proposal would be accepted during the 2022 Congress, it would enter into force during the 2022 Congress with its elections. Candidates being in an age bracket of 75-80 during the 2022 Congress would submit a nomination subject to approval of this Proposal*

### 2. RUSSIA Figure

Article 15, paragraph 2. Criteria - a), b), & c)

Change as follows:

- a) For the position of Honorary President at a minimum, nominees shall have been elected as President for at least two (2) terms;
- b) For the position of Honorary Vice President at a minimum, nominees shall have been elected as Vice President for at least two (2) terms;
- c) For the position of Honorary Member at a minimum, nominees shall have been elected as a member of a Technical Committee; Chair of a Technical Committee; a member of the Council; be appointed as Sports Director/Manager or Advisor serving as an Office Holder; or have been elected as a member of the Disciplinary Commission and/or previous Appeals Commission for at least two (2) terms.

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph c) the periods served in different positions are added together.”

Reason: Following the Congress decision the term of election in 2016 was not 4 years, but only 2 years.

#### Council Recommendation:

*This Proposal was already accepted during the 2021 vote by e-mail and is therefore obsolete*

### 3. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Article 15 paragraph 5. a) i) to be amended as follows:

- a) ISU Gold Award of Merit awarded for Office Holders', ISU Officials' Service:
  - i) ISU Referees/Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists, Starters or Competitor Stewards who have served in such capacity at the ISU Championships/ Olympics Winter Games altogether for at least fifteen years;

Reason: ISU Technical Specialists are ISU appointed Officials similarly to ISU Referees and ISU Technical Controllers. ISU Technical Specialists are equally valuable as ISU Technical Controllers as they are making

the decisions in the Technical Panel together. Therefore, ISU Technical Specialists shall be treated and awarded in the same way as ISU Referees and ISU Technical Controllers.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

#### **4. ISU COUNCIL**

Article 16, paragraph 2.f)

Amend as follows:

The President decides upon the appointments of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, members of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) in Figure Skating and the Referees, Assistant Referees, Assistant Referees Video, Starters, Competitors' Stewards in Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating for the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games, ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior), the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition, ISU World Cup competitions (for exceptions relating to Short Track Speed Skating see Rule 286, paragraph 3, Rule 289 paragraph 5.c) and Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)) and any new ISU Event introduced by the Council taking into consideration proposals from the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice Presidents prepare the proposals in consultation with the respective Sports Technical Directors and the respective Technical Committee. The appointments shall be communicated to the ISU Members of the Officials and the organizing ISU Members as soon as possible but latest by August 15 every season.

Reason: Drafting for consistency with Rule 136, paragraph 8

#### **5. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Article 16 – to be discussed together with Proposal 29 and 34

##### **2. President**

f) The President decides upon the appointments of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, members of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) in Figure Skating, and the Referees, Assistant Referees, Assistant Referees Video, Starters, Competitors' Stewards, in Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating for the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games, ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior), ISU World Cup competitions (for exceptions relating to Short Track Speed Skating see Rule 286, paragraph 3, Rule 289 paragraph 5.c) and Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)) and any new ISU Event introduced by the Council taking into consideration proposals from the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice Presidents prepare the proposals in consultation with the respective Sports Technical Directors and the respective Technical Committee. For Speed Skating at the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games the President also decides upon the recommendation of an Ice Technical Expert and the appointment of the Sport Expert, following the same procedure. The appointments shall be communicated to the ISU Members of the Officials and the organizing ISU Members as soon as possible but latest by August 15 every season.

Reason: The Ice Technical Expert in Speed Skating is needed to be approved by the ISU President in consultation with the Speed Skating Technical Committee for the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games to provide the expertise for the Organizing Committees to guarantee the best possible and equal ice conditions for the participating Skaters. The tasks and functions of the Sport Expert are further described in the proposed amendment of Rule 218.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

#### **6. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Article 20, paragraph 2. b) – to be discussed together with Proposal 15, 32 and 33

Modify as follows:

Only persons named in the current lists of ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers, ISU Technical Specialists (excluding remunerated Coaches as per ~~Rule 102, paragraph 4.b)~~) or ISU Judges are eligible for election by the Congress to the five elected positions in the Committee for Single and Pair Skating and the four elected positions in the Committees for Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating and then only in the respective discipline.

Reason: The term of “remunerated” Coaches is not defined in the ISU rules; therefore, transparency is not fully ensured. The conflict of interest arises by the nature of the Coach position, not by the fact of remuneration. Coaches are represented in the Technical Committees as full members not by election but by appointment of the Council per Article 20 paragraph 1 and 2 d).

Council Recommendation:  
The Council is in favor for the reasons given.

## 7. RUSSIA Figure WITHDRAWN BY RUSSIA Figure

E. Technical Committees, Article 20, paragraph 2.b)

Amend paragraph b) as follows:

### **2. Eligibility and Composition**

- b) ~~Only persons named in the current lists of ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers, ISU Technical Specialists (maximum one per each Technical Committee excluding remunerated Coaches as per Rule 102, paragraph 4.b) or ISU Judges are eligible for election by the Congress to the five elected positions in the Committee for Single and Pair Skating and the four elected positions in the Committees for Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating and then only in the respective discipline.~~

~~Reason: The requirements to Technical Specialists as described in Rule 415 are narrower, limited to specific functions which do not cover the whole range of requirements to the Technical Committees and its members who must have broader range of knowledge to fulfill all the functions of the Technical Committees as described in Article 20, paragraph 3. The current wording of Rule 20, paragraph 2.b) practically allows unlimited number of the Technical Specialists to be elected to the Technical Committees, including the position of the Technical Committee Chair. One Technical Specialist (most of whom are coaches) per each Technical Committee in addition to the Coach appointed by the Council per Article 20, para 2d seems to be sufficient.~~

Council Recommendation: N/A

## 8. CANADA Figure

E. Technical Committees

Article 20, paragraph 3, Functions of the Technical Committees

The functions of the Technical Committees include:

- a) The preparation, monitoring and maintenance of the "Technical Rules" for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, taking into account the input received from ISU Members, the Council and the Sports Directors. Significant changes to "Technical Rules" or significant changes (i.e. changes to assessment/scoring of elements) made through ISU Communications for Single and Pair Skating, and Ice Dance must occur in the two seasons after the Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: Minimize significant changes in the season leading up to and including the Olympic Winter Games (OWG). This will allow Coaches and Skaters to focus on preparation for the OWG rather than focusing on adapting to new rules. Providing two seasons of training without forced significant change provides a more equitable and fair approach for all ISU Members. A 'significant' change is one that considerably alters the assessment/scoring of elements, and/or a Skater's training strategy.

Council Recommendation:

*Compared to the same Proposal in 2021 Agenda, the term "significant changes" has now been defined (i.e. changes to assessment/scoring of elements) but still leaves too much uncertainty for the interpretation of "significant" and does not address who makes such call. The Proposal has some merit to protect against untimely and too frequent changes.*

*In this context Art. 16//3.e) might have to be considered. The Council feels that indeed attention should be given to untimely and/or premature changes, and believes that such provision will be better placed in this Art. 16/3.e) since it would be clear who is responsible to monitor this risk and act upon as necessary. The Council therefore recommends not to accept the Canadian Proposal but instead to modify Art. 16/3.e) as follows:*

*"e) The Vice Presidents monitor the work and activities of the respective Technical Committees including their administration of the Technical Rules. If the respective Vice President concludes that Technical Rule changes and/or ISU Communications proposed by the competent Technical Committees are in conflict with the ISU's policy and/or result in excessive expenditures and/or are not consistent among the ISU sport disciplines and/or their implementation is untimely or premature (e.g. too close to the Olympic Winter Games or impossible to safely implement in the given time frame), the respective Vice President has the duty to inform the Council allowing a Council evaluation and decision.*

## **9. ISU COUNCIL**

Article 21, paragraph 2. b)

Amend as follows:

The Athletes Commission members are elected by secret ballot. All Skaters entered as Competitors and present/accredited at the respective ISU World Championships, respectively for Speed Skating at the Olympic Winter Games or an ISU ~~World Cup~~ Speed Skating Event (as determined by the Council), shall be entitled to cast one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes obtained is elected. In case of a tie the candidate with the highest number of votes obtained in a second ballot is selected. If there is still a tie, the election will be decided by lot. Abstaining ISU Members and invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting and shall not be counted in ascertaining a majority.

Reason: To ensure that the Speed Skating World Championships, will not be excluded as an occasion for voting for the Speed Skating member of the Athletes Commission.

## **10. RUSSIA Figure**

I. Development Commission - Article 24, paragraph 1

Change "three (3) members" to "four (4) members".

### **1. Appointment and Composition**

The Council shall appoint a Development Commission of ~~three (3)~~ four (4) members who among themselves will appoint their Coordinator. The Coordinator reports to and is supervised by the Vice Presidents, each in the respective Branch.

Reason: To have balance in ISU Development Commission between the 2 ISU branches.

#### Council Recommendation:

*The Council could consider a revised wording "...of up to four (4) members...". Besides the number of members by Branch, the choice of the Coordinator and his/her Branch must also be taken into account. Finally, past experience has shown that a Commission with more members loses in efficiency especially for timely decision making.*

## B. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 11. ISU COUNCIL

Rule 100 paragraph 3.b)

Amend as follows:

#### 3. ISU Events

- b) For the avoidance of doubt, ISU Events are defined hereby to include all ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating, the ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup, the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition, as well as any other event such as ISU shows, ISU exhibitions or other ISU International Competitions directly organized, financed and promoted by the ISU and specifically designated "ISU".

Reason: Experience has shown that combining the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition with a regular International Figure Skating Competition involves many logistical and operational challenges. The ISU Council therefore proposes that ISU Figure Skating Members will be available to apply to host the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition during the Olympic season based on Guidelines and conditions (entry restrictions, rights available to the organizing ISU Member, ISU contribution etc) published by the ISU in due time for a timely ISU allotment of this new ISU Event.

### 12. FINLAND Figure

Rule 100, paragraph 3.b) – to be discussed together with Proposal 13

Delete Junior World Challenge Cup as drafting

- 3.b) For the avoidance of doubt, ISU Events are defined hereby to include all ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating, ~~the ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup~~ as well as any other event such as ISU shows, ISU exhibitions or other ISU International Competitions directly organized, financed and promoted by the ISU and specifically designated "ISU".

Reason: Drafting. Competition does not exist any longer

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### 13. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 100, paragraph 3.b) – to be discussed together with Proposal 12

Amend as follows:

- b) For the avoidance of doubt, ISU Events are defined hereby to include all ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and Series (for the Series see paragraph 3.c) below), the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating, ~~the ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup~~ as well as any other event such as ISU shows, ISU exhibitions or other ISU International Competitions directly organized, finance and promoted by the ISU and specifically designated "ISU".

Reason: World Challenge Cup does not exist anymore.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### 14. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 100, paragraph 3.c) – to be discussed together with Proposal 20

Amend as follows:

- c) Each ISU Series of International Competitions, as a linked Series, now consisting of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (senior and junior), ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating (senior and junior), and the ISU Speed Skating World Cup (senior and junior) and Short Track Speed Skating World Cup are also defined "ISU Events", however the domestic TV rights (see Rule 105, paragraph 1) and marketing/advertising rights for the individual events remain with the organizing ISU Member unless agreed upon otherwise through a specific agreement between the respective organizing ISU Member and the ISU.

Reason: The Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating is a linked series which results in a final ranking at the completion of all five events. Additionally, the addition of the Challenger Series in SyS as a linked ISU Series will help our Officials to gain needed activity.

Council Recommendation:

*The ISU Council is not in favor of this Proposal and prefers to maintain those Challengers series events as International Competitions with all rights (domestic & international media rights as well as advertising rights) remaining with the organizing ISU Members. By becoming ISU Events, the international media rights would belong to the ISU. However, the ISU Council supports a continued ISU involvement in form of financial assistance subject to some basic conditions/requirements to be published in an annual ISU Communication.*

## **15. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 102, paragraph 4. b) – to be discussed together with Proposal 6, 32 and 33

Modify as follows:

Paid employees of ISU Members and their affiliated clubs, and remunerated Coaches may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors' Steward in ISU Events or any other International Competitions sanctioned by an ISU Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the Council, an elected member of a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission. However, such persons may attend ISU Congresses subject to Article 30, the Procedural Provision of the Constitution, Part A., paragraph 13, but without the right to vote. Such persons may also act as Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operator in ISU sanctioned competitions.

For the purpose of this Rule, a paid employee is defined as a person working an average of more than twenty-five remunerated hours per week for an ISU Member or affiliated club, regardless of the legal nature of the respective contractual relationships.

Reason: Rule 102 is the Eligibility Rule and it is essential for the integrity of the ISU and the sport. The term of "remunerated" Coaches is not defined in the ISU rules; therefore, transparency is not fully ensured. Coaches are essential to the sport, however, any Coaches, whether or not they are remunerated, shall be excluded from the listed ISU positions. The conflict of interest arises by the nature of the Coach position, not by the fact of remuneration.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

## **16. RUSSIA Figure**

B. Eligibility – Rule 102, paragraph 6.a)

Amend the first sentence of paragraph 6 a) as follows:

### **6. Trademarks**

a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the jurisdiction of the ISU, Competitors, team officials, Coaches and service personnel may display on their persons and their clothing their own name and the name and/or logo of their ISU Members and/or official ISU Member country abbreviation and/or official ISU Member country name with letters of maximum 15 cm high. In addition they may display on their person and their clothing not more than ~~four (4)~~ six (6) advertising markings, trademarks, logos or other distinguishing signs (hereafter called "markings"), provided they are dignified and with a maximum of sixty (60) square centimeters each and do not refer to tobacco or alcohol while being off the ice including in the "kiss and cry" area, the television interview area, during the official warm-up before the competitive performance and during practice sessions.

Reason: To give the opportunity to Skaters, team officials, Coaches in figure skating to use more advertising and trade marks on their persons and clothes, to attract more potential sponsors taking into consideration that in speed skating it is allowed to display up to 8 trade marks.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is not in favor, because it considers the current rule as just and fair towards everybody concerned.*

## **17. HUNGARY**

Rule 102, paragraph 6.b) i)

Amend as follows:

i) The table below shows the allowed total maximum size of all markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks) and the maximum number and sizes per marking on the racing suit and warm up suits

(jacket and zipper trousers), safety equipment and Team uniforms. The racing suit is considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (including cap in Speed Skating) and one piece lower body. All markings shall be dignified.

Item	Total Maximum Size	Maximum Size Per Marking	Number of Markings
Competition Speed Skating Skin Suit (is considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (including cap) and one piece lower body)			
Cap	650 cm <sup>2</sup> 700 cm <sup>2</sup>	80 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Upper body (above the waist including arms)		45 cm <sup>2</sup>	6
Lower body (below the waist)		250 cm <sup>2</sup>	2
Competition Short Track skin suit and warming up suit (are considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (excluding cap) and one piece lower body)			
Helmet	650 cm <sup>2</sup> 700 cm <sup>2</sup>	80 cm <sup>2</sup>	1
Upper body or/and jacket (above the waist including arms and headgear)		45 cm <sup>2</sup>	6
Lower body or/and trouser (below the waist)		250 cm <sup>2</sup>	2

**Reason:** The Proposal intends to assist the Skaters' long awaited commercial development by providing the Skaters' sponsors a proportional and valid opportunity to appear with their logos and advertising markings on Skaters' helmets, therefore allowing the Skaters to generate a proportional revenue necessary for their personal training from their individual performance and results.

**Council Recommendation:**

*The Council is in not favor, because it considers the current rule as just and fair towards everybody concerned. The current authorized surface area of 30cm<sup>2</sup> on cap or helmet is consistent with the other authorized surface areas on the upper and lower body, increasing the surface area to 80cm<sup>2</sup> on the cap/helmet would create an unbalanced display.*

**18. NETHERLANDS**

**B. Eligibility - Rule 102, paragraph 6.b.i) Trademarks**

Revise paragraph 6.b.i) as follows:

i) The table below shows the allowed total maximum size of all markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks) and the maximum number and sizes per marking on the racing suit and warm up suits (jacket and zipper trousers), safety equipment and Team uniforms. The racing suit is considered as consisting of two pieces: one piece upper body (including cap in Speed Skating) and one piece lower body. All markings shall be dignified.

Place of the markings	Maximum size per marking	Number of markings	Total maximum Size
Headgear (incl. cap or helmet)	30 cm <sup>2</sup>	6	650 cm <sup>2</sup>
Upper body (above the waist including arms)	45 cm <sup>2</sup>		
Lower body (below the waist)	250 cm <sup>2</sup>		

If a manufacturer also acts as a sponsor (in ISU Events only), in addition to the manufacturer trademarks according to paragraph 6.b).ii) only one advertising marking of the manufacturer can be exposed on the entire uniform to a maximum size of 45cm<sup>2</sup>. Such marking shall be placed on the upper body.

**Markings in ISU Events:**

- In Speed Skating Team Competitions (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint) where the helmet replaces the cap for safety reasons, the front of the helmet can be used to present ISU Member sponsor trademarks in order to have consistency in headgear trademarks on racing suits, warm up suits and helmets
- In Short Track speed Skating, two places on the sides are reserved for the Skaters' helmet numbers.
- Armbands ~~and helmet covers~~ are in the exclusive domain of the ISU. Organizing Committees may request permission from the ISU to place markings on the armbands.

#### Markings in Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games:

- placement of any markings on the front part of helmets is not allowed. In these Events, the front part of helmets is reserved for use by the ISU in the total maximum size of 40cm<sup>2</sup>.
- In Short Track Speed Skating, in addition, two places on the sides are reserved for the Skaters' helmet numbers."
- Armbands and helmet covers are in the exclusive domain of the ISU.

Reason: The regulations provide the option to present ISU member sponsor trademarks on the front of the racing suit cap and off ice headwear. In order to provide consistency in trademark positions for headgear in Speed Skating (Team) Competitions the same position should be available on the helmets.

#### Council Recommendation:

*In case of relevant ISU sponsorship the front part of the helmet is for the ISU, however, if there is no such ISU sponsorship, the Council is in favor to release one advertising marking on the front part of the helmet for use of the ISU Members in Team Pursuit and Team Sprint competitions in Speed Skating in order to remain consistent with the authorized marking on the cap for individual distances in Speed Skating. However, the Council is not favor of the other proposed changes.*

## **19. IRELAND**

Rule 104, paragraph 13

### ~~13. Publication of Best Skaters~~ Notification of Best Skaters

Before May 1 of each year, each ISU Member shall ~~announce in respect of the preceding skating season and the Secretariat shall publish those received in a Communication by July 1:~~ notify the Secretariat the following results for the preceding season:

- a) Speed Skating: the five best times set up on standard tracks by Speed Skaters of the ISU Member over the distances of 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000 and 10000 meters for Men and 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters for Ladies and Team Pursuit for Men and Ladies.
- b) Short Track Speed Skating: the five best Short Track Speed Skaters of the ISU Member over the distances 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 meters and Relay Men and Ladies based on the distance classification at national championships.
- c) Figure Skating: the names of the five best Ladies and Men single Skaters, the five best Pairs and the five best Couples in Ice Dance and the five best Synchronized Skating teams based on the results of national championships.

Reason: This rule was necessary in a pre-internet and electronic-communicational era, it is now redundant as the information is available through the internet and social media of the ISU members themselves. The ISU can collect this information from its members by the most efficient mechanism, either electronic uploads, links to the ISU member website or in the format currently used. The method of collecting the information could be left to the discretion of the ISU / Secretariat.

#### Council Recommendation:

*The Council agrees that the announcement by ISU Members of this data and the publication of this Communication is obsolete, and that this Communication shall be discontinued.*

*The Proposal still requires the ISU Members to notify the ISU about this type of statistics. In line with the rationale of the Proposal the ISU Council would agree to replace the Rule by the following wording:*

*"Each ISU Member shall publish on its website the most critical results of the ISU Members Skaters. The minimum information shall include the results of the National Championships and for Speed Skating the five best times set up on standard tracks by Speed Skaters of the ISU Member over the distances of 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000 and 10000 meters for Men and 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters for Women."*

## **20. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 107, new paragraph 7 – to be discussed together with Propsoal 14

Add new paragraph 7 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

### **7. ISU Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating**

The Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating is a series of International Synchronized Skating Competitions (senior and junior) as an opportunity for many Teams to get prepared for qualifying and competing in ISU Championships. The series is financially supported by the ISU in accordance with the conditions annually decided by the Council and published through an ISU Communication.

Reason: Recognition of the Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating as a linked ISU Series for Junior and Senior categories is needed to reflect that a final ranking is produced at the completion of all five events. Additionally, identification of the Challenger Series in SyS as a linked ISU Series will help our Officials' gain much-needed activity and is an important part of our ISU Members activities for their Teams and Officials. There will be no increase in the ISU budget as the Challenger Series is already supported by the ISU. The Challenger Series recognized as a Series will also help Teams achieve season best scores, world records etc.

Council Recommendation:

Based on the Recommendation given under Proposal 14, the Council is not in favor.

## **21. NEW ZEALAND Figure**

Rule 107, paragraph 14. b) i)

Interclub competitions must be conducted under the exclusive authority of the organizing club and their significance must be limited to the club sphere. ~~Interclub competitions may not have any impact on the competitive activities of the ISU Member to which the organizing club belongs, e.g. by their results serving as qualifying criteria for participation in national or international championships, national best lists, etc. The scores obtained do not count towards minimum scores required for International Competitions (Rule 378/3) and/or World Standings/Ranking Points.~~

Reason: The stipulation that the results cannot be used for qualifying criteria for participating in national or international championships by the ISU Member to which the organizing club belongs, places unnecessary restrictions on the activities of the ISU Member. Provided the Interclub competition is conducted by the club and complies with the other requirements of Rule 107 / 14, we propose that the results of these competitions should be able to be used by the ISU Member in the same manner as Local competitions. Clubs with limited resources are unlikely to organise a competition that does not also serve the purpose of a qualifying event for national championships for example. Consequently, competitions that were previously Interclub competitions and met all the other requirements, will now be organised as Local Competitions instead. For small, geographically isolated Members like NZL, Interclub competitions provide our Skaters with exposure to a larger pool of Skaters. This restriction on how the results of Interclub competitions can be used ultimately denies them that development opportunity. While organising the event as an International Competition would give more flexibility around how scores can be used, geographical isolation means there are significant additional costs associated with bringing in the appropriate officials for an International Competition.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council agreed to limit the provision for no impact of Interclub competitions on ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games only and therefore proposes the provision to read as follows:*

*“Interclub competitions must be conducted under the exclusive authority of the organizing club and their significance must be limited to the club sphere. The results of Interclub competitions shall not serve as qualifying criteria and/or obtaining Minimum Total Elements Scores, World Standng/Raking Points and/or qualifying times for participation in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games.”*

## **22. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 108 – To be discussed together with Proposals 23

Amend as follows:

### **1. Categories of Skaters by Age and Age Entry Requirements for Competitions**

- a) The word Senior is used in this Rule and in the ISU Statutes to describe certain competitions that have a minimum age entry requirement of fifteen years, determined in each instance by the birthday of the Skater that occurs before the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition.
- b) Senior shall not be used in the title of any ISU Event.  
The official title of the ISU Event is that title stated in a specific ISU directive such as the ISU Communication announcing allotments by the Council, the relevant Memorandum, or the Official ISU Trade Name and Trademark Guide.  
The word Senior may be used by the organizer in the text of the Event Announcement or the Event Program to refer to the minimum age requirements specified in this Rule.

## 2. Age Limits for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating

- a) ~~For ISU Senior Championships, Olympic Winter Games and International Senior Competitions only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fifteen before July 1 preceding these Events.~~
- a) i) For the Season 2022/23, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fifteen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- ii) For the Season 2023/24, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of sixteen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- ii) From the Season 2024/25 onwards, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of seventeen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- b) A Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of nineteen before July 1 preceding the competition.
- c) In International Competitions the following age classifications shall apply for the Junior age category:
- | Classification | Age before July 1 preceding the Competition: |
|----------------|--|
| A              | 17 and 18                                    |
| B              | 15 and 16                                    |
| C              | 13 and 14                                    |
| D              | 12 and under.                                |
- d) For World Junior Championships, only Junior Skaters may compete who have reached the age of ~~fourteen~~ fifteen before July 1 preceding the Championships.

## 3. Age Limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance

- a) i) For the Season 2022/23, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fifteen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- ii) For the Season 2023/24, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of sixteen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- ii) From the Season 2024/25 onwards, in International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of seventeen before July 1 preceding the Events.
- b) In International Junior Competitions and ISU Junior Championships a Junior is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the event:
- i) has reached at least the age of thirteen;
- ii) has not reached the age of nineteen for Women and Men in singles competition; and
- iii) has not reached the age of nineteen for Women and the age of twenty-one for Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.
- c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:
- i) Basic Novice - has not reached the age of thirteen;
- ii) Intermediate Novice - has not reached the age of fifteen;
- iii) Advanced Novice - has reached the age of ten and has not reached the age of fifteen for girls (Singles/Pairs Skating/Ice Dance) and boys (Singles) and seventeen for boys (Pair Skating/Ice Dance).

## 4. Age Limits for Synchronized Skating

- a) i) For the season 2022/23, in International Senior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the ISU Senior World Synchronized Skating Championships a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of fifteen before July 1 preceding the Championships or Competition.
- ii) For the season 2023/24, in International Senior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the ISU Senior World Synchronized Skating Championships a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of sixteen before July 1 preceding the Championships or Competition.
- ii) From the season 2024/25 onwards, in International Senior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the ISU Senior World Synchronized Skating Championships a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of seventeen before July 1 preceding the Championships or Competition.

- b) In International Junior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, a Junior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached the age of thirteen, but not have reached the age of nineteen, before July 1 preceding the competition.
- c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice team comprises Skaters who have met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:
  - i) have reached at least the age of ten;
  - ii) have not reached the age of fifteen.

## 5. Penalties

Each ISU Member must ensure that Skaters entered for Senior and Junior International Competitions, ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games fulfill the requirements of the Rules. In case of violation, the ISU Member concerned may lose the right to send Skaters the following season to all Senior and Junior (as the case may be) ISU Championships and International Competitions.

Reason: The ISU Council received the following report from the ISU Medical Commission:

*“Competition, training and recovery depend not only on the chronological age but also on the*

- *Developmental age (physical, mental, cognitive and emotional maturity)*
- *Skeletal age (degrees of ossification of the bone structure).*

*It is both the developmental and skeletal age that must be considered when reviewing the age limit to enter the Senior category. It is conceivable that allowing under-age athletes to compete may subject them to loads and risks that are thought to be inappropriate for their age, not only physically, but in terms of the psychological and social development of the child. (Reference: K.Kapczuk; Minerva Pediatr; 2017 Oct;69(5):415-426.Elite athletes and pubertal delay.)*

*Junior athletes need to cope with multiple stressors on their pathways towards elite sport. First of all, they are exposed to high physiological loads caused by training and competitions. Secondly, they normally experience social hassles, demanding and high amounts of school tasks, and potential difficulties relating to their peer-groups. Thirdly, they need to participate in competitions and handle competitive stressors. Ultimately, performance enhancements are normally the central concern for ambitious athletes, as athletes themselves and by others are continually evaluating their accomplishments.*

*The ISU must also consider the image they want to project as Junior and Senior Champions.*

### **Developmental age**

#### **Physical**

*Generally, we know that elite athletes may delay their onset of puberty by an average to 2 years compared to the general population. Genetic disposition, intense physical training (training load), nutritional status, participation in competitive sports and psychological stress during childhood and early adolescence determine athletes' pubertal timing of development. Athletes that practice, specifically, esthetic sports, are predisposed to a delay in pubertal development.*

*The growing evidence indicates that energy deficiency, plays a crucial role in the pathogenesis of functional hypothalamic hypogonadism in female athletes. Metabolic and psychologic stress activate hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis and **suppress** hypothalamic-pituitary-ovarian axis, which delays development in female athletes.*

*Chronic negative energy balance resulting from a systemic physical training and inadequate energy intake (common in aesthetic sports) may delay pubertal development in elite athletes. Youth athletes, especially those engaged in competitive sports that emphasize prepubertal or lean appearance, are at risk of developing relative energy deficiency in sport associated with disordered eating or eating disorders.*

*In a study by Weimann they found that, intensive physical training of elite female gymnasts combined with inadequate nutritional intake markedly affect pubertal development. These peripubertal effects are not observable in male gymnasts due to different training regimes in male and female elite gymnast. Regular monitoring of female gymnast during their vulnerable growth phase is necessary to minimize life-long physiological and psychological side effects of high impact training. (E Weimann 1, C Witzel, S Schwidergall, H J Böhles; Wien Med Wochenschr; Effect of high performance sports on puberty development of female and male gymnasts 1998;148(10):231- 4.)*

#### **Mental, Cognitive and Emotional Maturity**

*Preliminary data suggest that the risk of psychological injury associated with participation in Elite youth sport is high. The concern includes burnout, disordered eating, and longterm consequences of injury. (Reference: Todd M Sabato; Tanis J Walch, Dennis J Caine: J Sports Med 2016 Aug 31:7:99-113 The elite young athlete: strategies to ensure physical and emotional health.)*

The neural development (brain and nervous system) is 95% developed by age 7. This provides children with the opportunity to develop the movement skills of agility, balance, coordination and speed in general training. The Jr athlete who develops the neuromuscular control early is picked up by Coaches and mentored with early success but may be injured because of lack of skeletal or muscular development or is not able to manage the psychological stress that is imposed during that time. The Junior athlete who develops more slowly is not seen as initially talented but when they both reach puberty with equal strength, muscle mass and neuromuscular development and emotional maturity the early developer begins to feel failure as they are no longer have progressed technically and or not the only one with those skills and they lose interest, become frustrated as their body changes during puberty forcing them to relearn skills that they accomplished early and they drop out or become injured. However, the athlete who develops later but on a steady course in line with their skeletal and muscular development must be encouraged to stay involved early on and not to be discouraged by the other athletes' early develop. They need to stay on the training track in order to reach their full potential. Both of these athletes have the risk of ending participation in the sport but for different reasons.

By remaining in the Junior level and providing time for them to mature psychologically and socially along with their neuro and technical skill development, they are better prepared to cope with the increased psychological pressures of Senior. competition, which is important for their emotional health and well-being and in the development of a well-rounded athletes.

### **Skeletal age**

There are two aspects to this area:

The epiphysis (growth plates) and the rate of rapid growth that occurs during adolescence. This immature skeleton along with rapid growth spurts are risk factors for certain types of adolescent injuries.

The epiphyseal plates (growth plates/skeletal immaturity) of adolescence are more prone to injury than the fully developed skeleton. The growth plate (epiphysis) is made of cartilage and is the last portion of bone to ossify or harden into solid bone. It can be 2–5 times weaker than other structures (ligaments and tendons) around the end of the bone and joint.

The growth plates most at risk for a stress-related injury are the ones most loaded during repetitive activity. Such as the knee in jumping sports for take-off and when landing, the heel in running sports, the hip in jumping sports when repetitively lifting the knee for take-off, the shoulder and wrist in lifting maneuvers and the back in sports with continued flexion or over extension.

Rapid growth places stress on the muscle-tendon junction, bone-tendon junction ligament and growth plates. The increases in strength needed to accommodate these changes that will enable a child or teenager to continue to generate the same limb speed as before the growth spurt may not occur in a uniform pattern. Such imbalances in growth and strength, coupled with the loading imparted by sport training and competition, create a situation conducive to the development of overuse injuries.

The concern is that during a period of known skeletal vulnerability, the adolescent athlete may be exposed to excessive training and competition loads associated with high-level competition, which places the athlete at greater risk of injury.

In general, closure of the epiphyses and final adult height is achieved at a skeletal age of 17 by the standards of Greulich and Pyle. (Reference: Greulich WW, Pyle SI. Radiographic atlas of skeletal development of the hand and wrist, 2nd edn. Stanford, California, USA: Stanford University Press, 1959)

### **Summary**

There are Identified modifiable injury risk factors that include postural control, competition anxiety, life events, previous injury, and volume of training that will protect the elite junior Skater.

There is also adequate evidence arising from injury prevention studies of youth sports participants - including neuromuscular training, protective equipment, mental training to enhance self-esteem, adoption of task-oriented coping mechanisms and sport rules modification - to prevent injuries in elite youth sports settings.

Increasing the age limit to 17 years of age to qualify for entry to the Senior category allows the Junior athlete the time necessary to reach skeletal maturity decreasing risk of epiphyseal injury if training loads are modified during times of rapid growth and to expand on their social and emotional skills development

Most importantly the ISU has a duty of care to protect the physical and psychological health and safety of all athletes including elite adolescent athlete.”

The ISU Council furthermore noted the conclusions of a survey conducted by the ISU Athletes Commission in December 2020/January 2021, in which 86.2 % of all respondents supported raising the age limits. The detailed Survey Report can be found here <https://isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/documents-communications/about-isu/athlete-s-commision/28264-isu-athletes-commission-survey-on-figure-skating-age-limits/file>.

The ISU Council concluded that for the sake of protecting the physical and mental health, and emotional well-being of Skaters, the most urgently needed change is a gradual increase of the Senior category age limit in the Figure Skating Branch, from 15 years to 17 years.

The Council proposal is based on a gradual increase, i.e. no change (15 years) for the season 2022/23, an increase to 16 years for the season 2023/24 and an increase to 17 years for the season 2024/25 and subsequent seasons. This gradual implementation will:

- Allow Skaters to adapt gradually to the new age limits and avoid that Skaters who already competed internationally in the Senior category would be compelled to return back to the Junior category (grand father clause).
- Allow the Technical Committees time to adjust the Technical Rules for the Junior category by preparing technical changes to prevent injuries.
- Allow the ISU Council and ISU Members to evaluate if the extended period of the Junior age category and resulting increased number of Junior Skaters requires an increase in the number of Junior category International Competitions.

The Legal Advisors reminded the Council on its duty of care within the ISU's jurisdiction to protect the physical and psychological health and safety of all athletes including elite adolescent athletes.

Furthermore, for the sake of a consistent approach, and considering that the risks outlined in the above-mentioned Medical Commission Report concern not only the physical health of Skaters but also their mental health and emotional well-being, the Council concluded that the proposed change shall apply to all Figure Skating Branch disciplines (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating).

The ISU Council, in consultation with the ISU Medical Commission and the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committees, recommends the same changes for the Speed Skating Branch. This will maintain unified rules for all ISU disciplines regarding participation in International Senior Competitions and Championships, including Olympic Winter Games. For the Speed Skating branch there is very limited participation of Skaters below the age of 17 in International Senior Competitions. The proposed changes will therefore not have major consequences. When increasing this age limit it is nevertheless consistent also to raise the minimum age for participation in World Junior Championships for the Speed Skating branch, and from 14 to 15 years, i.e. to include the categories Junior A and Junior B only. Based on current practice and trends in participation at World Junior Championships, an increase of the minimum age from 14 to 15 years will not have any major immediate impact. The proposed change will give Junior Skaters the opportunity to take part in up to four World Junior Championships.

## **23. NORWAY**

Rule 108, paragraphs 1.a), 2.a), 3.a), 4.a) – to be discussed together with Proposal 22

### **1. Categories of Skaters by Age and Age Entry Requirements for Competitions**

a) The word Senior is used in this Rule and in the ISU Statutes to describe certain competitions that have a minimum age entry requirement of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seventeen (17) years, determined in each instance by the birthday of the Skater that occurs before the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition.

### **2. Age Limits for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating**

a) For ISU Senior Championships, Olympic Winter Games and International Senior Competitions only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of ~~15~~ 17 before July 1 preceding these Events.

### **3. Age Limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance**

a) In International Senior Competitions, ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seventeen (17) for Single, and sixteen (16) for Pair Skating/Ice Dance years before July 1 preceding the Events.

### **4. Age Limits for Synchronized Skating**

a) In International Senior Synchronized Skating Competitions and the ISU Senior World Synchronized Skating Championships a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seventeen (17) years before July 1 preceding the Championships or Competition.

Reason: Currently, ISU has the youngest Senior age requirement of all winter sports. The minimum age limit is currently 15 years of age. This appears to cause short careers for figure Skaters. Since 1994, five different

Olympic champions in women's figure skating were 15, 16 or 17 years old when earning their title (1994, 1998, 2002, 2014, 2018). Three of these five champions were not participating the following season at the World Figure Skating Championships. The other two only competed at the following season's World Championships before retiring from competitive skating. There is an immense pressure put on the Skaters at the top Senior level. To debut at the Senior level at 15 years old, does not seem to motivate the Skaters to have a long career in the sport. Our sport should facilitate rules and a competition environment that supports the possibility of a long lasting career.

To catch media and audience interest, our sport needs profiled athletes that can promote the sport in a positive way over a longer period of time. Young Skaters are pushed to perform difficult technical elements to be able to compete against the more experienced and older Skaters with better program component skills. As the Skaters grow older and the mentality, body and technical abilities change, it is increasingly demanding to maintain the same difficult technical level.

We propose to change the age limits in all ISU disciplines; Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track. We propose 16 for Pair Skating and Ice Dance since big age differences are common in those disciplines. The rule change will be effective from season 2023-2024. If Skaters have already competed in European Championships, Four Continent Championships or World Championships 2023; these Skaters are allowed to skate in senior events in 2023-2024 season even if they have not met the age criteria.

**Council Recommendation:**

*The Council is in principle in favor of increasing the minimum age limits but favors the gradual approach as per its Proposal 22*

**24. GERMANY Speed**

Rule 108, paragraph 2. c) and d)

Amend to read:

c) In International Competitions the following age classifications shall apply for the Junior age category:

Classification                      Age before July 1 preceding the Competition:

A	17 and 18
B	15 and 16
C	13 and 14
D	12 and 11
E	10 and under.

Only with the written permission of their ISU Member a Skater may start in an older category. When a Skater has this permission the Skater can only take part in the older category for the remainder of the season. Rules and procedures for such a permission will be published in an ISU Communication.

d) For World Junior Championships, only Junior Skaters may compete who have reached the age of ~~fourteen~~ fifteen before July 1 preceding the Championships.

Reason: To adapt the established common practice for the application of categories at international competitions in Short Track Speed Skating and to limit as much as possible big differences in physical strength, mass and momentum between competitors in Mass Start Races.

Extreme talented Skaters should get the possibility to compete with stronger skaters if they are physically fit for this. In Short Track Speed Skating the actual participation of 14 year old skaters in the World Junior Championships is very low. Therefore the minimum age for the World Junior Championships can be raised. With this proposal a truly talented young Skater can still participate in the World Junior Championships.

**Council Recommendation:**

*As per Council Proposal 22 focusing on the urgent increase of the minimum age for the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branch Senior category, the Council believes that an evaluation of the lower age categories (Junior, Novice or younger) is required in consultation with the ISU Medical Commission and possibly the Technical Committees. The Council therefore is not in favor of this Proposal as it is premature.*

**25. CANADA Figure**

Rule 108, paragraph 3. b)

Age Limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance

b. In International Junior Competitions and ISU Junior Championships a Junior is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the event:

- i. has reached at least the age of thirteen;
- ii. has not reached the age of nineteen for Women and Men in singles competition; and
- iii. has not reached ~~the age of nineteen for Women and~~ the age of nineteen for Women and the age of twenty-one for Women and Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.

Reason: Pair Skating and Ice Dance each require additional development by both skaters in order to ensure safety; setting the maximum age for both skaters in a Pair Skating or Ice Dance Team to twenty-one promotes safety for the skaters, equity between genders and removes a potential power imbalance.

Council Recommendation:

*As per Council Proposal 22 focusing on the urgent increase of the minimum age for the Figure Skating Senior category, the Council believes that an evaluation of the lower age categories (Junior, Novice or younger) is required in consultation with the ISU Medical Commission and in consultation with the Technical Committees for their review and adjustment of the Technical Rules for the Junior and younger categories to prevent injuries. The Council therefore is not in favor of this Proposal as it is premature.*

## **26. HUNGARY**

Rule 108, paragraph 3.c)

Amend as follows:

Age Limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance

- c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:
- i) Mini Chicks – has not reached the age of seven (7);
  - ii) Chicks – has not reached the age of eight (8);
  - iii) Mini Cubs – has not reached the age of nine (9);
  - iv) Cubs – has not reached the age of 10 (10);
  - v) Basic Novice – has not reached the age of thirteen (13);
  - vi) Intermediate Novice – has not reached the age of fifteen (15);
  - vii) Advanced Novice – has reached the age of ten (10) and has not reached the age of fifteen (15) for girls (Singles/Pairs Skating/Ice Dance) and boys (Singles) and seventeen (17) for boys (Pair Skating/Ice Dance).

Reason: Mini Chicks, Chicks, Mini Cubs, Cubs age categories are important to be regulated, as these children as part of the future generation would appreciate to have the chance to participate in internationally approved conditions (as age limits on announcements) and receive opportunity desired for their athletic development with primary focus on enhancement of skating coordination, physical abilities and competition skills in line with their age categories including their physical and mental development.

Council Recommendation:

*As per Council Proposal 22 focusing on the urgent increase of the minimum age for the Figure Skating Senior category, the Council believes that an evaluation of the lower age categories (Junior, Novice or younger) is required in consultation with the ISU Medical Commission and in consultation with the Technical Committees for their review and adjustment of the Technical Rules for the Junior and younger categories to prevent injuries. The Council therefore is not in favor of this Proposal as it is premature.*

## **27. RUSSIA Figure**

Rule 109, paragraph 2 c)

Amend paragraph c) as follows:

- c) A Skater who has competed in any ISU Championships, ISU Event and/or International Competition or National Championships for any ISU Member and who intends to compete in the future for another ISU Member needs a permit from the last ISU Member he previously represented, which permit shall not unreasonably be denied. In addition, such Skater may compete for the respective ISU Member in International Competitions, ISU Events and ISU Championships only after a waiting period of twelve (12) months since the Skater competed for any other ISU Member in any such competition has elapsed.

Reason: Skaters who qualified to participate at National Championships are usually of pretty high level and receive material and financial support from their National Federations and clubs. Therefore, the uncontrolled flow of skaters of such level will create serious problems and controversies between these skaters and their clubs. At the same time such flows of skaters will not help the development of skating in the countries they move to but encourage the uncontrolled “import” of skaters mentioned in Rule 109, paragraph 6.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is not in favor as it deviates from the principle of Article 1, paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution (ISU having jurisdiction on international matters but national matters administered by ISU Members). Also, the ISU does not have control over National Championships and would not be able to consistently ensure that this provision would be respected.*

## 28. RUSSIA Figure

Entries Rule 115, paragraph 2

Delete entire paragraph 2 and renumber the rest paragraphs.

~~2. Entries Single Skating, Pair Skating and Ice Dance Entries in International Competitions in Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance should not exceed a total of twenty (20) if possible.~~

Reason: Does not correspond to the existing practice.

### Council Recommendation:

*This Proposal was already accepted during the 2021 vote by e-mail and is therefore obsolete*

## 29. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 121 Officials, paragraph 1 – to be discussed together with Proposal 5 and 34

b) Speed Skating Branch

Officials are classified in the two following categories:

- i) ISU Referee, ISU Starter, ISU Competitors' Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only);
- ii) International Referee, International Starter, International Competitors' Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only), International Sport Expert (Speed Skating only);

Depending on the qualification "ISU" or "International" the Officials are qualified to officiate in the respective function in the competitions according to the chart below:

Type of event	Referee	Starter	Competitors' Steward	Assistant Referee	<u>Sport Expert</u>
Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU	<u>Intern.</u>
Youth Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU	<u>Intern.</u>
ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU	ISU	<u>Intern.</u>
World Cup Speed Skating	ISU	ISU	n/a	<u>ISU/ Intern.</u>	<u>Intern.</u>
World Cup Short Track Speed Skating	ISU	ISU	ISU/ Intern.*	Intern.*	<u>Intern.</u>
<u>Junior World Cup Speed Skating</u>	<u>ISU/ Intern.</u>	<u>ISU/ Intern.</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>ISU/ Intern.</u>	<u>Intern.</u>
International Competitions other than above	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.	<u>Any</u>

\*See Rule 286, paragraph 3, Rule 289, paragraph 5.c) and Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)

Reason: Adjustment to established practice and to provide for international practice under the supervision of ISU Officials.

### Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

## 30. CANADA Figure

Rule 121, paragraph 3. b)

Amend as follows:

Council members, Sports Technical Directors, Development Commission members and Event Managers, and ISU Advisors, shall not ~~and ISU Advisors if possible should not~~ act as Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters and Competitors Stewards in competitions specific to Rule 107.

Reason: To maintain consistency in the treatment of certain ISU Office Holders, including ISU Advisors (Treasurer and Legal Advisor(s)), for restrictions applying to Officials.

### Council Recommendation:

*The Council is not in favor since Advisors are not in a decision making position hence there is limited potential for a conflict of interest situation. Same as for Technical Committee members, Advisors may benefit from an ongoing and up to date officiating experience. If the Congress would nevertheless favor to follow the rational of the Proposal referring to consistency, then other bodies such as the Technical Committee members would be in a more critical conflict of interest position than Advisors.*

### **31. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 121, paragraph 3. g) and h)

Amend and renumber as follows:

#### **g) Technical Controllers**

- i) ~~shall not act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Judge in the same event in any other competition/ discipline (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) at the same ISU Event, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games;~~
- ii) ~~cannot shall not act as Technical Specialist in any other discipline at the same season independent of the discipline competition.~~

#### **h) Technical Specialists**

- i) ~~cannot shall not act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Technical Controller and/or Judges in any other discipline at any ISU Event, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games in the same season independent of the discipline;~~
- ii) ~~shall not act as Technical Controller in any other discipline at the same competition;~~
- iii) ~~shall not be a full-time employee of an ISU Member.~~

Reason: Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating have only a small number of ISU Technical Controllers so it is difficult to make the appointments or find replacements in case of an unforeseen situation for ISU Events. The Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists have the same knowledge of the rules and have to apply them in the same way. The main difference is the distribution of these functions in amongst the Technical Panel. Experienced ISU Technical Specialists have the ability to lead the technical panel as a team and are able to manage the process. So with a special examination these ISU Technical Specialists are able to work as ISU Technical Controllers as well. The eligibility rule (Rule 102 paragraph 4 b) is not modified by the proposal meaning that Technical Specialists that are remunerated Coaches will not be eligible to qualify as Technical Controllers. N.B.: Referees and Judges are allowed to qualify as Technical Specialists according to the ISU Rules (Rule 415 para 1. b) i). Therefore, this proposal extends the opportunity, to enable former competitive Skaters who are already experienced ISU Technical Specialists and do not act as remunerated Coaches to become Technical Controllers. Technical Specialists (respectively Technical Controllers) shall become entitled to act as a Technical Controller (respectively Technical Specialist) in the same season. However, a Technical Controller cannot be a Technical Specialist in any discipline at the same competition and vice versa.

#### Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### **32. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 121, paragraph 3. k) ii) subparagraph 4 – to be discussed together with Proposals 6 and 15 and 33

Modify as follows:

At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games, a person of the family of an ineligible person, or of the family of a ~~remunerated~~ Coach, is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which a competing student of the ineligible person or ~~remunerated~~ Coach is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or the Winter Youth Olympic Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.

Reason: Rule 121 paragraph 3. is essential for the integrity of the ISU and the sport. The term of a "remunerated" Coach is not defined in the ISU rules; therefore, transparency is not fully ensured. Any Coaches - whether or not they are remunerated - shall be excluded as the conflict of interest arises by the nature of the Coach position, not by the remuneration.

#### Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### **33. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 121, paragraph 3. k) ii), subparagraph 5 – to be discussed together with Proposal 6, 15 and 32

Modify as follows:

The term "family" as used in this Rule shall be understood as including all persons who, due to their relationship(s), may reasonably appear to be in a conflict of interest position regarding a competing Skater, ineligible person or ~~remunerated~~ Coach.

Reason: Rule 121 paragraph 3. is essential for the integrity of the ISU and the sport. The term of a "remunerated" Coach is not defined in the ISU rules; therefore, transparency is not fully given. Any Coaches -

whether or not they are remunerated - shall be excluded as the conflict of interest arises by the nature of the Coach position, not by the fact of remuneration.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### **34. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 126, paragraphs 1, 9 & 10 – to be discussed together with Proposals 5 and 29

Amend following paragraphs:

#### **1. Skating Competitions at the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games**

The skating competitions in the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games are International Competitions and not ISU Championships and are subject to the provisions of the Olympic Charter, its Bye-Laws, the IOC Qualification System Principles (IOC provisions) and ISU Regulations governing such competitions. In case of conflicts between the IOC provisions on the one hand and the ISU Regulations on the other, the IOC provisions shall prevail. In accordance with Rule 121, all Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges, Starters and Competitors' Stewards, Sport Experts acting in the Olympic Winter Games must be designated ISU. A Judge may serve in not more than two disciplines.

#### **9. Officials Appointed by ISU President**

The Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters, one Competitors' Steward each for Women and Men and a Sport Entries-Expert for Speed Skating shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution.

#### **10. Officials Appointed by Host ISU Member**

All other Officials required (other than the Technical Delegates, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, OAC members, Starters, Judges and one Competitors' Steward each for Women and Men and a Sport Expert for Speed Skating otherwise designated as International Technical Officials - ITOs) shall be appointed by the ISU Member of the country in which the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games are held. These officials are designated as National Technical Officials (NTOs).

Reason: Adjustment to established practice and for consistency with the proposal concerning Article 16 above.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### **35. HUNGARY**

Rule 127, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

#### **1. Allotment of Championships**

The allotment of Championships, i.e. World Speed Skating Championships (as of season 2020/21), World Allround Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20), World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20), World Sprint Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20), World Junior Speed Skating Championships, European Speed Skating Championships, Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (as of season 2019/20), World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (as of season 2019/20), World Figure Skating Championships, World Junior Figure Skating Championships, European Figure Skating Championships, Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, World Synchronized Skating Championships, ~~and~~ World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, European Junior Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Junior Figure Skating Championships is made annually by the ISU Council.

Reason: The significance of European Junior Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Junior Figure Skating Championships is to allow junior Skaters acquire advanced competition routine prior to reaching senior age categories. The vast number of talented junior Skaters justifies the valid need for these competitions. In modern times qualifying for the World Figure Skating Championships can objectively be considered extremely challenging due to the high standards and great number of Skaters. As a direct reason it would be relevant to include the earned points of these prestigious Championships to the World Ranking points of Skaters. It is also necessary to fit the Championships appropriately in the competition calendar of the

World Junior Figure Skating Championships, European Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

Hungary truly recommends to organize the above-mentioned events annually. In case financial difficulties may occur the biannual organization seems also feasible.

Our budget proposal recommends using the 60% of the senior European Championships budget to organize European Junior Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Junior Figure Skating Championships.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is not favor. Acceptance would result in additional expenses of about CHF 1.5 million. The ISU funding in favor of more opportunities for Junior Skaters to compete internationally is better targeted through ISU financial assistance to the organizing ISU Members of International Junior Competitions. Please refer to the ISU Budget Proposal 2022-2024. Staging more International Junior Competitions in different geographical areas will allow more Junior Skaters having access to such competitions. On the contrary, ISU Continental Junior Championships would be open to a limited number of Junior Skaters only and many of them would require extensive traveling to attend those Championships.*

*Furthermore, it is already a challenge to find a sufficient number of organizing ISU Members for the current ISU Figure Skating Championships.*

### **36. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 133, paragraph c) – to be discussed considering Proposals for the Speed Skating Section, relating to Rules 281 and 285.

Delete paragraph c and renumber remaining paragraphs accordingly:

~~e) World (or European or Four Continents) Short Track Speed Skating Champion for \_\_ (year of the Event)~~

~~Reason: Introduction of an Overall Season Winner and change of all Championships to single distance Championships.~~

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given.*

### **37. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 133

Insert new paragraph f (after old paragraph f (new e) and new paragraph i (after old and new paragraph h) and renumber remaining paragraphs accordingly

f) World (or European or Four Continents) Short Track Speed Skating Mixed Team Relay Champions for \_\_ (year of the event)

Insert new para h

h) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Mixed Team Relay Champions for \_\_ (year of the event)

Reason: Introduction of Title for Mixed Team Relay.

Council Recommendation:

*The Council is in favor for the reasons given*

### **38. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 137, paragraphs 15 and 16 – related to Proposals 160 (Rule 376), Proposal 161 (Rule 378) and Proposals 204 and 205 (Rule 520) in the Figure Skating Branch section

Revise as follows:

15. Duration of room and meal expenses coverage by the organizing ISU Members of ISU Figure Skating Championships (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance – junior and senior):

a) Office Holders as referred to in paragraphs 10.a) and d) above:

Shall begin with lunch on the day of the first draw of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

b) Referees, Data & Replay Operators and Judges:

Shall begin with ~~lunch~~ dinner on the day preceding the concerned initial ~~respective Judges' Officials~~ meeting (Referee meeting/Technical Panel meeting/Judges meeting) and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

c) Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists:

shall begin with dinner on the ~~third~~ first day prior to the first official practice start of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

- d) ~~For Competitors (except Synchronized Skating) participating in the post competition exhibitions and one team leader concerned, the expenses shall end with lunch on the day following the last exhibition~~
- d) Competitors:  
 Shall begin with dinner on the ~~third~~ day prior to the respective first official practice (refer to Rule 376, paragraph 1) start of the Championships.  
For Competitors participating in the Qualifying Round (as of season 2024/25) and who do not advance to the next segment, shall end with lunch on the day following the respective Qualifying Round.  
 For Competitors participating in the Championships Round (Short Program – Rhythm Dance), shall end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.
- e) Team Leaders:  
 Shall begin with dinner on the ~~third~~ day prior to the respective first official practice (refer to Rule 376, paragraph 1) start of the Championships in which at least one of their Competitors participates.  
For Team Leaders of Competitors participating in the Qualifying Round (as of season 2024/25) who do not have a Competitor either advancing to or participating in the Championship Round (Short Program - Rhythm Dance), shall end with lunch the day following the last respective Qualifying Round.  
For Team Leaders of Competitors participating in the Championships Round (Short Program – Rhythm Dance), shall end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.
16. Duration of room and meal expenses coverage by the organizing ISU Members of ISU Synchronized Skating Championships (junior and senior):
- a) Office Holders as referred to in paragraphs 10.a) and d) above:  
 Shall begin with lunch on the day of the first draw of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.
- b) Referees and Judges:  
 Shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the Judges' meeting and end with breakfast on the day after the round table discussions or the closing banquet/Skaters' party whichever is later.
- c) Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and the Data and Replay Operators  
 shall begin with dinner on the day preceding the first official practice until breakfast the day following the round table discussion or Closing Party whichever is later.
- d) Competitors and Team Leaders:  
 As per Rule 137, paragraph 10.f) & h), the participating ISU Members (and not the organizing ISU Members) are responsible for room and meal expenses.

Reason: This Proposal is part of a package of Council Proposals that have been worked out by a Working Group in line with the 2018 Congress decision (refer to the Minutes of the 2018 Congress – Proposal No. 79). The goal of the Proposals worked out by the Working Group is to allow the broadest possible participation in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships among ISU Figure Skating Members ensuring a good level of skating of all participants but at the same time maintaining reasonable financial conditions for the organizers and the ISU. The related Proposals are included in the section for the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance. See in particular the Proposal concerning Rule 378, and also Proposals for Rule 376, paragraph 1, and Rule 520.

The Working Group was represented by a wide range of ISU Member representatives and representatives from ISU bodies. The Working Group also consulted with commercial partners. The Council considers this Proposal as a solid consensus among the different parties and supports the Proposal.

This specific Proposal related to Rule 137.15/16 is to take into account that the ISU World Figure Skating Championships will be including Qualifying Rounds and to better structure the provisions of this Rule. Former paragraph d) obsolete as covered by new paragraph d) & e).

### **39. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 137, paragraph 15. b)

- b) For Figure Skating the room and meal expenses for Referees, Data & Replay Operators and Judges shall ~~begin with~~ be covered beginning with lunch on the day preceding the respective Initial Judges Meeting or with lunch on the day of the ISU Officials' dinner, whichever is earlier, and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving ceremony or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

Reason: To permit all officials to participate at the ISU Officials' dinner.

Council Recommendation:

*The Officials dinner being a valuable event but nevertheless a social event, the Council believes that such reference in the Rules is not appropriate. A recommendation in this sense could however be included in the Memorandum for Guidance in holding ISU Championships.*

**40. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 136, paragraph 8

Amend as follows:

8. Appointment of Officials

The Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators and OAC members for the ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior) and the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition as well as the Referees, Assistant Referees, Starters and one Competitors' Steward for Speed Skating Short Track Speed Skating World Cup events or the same Officials for any newly added ISU Event shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution.

Reason: Drafting for consistency with Art. 16, paragraph 2.f).

## II. PROPOSALS FOR THE SPEED SKATING SECTION

### A. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

#### 41. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2 a) and b)

Amend as follows:

##### 2.1.1 Entry quotas

Entry quotas for ISU Championships will be allocated to ISU Members according to a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) for each competition based on the results achieved in designated ISU World Cup ~~or other ISU Speed Skating Events (ISU Qualification Events) Speed Skating Competitions~~. ~~The ISU Qualification Events will be Competitions of the current season and, if special circumstances require, of the last previous season, when the corresponding Competitions took place.~~ The actual ~~World Cup~~ Competitions counting for the SQRL ~~and all further details~~ will be announced in an annual ISU Communication ~~prior to the start of a season~~. This Communication will also announce the required qualifying times for Competitors to be entered for the respective competitions.

The maximum entry quota for an ISU Member is 3 Competitors for each of the individual competitions, except for the 5000m Women, 10 000m Men, Mass Start Women and Mass Start Men. For these competitions the maximum entry quota is 2 Competitors. In each of the Team competitions one quota place is allocated to ISU Members qualified according to the SQRL.

The maximum total number of competitors in each of the competitions will be limited as follows:

500m Women and Men:	24
1000m Women and Men:	24
1500m Women and Men:	24
3000m Women and 5000m Men:	20
5000m Women and 10 000m Men:	12
Mass Start Women and Men:	24
Team competitions Women and Men:	8 teams

##### 2.1.2 Qualification system

a) For each competition the SQRL will be a combination of two sets of rankings:

- a ranking according to the ~~World Cup~~ points earned on the occasion of the designated ~~World Cup~~ Qualification Events ~~Competitions~~ ("SQRL points ranking"). For Women's 3000m and 5000m and for Men's 5000m and 10 000m the SQRL points ranking for each distance will be based on the ~~World Cup~~ points for both distances, counted together;
- a ranking based on the best times per Skater/Team achieved on the occasion of the designated ~~World Cup~~ ISU Qualification Events ~~Competitions~~ ("SQRL times ranking") on the actual distance.

In case of a tie in either of the two ranking lists the Skater/Team with the better rank in the other list will get the higher rank in the SQRL. However, ties in the SQRL points ranking shall first be resolved by the ISU World Cup ranking rules, if possible;

For each competition the highest ranked SQRL positions will consist of a certain number of Skaters (for each ISU Member counting only Skaters inside the maximum quota for the competition concerned) or Teams from the SQRL points ranking and remaining part of the SQRL will be based on SQRL times ranking, as follows:

Women	Men	"SQRL points ranking"	"SQRL times ranking"
500m, 1000m, 1500m	500m, 1000m, 1500m	14	10
3000m	5000m	12	8
5000m	10 000m	6	6
Mass Start	Mass Start	24	-
Team Pursuit	Team Pursuit	6	2
Team Sprint	Team Sprint	6	2

Women	Men	"SQRL points ranking"	"SQRL times ranking"
500m, 1000m, 1500m	500m, 1000m, 1500m	20	4
3000m	5000m	18	2
5000m	10 000m	10	2
Mass Start	Mass Start	24	-
Team competitions	Team competitions	7	1

The SQRL ranking positions beyond the total number of quota places for a competition will be referred to as "SQRL reserve positions" and will be limited to a maximum 6.

b) Allocation of quota places to ISU Members.

The allocation of quota places to ISU Members for each competition will be announced by the ISU shortly after the last of the designated Speed Skating ~~World Cup Competitions~~ ISU Qualification Events counting for the SQRL.

Quota places will be allocated according to the SQRL, with the exception that the hosting ISU Member will be allocated one quota place per competition also in the case that their best ranked Skater will only be ranked among the 6 first SQRL reserve positions. However, for competitions in the Team races the hosting ISU Member will be allocated a quota place also in the case that their team will only be ranked among the 3 first SQRL reserve positions.

Reason: The last seasons showed that we shall not rely on the Qualification System based on the ISU World Cups only. This change will allow to add ISU Championships and/or other ISU Events to be included in the Special Qualification Ranking Lists. The increased number of Skaters to be included in the "SQRL points ranking" will secure that the large majority of quota places will have to be qualified by regular participation in the top Speed Skating Events.

#### **42. ISU COUNCIL and SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.1.2, 2.2.2 and 2.3.2

Replace the numbers "6" and "3" in the parts of the texts concerning the "SQRL reserve positions" as follows: The SQRL ranking positions beyond the total number of quota places for a competition will be referred to as "SQRL reserve positions" and will be limited to a maximum 10 positions for individual distances & Mass Start and 6 positions for Team events.

Reason: The two last seasons showed that Reserve list consisting of 6 Skaters or 3 teams was sometimes too short due to different reasons.

#### **43. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 210, paragraph 1 e), j) and k)

Amend as follows:

e) one Chief Timekeeper for the manual timekeeping and a minimum of four Manual Timekeepers (see Rule 247, paragraph 2);

...

j) one Ice Technical Expert (for OWG and WYOG);

...

k) one Sport Expert.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

#### **44. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 211 Appointment of Officials

Amend as follows:

The ISU Member or affiliated club holding the competition is entitled to appoint the Officials (for exception in ISU ~~Championships~~ Events see Rule 214; in Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games see Rule 215). All Officials must be eligible persons.

Reason: Adjustment to established practice and for consistency with the proposal concerning Article 16 above.

#### **45. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 212, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

**Nomination of Referees and Starters for ISU Events, Championships and Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games**

a) ~~No person who has reached the age of 65 before July 1st shall thereafter be eligible to be an ISU Referee in ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games. A person who has reached the age of 65 before July 1st shall not be included in the list of ISU Referees approved by the Speed Skating Technical Committee.~~

b) ~~No person who has reached the age of 60 before July 1st shall thereafter be eligible to be an ISU Starter in ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games. A person who has reached the age of 60 before July 1st shall not be included in the list of ISU Starters approved by the Speed Skating Technical Committee.~~

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

#### **46. CANADA Speed**

Rule 212, paragraph 5.a) and b)

Change to:

5. a) No person who has reached the age of 70 before July 1st shall thereafter be eligible to be an ISU Referee in ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

b) No person who has reached the age of 70 before July 1st shall thereafter be eligible to be an ISU Starter in ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: Increase age for ISU Referees and ISU Starters to align with Short Track Special Rules & Regulations (Rule 289, Paragraph 6.c) as there has been no substantive rationale provided for a difference in maximum age between speed skating and short track.

#### **47. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Amend as follows:

##### **Rule 214 Appointment of Referees, Starters, Sport Experts and other Officials for ISU Events Championships**

1. The Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters for ISU Events Championships shall be appointed according to Rule 129, paragraph 4 of the General Regulations.

2. The Referee and the Assistant Referee for each category of the ISU Events Championships competitions (Women's competitions and Men's competitions, respectively) shall be of different nationalities. The same applies for the Starters for each category.

3. For ISU Events Championships the appointed Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters, as well as the ISU Representative and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative, must be invited by the organizing ISU Member not less than 60 days before the start of the Event Championships.

4. For ISU Events Championships all other Officials required (except the ISU Representative and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative) shall be appointed by the organizing ISU Member. However, the appointment of the Sport Expert must be approved by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

#### **48. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Amend as follows:

##### **Rule 215 Appointment of Officials for Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games**

1. As per Rule 121, the Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters for the Speed Skating events of the Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games must be ISU Referees and ISU Starters. The Sport Expert must be part of the list of International Sport Experts.

2. The appointments will be made in accordance with Rule 126, paragraph 9 and Rule 214, paragraph 2.

3. The appointed Referees, Assistant Referees, Sport Expert and Starters must be invited by the organizing committee not less than 60 days before the start of the Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games.

4. All other Officials required (other than the ISU Technical Delegates and Ice Technical Expert) shall be appointed by the ISU Member of the country in which the Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games are held.

5. The names of the Officials appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Rule must be communicated by the ISU to the Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Winter Youth Olympic Games as well as to the ISU Member concerned.

6. The Officials appointed are not permitted to wear national team emblems or uniforms while officiating.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice and for consistency with the proposal concerning Article 16 and Rule 126 above.

#### **49. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Amend as follows:

##### **Rule 216 Duties and powers of the Referee**

2. The Referee is empowered:

a) to decide whether the condition of the ice and the safety measures at the track permits the holding of the event;

b) if unfavorable circumstances arise, to alter the shape and size of the track and to change the distances;

c) to introduce alterations in the announced program of the competition, in so far as these do not conflict with the ISU Regulations;

d) to accept, in agreement with the organizing ISU Member or affiliated club, another rink for the holding of the event;

e) to prevent unsportsmanlike behaviour by reprimanding/warning a Skater or team official. Such decision shall be announced by the announcer and published in the official protocol. Depending on the facts of the case a Statement of Complaint to the ISU Disciplinary Commission may follow.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

## **50. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Add new Rule as follows and renumber all subsequent rules accordingly:

### **Rule 218**

#### **Duties of the Sport Expert**

- The Sport Expert shall support the Referee with the necessary documentation for conducting competitions including time schedules, ranking lists, weather reports, etc.;
- The Sport Expert is responsible for distribution and collection from Team leaders forms like: changes to final entries, withdrawals forms, final entries for Team races etc.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

## **51. CANADA Speed**

Rule 222, paragraph 3

Change to:

3. The schedule and program for World Cups will be decided by the ISU Council not later than 1 year before the first World Cup of the season. The Rules will be issued in a special ISU Communication for the World Cup.

Reason: Following changes to ISU Championships timelines (Rule 201, Paragraph 1.) providing for decisions on program two years in advance, establishing a similar process for World Cups will ensure adequate preparation time for event organizers and participants.

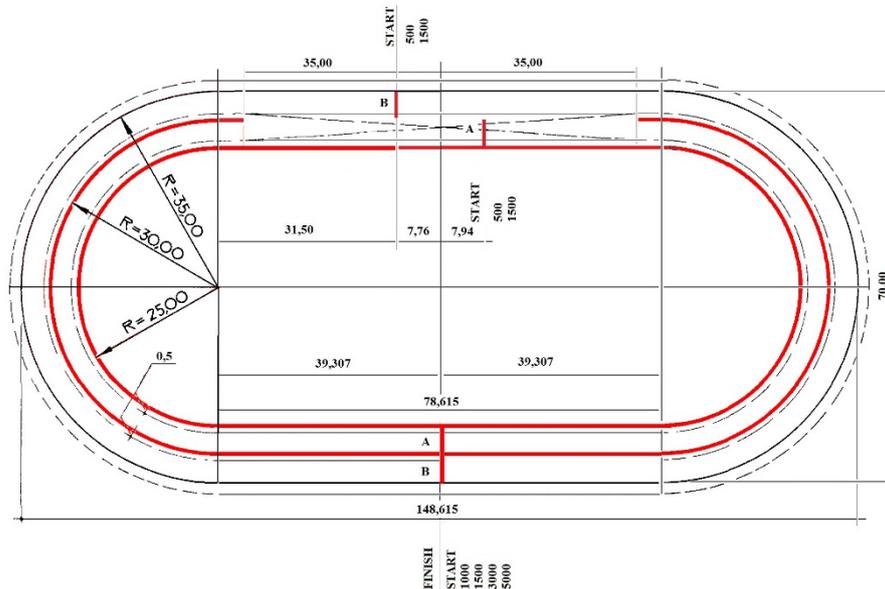
## B. TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING

### 52. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

#### A.Track

Add the following diagram:

#### Standard speed skating track demarcation plan for 333m



Reason: The inclusion of the 333m Standard speed skating track demarcation plan and respective information will facilitate the design of new rinks and the drawing of demarcation lines on existing ice rinks.

### 53. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 227, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

#### 3. Coaches' area

For Coaches there shall be a specially marked area on the crossing straight. The Coaches' area shall be marked by a line 2cm wide, drawn 1m from the outside edge of the track. The line begins 25m from the end of the curve and goes all along the crossing straight until 10m before the entrance to the next curve. During the starting procedure the Coaches must stay at least 20m away from both the Starter and the starting lines of the Competitors. During Team Pursuit races the Coaches' area for each Team is on the opposite straight of where the respective team starts.

a) ~~For distances 1000m and shorter and for races with quartet starts, m~~Maximum 1 person for each Competitor/Team is allowed in the Coaches' area. ~~For longer distances without quartet starts and for Team Pursuit races maximum 2 persons for each Competitor or team are allowed in the Coaches' area.~~ For Mass Start and Team Sprint and Relay races Coaches are not allowed in the Coaches' area;

b) In order to ensure a clear view of the finishing line for photo finish and television cameras, Coaches are not allowed to pass through the finishing line area during Team Pursuit races;

c) During competition (while racing is occurring) Coaches are not allowed to accompany a Skater in the warm-up lane.

Reason: There is no reason to differentiate short distances and quartet starts from long distances in pairs. Besides, for safety reasons it is important to limit the number of Coaches on the track.

#### **54. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 240, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

##### **1. First draw at World Championships – Allround combination**

When drawing the first 2 distances in the Allround Combination, the Competitors shall be placed in 3 groups, based on their best approved qualifying times for the distance concerned.

GROUP I: The Competitors with the ~~8-6~~ best qualifying times;

GROUP II: The Competitors with qualifying times ranked ~~9 to 16~~ 7 to 12;

GROUP III: The remaining Competitors.

For the drawing of the first distance the grouping will be based on the qualifying times on 500m, for the second distance on the qualifying times on 3000m for Women and 5000m for Men. The Speed Skating Technical Committee is responsible for the approval of qualifying times and of the time ranking lists deciding the grouping. If there is a tie in the ~~8th 6th~~ or ~~16th~~ 12th position in the time ranking list, it shall be decided by lot which Competitors are to be placed in which groups.

The Competitors placed in the same group shall be paired together by drawing their starting numbers, observing Rule 239, paragraph 3. The first 2 drawn Competitors from Group III form the first pair on the distance concerned. However, if there are an odd number of Competitors entered, the first drawn Competitor from Group III shall skate single in the first pair, starting in the inner lane. After Group III has been drawn, Group II follows, etc.

Reason: For consistency across all Championships.

#### **55. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 243, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. For the drawing of pairs, the Competitors will be grouped according to their best approved qualifying times, in groups of ~~8-6~~ Competitors each. The pairs from the group with the best ranked Competitors will be skated last. ~~Competitors representing the same ISU Member should not compete in the same pair. See Rule 241, paragraph 3.~~

Reason: For consistency across all Championships.

#### **56. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 253, paragraphs 1.3 and 2

Amend as follows:

##### **1. Starting equipment**

...

1.3. At ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games, the Starter's ~~gives the orders by means of a microphone connected to~~ commands and sound of the start gun shot shall be heard through two loudspeakers placed near the starting lines.

..

##### **2. Call to the start**

2.1. ~~Previous-Prior~~ Prior to each start, the names of those about to compete are to be clearly called at the starting point ~~itself and preferably in~~ also through the venue internal speakers system (dressing rooms, gym, corridors etc).

2.2. ~~Failure to appear promptly at the start is equivalent to withdrawal from the distance. The Referee shall warn the Competitor(s) in case of late or untimely appearance at the start and may disqualify the Competitor(s) or mark DNS in the official protocol (see also rule 273).~~

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

#### **57. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 257, paragraph 4.4

Add last sentence as follows:

4.4. Competitors overtaken (with one full lap) by the leading Skater or by a specific number of Competitors, as defined in the Rules announced for the Competition, must move to the outer part of the racetrack and abandon the race immediately.

Competitors who do not abandon the race within one full lap will be disqualified.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

## 58. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 273

Amend as follows:

The official protocol must contain:

- a) the list of competitors;
- b) the list of officials;
- c) the starting lists for each distance;
- d) the finishing times of automatic timekeeping recorded in hundredths of a second (in case of tie(s) in thousands of a second) or manual timekeeping in hundredths of a second;
- e) Ice and climatic information (ice and air temperature, humidity, pressure and other factors if outdoors (wind, snow, rain etc);
- f) the start and end times of races;
- g) the distance analysis (split and lap times) in hundredths of a second (see Rule 252) when automatic timekeeping is used;
- h) the medal standings.

The following notations shall be used to specify extraordinary situations and invalid race results:

- ADV:** Advancement according to Rule 257 paragraphs 4.5.
- DNF:** Did not finish (started in the race, but did not finish, without having violated any racing rule, e.g. by being interfered with by a Competitor);
- DQ:** Disqualified (due to violation of a racing rule or other offence leading to a disqualification);
- DQB:** A disqualification due to any violation of the Olympic Charter, of the World Anti-Doping Code, or any other serious breach of applicable regulation issued by the IOC, the ISU or a NOC;
- DNS:** Did not start (was included in the start list ~~draw and listed in the final pairings~~, but did not appear at start);
- WDR:** Withdrawn (was included in the start list ~~initial draw~~, but withdrew from start, ~~with the consequence that pairs were rearranged~~);
- RS:** Reskate (after having been allowed a fresh start);
- MT:** Time determined by manual timekeeping procedure according to Rule 250, paragraphs 7 and 8
- RW:** Reprimand/Warning by the Referee.

2. For ISU Events Championships the official protocol must be published according to specifications in the ISU Memorandum and must be sent to the ISU Director General by the ISU Members concerned.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice as well as to system used for the Winter Olympic Games.

## C. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

### 59. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 280, paragraph 1

Change to read:

#### **A. Tracks and Venues**

##### Track Layout, Facilities and Safety

1. a) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games the track shall be an oval of 111.12 m in a covered, enclosed and heated ice rink with minimum measurements of 60 x 30 m (see diagram in the Technical Rules).
- b) The width of the straight shall not be less than 7 m.
- c) The measurements from the apex block of the bends to the barrier shall not be less than 4 m.
- d) Curves and turns should be made symmetrically, there should be a symmetrical curve from the end of one straight to the point where the next straight begins.
- e) Besides the standard track there will be four or six other tracks laid out which are symmetrical to the standard track but moved in the direction of the straight with equal intermediate distances of up to 0.7 m when seven tracks are used, up to 1 meter when five tracks are used to preserve good ice conditions. For all tracks one finish line will be used. For the starting lines see diagram in Technical Rules.
- f) In Semi-Finals and Finals of 500 m, the outside tracks (1 and 5 when there are five tracks and 1 and 7 when there are seven tracks) will not be used. Only the middle tracks as marked on the diagram shall be used.
- g) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games in the straight, a line will be drawn between the last block of the curve and the first block of the next curve.

Reason: Introduction of a line along the straight, used as a reference by the Referees. This has been successfully tested at various ISU Events.

### 60. NETHERLANDS

Rule 280, paragraph 2.c)

Revise as follows:

c) For all individual distances plus mixed team relay and relay: Starting 65 cm from the inner side of the track, dots 2 cm diameter shall mark five (5) starting positions every 1.25 meters to define the starting positions.

Reason:

- 1.) Clarification for all distances.
- 2.) Currently the Skater that starts in lane position one (his or her) first step after the start pistol is inline or inside the virtual line. This means the Skater must move to their right whereas the other Skaters will be moving in a left direction. Thus, causing collision going into the first corner.

### 61. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.a) and b)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.a) and b)

Amend as follows:

- a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 ~~and 1500 and 3000~~ m individual, 3000 m Relay for Women, and 5000 m Relay for Men.
- b) ~~On the For all individual distances 500, 1000 and 1500 m there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds, according to Rule 295, paragraph 2 d). On the 3000 m there will be one Final, which will be skated as a Super-Final.~~

Reason: Removal of the Super Final. The Championships will be single distance, without an overall award of prizes.

### 62. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.a)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.a)

Add at the end of the sentence:

and 2000 m Relay for Mixed Relay Teams.

Reason: To add the Mixed Team Relay to the World Championships, the European Championships and the Four Continental Championships.

Budget: The Mixed Relay races should receive the same Prize Money as the other existing relays for all events (USD 15'000 for the World Championships and USD 6000 for both the Four Continents and the European Championships.)

### 63. NETHERLANDS

Rule 281, paragraph 1.a), f) and i)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.a), f) and i)

Distances and program, revise as follows:

a) The distances will be: 1000, 500 and 1500 m and 3000 m individual, 3000 m Relay for Women, and 5000 m Relay for Men and the Mixed Team Relay event. The overall World Champion or European Champion will be decided based on the Skater with the most points accumulated over the 3 individual distances using the current points system. The overall World Champion or European champion must be entered in at least 2 of the 3 distances.

f) The order of the Finals and their respective Quarter-Finals and Semi- Finals will be 1000, 500 and 1500 meters. The Mixed Team Relays may be held prior to or after the individual events. The number of entries per individual distance will be a maximum of 3 Skaters per individual distance based on the current ranking/qualifying system from the previous ISU Championships. Each ISU Member will be allowed to have **one** reserve for each individual distance, this also includes ISU Members who have not qualified a relay team. Skaters entered for each individual distance maybe changed per distance if these individuals are part of the ISU Member's final entry. In the case that there are less than 20 Skaters (per gender) entered for 2 of the 3 distances, the overall Title of World Champion or European Champion will not be awarded.

i) The standard program will be:

First day	Qualifying rounds
Second day	Repacharge/ Ranking Finals Main Program
Third day	Repacharge/ Ranking Finals Main Program

Reason: Currently the individual 3000 m super final has a complexed points system that is not easy to understand for spectators, TV and even insiders of the sport. An ISU Member takes 5 Skaters to a World Championships whereby only a maximum 3 skaters may participate over all 3 distances. By having a Championship over 3 single distances with the ability for an ISU Member to change the Skaters per distance this offers a chance for all the Skater to compete individually and for those Skaters that have entered in at least 2 of the 3 distances they will take part in overall event.

### 64. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.d)

Rule 283, paragraph 1.d)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.d)

Amend as follows:

Based upon the number of entries the Competitors' Steward confirms the qualifying schedule following the instructions of the Technical Committee in accordance with the qualifying tables published by the Technical Committee.

Reason: Clarification.

### 65. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.e)

Amend as follows:

The World Championships are planned to be held over 3 days.

Reason: To be flexible in case of special circumstances.

### 66. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.f)

Rule 283, paragraph 1.e)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.f)

Delete and renumber all following paragraphs:

Reason: This is a logical consequence of deleting the 3000 m from the program of the Championships and it provides flexibility for the scheduling of the Event.

**67. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 281, paragraph 1.g)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.h)

Amend as follows:

The A-Finals of the Relays will be held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day. Qualifying rounds of the relay may be held on each day of the Championships ~~provided they are held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day.~~

Reason: Flexibility as to the scheduling of the Event.

**68. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 281, paragraph 1.h)

Rule 283, paragraph 1.f)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.g)

Amend as follows:

Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for ~~Ranking Finals in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds~~ participation in Repechage Races based on their results. The number of Skaters in the Repechage Races may be limited. See the respective ISU Communication.

~~Rule 295, paragraph 6, will be applied on the Results of the Ranking Finals in order to determine the Distance Classification.~~

~~Skaters may forfeit their right to start in the Ranking Finals but shall announce it at the latest 30 minutes after the finish of the last race on the day before their Ranking Finals.~~

~~Skaters not participating in the Ranking Finals will be ranked after those who have participated in the Ranking Finals in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds, based on their results on the preceding qualifying rounds following the procedure laid down in Rule 295, paragraph 6.~~

~~Skaters who have not announced their withdrawal from the Ranking Finals and who do not fulfil the requirements for exception of Rule 298, paragraph 1 b), are excluded from the Classification over that distance and also excluded from the Overall Classification.~~

Reason: Change from Ranking Finals to Repechage Races. To be prepared to handle a high number of entries and to make a manageable competition program. A limit on the number of Skaters admitted in the Repechage session may be needed. Repechage Races have been held successfully at World Cup Competitions.

**69. HUNGARY**

Rule 281, paragraph 1.h) and i)

Amend as follows:

h) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for ~~Ranking Finals~~ Repechage in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds. Rule 295, paragraph 6 295 2, j), will be applied on the Results of the ~~Ranking Finals~~ Repechage in order to determine the Distance Classification.

Skaters may forfeit their right to start in the ~~Ranking Finals~~ Repechage but shall announce it at the latest 30 minutes after the finish of the last race on the day before their ~~Ranking Finals~~ Repechage. ~~Skaters not participating in the Ranking Finals will be ranked after those who have participated in the Ranking Finals in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds, based on their results on the preceding qualifying rounds following the procedure laid down in Rule 295, paragraph 6.~~

Skaters who have not announced their withdrawal from the ~~Ranking Finals~~ Repechage and who do not fulfil the requirements for exception of Rule 298, paragraph 1 b), are excluded from the Classification over that distance ~~and also excluded from the Overall Classification.~~

i) The standard program will be:

First day	Heats Preliminaries Heats	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	PreliminariesHeats	500 meters Ladies/Men
		500 meters Ladies/Men
		1000 meters Ladies/Men
		1000 meters Ladies/Men
Second day	<del>Ranking Finals</del>	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	<u>Repechage</u> <del>Ranking Finals</del>	500 meters Ladies/Men
	<u>Repechage</u>	

Second day Main Program	Semi-Finals	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
		3000 meters Relay Ladies
		5000 meters Relay Men
Third day	<u>Ranking Finals</u>	1000 meters Ladies/Man
	<u>Repechage</u>	3000 meters Relay Ladies
	Final B	5000 meters Relay Men
Third day Main Program	Quarter-Finals	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Finals B, A Super-Finals	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Final A	3000 meters Ladies/Men
	Final A	5000 meters Relay Men

Reason: The proposed amendments intend to use the same format as in the World Cups and provide. Skater who failed to meet qualifying standards by a small margin to continue to the next round, in a similar way as a wild card system works out. The proposed Repechage Ktem has been globally and for a very long time used by the Olympic sports such as boxing, judo, fencing and wrestling with great success and for the sake of the Athletes.

#### 70. NETHERLANDS

Rule 281, paragraph 1.h)

Add new paragraph as follows:

h) For all rounds of the relay, there must be a full ice resurface completed. On the ice rink side of the barrier protection there will be markers in the form of dots or small marks in the ice indicating where the Zamboni driver will **not** resurface the ice in the crash zones. To apply only at ISU Championships and World Cup events and **not** to Olympic Winter Games

Reason: When only the track is resurfaced for the Relay/Mixed Team Relay event's this means that the skaters will experience a variation in ice conditions from the inside of the track to being on the track, this could poetically cause falls. By not resurfacing the ice in the crash zones, this will hopefully slow down the impact of the skater(s) after a fall.

#### 71. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.i)

Amend as follows:

The standard program will be:

First day	<u>Quarter Finals</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	<u>Preliminaries</u>	500 m Women/Men
	<u>Heats</u>	500 m Women/Men
	<u>Preliminaries</u>	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Heats</u>	1000 m Women/Men
	<u>Quarter Finals</u>	<u>Mixed Team Relay</u>
	<u>Quarter Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>
Second day	<u>Repechage</u>	1500 m Women/Men
	<u>Repechage</u>	500 m Women/Men
<u>Second day</u> Main Program	Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	500 m Women/Men
	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Relay Women/Men</u>

Third day	<del>Ranking-Finals</del>	<del>Repechage</del>	1000 m Women/Men
	Final B	<del>3000 m</del>	Relay Women/Men
<u>Third day</u> Main Program	Quarter-Finals		1000 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals		1000 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A		1000 m Women/Men
	<del>Super-Finals</del>	<del>3000 meters</del>	<del>Women/Men</del>
	Semi Finals		Mixed Team Relay
	Finals B, A		Mixed Team Relay
	Final A		Relay Women/Men

Reason: This is a consequence of deleting the 3000 m from the program of the Championships, the introduction of the Mixed Gender Relay and the possible addition of 4 extra Teams in all Relays.

## 72. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 1.k)

Rule 283, paragraph 1.i)

Rule 285, paragraph 1.k)

Amend as follows:

k) The starting times on each day may be determined by the organizing committee in consultation with the ISU. The program of the last two days ~~second and third day~~ is divided in two parts. The rounds of the Main Program must be in one part and not separated. When each part (session) starts, it will be held without any interruption or breaks other than to resurface the ice or give the Skaters the rest time according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.l).

Reason: Clarification.

## 73. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 2.a)

Rule 285, paragraph 2.a)

Rule 285, paragraph 2.c)

Amend as follows:

Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter at least one Competitor in each category of each distance.

More entries are possible based on the distance classification of the same preceding Championships.

An ISU Member may enter two Competitors if the ISU Member had one or more Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors on the distance at the preceding Championships.

An ISU Member may enter three Competitors if it had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the distance at the preceding Championships.

For every distance for which the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters, it may choose to enter three Skaters. However, only the original number of qualified Skaters count as the maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championships.

The maximum number of Competitors per category that may be entered is:

- One or
- Two, if the ISU Member has qualified only two Skaters on one of the distances
- Three), if the ISU Member has qualified two on more than one of the distances;
- Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three on any of the distances;
- Three in both categories, if the ISU Member has qualified a Mixed Relay Team;
- Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.

In deviation from the above, the following shall apply for the season 2022/23:

Each ISU Member, with the right of participation, is entitled to enter at least one Competitor in each category on all distances.

More entries are possible based on the overall classification of the same preceding Championships.

An ISU Member may enter two Competitors on each distance if the ISU Member had one or more Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors on the Overall Classification of the preceding season.

An ISU Member may enter three Competitors on each distance if the ISU Member had two or more Skaters amongst the best sixteen Competitors on the Overall Classification of the preceding season.

The maximum number of Competitors per category that may be entered is:

- Three, if the ISU Member has qualified two Skaters;
- Four, if the ISU Member has qualified three Skaters;
- ISU Members having qualified a Mixed Relay Team can have three Skaters per gender.
- Or the number of Skaters in accordance with Rule 297, paragraph 3 a), if the ISU Member has qualified a Relay Team.

Reason: Defining new rules for entry quotas after the introduction of the Mixed Relay, including substitution, and to give more flexibility for the Single Distance title competitions. The second part provides a transition rule for the season 2022/23.

BUDGET: If this proposal and also the proposal to increase the number of Relay Teams to 12 are accepted, it should be anticipated to have approximately up to 40 Skaters more at the World Championships. This means that 32,000\$ US needed to be added to the budget for the World Championships, which is an increase of 8 %. If this proposal is accepted, but the proposal to increase the number of relay Teams to 12 is not accepted, this would mean an extra number of approximately 20 Skaters and an increase of the budget by 16,000\$ US (4 %).

For the European Championships, it means a maximum potential increase of the budget by less than 12,000\$ (5 %) as there are already 12 Relay Teams. For the Four Continents Championships there is no change to the budget involved.

#### **74. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 281, paragraph 2.a)

Rule 285, paragraph 2.a)

Add at the end of the new text:

Each ISU Member may enter different Skaters in each distance within the maximum number of Skaters (see Rule 295, paragraph 4).

Reason: The entry procedure applies to all Championships and is laid down in Rule 295, paragraph 4. In a Championships with single distance titles, the best specialist must be able to participate.

#### **75. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 281, paragraph 2.b)

Amend as follows:

b) ISU Members who qualify amongst the best ~~eight (8) twelve~~ Relay Teams from the World Cup Relay Classification Women/Men and Mixed Team Relay (see Rule 286, paragraph 8) may enter a Team in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the host country is not ranked amongst the top ~~eight (8) twelve~~ Teams of the World Cup Relay Classification or World Cup Mixed Team Relay Classification it will replace the lowest ranked Team.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay in Championships and allowing more Teams in the very competitive Relay competitions. This will also give more Members the possibility to have different Skaters in different distances (distance specialists).

#### **76. NETHERLANDS**

Rule 281, paragraph 2.b)

Revise as follows:

ISU Members who qualify amongst the best eight Relay Teams from the World Cup Relay Classification Women/Men (see Rule 286, paragraph 8) may enter a Team in the respective category in the Relay competition. The host country's relay-team and mixed team relay will only be allowed to participate in a ISU World Championship if they have an minimum ISU qualifying time. This will only apply at ISU Championships and World Cups and **not** to Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: 1.) See Rule 281, Entries, 2.a)

2.) ISU members who qualify amongst the best eight (8) Relay Teams from the World Cup Relay Classification Ladies/Men (see Rule 286, paragraph 8) may enter a Team in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the host country is not ranked amongst the top eight (8) Teams of the World Cup Relay Classification, they will replace the lowest ranked Team. ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum number of five (5) skaters who will include all Skaters. This will ensure the level of skating team(s) for a World Championships relay event. The ISU Technical Committee are required to set the minimal qualifying times.

## 77. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 4

Rule 285, paragraph 4

Amend as follows:

~~a) Only the top eight (8) points scorers and ties on the eighth (8th) position, on the basis of Final Points after the previous Finals, are eligible to compete in the 3000 meters Super-Final.~~

~~b) The final classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 9.~~

~~c) For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraphs 6 and 7. For each of the distances a classification will be made according to Rule 295, paragraph 7.~~

Reason: This is a consequence of deleting the 3000 m from the program of the Championships.

## 78. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 281, paragraph 5.a)

Amend as follows:

5. a) ~~The overall winner is the Skater having attained the highest rank according to Rule 285, paragraph 10, at the conclusion of the Championships. The winner of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 500/1000/1500 m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A of the distance concerned. The second and third placed Skaters of the Championships are the Skaters finishing accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.~~

b) The winning Team of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships for each of the Relay competitions is the Team which has been declared winner of the Final A. The second and third placed Teams of the Championships are the teams finishing accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Teams in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.

~~c) The winner of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 500/1000/1500 m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A of the distance concerned. The second and third placed Skaters of the Championships are the Skaters finishing accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.~~

~~d)c) For titles see Rule 133.~~

Reason: Change of format of Championships.

## 79. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 282

Delete.

1. ~~A mixed gender team competition will follow the listed basic requirements:~~

~~a) The Program components may include:~~

~~Individual Races~~

~~Team Races~~

~~Mixed Team Relay Races~~

~~b) Participants~~

~~Teams of 2 Women and 2 Men can participate.~~

~~2. The details on distances, program, entries, condition of contest and results will be laid down by an ISU Communication.~~

Reason: The rules for the Mixed Team Competition are laid down in Rule 287.

## 80. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 283, paragraph 1.a) - e)

Amend as follows:

1. a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual. Relay races will go over 3000 m. Each Relay Team shall consist of four Skaters per ISU Member. Mixed Team Relay races will go over 2000 m. Each Mixed Relay Team shall consist of 2 women and 2 men. If an ISU Member participates with 4 women and 4 men, a Mixed Relay Team can consist of 3 women and 3 men.

b) On the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 m, there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

c) On the Relay Distances there will be two Finals, A and B. The qualification for the Finals will be through Qualifying rounds according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

d) Based upon the number of entries the Competitors' Steward confirms the qualifying schedule following the instructions of the Technical Committee in accordance with the qualifying tables published by the Technical Committee.

- e) The order of the Finals and their respective Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be 1500, 500 and 1000 m. The Championships are planned to be held over 4 days but may be held over 3 days depending on the number of entries.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay. Without a 4<sup>th</sup> day this inclusion is not possible due to the expected high number of participants. The day preceding the Championships, normally known as “Official Training”, will be replaced by a fourth day of competition to avoid major increase of the budget.

BUDGET is 30'000 US\$ and covers medical, live stream, extra volunteers, officials. The Prize Money for the Mixed Relay should be the same as for the other relays so an increase of 6'000 US\$ to the overall budget.

## 81. CANADA Speed

Rule 283, paragraph 1.a)

Change to:

1. a) The distances will be: 500, 1000 and 1500 m individual. Relay races for Women and Men will go over 3000 m and the Mixed Team Relay over 2000m. Each Relay Team shall consist of four Skaters per ISU Member.

Reason: Addition of the Mixed Team Relay to the World Junior Championships to increase opportunity for younger skaters to compete in this Olympic event.

## 82. HUNGARY

Rule 283, paragraph 1.f) and g)

Amend as follows:

f) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for Ranking-Finals Repechage in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds.

Rule 295, paragraph 6, will be applied on the Results of the Ranking-Finals Repechage in order to determine the Distance Classification. Skaters may forfeit their right to start in the Ranking-Finals Repechage but shall announce it at the latest 30 minutes after the finish of the last race on the day before their Ranking-Finals Repechage.

Skaters not participating in the Ranking-Finals Repechage will be ranked after those who have participated in the Ranking-Finals Repechage in their respective blocks from the 13 Qualifying Rounds, based on their results on the preceding qualifying rounds following the procedure laid down in Rule 295, paragraph 6.

Skaters who have not announced their withdrawal from the Ranking-Finals Repechage and who do not fulfil the requirements for exception of Rule 298, paragraph 1 b), are excluded from the Classification over that distance.

g) The standard program will be:

First day	Heats	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Preliminaries	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Preliminaries	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Heats	3000 meters Relay Ladies/Men
Second day	<u>Ranking-Finals Repechage</u>	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	<u>Repechage</u>	500 meters Ladies/Men
Second day Main Program	Semi-Finals	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Heats	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Finals B, A	500 meters Ladies/Men
Third day	<u>Ranking-Finals Repechage</u>	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Final B	3000 meters Relay Ladies
	Final B	3000 meters Relay Men
Third day Main Program	Heats	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Quarter-Finals	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Finals B, A	1000 meters Ladies/Men
	Final A	3000 meters Relay Ladies
	Final A	3000 meters Relay Men

Reason: The proposed amendments intend to use the same format as in the World Cups and provide. Skater who failed to meet qualifying standards by a small margin to continue to the next round, in a similar way as a wild card system works out. The proposed Repechage system has been globally and for a very long time used by the Olympic sports such as boxing, judo, fencing and wrestling with great success and for the sake of the Athletes.

### 83. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 283, paragraph 1.g)

Amend as follows:

The standard program will be:

First day	Heats	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Preliminaries	500 m Women/Men
	Heats	500 m Women/Men
	Heats	Relay Women/Men
Second day	Preliminaries	1000 m Women/Men
	Heats	1000 m Women/Men
	Quarter Finals	Mixed Team Relay
	Semi Finals	Mixed Team Relay
	Quarter Finals	Relay Women/Men
Third day	Repechage	1500 m Women/Men
<u>Third day Main Program</u>	Repechage	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1500 m Women/Men
	Quarter-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	500 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	500 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	Relay Women/Men
Fourth day	Repechage	1000 m Women/Men
	Final B	3000 m Relay Women
	Final B	3000 m Relay Men
<u>Fourth day Main Program</u>	Quarter-Finals	1000 m Women/Men
	Semi-Finals	1000 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	1000 m Women/Men
	Finals B, A	Mixed Team Relay
	Final A	Relay Women/Men

Reason: Introduction of a 4-day program considering the expected high number of participants.

### 84. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 283, paragraph 2.b)

Each ISU Member has the right to enter two Competitors in each category for each individual distance.

If an ISU Member had two ) or more ~~than one~~ Skaters amongst the best thirty-two Competitors in the final classification of a distance in the preceding Championships, that ISU Member may enter a maximum of three Competitors on that distance. Each ISU Member may select different Skaters for each distance among its three or four Competitors entered for the Championships.

Reason: If a fourth day is accepted to accommodate time for the Mixed Team Relay, there is also room to allow more countries to have three Skaters on a distance.

### 85. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 283, paragraph 3

Delete subparagraphs a) and b), and change to read as follows:

See Rule 296.

~~a) For Skaters without a World Ranking, the best season time over the distances will be used to determine a ranking for the make-up of the first round of each of the related distances. These times must be submitted to~~

~~the ISU Secretariat at the latest 2 weeks before the Competition. The Representative of the Technical Committee will decide if the times can be accepted. See the respective ISU Communication for further details. b) For the first round of the Relay races, the Seeding List will follow the Classification of the Relay competition in the same preceding Championships.~~

Reason: The seeding procedure is completely specified in Rule 296.

## 86. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 284, paragraph 8.d) and e)

Replace paragraph 8.d) as follows and eliminate paragraph 8.e):

d) The IOC Awards will be distributed to the top eight Skaters and Relay Teams based on the final Classification as per rule 295, paragraphs 5 and 7.

~~d) A penalty, yellow card, red card, or did not start (DNS) Skater or Relay Team in the Final A or Final B is not eligible to receive an IOC Award. The next finishing Skater or Relay Team, and the succeeding finishing Skaters or Relay Teams, whether in the Final A or the Final B, considered in their respective finishing sequence (from first to last), move up.~~

~~e) If a Skater / Relay Team could not finish a race due to reasons beyond his/her/its control, he/she/it will be declared did not finish (DNF) by the Referee and will be ranked in his/her/its race accordingly. The Skater or Relay Team is still eligible to receive the corresponding IOC Award regarding his/her/its finish position / rank.~~

Reason: For simplification and consistency within the Rules. Pending acceptance by the IOC.

## 87. HUNGARY

Rule 285, paragraph 1.g), h) and i)

Amend as follows:

g) Skaters not having qualified for the Main Program on the respective distance qualify for Ranking Finals Repechage in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds.

Rule 295, paragraph 6, will be applied on the Results of the Ranking Finals Repechage in order to determine the Distance Classification.

Skaters may forfeit their right to start in the Ranking Finals Repechage but shall announce it at the latest 30 minutes after the finish of the last race on the day before their Ranking Finals Repechage.

Skaters not participating in the Ranking Finals Repechage will be ranked after those who have participated in the Ranking Finals Repechage in their respective blocks from the Qualifying Rounds, based on their results on the preceding qualifying rounds following the procedure laid down in Rule 295, paragraph 6.

Skaters who have not announced their withdrawal from the Ranking Finals Repechage and who do not fulfil the requirements for exception of Rule 298, paragraph 1 b), are excluded from the Classification over that distance and also excluded from the Overall Classification.

h) The Finals of the Relays will be held after the conclusion of the individual races. Qualifying rounds of the Relays may be held on each day of the Championships provided they are held after the conclusion of the individual races of the day.

i) The standard program will be:

First day	Heats Preliminaries	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Heats Preliminaries	500 meters Ladies/Men
	Heats Heats	500 meters Ladies/Men
		1000 meters Ladies/Men
		1000 meters Ladies/Men
		3000 meters Relay Ladies 5000 meters Relay Men
Second day	<u>Ranking Finals Repechage</u>	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	<u>Ranking Finals Repechage</u>	500 meters Ladies/Men
Second day Main Program	Semi-Finals Finals B, A	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Quarter-Finals Semi-Finals Finals B, A	1500 meters Ladies/Men
	Semi-Finals Semi-Finals	500 meters Ladies/Men
		500 meters Ladies/Men
		500 meters Ladies/Men
		3000 meters Relay Ladies 5000 meters Relay Men

Third day	<del>Ranking Finals</del> <del>Repechage</del> Final B Final B	1000 meters Ladies/Men 3000 meters Relay Ladies 3000 meters Relay Men
Third day Main Program	Quarter-Finals B, A Super-Finals Final A	1000 meters Ladies/Men 1000 meters Ladies/Men 1000 meters Ladies/Men 3000 meters Ladies/Men 3000 meters Relay Ladies 5000 meters Relay Men

Reason: The proposed amendments intend to use the same format as in the World Cups and provide. Skater who failed to meet qualifying standards by a small margin to continue to the next round, in a similar way as a wild card system works out. The proposed Repechage system has been globally and for a very long time used by the Olympic sports such as boxing, judo, fencing and wrestling with great success and for the sake of the Athletes.

### 88. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 285, paragraph 1.i)

Amend as follows:

The standard program will be:

First day	<u>Quarter Finals</u> <u>Preliminaries</u> <u>Heats</u> <u>Preliminaries</u> <u>Heats</u> <u>Quarter Finals</u> <u>Quarter Finals</u>	1500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men Mixed Team Relay Relay Women/Men
Second day	<u>Repechage</u> <u>Repechage</u>	1500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men
Second day Main Program	Semi-Finals Finals B, A Quarter-Finals Semi-Finals Finals B, A Semi-Finals	1500 m Women/Men 1500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men 500 m Women/Men Relay Women/Men
Third day	<u>Repechage</u> Final B	1000 m Women/Men Relay Women/Men
<u>Third day</u> Main Program	Quarter-Finals Semi-Finals Finals B, A <del>Super Finals</del> <u>Semi Finals</u> <u>Finals B, A</u> Final A	1000 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men 1000 m Women/Men <del>3000 meters Women/Men</del> Mixed Team Relay Mixed Team Relay Relay Women/Men

Reason: This is a consequence of deleting the 3000 m from the program of the Championships and the introduction of the Mixed Team Relay.

### 89. AUSTRIA Speed

Rule 285, paragraph 2.a) and c)

Revise as follows:

For the European Championships/ Four Continents Championships:

a) Each European ISU Member has the right to enter ~~one~~ two Competitors in each category. ~~If a European ISU Member had one Skater amongst the best thirty-two Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships that ISU Member may enter two Competitors in total in the respective category. If a European ISU Member had one or more Skaters among the best eight Competitors in the final classification in the same preceding Championships that ISU Member may enter three Competitors in total in the respective~~

category. If the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters, then the Host ISU Member may choose to enter three Skaters and have the original number of qualified skaters as their maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championship.

...

c) Each Four Continents ISU Member has the right to enter one two Competitors in each category. ~~If a Four Continents ISU Member had one Skater amongst the best thirtytwo Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships that ISU Member may enter two Competitors in total in the respective category.~~ If a Four Continents ISU Member had one or more Skaters among the best twelve eight Competitors in the final classification in the same preceding Championships that ISU Member may enter three Competitors in total in the respective category. If the Host ISU Member has not qualified three Skaters then the Host ISU Member may choose to enter three Skaters, and have the original number of qualified skaters as their maximum number of Skaters to qualify for the same following Championship.

Reason: Increasing the number of participants. At the moment there are only 33-45 participants per gender at the Europeans. The Four Continents Championships almost had to be canceled due to low attendance.

## **90. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 285, paragraph 2.b)

Amend as follows:

b) Only the twelve highest ranked European ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men/Mixed in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a European ISU Member forfeits its right to participate, the next ranked European ISU Member will be invited to participate.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay in Championships.

## **91. AUSTRIA Speed**

Rule 285, paragraph 2.b) and d)

Amend as follows:

b) ~~Each European ISU Member has the right to enter one Relay Team in each category. Only the twelve highest ranked European ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a European ISU Member forfeits its right to participate, the next ranked European ISU Member will be invited to participate.~~

...

d) ~~Each Four Continents ISU Member has the right to enter one Relay Team in each category. Only the eight highest ranked Four Continents ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked Four Continents ISU Member will be invited to participate~~

Reason: Relay-Qualification: decoupling World Cups and Continental Championships for financial and sporting reasons. The preliminary rounds in a World Cup are inhomogeneous from a continental point of view and lead to unfair results due to the seeding system. This is reinforced by penalties, yellow cards and advancements. The travel conditions and travel costs are becoming increasingly difficult. Considering the decreasing number of European participants (9 - 14 teams per gender) in the last years, a selection is not really necessary. For safety reasons, limit times can be defined in the respective ISU Communication (see World Cup Communication). Participating Relays beyond World Cup ranked 12 (Europeans) and 8 (Four Continents) should bear their own costs.

## **92. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 285, paragraph 2.d)

Amend as follows:

d) Only the eight highest ranked Four Continents ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Women/Men/Mixed in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, they will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked Four Continents ISU Member will be invited to participate.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay in Championships.

### **93. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 285, paragraph 2.e)

Delete and renumber paragraph 2 f) accordingly:

~~e) ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum number of five Skaters which will include all Skaters for both competitions: individual and Relay.~~

Reason: Ruled now in Rule 285, paragraph 2.a).

### **94. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 285, paragraph 5.a)

Amend as follows:

~~The overall winner is the Skater having attained the highest rank according to Rule 295, paragraph 10, at the conclusion of the Championships.~~ The distance winner 500/1000/1500 m is the Skater being declared winner of the Final A. The second and third placed Skaters of the Championships are the Skaters finishing accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Skaters in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.

Reason: Change of format of Championships.

### **95. CANADA Speed**

Rule 286, paragraph 2.a)

Change to:

2. a) During a season a number of World Cup Competitions are scheduled. The schedule and program for World Cups will be decided by the ISU Council not later than 1 year before the first World Cup of the season.

Reason: Establishing a regular timeline for communicating World Cup schedules is a logical extension to the ISU General Regulations update (Rule 127, Paragraph 3.) whereby ISU Championships are provisionally allotted four years in advance. This will ensure adequate preparation time for event organizers and participants.

### **96. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

The World Cup is a series of International Competitions held each season, open to ISU Members, with the following criteria:

- Entries from at least four ISU Members;
- The Competitions must follow the rules in the appropriate Communication. The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee may if needed modify the World Cup Communication after the second and fourth World Cup Competition in a season;
- Each ISU Member may enter a number of Skaters, in accordance with the World Cup Communication, which will include all Skaters for all Individual, Relay and Mixed Team Relay competitions;
- All Officials appointed by the ISU must be ISU Officials;
- All Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be at least on the List of International Officials with a mark "W" for World Cups; For World Cups designated for Olympic qualification, all Assistant Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be on the List of ISU Officials;
- At least three qualified Officials from other ISU Members shall be included amongst those appointed.

Reason: Clarification.

### **97. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 8

Amend as follows:

~~An Overall World Cup Classifications will be established at the end of each season, for the individual distances, Relay, and Mixed Team Relay and other competitions.~~

In order to establish those Overall World Cup Classifications, a number of best Results over the respective distance / competition in the season will be taken into consideration. All related details (classification, ranking, points system, tie breaking rules, etc.) will be provided in the World Cup Communication to be issued before the season concerned.

Reason: Clarification.

## **98. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 9.a) and b)

Amend as follows:

a) For the purpose of making up seeding the Skaters, i.e. spreading the top Skaters into all races of the first Qualifying Round at ISU Events, except the World Junior Championships, the following World Ranking Lists are made using results from multiple events over Individual and Relay Distances.

- World Ranking List 500 m Women / Men;
- World Ranking List 1000 m Women / Men;
- World Ranking List 1500 m Women / Men;
- World Ranking List Overall Women / Men;
- World Ranking List Relay Women / Men / Mixed Team.

b) For the first World Cup of a season the World Ranking List of the preceding World Cup season is used for the seeding. If a season, or part of a season, has been cancelled, the next preceding season or a part of it might be considered.

As the season progresses, the results of competitions over a distance at the World Cup Competitions replace one by one the results at World Cup Competitions of the preceding season for the calculation of the World Ranking. The number of competitions that will be taken into account, all related details (classifications, ranking point system, tie breaking rules, etc) for this calculation and the number of poorest results that will be excluded from the addition will be announced in the World Cup Communication before the start of the season.

Reason: Clarification.

## **99. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 9.d)

Delete .

~~d) The Overall World Ranking List is based on the highest Rank in any of the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 m. In the case of a tie the highest Rank in one of the other two World Ranking Lists shall be taken. If the tie persists after taking the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 m into account then a draw will be held by the Competitors' Steward to decide the order in which the Skaters will be seeded.~~

Reason: When the Championships are single distance based there is no need for an overall world ranking.

## **100. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 10

Amend as follows:

These current World Cup Classifications (see Rule 286, paragraph 8 a)) as specified shall be circulated by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee each time results of World Cup Competitions are received upon the conclusion of each World Cup Competition. The World Cup Classifications commence with the first World Cup Competition each season and are then maintained throughout the series of World Cup Competitions. The Classifications will be concluded with final standings after the last World Cup Competition.

Reason: Clarification of when and how the various standings are released.

## **101. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraphs 9 and 10

Reverse the order of paragraphs 9 and 10.

Reason: Clarification. Paragraph 8 and 10 refer to the World Cup Classification, paragraph 9 to the World Ranking. DRAFTING MATTER

## **102. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 286, paragraph 11 (new)

Add new paragraph as follows:

An Overall World Classification based on an accumulation of the points from all individual distances will be established for the purpose of determining the Combined Season Ranking and crown the season Champion. A determined number of results per distance (500, 1000 and 1500 m) from the ISU Events will be taken into consideration, as described in Rule 295, paragraph 10. All related details (name, number of results counting, classification, ranking, points system, tie breaking rules, etc.) will be provided in an ISU Communication to be issued before the season concerned.

Reason: Introduction of a Combined Season Ranking to crown one Skater as season overall champion.

Removing the overall title from the World Championships and adding it to the World Cup Events to crown the best overall skaters from the whole season. These World Cup Overall Champions and classifications for Men and Women will come with a title and some prize money and be promoted throughout the season.

### **103. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 288

Change Header "Officials and their Duties" into "Officials".

Reason: DRAFTING MATTER

### **104. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 289, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. a) Every ISU Member may submit applications of named individuals within their Association qualified to serve as Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards at International Competitions to the ISU Director General.
- b) These completed applications may be made at any time during the year.
- c) Once an individual is approved by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and placed on the International List, that individual shall remain on the list and does not require re-nomination annually.
- d) To qualify as an International Official the individual shall have at least the following experience at competitions and courses conducted in accordance with ISU Regulations. The ISU Member is responsible to check the following requirements and must confirm in writing to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee:
  - Served at two National Competitions in the position being nominated for;
  - Attended at least one Officials Course conducted by the ISU Member within the past 36 months;
  - Served as an Apprentice ~~Official in any capacity~~ at an International Competition in the past 36 months.
- e) To be reconsidered as Official the individual shall provide proof of their activities as an Official in Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.
- f) Removal from the List of International Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards shall occur only if:
  - a written resignation, signed by the individual concerned, is received from the ISU Member announcing the individual's retirement, or
  - the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee removes the individual from the List as the result of an imposed penalty, or
  - a written request, with reasoning, is received from the ISU Member concerned, or
  - the official has not officiated and/or not participated in any seminar or workshop, or had not any other activities for 3 or more years.

Reason: Clarification.

### **105. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 289, paragraph 6.a) and b)

Amend as follows:

- a) To be considered as ISU Referees, ISU Starters and ISU Competitors' Stewards, those individuals on the International list shall have at least fulfilled the following requirements:
  - Served in his nominated category at least twice at International Competitions during the past 36 months and (when applicable) have satisfactory reports from the Referees at these Competitions;
  - Attended an ISU course and/or official ISU webinar for ISU/International Officials within the past 36 months;
  - For Referees and Competitors' Stewards: have successfully passed an English conversational test;
  - For Referees in addition: have passed the appropriate examination during the past 36 months;
  - Must have been listed on the respective List of International Officials for at least 2 consecutive years with a "W" indication, immediately prior to a promotion to the List of ISU Officials.
- b) To be reconsidered as an ISU Official the individual shall maintain the following qualifications:
  - Attend the ISU course for Officials conducted by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee if the course will be held following a Congress. The date and venue of such a course shall be communicated 6 months in advance;
  - Submit a report to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee each time the individual serves as a Referee;
  - Successfully completed the appropriate examination(s) within the past 24 months.
  - For Referees and Competitors' Stewards: have successfully passed an English conversational test and maintain this standard.

Reason: For officiating it is necessary to have a working knowledge of the English language.

#### **106. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 289, paragraph 6.c)

Amend as follows:

- c) No person who has reached the age of 70 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Referee, Starter or Competitors' Steward in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games. As of season 2026-2027: No person who has reached the age of 65 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Referee or a Starter in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games and no person who has reached the age of 70 years shall after the following July 1st be eligible to be a Competitors' Steward in ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games.

ISU Officials (Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards) who have reached this age will be listed as International Referee, Starter or Competitors' Steward with a "S" indicating they have a Senior status.

Officials with a Senior Status may be assigned by the Technical Committee as Mentor for young Officials.

Reason: Reducing the maximum age of Referees and Starters.

#### **107. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)

Amend as follows:

- a) The Officials are appointed in accordance with Rule 126, paragraphs 9 and 10 for the Olympic Winter Games and in accordance with Rule 129, paragraph 4 for the ISU Championships. The Referee, the Assistant Referees Video, at least one but possibly ~~several or all~~ all Assistant Referees including Assistant Referees Video, Starters and Competitors' Stewards for each World Cup Competition shall be appointed by the President;

Reason: Practice at Video Replay has proven that two cooperating Officials on video are necessary.

#### **108. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 289, paragraph 7.f)

Amend as follows:

- f) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games all Referees, Starters and Competitors' Stewards must be selected from the current List of ISU Officials.

Reason: Clarification and adoption of current practice.

#### **109. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 1.a)

1. a) For ISU Events, ~~and the~~ the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games where ISU approved Video Replay services are available, the following Officials are appointed by the President, subject to Rule 289 paragraph 7:

Referee and ~~three~~ four Assistant Referees. ~~At least one of the Two~~ Assistant Referees will be assigned to the Video Replay System. An Assistant Referee Video may be assigned as First Assistant Referee; Two Starters (one per Category); Two Competitors' Stewards.

The following Officials are appointed by the Organizers: Heat Box Steward, Photo Finish Judge, Lap Scorer, Lap Recorder, Announcer and Track Stewards. However for ISU Events, the Heat Box Steward and the Announcer must be approved by the Representative of the ISU Technical Committee and for the Olympic Winter Games by the ISU Technical Delegates.

Reason: Practice at Video Replay has proven that two Officials on video are necessary.

Budget for 1 extra Official will be CHF 2'000 per Event.

#### **110. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 4.a)

Amend as follows:

- a) Except for ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games: Deciding the program and qualifying procedure in consultation with the Competitors' Steward ~~and the Representative of the Technical Committee;~~

Reason: Clarification. For the main events the program is fixed otherwise.

#### **111. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 5.a)

a) Introduce alteration in the program, if applicable, in agreement with the ISU Representative, the ISU Event Director and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative, in so far as these do not conflict with the Regulations;

Reason: Clarification.

#### **112. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 5.h)

Amend as follows:

h) Add a Skater/Team to the next round, ~~when the Skater was in a position that would qualify him directly, i.e. without the time deciding~~, if he considers that the Skater/Team was prevented from qualifying due to any reason not resulting from any direct or indirect action of the Skater/Team concerned. The Referee makes these advancements solely at his discretion.

Reason: Clarification.

#### **113. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 5.i)

Amend as follows:

i) The Referee, at his discretion or when called upon by the Assistant Referees Video, before a decision is made, may view the Video Replay System at full speed, slow motion or still picture, with the exception of matters concerning the detection of false starts. When the Referee decides to view the Video Replay system due to a possible infringement and a penalty is awarded, then the video footage concerning the infringement will also be shown on the screen in the stadium. ~~(if technically possible).~~

Except in a Final, after the last race of a qualifying round, and before the results of the races have been announced, the Referee may review a race situation that has not yet been reviewed. Such a review may result in an advancement of a Skater/Team only.

Reason: Introduction of the possibility for a late review.

#### **114. NETHERLANDS**

Rule 290, paragraph 6.a)

Revise as follows

6. The Referee decides upon:

a) All protests made, and other matters in dispute, except those concerning the start (Rule 298), the make-up of races (Rule 296) and the order of finish (paragraphs 12 and 13). Protests must be made to the Referee. All discussions concerning a protest will be held in private. All applicable paragraphs of Rule 123 shall apply;

Each ISU Member is provided with one Race Review Card before the start of the ISU Championships and World Cup's. This may be used **only once** during the competition for the individual distances and **only once** for team distances (Mixed team relay & relay). An ISU Member's representative (Coach or Team Leader) may ask the Referee to review an incident/penalty. This is **ONLY** concerning a race that has just taken place and cannot be used for any other race incident that may have taken place earlier. If the referee feels that the penalty or decision was unfairly awarded, The Referee has the authority to revoke the decision. This decision must be made before the start of the **next** race, if not the decision remains the same. This will not apply to Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: Even with all the technology (video camera's) there is still room for human error. By introducing the Race Review Card (RRC) in the event a human error is made the ISU Member can request this decision to be reviewed. This is the case in many different sports like tennis Hawk-eye and Beach Volleyball.

#### **115. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 8

Amend as follows and renumber accordingly:

Assistant Referees Video

8. ~~Shall be located off the ice next to the Video Replay Operator;~~

a) Shall perform all duties and tasks as assigned by the Referee;

b) Shall observe the Video Replay System during all races and report his the observations to the Referee;

c) Must record his the observations and ~~must present the notes immediately after each Qualifying Round to the Referee.~~

Reason: Introduction of the possibility of having more than 1 Assistant Referee Video.

#### **116. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 290, paragraph 11.c)

Amend as follows:

c) For ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games the Heat Box Steward must be listed on the ISU List of Referees for International Competitions or on any of the Lists of Officials for Championships.

Reason: Definition of the requirements for the Heat Box Steward.

#### **117. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 291, paragraph 1.d)

Amend as follows:

d) Long sleeved and long legged clothing in conformity with the ISU Communication in place or any update of this Communication.

Reason: Reference to the Communication on safety equipment.

#### **118. HUNGARY**

Rule 291

Add new paragraph 2) as follows:

2) In ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games all Skaters must not wear anything that might endanger the physical safety of themselves or other Skaters. All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed or covered before entering the ice.

2) 3) Each Skater is solely responsible that his personal equipment meets the highest safety criteria in order to obtain the utmost safety of the Skaters.

Reason: Since during the Olympic Qualification World Cup Series the Hungarian National Mixed Gender Relay Team has suffered an accident on ice due to a bracelet fallen during the race, this topic should be discussed and solved. The accident caused injury and influenced the result of the team in a Final A race in the World Cup and since a case like this might risk the physical safety of Skaters and may result in serious injuries in the future as well, this topic must be handled and parameters of wearing jewelry at ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games should be clarified.

#### **119. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 291, paragraph 3

Add at the end of the paragraph as last sentence:

All safety criteria included in the relevant ISU Communication or any update thereof, for the level of the Skaters must be respected.

Reason: Clarification.

#### **120. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 292, paragraph 1.a)

Add at the end of the paragraph as last element:

For Junior Mixed Teams over the distance of 2000m Relay.

Reason: With the introduction of the Mixed Team Relay at the World Junior Championships it shall be possible to recognize world records.

## D. TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

### 121. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 294, paragraphs 5 and 6

Amend paragraph 5 as follows and add new paragraph 6:

5. For Ranking Finals at ISU Championships and for International Competitions, an All Finals system may be used, in which all Skaters qualify for final races in different levels. Ranking finals can also consist of one single round to provide a more precise classification amongst eliminated Skaters.

6. Repechage Races can be used as part of qualification rounds.

Reason: Clarification and adoption of Repechage races at ISU Events.

### 122. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 295, paragraph 1.c)

Amend as follows:

Ranking Finals: One Round to determine the Ranking of Skaters/Teams excluded in the elimination process.

Reason: Clarification.

### 123. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 295, new paragraph 1.d)

Add a new paragraph 1.d) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly

d) Repechage: One or more Qualifying Rounds to determine which of the initially eliminated Skaters/Teams, or Skaters/Teams not prequalified, will qualify for the subsequent qualification round of the Competition program.

In the case of prequalified Skaters or Teams the first round of a competition can be considered as repechage races.

Reason: Clarification of the definition of repechage races and how they integrate in the qualification process.

### 124. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 295, paragraph 2.a)

Amend as follows:

a) Individual races are held over 500, 1000, and 1500 m ~~and 3000 m~~. Mixed Team Relay races are held over 2000 m. Relay Races for Women are held over 3000 m. Relay Races for Men are held over 3000 m (Juniors) and 5000 m.

Reason: Elimination of the 3000 m Individual.

### 125. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

Amend as follows:

e) The number of Skaters per race at ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games is limited and must be scheduled as follows:

	500 m	1000 m	1500 m
Quarter-Finals	5	5	
Semi-Finals	5	5	7
Finals	<del>5</del> four	5	7

Reason: Consistency between rounds and more opportunities to reach the A Final.

### 126. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 295, paragraph 2.f)

Amend as follows:

f) Exceptions:

- See Rule 290, paragraph 5.h);

- ~~See Rule 281, paragraph 4;~~

- ~~See Rule 285, paragraph 4, for the 3000 meters Super Final. These Super Finals are non-medal races;~~

- For competitions held according to Rule 287 other numbers of Skaters per Race may be used;

- If the Quarter Finals or Semi Finals are the first round of the competition, then different numbers of Skaters per race may be used.

Reason: The 3000 m Individual is no longer part of the Championships.

### **127. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 2.g)

Amend as follows:

- g) - Race winners in the races will qualify to move forward to the next round.
- Additional finish places will qualify to move directly forward to the next round as specified on the Qualification table for the Distance.
  - Skaters who were impeded, for which another Skater received a penalty, a yellow card or a red card, and at the moment of the infringement were in first or second position, will be advanced to the next round. In semi-finals, Skaters in direct qualifying position to access the B final will be advanced to the B final.
  - In the case that the directly qualified Skaters and advanced Skaters, if any, do not fill up the scheduled number of Skaters in the next round, the fastest Skaters in the next finishing positions may be added to the next round or final (First with all the Skaters in the next direct finishing position, then subsequent if needed).

Reason: Clarification of advancements to B-Finals.

### **128. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 4.b)

Amend as follows:

- b) ~~Each ISU Member may enter the names of substitutes corresponding with the number of ordinary entries~~ a number of competitors in accordance with Rule 281, paragraph 2, Rule 283, paragraph 2 and Rule 285, paragraph 2. This maximum number of competitors is confirmed in an ISU Communication. Besides that, the ISU Member may enter the same number of alternate names.

Reason: Clarification.

### **129. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 4.e)

Amend as follows:

- e) FINAL ENTRIES: At the latest on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the start of the first race of the Competition the following information must be communicated to the organizing committee:
- Names of the Skaters and a list of alternate names, as per subparagraph b, per category with their International Registration Numbers;
  - Only the Skaters listed on the Final Entry, with a maximum number equal to the number of allowed entries can attend and be accredited for the Event;
  - Names of the Skaters and their personal best time recorded during the period of eligibility for all distances they might participate in for each of the competitions over the individual distances, if applicable;
  - Confirmation of participation in all the competitions of the Relay, if applicable;

Reason: Currently these qualifying times must be submitted 2 weeks and the names of the Skaters 5 days before the Competition. It is a simplification if these 2 deadlines are combined into one, 10 days before the Competition.

### **130. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 4.m)

Amend as follows:

- m) If a Skater is not able to start in the races of the first qualifying round of an individual distance due to illness after the names have been officially communicated to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4.h), this Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater on the Final Entry of the ISU Member concerned until 15 minutes before the start of the first race of a qualifying round for the distance concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make-up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296.

~~The skater that has been withdrawn is not allowed to be entered again in the individual part of the European, Four Continents or World Championships.~~

Reason: Clarification.

### **131. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 4.n)

Amend as follows:

- n) For all Skaters, minimum qualifying times are required for entry in ~~this an~~ an ISU Championship Event. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which

the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication.

Reason: Drafting matter.

### **132. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 4.o)

Amend as follows:

o) ISU Members entering participants must provide the documentation requested in this ISU Communication of the qualifying times achieved by each Competitor. This documentation must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat with the Final Entry at the latest 2 weeks before the Competition. The Representative of the Technical Committee will decide if the qualifying criteria have been respected and if the entry can be accepted.

Reason: Currently the qualifying times must be submitted 2 weeks and the names of the Skaters 5 days before the Competition. It is a simplification if these 2 deadlines are combined into one, 10 days before the Competition.

### **133. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

At the end of each race, the order of the Skaters will be as follows:

- First all the Skaters/Relay Teams who finished the race in the order of finishing
- Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Finish (DNF)
- Skaters/Relay Teams who got a Penalty (PEN)
- Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Start (DNS).

~~In the case of a restart the Skaters/Teams not participating in the restart will be ranked after all Skaters/Teams restarting in except in the case of a Yellow Card or Red Card in the restarted race.~~

Reason: Clarification.

### **134. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 6

Amend as follows:

For International Competitions;

~~a) Final Points will be awarded in the Finals A and B only. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order following the distance classification.~~

~~b) In the case of a tie, all Skaters involved in a tie will receive the points awarded for that finish position (e.g. tie on both Skaters will receive 21 points). If two Skaters are involved in a tie, the points for the following finish place will not be awarded, in the case of three Skaters involved, the following two finish places will not be awarded.~~

~~a) Final Points will be awarded in the Finals A and B only. The points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with the first place in Final A and after all places in Final A have been awarded, the remaining points will be awarded to the Final B in descending order starting with the first place.~~

~~b) In the case of a penalty or did not finish in the Final A, the Skater(s) concerned will be awarded a number of points equal to the winner of the Final B.~~

~~In the case of a penalty in the Final B, the Skater(s) concerned will not be awarded any points.~~

~~c) No points will be awarded to Skater(s) who did not start, received a yellow card or received a red card.~~

~~d) In the case of a tie, all Skaters involved in a tie will receive the points awarded for that finish position (e.g. tie on both Skaters will receive 21 points). If two Skaters are involved in a tie, the points for the following finish place will not be awarded, in the case of three Skaters involved, the following two (finish places will not be awarded.~~

Reason: Although no longer applicable for Championships, the rule is valid for International Competitions.

### **135. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 7

Replace the whole paragraph 7 with the following, delete paragraph 9 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

7. For each distance a classification will be made in which the participants are ranked:

a) on the results of the Final A in accordance with paragraph 5, disregarding all results in previous qualifying rounds;

b) on the results of the Final B in accordance with paragraph 5, disregarding all results in previous qualifying rounds;

- c) Skaters/Relay Teams not having qualified for the Final A or Final B will be ranked following the Qualification Schedule, including Repechage races and Ranking Finals when applicable:
  - First all the Skaters/Relay Teams who finished the race, in the order of finishing;
  - Then the Skaters/Relay Teams without a finishing order will be listed in the following order (virtual rank within the block) and then ties would be broken by paragraph d);
    - Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Finish (DNF);
    - Skaters/Relay Teams who got a Penalty (PEN);
    - Skaters/Relay Teams who Did Not Start (DNS).
- d) In the case of a tie the Skaters/Relay Teams are ranked:
  - by finish-order within the subsequent previous Qualifying Rounds;
  - by best time skated in any race over the distance;
  - further ties will not be broken.
- e) A Skater/Relay Team that has qualified for, or has been advanced to, the qualifying round but cannot start due to medical reasons, will be recorded as Did Not Start (DNS) for the purpose of determining the Distance Classification. Even if the Competitors' Stewards made or re-made the make-up of the races without the Skater/Relay Team concerned the position in the Distance Classification will be considered as DNS within the respective qualifying round.
- f) Skaters or Relay Teams who did not finish in the first qualifying round, will be ranked next with the same ranking.
- g) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a penalty in the first qualifying round, will be ranked next with the same ranking.
- h) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a Yellow Card in any round, will be ranked next following the procedure in subparagraphs c and d above.
- i) Skaters or Relay Teams who received a Red Card or did not start in the first qualifying round, will not be ranked but listed as participants at the bottom of the Classification in the above order.
- j) For any intermediate Distance Classifications:
  - in the case of equal times over the distance, a draw will take place to establish the order;
  - in the case where there are no time(s) available, a draw will take place for the respective Skaters/Teams to determine their rank in comparison to the others with the same position (finish place).

Reason: Clarification.

### **136. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 8

Delete and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

~~For the Super-Final over 3000 m, the classification will be made as follows:~~

~~With 19 laps to go, there will be a bell, the first Skater crossing the line with 18 laps to go will get 5 Race Points;~~

~~With 10 laps to go, there will be a bell, the first Skater crossing the line with 9 laps to go will get 5 Race Points;~~

~~If the Skater(s) concerned receive(s) a penalty, a yellow card, a red card, or does not finish, then those Race Points are not awarded to any other Skater(s);~~

~~At the finish 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 Race Points are awarded in descending order commencing with the 1st place;~~

~~The Race Points for intermediary sprints and the Race Points for finish order will be added to make the 3000 m classification.~~

~~For the 3000 m Super-Final Distance Classification the Skaters will be ranked:~~

~~by Race Points~~

~~by Finish position.~~

~~Final Points will be awarded according to the 3000 m Super-Final Distance Classification. The Points 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 are awarded in descending order commencing with the 1st place.~~

Reason: Elimination of the 3000 m Super Final at ISU Championships.

### **137. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 10

Amend as follows:

For International Competitions:

For the Final Classification (and any intermediate overall classification) the Skaters are ranked:

- by total number of Final Points;
- ~~by position (finish place) in the Super-Final;~~
- by combined ranking over all Distance Classifications;

- by the highest ranking achieved in one of the distances and subsequent other best rankings;
- by best time over the longest distance on the program.
- Skaters or Relay Teams who on any distance:
  - received a Red Card,
  - did not start in the first qualifying round,
- will not be ranked but listed as participants at the bottom of the Classification in the above order.

Reason: Clarification.

### **138. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 295, paragraph 14

Amend as follows:

#### **Helmet Numbers and Helmet Covers**

14. a) Each Skater is assigned an helmet number before the start of the season and keeps the same number throughout the season. The number must be displayed on the left and right hand side of the helmet. For all details about helmet numbers please refer to the ISU Communication released annually.

b) Helmet covers, supplied by the ISU or, upon approval by the ISU, by the Organizers, must be worn at ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships and Winter Youth Olympic Games. The helmet covers must display the Skaters number in contrasting colors and must be approved by the ISU Technical Committee Representative or ISU Technical Delegate. Currently the ISU does not make use of its right to supply helmet covers for obligatory use at other ISU Events.

c) When no helmet-covers are provided, Skaters may display artistic design on their helmets respecting requirements specified in an ISU Communication. For advertising markings and manufacturer trademarks on helmets, please refer to Rule 102, paragraph 6.b).

Reason: Clarification regarding Helmet design, helmet number and helmet covers.

### **139. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 296, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

For ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games the composition of the first Qualifying Round of all distances, both Individual and Relay, is made up by the Competitors' Steward in consultation with the Referee and the Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee in accordance with the respective World Ranking List (see Rule 286), with the exception of the World Junior Championships and the Relay at the European Championships and Four Continents Championships.

Reason: For these Championships there are separate rules regarding the make-up of the first round.

### **140. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 296, paragraph 3.c)

Amend as follows:

c) ~~Skaters without a World Ranking will be placed on the Seeding List after the Skater with a World Ranking: The best season time times over the distances submitted in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4.o) will be used to determine a ranking for the make-up of the first round of each of the related distances. These times must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest 2 weeks before the Competition. The Representative of the Technical Committee will decide if the times can be accepted. See the respective ISU Communication for further details.~~

The Skaters who have not submitted times or whose times have been rejected will be given a ranking by means of a draw, conducted by the Competitors' Steward.

Reason: Currently these times must be submitted 2 weeks and the names of the skaters 5 days before the Competition. It is a simplification if these 2 deadlines are combined into one, 10 days before the Competition.

### **141. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 296, paragraph 3.e)

Amend as follows:

For World Junior Championships the seeding list for the individual distances will be established solely based on the individual best time for each distance. (See Rule 295, paragraph 4).

The seeding list for the Relay distances will be based on the results of the two preceding World Championships.

For each of the two preceding World Championships, the following point system will be given to the Teams based on the Distance Classification. according to Rule 295, paragraph 6 and the Distance Classification

according to Rule 295, paragraphs 7 and 9 will be used to make Classifications per\_Event. These classifications will be combined following Rule 295, paragraph 10. In case of a tie the results of the most recent championships will be the tie breaker.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Points</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Rank</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Points</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Reason: Simplification.

#### **142. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 296, paragraph 8.h) (new)

Add as follows:

h) In the case that Skaters/Teams are prequalified for a qualifying round, the start position for these Skaters/Teams will be in order of their World Ranking and they will be assigned the inside lane positions before the other Skaters/Teams that qualify regularly.

Reason: Clarification of the starting positions of the prequalified Skaters/Teams.

#### **143. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 3.a)

Amend as follows:

Teams consist of maximum of the following number of Competitors:

World Championships	5
World Junior Championships	4
European Championships	5
Four Continents Championships	5
World Cup Competitions	see World Cup Communication
All other Competitions	see <u>Announcement</u>

Mixed Team Relay ~~Gender Team~~

<u>ISU Championships</u>	3 per gender
<u>Olympic Winter Games</u>	3 per gender
<u>World Cup Competitions</u>	4 per gender

Reason: Clarification.

#### **144. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 3.d)

Amend as follows:

A Skater may be relayed at any time except during the last two laps. These laps must be skated by one Skater.

A warning shot will be fired to indicate the start of the last three laps.

If a Team is one or more laps behind the leading Team at the moment the warning shot is fired, relaying may take place until the finish.

Reason: For the determination of the winner(s) of a Relay competition it is necessary to have a clear competitive situation between the Teams involved. Therefore, a special rule can apply for Teams being lapped.

#### **145. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 3.g)

Amend as follows:

The non-racing members of each Team must stay out of the path of the racing Skaters and in an area that is clearly inside curves, marked by track marking blocks and a painted or virtual line between the last block and the first block of the curves. ~~The line between the last and first block may be marked by dots.~~ Only to make an exchange, a Skater may leave this area.

Reason: Clarification as to the introduction of the line along the straight.

#### **146. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 7.a)

Amend as follows:

7. a) The term "disqualification" as used in Rule 123 paragraph 4.B. shall be understood to describe the various sanctions mentioned in this Rule including without limitation the following type of sanctions:

Penalty;

- for an infringement of the Racing Rules.

Yellow Card;

- for an unsafe, harmful or hazardous offence;

- for more than one infringement of the Racing Rule "Impeding" and/or "Kicking Out" independent of each other resulting in a penalty, made in one race;

- for other actions explicitly so specified in these rules.

Red Card:

- for an infringement of the Racing Rules which is deemed to be dangerous or grossly negligent;

- in the case a Skater is shown two Yellow Cards in the same ~~Competition~~ Event;

- for other actions explicitly so specified in these rules;

- for a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics, which happens in the period between the appearance of a Skater at the Heat Box In and leaving the Heat Box Out after a race;

- for any action and behaviour, either on or off ice during the competition period, i.e. the beginning and the end of a competition as established by the ruling body of the competition, and which action is considered by the Referee as a non-compliance with instructions of an official in charge, or a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics.

Reason: Clarification, see definition of Competition in the Constitution.

#### **147. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 7.b) and c)

Amend as follows:

b) The Skater/Relay Team who received a Penalty will be disqualified in the relevant race in which the infringement occurred, and will be excluded from participating in the next round of the distance/competition concerned. See Rule 295 para 5 and 7 for details on the final classifications of Skaters/ Teams that receive a Penalty. With the exception of Final A, where Rule 295, paragraph 5 applies, the Skater/Relay Team will forfeit the points/result accrued in that race alone. Points/results accrued prior to that race will not be affected.

c) The Skater/Relay Team who has been given a Yellow Card will be disqualified in the relevant race in which the infringement occurred and excluded from participating in the next round of the distance/competition concerned. The Skater/Relay Team will forfeit prior points/results accrued in all races over the distance/competition concerned and will be ranked at the bottom of the classification following Rule 295, paragraph 7. The right of the Skater to participate in other distances/competitions, or the results achieved in previous or next other distances/competitions are not affected.

Reason: Clarification.

#### **148. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 7.e)

Amend as follows:

The Skater who was given a Red Card will not be allowed anymore to participate in any race of the Event, both Individual and Relay, and will not be ranked in the final individual classification if applicable. The results of other individual distances which have been concluded by the same Skater with a Final are not affected.

Reason: Clarification for Events with single distances.

#### **149. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 297, paragraph 7.g) and h)

Amend as follows:

g) Any Official or other participant in an ISU activity witnessing a violation of the Code of Ethics during the competition period needs to verbally report to the Referee. The Referee shall file a written report with the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee concerning any Skater who is shown a Red Card ~~or a Yellow Card~~. The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall forward this information to the Sports Technical Director who will inform the Council.

h) The Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall create a database of all ~~Yellow and~~ Red Cards issued during a skating season.

Reason: Yellow cards are not reported to the Technical Committee.

## **150. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 298, paragraph 1.c)

Amend as follows:

Skaters who do not report to the Heat Box will be recorded as “Did not Start”.

For international Competitions: If these Skaters are entered for other distances on the program of the Event they must confirm their participation on these distances to the Competitors’ Steward at the latest 30 min before the next distance.

Reason: If a Skater does not report to the Heatbox he can be too late, does not want/cannot skate this distance or does not want/cannot skate any other distance. For the progress of the reminder of the Event the further participation must be known.

## **151. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 298, paragraph 1.e)

Amend as follows:

e) Skaters with defective equipment (e.g. broken Skate blade) will not be allowed to start. The results of the race will shown DNS (Did not start). The conditions of Rule 291, paragraph 4 apply.

After a race is stopped, Skaters with defective equipment, which cannot be repaired in due time, will not be allowed to re-start. The results of such Skater will be shown as “Did Not Finish” and the Skater will be ranked according to Rule 295, paragraph 5.

Reason: Clarification. As long as the starting gun has not been fired the Skater gets a Did Not Start.

## **152. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 298, paragraphs 5 and 7 to 13

Delete subparagraphs 5.d), e) and f).

Amend paragraphs 7 to 13 as follows:

In effect as from season 2024/2025 and with the possibility of being tested before that season at selected ISU World Cups and International Competitions during the seasons 2022/23 and 2023/24. The International Competitions using the new zero (0) false start rules as tests will be indicated in the Announcement. For ISU World Cups, the test details will be provided in the relevant ISU Communications.

7. a) The Starter will command:
  - “Go to the Start”.
- b) On this command the Skaters move forward to the start line and place themselves at their respective dot at the start line. The Skaters stand up straight and stand still.
- c) Until the Skater has finalized his still position, touching the Start line is not an offence.
- d) Putting the tip of the blade in the ice is an offence and a penalty will be given to the Skater concerned.
- e) The announcement of the Starter should be:
  - The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;
  - “False Start”;
  - “Wrong Blade Position”.
  - “Penalty”.
8. a) The Starter will command:
  - “Ready”.
- b) The Skaters will go down and take their final starting positions immediately with the center of the body over the respective dot and keep this position.
- c) It is a false start when the Skater:
  - Places one or both skates on or over the start line;
  - Places one or both hands on the ice;
  - Does not have both skates on the ice, i.e. full contact over the length of the blades;
  - Takes his starting position before the command “Ready”;
  - Takes his starting position too slow after the command “Ready”.
9. a) When all Skaters are positioned in their final starting position and are still, i.e. there is no more movement, the Starter will wait a defined period of time and then fire the gun.
- b) It is a false start when the Skater:
  - Moves before the gun is fired;

- Slides on or over the line;
- Moves forward on the tip of his blades.
- c) In the case of a false start the Starter will fire the gun again and/or uses the whistle to call the Skaters back.
- d) The Skaters must return to the start line without delay. Any Skater who does not return directly to the start line will receive a warning penalty for delaying the start.
- e) If more than one Skater is responsible for a false start, the concerned Skaters shall all be ~~assessed a false start~~ given a penalty.
- f) If one of the Skaters breaks from his marks, thereby causing another Skater to follow him, only the Skater at fault shall be ~~assessed a false start~~ given a penalty.
- g) If one of the Skaters makes noise e.g. with his skates on the ice, thereby causing another Skater to move shall be ~~assessed a false start~~ given a penalty.
- h) Commands given by the Starter will include:
  - The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;
  - "False Start";
  - "Penalty".
 And if necessary any statement reasoning the false start, e.g.:
  - Moving;
  - Wrong blade position;
  - Crossing the line. ~~Wrong blade movement~~.
- i) If more than one Skater made an offence all the preceding points will be repeated.
- j) If there are multiple offences of the Starting Rule then these will be announced in the order they occurred.
- k) On direction of the Referee the Skater may be sent off the ice.

10. a) ~~If a false start was made by a Skater who had already received a warning, this Skater will receive a penalty and is excluded.~~

- ~~b) The announcement of an exclusion will include:  
The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;  
"Penalty".~~
- ~~c) On direction of the Referee the Skater may be sent off the ice.~~

11. a) ~~After the first false start of a race the Starter will warn all Skaters:~~

- ~~"This race has one false start".~~
- ~~b) In the case of a second false start by any of the Skaters, the Skater(s) concerned will be given a penalty and is/are excluded from the race.~~
- ~~c) The announcement of an exclusion will include:  
The lane position of the Skater who made the offence;  
"Penalty".~~
- ~~d) On direction of the Referee the Skater may be sent off the ice.~~

1012. If a Skater is interfered with ~~and falls~~ before the last block of the first curve after the starting line, the Skaters shall be called back to start again. The decision whether the interference is an offence according to the Racing Rules is a decision of the Referee.

1143. Before a start, the equipment of the Skater may be fixed, without going beyond the Padding. At "Go to the Start" the Skaters must be fully prepared with all equipment in order. Any omission will be a Warning for delaying the start (see above) penalty.

- ~~If the Skater:  
received a warning before, or  
the race has a false start, or  
a repeated offence is made,  
the Skater at fault will be given a Penalty.~~

12. For ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games the Starter after recalling a start can call upon the Assistant Referee Video to make a video recording of the start visible on a monitor installed on the Starters platform. The Starter will be able to watch the replay and makes his decision.

Reason: To reduce the number of false starts by not giving a second opportunity to the Skaters.

### III. PROPOSALS FOR THE FIGURE SKATING SECTION

#### A. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE

##### 153. CANADA Figure and ITALY

Rule 353, to be added as paragraph 1. Existing paragraphs to be renumbered.

1. Principles of judging
  - a) Judges will mark Grade of Execution (GOE) and Program Components.
  - b) For all ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, and the Youth Olympic Winter Games the panel of Judges will be split into two sub-panels as follows:
    - i. Sub-panel 1: Five (5) Judges for Junior and Senior Grand Prix, and seven (7) Judges for ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games, and Youth Olympic Games will mark only GOE and Skating Skills.
    - ii. Sub-panel 2: Five (5) Judges for Junior and Senior Grand Prix, and seven (7) Judges for ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games, and Youth Olympic Games will mark the remaining Program Components; Transitions, Performance, Composition, Interpretation of the Music/Timing.
    - iii. Whether a judge is assigned to sub-panel 1 or sub-panel 2 will be determined by random draw.
    - iv. Each sub-panel must have a minimum of three (3) Judges. When less than five (5) Judges, the highest and lowest values will not be deleted from the calculation.

Reason: The accurate assessment of the revised GOE range of +5 to -5 and the Program Components is becoming increasingly difficult. To improve the accuracy of judging GOEs and Program Components, the technical elements (GOE) and Skating Skills are assessed by one sub-panel of Judges and the remaining Program Components assessed by a separate sub-panel of judges. Skating Skills is grouped with GOEs as the criteria for assessing this program component are similar in language to positive features of technical elements.

If accepted the following rules are impacted 353, 402 and 521.

Budget:

	<b>Junior Grand Prix</b>	<b>Senior Grand Prix</b>	<b>ISU Championships</b>
<b>Expense for additional judge(s):</b> 1 additional for Grand Prix (i.e. from 9 judges to 10) 4 additional for Championships (i.e. 13 to 14)	\$1,500 (5 days x \$300/day x 1 judge)	\$1,750 (5 days x \$350/day x 1 judge)	\$9,600 (6 days x \$400/day x 4 judges)
<b>Expense for 1 additional set of input screens</b> (1 main and 1 back-up)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Per Event</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$10,600</b>
<b>Total Overall</b>	<b>\$17,500 (7 events)</b>	<b>\$16,500 (6 events)</b>	<b>\$74,200 (7 events)</b>

##### 154. NETHERLANDS

Rule 353 – ISU Judging System – determination and publication of results

Add as paragraph 1 and renumber the existing paragraphs, effective 2022-2023:

1. Principles of judging
  - a) Judges will mark Grade of Execution (GOE) and Program Components.
  - b) For all ISU Events and the (Youth) Olympic Winter Games the panel of Judges will be split as follows:
    - i. Not less than five (5) to up to seven (7) Judges will mark only GOE.
    - ii. Not less than five (5) to up to seven (7) Judges will mark only Program Components.
    - iii. If there is an odd number of Judges (e.g. 11), the panel for Program Components shall contain one Judge more than the panel for GOE. If there is an even number of Judges (e.g. 10), the panels for GOE and Program Components shall contain an equal number of Judges.
    - iv. ISU Championships, Senior Grand Prix, Senior Grand Prix final and (Youth) Olympic Winter Games will always have split panels as above.
    - v. If the number of Judges drawn for any event in a Junior Grand Prix is ten (10) or more, the panel will be split as above, otherwise the panel will not be split.

- vi. The draw whether a judge is assigned to judge GOE or Program Components will be made 45 minutes prior to the start of each Segment.
- vii. In a split panel, each individual Judge will be acting in each Segment.

In existing paragraph 1j), delete the word “also”:

- j) Each Judge ~~also~~ marks the Program Components on a scale from 0.25 to 10 with 0.25 points increments.

Reason: Our sport is getting more and more complex and therefore more demanding to judge. The revised GOE range of +5 to -5 requires more accuracy of the Judges to assess correctly. Therefore the task to assess also more than 20 criteria within the Program Components is getting too much for an individual Judge. It will be more fair to both Judges and skaters if the Program Components will be assessed by a separate panel of Judges.

Also, it will be more efficient to have each individual Judge acting in the whole event as now in ISU Championships 8 Judges are only judging one Segment and 5 Judges are judging both Segments.

### **155. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 353, paragraph 1. h)

Modify as follows:

- i) Jump combinations and Jump Sequences are evaluated as one unit by adding the Base Values of the jumps included and applying the GOE with the numerical value of the most difficult jump.
- ii) ~~Jump sequences are evaluated as one unit by adding the Base Values of the two jumps, multiplying the result by 0.8 and applying the GOE of the jump with the higher numerical value. The factored Base Value of the jump sequence will be rounded to two decimal places.~~

Renumber iii) and iv) accordingly.

Reason: With the new definition of the Jump Sequence introduced in 2018 there is no reason to have a lesser value for Jump Sequences than for Jump Combinations.

### **156. FINLAND Figure**

Rule 353 paragraph 1.h.iv

Add reference to Rule 515 4b) as clarification

... However, in cases of up to 3 minutes interruptions (as per Rule 515 4b) the factor 1.1 will be used only for jump elements which were started in the second half of the program, but prior to the interruption.

Reason: To avoid confusion with other situations specified in Rule 515 with 3 minutes mentioned.

### **157. NEW ZEALAND Figure**

Rule 353, paragraph 1. m) and Rule 843, paragraph 1. l)

Replace both paragraphs with the following:

- m) The panel's points for each Program Component are then multiplied by a factor that shall be announced annually by the respective Technical Committee and published in an ISU Communication. The factor shall be determined such that the best Programme Component Score attained since 1 July 2018 in Winter Olympics (including the team event), Youth Olympics (including the team event), World Championships, World Junior Championships, European Championships, Four Continents Championships, Grand Prix events, Junior Grand Prix events, Challenger Series events, or World Team Trophy, has the same value when factored as the best Total Element Score for the same period and events. The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and added. The sum is the Program Component Score.

Reason: To balance the technical and artistic sides of the sport by updating the component factors. If the highest scoring TES equals the highest scoring PCS, this should balance the artistic and technical aspects. To that end, we propose that the factors in the ISU rules be replaced by a requirement for annual review of the PCS factors by the respective technical committees. They would use the highest scores from Winter Olympics (including the team event), Youth Olympics (including the team event), World Championships, World Junior Championships, European Championships, Four Continents Championships, GP events, Junior GP events, Challenger Series events, and World Team Trophy. Only scores from the 2018-19 season onwards would be relevant as that is when +/- 5 was implemented.

Below we have calculated what factors would be under this system as at 12 October 2021.

Note that all except Synchronized FS are currently lower than they “should be”. This fits with the assertion that the artistic side of the sport has been left behind (and not just in Men’s Singles).

Noting that French Cup results appear to no longer be available online, so the Synchronized calculations need to be checked against those.

**Calculation of SP/RD factor**

Grade	SP/RD TES	SP/RD TES	SP/RD PCS	SP/RD PCS	Adjusted PCS (out of 50)	Calculated SP/RD Factor	Rounded SP/RD Factor
Senior Men	Yuzuru Hanyu 2020 FCC	63.42	Yuzuru Hanyu 2019 Skate Canada	48.47	48.47	1.308438209	1.3
Senior Ladies	Alena Kostornaia 19-20 GPF	49.48	Anna Scherbakova 2021 WTT	37.56	46.95	1.053887114	1.1
Senior Pairs	Boikova & Kozlovskii 2020 EC	45.93	Sui & Han 2019 NHK Trophy	37.43	46.7875	0.981672455	1.0
Senior Dance	Papadakis & Cizeron 2019 NHK	51.2	Papadakis & Cizeron 2019 World Champs	39.36	49.2	1.040650407	1.0
Junior Men	Daniil Samsonov 2019 JGP Poland	49.55	Yuma Kagiyama 2020 Junior World	38.89	38.89	1.274106454	1.3
Junior Ladies	Sofia Akateva 2021 JGP Russia	44.6	You Young 2020 Youth Olympics	33.26	41.575	1.072760072	1.1
Junior Pairs	Panfilova & Rylov 2020 Junior World	43.02	Panfilova & Rylov 2020 Junior World	30.69	38.3625	1.121407625	1.1
Junior Dance	Shanaeva & Naryzhnyy 2020 Junior World	38.49	Ushakova & Nekrasov 2019 Junior World	33	41.25	0.933090909	0.9
Senior Synch	Paradise 2019 World Champs	49.84	Team Unique 2020 Spring Cup	37.6	47	1.060425532	1.1
Junior Synch	Crystal Ice 2019 Junior World	45.98	Junost 2020 Junior World	35.4	44.25	1.039096045	1.0

**Calculation of FS/FD factor**

Grade	SP TES	FS/FD TES	FS/FD PCS	FS/FD PCS	Adjusted PCS (out of 50)	Calculated FS/FD Factor	Rounded FS/FD Factor
Senior Men	Nathan Chen 19-20 GPF	129.14	Yuzuru Hanyu 2019 Skate Canada	96.4	48.2	2.679253112	2.7
Senior Ladies	Kamila Valieva 2021 Skate Canada	106.15	Alina Zagitova 2018 Nebelhorn	74.96	46.85	2.265741729	2.3
Senior Pairs	Mishina Galliamov 2021 Finlandia	80.63	Sui & Han 2019 World Champs	76.84	48.025	1.678917231	1.7
Senior Dance	Papadakis & Cizeron 2019 NHK	77.4	Papadakis & Cizeron 2019 WTT	59.48	49.56666667	1.561533289	1.6
Junior Men	Shun Sato 19-20 JGPF	98.22	Shun Sato 19-20 JGPF	79.64	39.82	2.466599699	2.5
Junior Ladies	Sofia Akateva 2021 JGP Russia	94.57	You Young 2020 Youth Olympics	67.38	42.1125	2.245651529	2.2
Junior Pairs	Mishina & Galliamov 18-19 JGPF	65.84	Panfilova & Rylov 2020 Junior World	61.1	38.1875	1.724124386	1.7

Junior Dance	Nguyen & Kolesnik 2020 Junior World	58.64	Lajoie & Lagha 2019 Junior Worlds	51.03	42.525	1.378953557	1.4
Senior Synch	Team Unique 2020 Spring Cup	78.31	Team Unique 2020 Spring Cup	76.29	47.68125	1.642364661	1.6
Junior Synch	Team Mystique 2020 Junior World	64.41	Junost 2020 World Champs	70.98	44.3625	1.451901944	1.5

If unsuccessful with the proposal for a rolling review of factoring, we request consideration of changes as follows:

- Delete "(same for Junior and Senior)" from both rules.
- Replace factors as follows:  
Rule 353 1. m)  
Men: Short Program: 1.3 Free Skating: 2.7  
Women: Short Program: 1.1 Free Skating: 2.3  
Pairs: Short Program: 1.0 Free Skating: 1.7  
Ice Dance: Rhythm Dance: 1.0 Free Dance: 1.6  
Junior Men: Short Program: 1.3 Free Skating: 2.5  
Junior Women: Short Program: 1.1 Free Skating: 2.2  
Junior Pairs: Short Program: 1.1 Free Skating: 1.7  
Junior Ice Dance: Rhythm Dance: 0.9 Free Dance: 1.4

Rule 843 1. l)

Senior: Short Program 1.1 Free Skating 1.6  
Junior: Short Program 1.0 Free Skating 1.5

We note that, if our proposal is accepted alongside the joint proposal of the Technical Committees to move to three Program Components (relating to Rule 504 etc.), it would be a logical drafting matter to multiply all of our proposed factors by 1.66 recurring.

**158. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 353 paragraph 1. m) and Rule 843, paragraph 1. l)

Modify as follows:

ISU Judging System - determination and publication of results

Basic Principles of Calculation

m) The panel's points for each Program Component are then multiplied by a factor such that the Program Component Score is equivalent to the Total Elements Score as follows (same for Junior and Senior):

Men:	Short Program: <u>1.67</u>	Free Skating: <u>3.33</u>
Women:	Short Program: <u>1.33</u>	Free Skating: <u>2.67</u>
Pairs:	Short Program: <u>1.33</u>	Free Skating: <u>2.67</u>
Ice Dance:	Rhythm Dance: <u>1.33</u>	Free Dance: <u>2.00</u>
	Pattern Dance: <u>1.17</u>	

The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and added. The sum is the Program Component Score.

Rule 843 para 1.l)

Modify as follows:

The panel's points for each Program Component are then multiplied by a factor such that the Program Component Score is equivalent to the Total Elements Score as follows (same for Junior and Senior):

Short Program: <u>1.33</u>	Free Skating: <u>2.67</u>
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The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and added. The sum is the Program Component Score.

Reason: Three new program components are recommended each with distinct criteria and hence should have equal contribution to the Program Component Score. In addition, the recommended increase to the factor for the Program Component Score will result in an equivalent contribution when compared to the Total Element Score to the Total Segment Score.

## 159. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Rule 353 paragraph 1.m)

Modify as follows:

- m) The panel's points for each Program Component are then multiplied by a factor as laid in a Communication. ~~(same for Junior and Senior):~~

~~Men: Short Program: 1.0 Free Skating: 2.0~~

~~Ladies: Short Program: 0.8 Free Skating: 1.6~~

~~Pairs: Short Program: 0.8 Free Skating: 1.6~~

~~Ice Dance: Rhythm Dance: 0.8 Free Dance: 1.2~~

~~Pattern Dance: 0.7~~

~~The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and added. The sum is the Program Component Score.~~

Reason: Program component factors shall be included into the current season communication to be more easily updated.

## 160. ISU COUNCIL

Rule 376, paragraph 1 (refer also to Proposal 38 ((Rule 137), Proposal 161 (Rule 378) and Proposals 204 and 205 (Rule 520)

Revise as follows:

1. ISU Championships of the season 2024/25 must not exceed seven days. Two days of free practice at the site of the Championships for all Competitors must be provided by the organizing ISU Member prior to the first competitive skating of any ISU Championships.

Starting with the season 2024/25, ISU Championships must not exceed eight seven days. One day Two days of free practice at the site of the Championships for all Competitors must be provided by the organizing ISU Member prior to the first competition day of any ISU Championships.

In case of World Championships with Qualifying Rounds one day of free practice at the site of the Championships for the Competitors of the Qualifying Round must be provided prior to the first competition day of the Qualifying Round and one day of free practice at the site of the Championships for the Competitors (direct entries) of the Championships Round must be provided prior to the first competition of the Championships Round.

Reason: To take into account the ISU World Figure Skating Championships including Qualifying Rounds as of the season 2024/25 and required reduction of practice time to accommodate an acceptable schedule for Competitors and Organizers. For consistency among all ISU Figure Skating Championships, starting with the season 2024/25, such reduction of practice time shall apply to all ISU Figure Skating Championships. See Proposals relating to Rule 137, paragraphs 15-16, Rule 378 and Rule 520.

## 161. ISU COUNCIL

Rule 378 (refer also to Proposal 38 (Rule 137), Proposal 160 (Rule 376) and Proposals 204 and 205 (Rule 520)

Amend as follows:

Entries ISU Championships Single & Pair Skating & Ice Dance

1. At ISU Championships in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the entries by name must reach simultaneously the competent Sports Director(s) and the Organizing Committee twenty-one (21) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned. For post entries, Rule 115, paragraph 5 of the General Regulations applies.
2. Number of entries at ISU Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) Championships
- a) ISU European, ISU World Junior and ISU World Championships (for World Championships applicable only for seasons 2022/23 and 2023/24:
- i. Each ISU Member, except Special Clubs, provided they enter Competitors having achieved the Minimum Total Element Scores as outlined in paragraph 4, may enter at least one Competitor per discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance);
- ii. Additional entries are determined as per the chart in paragraph 3.
- b) Number of entries for the ISU Four Continents Championships:
- i. Each ISU Member, except Special Clubs, provided they enter Competitors having achieved the Minimum Total Element Scores as outlined in paragraph 4, may enter up to a maximum of three (3) Competitors per discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance).
- c) Number of entries for the ISU World Championships starting with the season 2024/25:
- i. Each ISU Member, except Special Clubs, provided they enter Competitors fulfilling the

requirements as outlined in paragraphs 4 and 5, may enter at least one Competitor per discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance);

ii. Additional entries are determined as per the chart in paragraph 3.

3. Procedure to determine additional (more than one) entries in ISU Championships:

a) Overall Entry Quotas per ISU Member for each Championships/discipline:

In order to determine such Overall Entry Quotas, ISU Members who have participated in the immediately preceding season in the corresponding discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) of the same Championships shall accumulate points equal to the sum of placements of their Competitors who were entered in this preceding season's Championships. Competitors are considered entered if they participate in the initial draw.

Competitors who were entered for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance but did not qualify for the Free Skating/Free Dance, will be awarded 18 points for Single Skating and the number of points equal to their placement in Short Program/Rhythm Dance for Pair Skating/Ice Dance (however if this placement is lower than 18, only 18 points will be awarded). Competitors who qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance but were not placed higher than 16th place in the final result will be awarded 16 points (or the number of points equal to the number of Competitors if the number of Competitors entered is less than 16 in cases of withdrawals not specified in the paragraph below).

For the ISU World Championships starting with the season 2024/25, Competitors who were entered for the Qualifying Round, but did not qualify for the Championships Round (Short Program/Rhythm Dance) will not be awarded any points and will not be considered when determining the number of Competitors as per paragraph b) below.

However, the Competitors who withdrew because of:

- illness or injury, (provided this illness or injury is certified by the ISU Medical Advisor) or
- unexpected damage to the equipment during the warm-up or the performance (provided this damage of the equipment is certified by the Referee),

are not considered as entered for the purpose of this Rule if they did not start or finish the Free Skating/Free Dance but were among the top ten (10) in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance.

If an ISU Member entered three (3) Competitors in a discipline of a Championships, only the two (2) best placed Competitors will count for points;

b) The number of Competitors (Overall Entry Quota) per discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) an ISU Member may send to the site of a Championships is determined in accordance with the following diagram:

No. of Competitors in the preceding season's Championships who count for points	Points required for 3 entries in the current season's Championships	Points required for 2 entries in the current season's Championships
Two (2)	Not more than 13	Not more than 28
One (1)	Not more than 2	Not more than 10

4. Minimum Total Element Scores and Combined Total Element Scores

To be entered into and participate in an ISU Championships a Skater/Pair/Couple must have reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 10) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season the applicable Minimum Total Element Scores for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance and Free Skating / Free Dance (separate) and, starting with the 2024/25 season, on the Combined Total Element Scores (Short Program/Rhythm Dance and Free Skating / Free Dance added).

These scores must have been earned by participating in a Senior Category of the competitions mentioned under Article 39, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraph 1 to 10) in order to enter the ISU European / Four Continents Championships or ISU World Championships or respectively in a Junior Category in order to enter the ISU World Junior Championships.

The applicable Minimum Total Element Scores and starting with the 2024/25 season on the Combined Total Element Scores shall be decided for each season by the ISU Council based on a joint Proposal

from the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Technical Director(s) and shall be published in an ISU Communication.

5. ISU World Championships starting with the 2024/25 season:

a) General

- i. The World Championships will consist of an on-site Qualifying Round and a Championship Round. The Qualifying Round will consist of a Free Skating/Free Dance program only. The Championship Round will consist of a Short Program/Rhythm Dance and a final Free Skating/Free Dance program.
- ii. Maximum Total Entries in each discipline: The maximum number of entries for the World Championships is fifty-four (54) for Ladies, fifty-four (54) for Men, thirty-two (32) for Pair Skating, and forty (40) for Ice Dance. For purposes of participation in the World Championships, entries are defined as Direct Entries in the Championship Round and Qualifying Round Entries.

b) Direct Entries

- i. Twenty-four (24) Direct Entries each in the disciplines Ladies and Men, sixteen (16) Direct Entries in the Pair Skating discipline and twenty (20) Direct Entries in the Ice Dance discipline will be determined according to paragraph 3.a) and b) of this Rule.
- ii. For this purpose, ISU Members who have earned the right for two (2) or three (3) entries at the immediately preceding year's ISU World Senior Championships are listed first and the remaining ISU Members are listed in order of their best placed Skater in the same ISU World Championships to fill the Direct Entry spots.
- iii. If the application of the above procedure results in more than twenty-four (24) Ladies or Men, sixteen (16) Pair Skating couples, twenty (20) Ice Dance Couples being eligible for Direct Entries from ISU Members with the right for two (2) or three (3) entries, the number of Direct Entries will be increased by the required number of entry spots. In such case the number of entries advancing from the Qualifying Round to the Short Program / Rhythm Dance will be reduced by the same number.

c) Qualifying Entries

- i. Qualifying Round Entries: The maximum number of entries for the Qualifying Round is thirty (30) for Ladies, thirty (30) for Men, sixteen (16) for Pair Skating, and twenty (20) for Ice Dance.
- ii. ISU Members who do not have a Direct Entry in the Championship Round Short Program /Rhythm Dance may enter one Competitor per discipline (Men, Ladies, Pair Skating, Ice Dance), provided that the ISU Member is ranked amongst the top 30 ISU Members in Men or Ladies, the top 16 ISU Members in Pair Skating and the top 20 ISU Members in Ice Dance on the Qualifying Round Total Technical Element Score ranking list at the time of the entry deadline.
- iii. The entered Competitors for the Qualifying Round must have achieved the Minimum Combined Total Element Scores as outlined in paragraph 4.
- iv. In the case that there are less than 30 ISU Members in Men or Ladies, less than 16 ISU Members in Pair Skating and less than 20 ISU Members in Ice Dance on the Qualifying Round Combined Total Element Score ranking list at the time of the entry deadline, the respective number of Qualifying Round Entry spots will not be filled

d) Advancement from Qualifying Round to Championship Round Short Program/Rhythm Dance:

- i. The total number of Competitors advancing from the Qualifying Round to the Championship Round Short Program/Rhythm Dance is twelve (12) for Ladies, twelve (12) for Men, eight (8) for Pairs, and ten (10) for Ice Dance.
- ii. Should paragraph 5, b), iii become applicable, the number of entries advancing from the Qualifying Round to the Short Program/Rhythm Dance will be reduced by the same number.
- iii. In the case that not all Direct Entry spots will be used, the number of entries advancing from the Qualifying Round to the Championships Round Short Program / Rhythm Dance will be increased by the number of unused Direct Entry spots.
- iv. In the case that the number of Competitors entered in the Qualifying Round exceeds the number of Competitors advancing to the Championship Round Short Program / Rhythm Dance by only 1 or 2 Competitors, the President in consultation with the ISU Vice President Figure Skating, the ISU Representative and the ISU Event Coordinator Figure Skating has the right to cancel

such Qualifying Round for the respective discipline and to increase the number of total entries in the Short Program / Rhythm Dance by 1 or 2 Competitors.

- v. Scores (Points) achieved at the Qualifying Round shall not be considered for the Championship Round.
- e) Advancement from Championship Round Short Program/Rhythm Dance to Free Skating/Free Dance:  
The total number of Competitors advancing from the Short Program/Rhythm Dance to the final Free Skating/Free Dance is twenty-four (24) for Ladies, twenty-four (24) for Men, sixteen (16) for Pair Skating, and twenty (20) for Ice Dance
6. For all ISU Championships each ISU Member may enter for each discipline one Substitute in the case of one per entry and no more than two substitutes in the case of two or more entries. The Substitutes may compete only if their ISU Members have withdrawn the name of their Competitors initially entered for the concerned discipline at least one hour before the first draw.

Reason: During the 2018 ISU Congress the ISU Council was mandated to form a Working Group to find a solution allowing the broadest possible participation among ISU Figure Skating ISU Members in ISU Figure Skating Championships but at the same time maintaining reasonable financial conditions for the organizing ISU Members and the ISU as well as preserving attractive Events for the public and media.

ISU Members were informed of the ISU Council appointed Working Group on August 29, 2018 when the Working Group started its evaluation. After several exchanges of e-mail correspondence and questionnaires and including a meeting on the occasion of the 2019 ISU Figure Skating Championships in Saitama and considering different options, the Working Group came to the following conclusions:

Concept:

The most appropriate solution to achieve the above-mentioned objective is a concept composed of a Qualifying Round and a Championships Round. This solution will be limited to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships starting with the season 2024/25. A summary chart showing the proposed entry numbers, broken down in Qualifying Round entries and Direct entries to the Championships Round is attached to the Congress Agenda.

Time Schedule:

The Working Group also agreed that accommodating the Time Schedule of the World Championships to include Qualifying Rounds will involve the following:

- The Qualifying Rounds will be held mostly on Monday and partly on Tuesday
- The Championships Round will start on Wednesday
- All Competitors having earned Direct Entries will arrive on Monday, one day later than currently
- The official practice days for the Championships will be reduced from 2 days to 1 day prior to the start of the Championships Round
- All Competitors participating in the Championships Round will be granted at least one full practice day with 2 practice sessions
- All Competitors will have 2 practice sessions in the Main Rink guaranteed before their first competition
- Practice sessions are guaranteed on each day that the respective discipline will compete (except Short Program Pair Skating)
- Warm-up time for all disciplines is reduced ideally to 5 minutes – to be confirmed
- The proposed Schedule takes into consideration the usual standard ending times favored by the ISU TV partners.
- The Practice Rink is not required any more after Friday
- A tentative Time Schedule is attached to the Congress Agenda.

Finance:

Taking into account the expenses of the 2019 ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, i.e. in a high cost country like Japan, it was determined through a detailed budget analysis that the additional cost to the organizing ISU Member would amount to approximately US\$ 500'000 (five hundred thousand US Dollars). This Proposal is therefore based on the condition that the ISU contribution towards the organization and conduct of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 and beyond, shall be increased by the same amount. This additional budget item can be justified by the need to accommodate the increased number of ISU Figure Skating Members over the past years as well as the gradually increased ISU incomes emanating from the Figure Skating Branch.

The Working Group and the Council are confident that this Proposal will meet the above-mentioned objectives within a reasonable budget increase.

Due to the format of the Short Program / Rhythm Dance it is no longer necessary to divide the Skaters into 'skating earlier' and 'skating later' groups as the Short Program / Rhythm Dance is conducted as one event unit and not divided / scheduled separately as it was when this Rule was established. In addition, the same basic principle for the draw within a starting order group as already used for the Free Skating will also become applicable for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance and in use across all the segments. The same above principles also apply to Qualifying Rounds at World Championships. See also Proposals relating to Rule 137, paragraphs 15-16, Rule 376, paragraph 1 and Rule 520.

## **162. ICELAND**

Rule 378, paragraph 3

3. Minimum Total Elements Scores: To be entered into and participate in an ISU Championships a Skater/Pair/Couple must have reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 10) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season the applicable Minimum Total Elements Scores (points). The applicable Minimum Total Elements Scores shall be decided for each season by the ISU Council based on a joint proposal from the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Director(s) and shall be published in an ISU Communication before August 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Reason: ISU Member Federations and Skaters need to know before the beginning of a new season what the minimum technical element score will be for the season to enter an ISU Championships. For the season 2018/2019 many International Competitions had already taken place before the Minimum Technical Elements Score was announced and therefore made previous competitions amiss for the skaters that participated without knowing what they were aiming for. Skaters and ISU Member Federations need to know before the season starts what the goal is, especially for ISU Member Federations that are in development status for international championships participation.

## **163. HUNGARY**

Rule 400

Resolution - Proposal to review the Entries to the Olympic Winter Games

Objective:

To establish a Working Group by the Congress or to make the Congress give mandate to the Council to form a Working Group with the purpose of evaluating possible amendments or variation to the present Olympic Qualification System for Figure Skating disciplines based on the principles (Principles) as below and prepare a FULL CONGRESS PROPOSAL ABOUT THE CHANGES FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS in 2022.

Principle:

### **Organizing more than one qualifying competition in the season of the OWG**

Possible direct benefits of the change:

- § Same requirements are established for all Qualification Competitions for the Skaters in different FS disciplines
- § The spots are open until the end of the Qualification period
- § Thanks to the increased number of qualifying events, an increased media and intensified public attention can be directed on the sport as well as on the Qualification Competitions
- § In case of the agreement of the Grand Prix pool, Grand Prix series might be involved in the round of qualifying events – all 6 GP competition.

Reason: The increased number of qualifying events would give place to a more balanced qualification system (same requirements for all Skaters, Couples), would also result in creating continuous interest during the qualifying period for media and public.

In case this change in the system and in the number of events would involve the present Grand Prix series that may result less financial burden both on ISU and the organizers.

A further reason for the above Proposal might be to harmonize the Olympic Qualification System within the ISU sports (Short Track Speed Skating has similar Olympic qualification system consisting of a row of qualifying events in the season of the Olympic Games).

The working group of the project would work on the different approach of the subject such as: timing, organization, point system for qualification, financial aspects of the topic.

#### **164. NETHERLANDS**

Rule 402 – Panels of Judges for the Olympic Winter Games

Upon acceptance of our proposal to split the Panel of Judges into Judges for GOE and Judges for Program Components, the following changes need to be made:

1. a) The panel of Judges shall consist of thirteen (13) Judges: per Segment six Judges (6) for GOE and seven (7) Judges for Program Components. For each discipline thirteen (13) Judges shall be drawn from those ISU Members which have Skaters qualified for the Olympic Winter Games according to the results of the World Championships of the preceding year in the discipline concerned (with no further changes).
1. b) Delete: “to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges”:  
All drawn Judges will be on site at the Olympic Winter Games location where all consequent draws to complete panel of nine (9) Judges for each Segment of the respective discipline will be conducted by the Referee in the manner mentioned in paragraph f) below.
1. c) Revise as follows:  
If the number of ISU Members to draw Judges based on the procedure as per paragraph a) above is insufficient for any discipline to complete the panel of thirteen (13) Judges, the additional ISU Members having the right to send Judges to the Olympic Winter Games will be drawn out of a pool of ISU Members having qualified Skaters/Couples in the respective discipline based on the result of the Qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games.
1. d) Revise as follows:  
If the number of ISU Members to draw Judges based on the procedure as per paragraphs a) and c) above is insufficient for any discipline to complete the panel of thirteen (13) Judges, the additional ISU Members having the right to send Judges to the Olympic Winter Games will be drawn out of all remaining ISU Members (other than those included in the draw as per paragraphs a) and c) above) having Skaters/Couples in the respective event in the World Championships of the preceding year.
1. e) Replace twice:  
“to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges for the first Segment plus the four (4) additional Judges for the second Segment” by to complete the panel of thirteen (13) Judges.
1. f) Revise to read:  
On the site of the Olympic Winter Games an open random draw will be conducted by the Referee forty-five (45) minutes prior to the skating of each Segment of the respective event, in the presence of all Judges drawn for this event, to determine which Judges will judge GOE and which Judges will judge Program Components. The seating order will be identical to the order the Judges are drawn.

Similar changes would need to be made to Rule 521.

Reason: See Reason for Netherlands Proposal Rule 353.

#### **165. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 402 paragraph 1 j)

Add at the end of the paragraph:

In addition, in order to be eligible for the Pair Skating, Judges who have never judged Pair Skating at any ISU Championships before must have officiated satisfactorily in at least one International Competition and one ISU Event in Pair Skating during the 48 months preceding the draw for the Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: To have more experienced judges officiating Pair event at Olympic Winter Games and to be consistent with proposal on rule 521 para 3.

#### **166. ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 410 (SyS Rule 900) paragraph 6. a)

Amend as follows:

a) for first appointment: by an ISU Member (Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers also by the Technical Committee/Sports Technical Director(s));

Reason: Technical Committees and the Sports Technical Director(s) shall become entitled to nominate not only ISU Technical Specialists for first appointment but also ISU Technical Controllers. See also the reasons for the proposal to modify Rule 121 paragraph 3. g) and h).

#### **167. NORWAY**

Rule 412/413/414/415/416

Please updated as follows in each Rule:

**Rule 412, para 1.a), 3.a):**

1. To be eligible for first appointment as an International Referee, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty (60) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.
- 3. To be eligible for first appointment as an ISU Referee, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.

**Rule 413, para 3.a):**

- 3. To be eligible, for first appointment as an ISU Judge, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.

**Rule 414, 1.a), 3.a):**

- 1. To be eligible for first appointment as an International Technical Controller, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty (60) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.
- 3. To be eligible for first appointment as an ISU Technical Controller, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.

**Rule 415, para 1.a), 3.a):**

- 1. To be eligible for first appointment as an International Technical Specialist, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have reached the age of twenty-four (24) but not the age of sixty (60) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.
- 3. To be eligible for first appointment as an ISU Technical Specialist, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.

**Rule 416, para 1.a), 3.a):**

- 1. To be eligible for first appointment as an International Data & Replay Operator, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty (60) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.
- 3. To be eligible for first appointment as an ISU Data & Replay Operator, the Official must fulfill the following requirements:
  - a) Age: have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) ~~(70)~~ in the calendar year of the nomination.

Reason: Since the ISU invests in the education of these officials, they should serve at minimum five (5) to ten (10) years after they pass their exam.

**168. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 412 paragraph 1 c)

Modify as follows:

SyS rule 902 paragraph 1 c)

- ii) as a Judge (or as a Technical Controller for Technical Committee ISU Members only):
  - in three International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b). ~~The Segments judged must include:~~
    - ~~• three times (3x) Short Program, respectively Rhythm Dance~~
    - ~~• three times (3x) Free Skating, respectively Free Dance~~

Reason: Unnecessary requirements.

**169. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 412 paragraph 2 c)

SyS rule 902 paragraph 2 c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~forty-eight~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of Judges and an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of International Referees (see Rule 417). An ISU Seminar for re-appointment of International Referees may also be a webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s)

Reason: Having the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

### **170. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 412 paragraph 3 c)

SyS rule 902 paragraph 3 c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Service: have served, during the 48 months preceding July 31 of the calendar year of the nomination:
- i) as Referee in at least two International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b). ~~The Segments refereed must include:~~
    - ~~▪ twice (2x) Short Program/Rhythm Dance~~
    - ~~▪ twice (2x) Free Skating/Free Dance.~~
  - ii) as Judge (or as Technical Controller for Technical Committee members only), in ~~four (4) Segments~~ in at least three of the following Competitions: the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Junior and Senior), ISU Championships or Olympic Winter Games. At least one of these Competitions must be an ISU Championships or the Olympic Winter Games. ~~The Segments judged must include:~~
    - ~~▪ once (1x) Short Program/Rhythm Dance~~
    - ~~▪ once (1x) Free Skating/Free Dance.~~

Reason: Not to depend on the luck of draw.

### **171. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 412 paragraph 4 c)

SyS rule 902 paragraph 4 c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~forty-eight~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of Judges and an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of ISU Referees (see Rule 417). An ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Referees may also be a webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s).

Reason: Having the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

### **172. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 413 paragraph 1.b)

SyS rule 903 paragraph 1.b)

Modify as follows:

- b) Service: have served, during the 36 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31 of the calendar year of the nomination as a Judge:
- for Single & Pair Skating: in at least three National Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.a), including one (1) Single Skating event. ~~The Segments judged must include:~~
    - ~~▪ three (3x) Short Program~~
    - ~~▪ three (3x) Free Program.~~
  - for Ice Dance and SyS: in at least two National Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.a), ~~The Segments judged must include:~~
    - ~~▪ twice (2x) Rhythm Dance~~
    - ~~▪ twice (2x) Free Dance.~~

Reason: Unnecessary requirements.

### **173. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 413 paragraph 2.c)

SyS rule 903 paragraph 2.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~forty-eight~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of International Judges (see Rule 417). An ISU Seminar for re-appointment of International Judges may also be a webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s).

Reason: Having the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

## 174. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Rule 413 paragraph 3.b) and c)

SyS rule 903 paragraph 3.b) and c)

Modify as follows:

- b) Background: have been included as International Judge in the ~~three (3)~~ four consecutive annual ISU Communications ~~listing such Officials positions of Officials (Rule 122, paragraph 2)~~ immediately preceding the nomination.
- c) Service: have served, during the 36 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31 of the calendar year of the nomination, as a Judge:
- for Single & Pair Skating: in at least four International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b) including one Senior, one Junior, one Pair and one ISU Event. The ISU Event must have taken place in the last 12 twelve months preceding the nomination.  
The Segments judged must include:
    - ~~three times (3x) Short Program, including one (1x) at an ISU Event,~~
    - ~~three times (3x) Free Skating, including one (1x) at an ISU Event~~
    - ~~once (1x) Single Skating Short Program~~
    - ~~once (1x) Single Skating Free Skating~~
    - ~~once (1x) Pair Skating Short Program~~
    - ~~once (1x) Pair Skating Free Skating.~~

If the judging service in Pair Skating is ~~not sufficient~~ insufficient, the Official must have participated in an ISU Seminar for Judges dedicated to Pair Skating during the 36 months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination.

- for Ice Dance: in at least three International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b) including one Senior, ~~and~~ one Junior and one ISU Event. The ISU Event must have taken place in the last twelve 12 months preceding the nomination. The Segments judged must include:
  - ~~twice (2x) Rhythm Dance, including one (1x) at an ISU Event~~
  - ~~twice (2x) Free Dance, including one (1x) at an ISU Event.~~

For SyS:

in at least three International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b) including one Senior, and one Junior and one ISU Event. The ISU Event must have taken place in the last 36 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding the nomination.

The Segments judged must include:

- ~~twice (2x) Short Program,~~
- ~~twice (2x) Free Skating,~~

Reason: To simplify the requirements.

## 175. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Rule 413 paragraph 4 c)

SyS rule 903 paragraph 4 c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~forty-eight~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of ISU Judges (see Rule 417). An ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Judges may also be a webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s).

Reason: Having the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

## 176. NETHERLANDS

Rule 414 – Special requirements for nomination and appointment of Technical Controllers

We propose to delete the requirement that an International/ISU Technical Controller should be on the ISU list of International/ISU Judges.

The following paragraphs are therefore to be deleted:

1b), i)

3b), i)

Reasons:

1. The number of Technical Controllers at the highest level is becoming low, especially in Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating. We need to be more flexible in recruiting and promoting them.
2. The work, skillset and competencies of Technical Controllers are completely different than of Judges, and individual Officials should be allowed to specialize in one specific direction, or more directions if they choose so.
3. In many countries the lists for Judges, Technical Controllers, and Technical Specialists are totally separated and it should be possible for an individual Official to hold all these three qualifications, provided the Official has the right knowledge, experience, skillset and competencies.

**177. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 414 paragraph 2.c)

SyS rule 904 paragraph 2.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of International Technical Controllers (see Rule 417). Seminar attendance in Pair Skating counts also for Single Skating. Seminar attendance in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating. A webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s) may also be considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of International Technical Controller.

Reason: To add the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online. Having this possibility, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

**178. ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 414 (SyS Rule 904) paragraph 3.b) i) and ii)

Modify as follows:

- i) have been included as ISU Referee or ISU Judge in the two consecutive annual ISU Communications ~~listing such of Officials position (see Rule 122, Paragraph 2)~~ immediately preceding the nomination or have been included as ISU Technical Specialist in the four consecutive annual ISU Communications of Officials immediately preceding the nomination;
- ii) have been included as International Technical Controller or as ISU Technical Specialist in the four annual ISU Communications of Officials (Rule 122, paragraph 2) for the four years preceding the nomination;

Reason: It is required to have at least 4 years of experience as an ISU Technical Specialist to be able to be first appointed as an ISU Technical Controller. See also the reasons for the proposal to modify Rule 121 paragraph 3.g) and h).

**179. ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 414 (SyS Rule 904) paragraph 3.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Service: have served, during the 48 ~~forty-eight~~ months preceding July 31 of the calendar year of the nomination, as a Technical Controller in a minimum of three competitions at least one of which must be an International Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b); or for ISU Technical Specialists to become ISU Technical Controller have served, during the 48 forty-eight months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination as a Technical Controller in a minimum of two National Competitions.

Reason: ISU Technical Specialists must have served as Technical Controller in at least two National Competitions before first being appointed as ISU Technical Controller. See also the reasons for the proposal to modify Rule 121 paragraph 3. g) and h).

**180. ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 414 (SyS Rule 904) paragraph 3. e)

Modify as follows with i) and ii):

e) Examination:

- i) passes successfully the ISU Examination to become an ISU Technical Controller, or
- ii) passes a practical ISU Examination for ISU Technical Specialist to become an ISU Technical Controller.

Reason: As the already qualified ISU Technical Specialists with many years of experience and seminar activity have solid knowledge of the Rules, they do not need to attend an ISU Seminar but have to take a special practical examination in order to prove their ability to become an ISU Technical Controller. See also the reasons for the proposal to modify Rule 121 paragraph 3. g) and h).

### **181. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 414 paragraph 4.c)

SyS rule 904 paragraph 4.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of ISU Technical Controllers or ISU Technical Specialists (see Rule 417). Seminar attendance in Pair Skating counts also for Single Skating. Seminar attendance in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating.

A webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s) may also be considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Technical Controllers.

Reason: To add the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online. Having this possibility, 24 months is the more appropriate term. For the ISU Technical Specialists that have qualified as ISU Technical Controllers, Seminar attendance for re-appointment as an ISU Technical Controller can be fulfilled either by attending a Seminar for ISU Technical Controllers or for ISU Technical Specialists since both seminars are already combined and have the same requirements. See also the reasons for the proposal to modify Rule 121 paragraph 3. g) and h).

### **182. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 415 paragraph 2.c)

SyS rule 905 paragraph 2.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of International Technical Specialists (see Rule 417). Seminar attendance in Pair Skating counts also for Single Skating. Seminar attendance in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating. A webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s) may also be considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of International Technical Specialist.

Reason: To add the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online. Having this possibility, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

### **183. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 415 paragraph 4.c)

SyS rule 905 paragraph 4.c)

Modify as follows:

- c) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the 24 ~~thirty-six~~ months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of ISU Technical Specialists (see Rule 417). Seminar attendance in Pair Skating counts also for Single Skating. Seminar attendance in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating. A webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s) may also be considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU Technical Specialist.

Reason: To add the possibility to fulfill the seminar requirements online. Having this possibility, 24 months is the more appropriate term.

### **184. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 417 paragraph 1

SyS 907 paragraph 1

Modify as follows:

#### **ISU Seminars for Officials**

1. ISU Members are required to apply for and to organize ISU Seminars covering the purposes of first appointment of ISU Judges, re-appointment of International and ISU Judges and re-appointment of International and ISU Referees, either alone or in conjunction with another (other) ISU Member(s), when necessary. The application for organizing such ISU Seminars must be made by the organizing ISU Member to the ISU Director General with a copy to the Chair of the respective Technical Committee not later than January 1st.

A webinar organized and controlled by the respective Technical Committee(s) may also be considered as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of Officials.

Reason: To add the possibility for recertification online.

### **185. CANADA Figure**

Rule 417, paragraph 3.b)

- b) for ISU Seminars for re-appointment for ISU and International Officials: by their ISU Members or in the case of online learning modules, by individual Officials themselves.  
~~(i) of International Officials: by their ISU Members,~~  
~~(ii) of ISU Officials: by their ISU Members or by the Officials themselves.~~

Reason: With the increase in opportunities for online learning, Officials can easily enroll individually in the approved re-appointment modules, if such modules are available for the category of Official.

### **186. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 417 paragraph 5

SyS Rule 907 paragraph 6

Modify as follows:

5. To consider the activity as a Referee of an ISU Championship or the Olympic Winter Games, as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of Referees the following is required:
- the Initial Judges Meeting conducted by the Referee together with the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee;
  - the Round Table Discussion must be conducted by the Referee;
  - the activity as a Referee for these Championships or the Olympic Winter Games is considered acceptable by the respective Technical Committee;

Reason: Drafting.

### **187. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 420 paragraph 3

SyS rule 910 paragraph 3

Modify as follows:

The following Officials are recommended:

- a) Referee;
- b) a panel of a minimum of five , if possible, and a maximum of nine Judges;
- c) a Technical Controller;
- d) two Technical Specialists;
- e) ~~an Assistant Technical Specialist;~~
- f) ~~e) a Data Operator;~~
- g) ~~f) a Replay Operator.~~

Reason: To have the same status for the 2 Technical Specialists.

### **188. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 420 paragraph 5.b)

SyS rule 910 paragraph 5

Modify as follows:

- b) For all other International Competitions, if possible, the Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists must not be from the same ISU Member and all must be designated ISU. As an exception in extenuating circumstances one (1) national Technical Specialist or one (1) national Data or Replay Operator from the host ISU Member may be used as ~~Assistant~~ Technical Specialist or Data or Replay Operator. In this case, this ~~Assistant~~ Technical Specialist or Data or Replay Operator must be designated to represent as his ISU Member.

Reason: To have the same status for the 2 Technical Specialists.

### **189. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 420 paragraph 5.c)

SyS rule 910 paragraph 7

Modify as follows:

- c). For the results from any International Competition to count towards ISU Championship qualification, or for world standings or world rankings, the following conditions must be met:
- i) the Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists must not be from the same ISU Member, and

- ii) a panel of a minimum of five judges is required, and, no ISU Member can have the majority of the Judges on any panel.
- iii) In exceptional situations, if less than the required minimum number of Judges is present, the Referee's marks are considered for the results.

See also Rule 121 of the General Regulations.

Reason: If due to unforeseen circumstances there is less than required minimum number of Judges and the competition is no longer considered as International, the Skaters, through no fault of their own, are deprived of having their scores/results counted towards ISU Championship qualification, World Standings or World Rankings. In the case of one missing Judge, if the marks given by the Referee were permitted to be considered for the result it may help the organizers to retain the International status of the event.

#### **190. BELGIUM Figure**

Rule 420 - Appointment of officials to international competitions

Proposal Minimum/Maximum Age Officials for Novice Competitions

Add new paragraph 6. a). The remaining paragraphs to be renumbered.

##### 6. a) Minimum age of officials for International Competitions in Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice

In International Competitions the minimum age of National officials acting in the categories Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice shall be 21 years.

Reason: With the current age restrictions defined in Communication 2328 it will be difficult to assign enough officials to International Competitions which comprise of many categories and last sometimes for a week. Also, these Competitions are an ideal learning path for younger officials on their way to obtain international level.

#### **191. BELGIUM Figure**

Rule 420 - Appointment of officials to international competitions

Proposal Minimum/Maximum Age Officials for Novice Competitions

Add new paragraph 6. b). The remaining paragraphs to be renumbered.

##### 6. b) Maximum age of officials for International Competitions in Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice

In International Competitions the maximum age of National officials acting in the categories Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice shall be 75 years.

Reason: With the current age restrictions defined in Communication 2328 it will be difficult to assign enough officials to International Competitions which comprise of many categories and last sometimes for a week. Also, we propose to make use of older officials who have the time and experience to help out in these Competitions.

#### **192. GERMANY Figure**

Rule 430, General and specific duties and powers

Add new subparagraph g):

##### g) In International and ISU competitions as well as Championship officials present on site and not drawn for one of the segments of the discipline they are entered for may serve as time-keepers or assistance to the Referee of that discipline during this segment.

Should there be more than two judges Singles and Pairs and three judges for Ice Dance present who are not serving in one part a draw will be made among these who should have the opportunity fulfill the duties of the timekeepers or assist the Referee in the multiple duties that are to be performed simultaneously.

Reason: Knowledgeable timekeepers are often difficult to find and the communication is not always secured by the necessary language abilities or awareness of the job to be performed, but the role of the timekeepers may influence a competition result. Using judges not drawn will insure the in-depth knowledge and awareness of the responsibility of this task.

The Referee has a steadily increasing number of constant tasks which need the attention on top of judging the event - especially in an emergency. The 'old' office of assistant referee need not be re-instated, but assistance and possible confirmation may often be required.

Using judges for these tasks will be educational as they can watch and be involved to a certain extent in the event being run and understand all the additional tasks being performed. We do not have a "school" for this office and it is best learned 'on the job' as that is where the incidents happen. This way it could be achieved quite easily.

### **193. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 430 paragraph 3

SyS 920 paragraph 3

Modify as follows:

#### **3. Duties and powers of the Technical Controller**

- authorizes or corrects the deletion of elements;
- supervises the Technical Specialists and Data Operator and proposes corrections, if necessary, respecting any performed element and Level of Difficulty identified by the serving both Technical Specialists ~~and Assistant Technical Specialist~~. However, if both Technical Specialists disagree with a correction asked for by the Technical Controller, the initial decision of the Technical Specialists ~~and Assistant Technical Specialist~~ stands. In the case a disagreement about an element and/or Level of Difficulty exists between the two Technical Specialists ~~and Assistant Technical Specialist~~, the decision of the Technical Controller prevails;  
The Technical Controller is responsible to verify that the performed elements and Levels of Difficulty identified in accordance with the above-mentioned procedure are correctly introduced into the system by the Data Operator and the performed elements and Levels of Difficulty may be validated only upon formal confirmation by the Technical Controller that such verification has been completed;
- authorizes or corrects the identification of Illegal Elements/Movements;
- authorizes or corrects the identification of a Fall, which occurred in any part of the program, including introductory and concluding steps/movements in Pattern Dance. However, if both Technical Specialists disagree with a correction on Illegal Elements/Movements or Falls asked for by the Technical Controller, the initial decision of the Technical Specialists ~~and Assistant Technical Specialist~~ stands. In case of disagreement relating to an illegal element or a fall between the two Technical Specialists, the decision of the Technical Controller prevails;
- attends the sufficient practice sessions of the competition to make necessary preparation;
- conducts the Initial Technical Panel Meeting (see Rule 432) and a meeting with the Technical Specialists and the Data & Replay Operators prior to every Segment of an event according to the ISU guidelines;
- moderates the Technical Panel Discussion according to ISU guidelines (see Rule 432);
- if possible, assists the Referee in moderating the Round Table Discussion according to ISU guidelines (see Rule 431);
- prepares the Report on the event according to ISU guidelines (see Rule 433);
- participates in the victory ceremony.

Reason: To have the same status for the 2 Technical Specialists.

### **194. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 430 paragraph 5

SyS rule 920 paragraph 5

Modify as follows:

#### **5. Duties of the Technical Specialists/~~Assistant Technical Specialist~~**

##### **The Technical Specialists**

- identify and call the performed elements;
- identify and call the Levels of Difficulty of the performed elements;
- identify Illegal Elements/Movements;
- identify a fall, which occurred in any part of the program, including introductory and concluding steps/movements in Pattern Dance;
- identify and delete additional elements;

~~The Assistant Technical Specialist is also part of the decision making process as outlined under the duties of the Technical Controller.~~

##### **The Technical Specialists and the Assistant Technical Specialists**

- attend sufficient practice sessions for due preparation of the competition;
- attend the Initial Technical Panel Meeting (see Rule 432) and the meeting held by the Technical Controller prior to every Segment of an event according to the ISU guidelines;
- attend the Technical Panel Discussion moderated by the Technical Controller according to ISU guidelines (see Rule 432).

Reason: To have the same status for the 2 Technical Specialists.

## **195. ISU COUNCIL, SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 432

Revise as follows:

Meetings at Competitions for Technical Panels

1. Initial Technical Panel Meeting Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators of International Competitions, ISU Championships, and Olympic Winter Games must attend a closed meeting (Initial Technical Panel Meeting) moderated by the Technical Controller held before the competition starts. The moderators must draw to the attention of the Officials in brief summary form the Rules relating to the duties of Technical Panels and the calling specifications with special attention being paid to any changes in calling specifications or in their interpretation or clarification that have been officially published.

At ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games and ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Junior and Senior), this meeting must be moderated by the Chair and/or a member of the respective Technical Committee and/or a Sports Technical Director for the purposes of Rule 417, paragraph 7.

Reason: Drafting

## **196. ISU COUNCIL & SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 433, Reports

Revise as follows:

1. ~~Except for Basic and Intermediate Novice~~ For Advanced Novice in Ice Dance and for Junior and Senior in Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance competitions the Referee shall prepare a report (online or using the electronic form) of the competition on a standard form which shall cover the following topics:

- standard of organization;
- standard of skating in each segment;
- standard of judging and the ability of each judge to communicate his understanding of the rules and their applications;
- summary of Round Table Discussion
- additional remarks (if necessary);
- proposals for improvement;
- correctness of the calculation setup (except for ISU Events);
- documentation on withdrawals.

A report has to be written only if the competition category fulfils the requirement of an International competition, i.e. more than one ISU Member took part. If this is not the case, the Referee must notify the ISU Secretariat. In case of special incidences, the Referee for Basic, Intermediate and Advance Novice in Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance competitions shall inform the ISU by sending an individual report.

2. ~~Except for Basic and Intermediate Novice~~ For Advanced Novice in Ice Dance and for Junior and Senior in Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance competitions, the Technical Controller shall prepare a ~~typed~~ report (online or using the electronic form) on a standard form of the competition, in which the following areas are to be identified:

Reason: reports for Advance Novice are not necessary in Single & Pair but the requirement stays for Ice Dance

## **197. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 440 paragraphs 1.b), 2 (title) and 3 (title)

Amend as follows:

b) For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games ~~and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions~~ two OAC members for each discipline (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance) shall be appointed by the ISU President as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution. The appointed OAC members shall conduct the relevant evaluations in accordance with this Rule 440 and the Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.

2. Evaluation of anomalies in the Judges' scores at ISU Events, ~~(and Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions)~~

3. Evaluation of the decisions of the Technical Panel, the operation of Data & Replay Operators and of the decisions of or the conduct of competition by the Referee at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games. ~~and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions~~

Reason: Based on the Proposal to amend Rule 100, paragraph 3.b) for the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition to become an ISU Event, the specific reference to this new ISU Event is no longer needed since covered under "ISU Events".

## 198. NETHERLANDS

Rule 440 – Official Assessment Commission

Add Paragraph 3 and renumber subsequent paragraphs:

Principles of calculating Anomalies:

- a) Grade of Execution (GOE)
  - i) For each element performed the computer calculates the average GOE of all the Judges. The GOE's awarded by the Referee are NOT used in this calculation.
  - ii) The computer then calculates the difference per element between the "calculated average" and each Judge's GOE's which results in "Deviation Points".
- b) Program Component Scores (PCS)
  - i) For each Program Component, the computer calculates the average scores of all the Judges. The Program Components scores awarded by the Referee are NOT used in this calculation.
  - ii) The computer then calculates the difference between the "calculated average" and the Judges Program Components scores which results in "Deviation Points".
  - iii) The Total Deviation points for each Judge will be added to provide a Total Net Deviation Points (+ and – Deviation Points compensate each other) based on all Program Components totaled.
- c) The acceptable range of Deviation points and all subsequent procedures will be written in an annual ISU Communication.

Reason: Currently the calculation of anomalies for Program Component Scores (PCS) is done in the same way as for GOE, namely for each Component **individually**. As a result Judges don't feel free enough to assess individual Components at their specific value. Human psychology (being scared to go out of line, Groupthink) leads to the effect that we see them scored as 'cluster' with very little variation between Components individually. With this proposal we want to go back to the situation where Judges are only evaluated on the average Component mark and hence could compensate differences in marking individual Components. This will assess performances more accurately and will be more fair to the skaters.

## **B. TECHNICAL RULES SINGLE & PAIR SKATING / ICE DANCE**

### **GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES IN SINGLES & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE**

#### **199. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 501 paragraph 12

Modify as follows:

Clothing

1. At ISU Championships and International Competitions, including the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games, the clothing of the Competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen. The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline. Men must wear full length trousers. ~~In addition, in Ice Dance, Ladies must wear a skirt.~~ Accessories and props are not permitted.
2. Clothing that does not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

For Ice Dance, exceptions to the restrictions may be announced by the IDTC. ~~if appropriate to the Rhythms selected for the Rhythm Dance.~~

Reason: Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance to be in alignment and to include CAN suggestion.

#### **200. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 502, paragraph 4

Modify as follows:

The Skater/Pair/Couple is allowed to finish the Short Program, Rhythm Dance, Free Skating or Free Dance within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. If the Skater/Pair/Couple fails to finish his/their Short Program, Rhythm Dance, Free Skating or Free Dance program within the allowed range of time, there ~~should~~ will be a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) for up to every 5 seconds lacking or in excess.

Reason: The word 'should' is not consistent with wording in other rules that reference deductions. It leaves the application of the deduction open to discretion. Rules 501 & 504 2) use 'will' be penalized and Rule 503 uses 'shall'.

#### **201. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE and SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 504 (SyS rule 954) paragraph 3

Modify as follows:

##### **Marking of Short Program/Rhythm Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance**

##### **3. Program Component Score**

###### **a) Definition of Program Components**

The Skater's/Pair's/Couple's/Team's whole performance is evaluated by ~~five~~ three Program Components: Composition, Presentation, and Skating Skills, ~~Transitions, Performance, Interpretation of the Music/Timing (for Ice Dance).~~

For Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating there must be equal demonstration of the criteria by both Skaters.

###### **Transitions**

~~The varied and purposeful use of intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements.~~

~~In evaluating the Transitions, the following must be considered:~~

- ~~• Continuity of movements from one element to another (all disciplines);~~
- ~~• Variety (including variety of holds in Pair Skating and in Ice Dance);~~
- ~~• Difficulty;~~
- ~~• Quality.~~

###### **Composition**

~~An~~ The intentional,ly developed and/or original arrangement of the skating vocabulary and all types of movements into a meaningful whole according to the principles of proportion, unity, musical phrase, space, pattern, and musical structure.

~~In evaluating the Composition, the following must be considered:~~

- ~~• Unity;~~

- Connections between and within elements;
- Purpose (idea, concept, vision, mood);
- Pattern / and ice coverage;
- Multidimensional movements and use of space and design of movements;
- Choreography reflecting musical phrase and form (movements and parts structured to match the musical phrase);
- Originality of the composition.

### **Presentation Performance**

Through the involvement of the skater(s), an understanding of the composition and the music is accomplished. /Pair/Couple physically, emotionally and intellectually as they deliver the intent of the music and composition. Based on an understanding of the music and composition, the skater(s) demonstrate engagement, commitment and involvement.

In evaluating the Presentation Performance, the following must be considered:

- Physical, emotional, intellectual involvement;
- Expressiveness and pProjection;
- Carriage & Clarity of movement;
- Variety and contrast of energy and of movements and energy;
- Individuality / personality;
- Musical sensitivity and timing;
- Unison, and "oneness and awareness of space" (Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating);
- "Spacial awareness between partners - management of the distance"

### **Interpretation of the Music /Timing (for Ice Dance)**

The personal, creative, and genuine translation of the rhythm, character and content of music to movement on ice.

In evaluating the Interpretation of the Music (/Timing), the following must be considered:

- Movement and steps in time to the music (Timing);
- Expression of the music's character / feeling and rhythm, when clearly identifiable;
- Use of finesse (\*) to reflect the details and nuances of the music;
- Relationship between the Skaters reflecting the character and rhythm of the music (Pair Skating, Ice Dance);
- Skating primarily to the rhythmic beat for Rhythm Dance and keeping a good balance between skating to the beat and melody in the Free Dance (Ice Dance).

\*Finesse is the Skater's refined, artful manipulation of music details and nuances through movement. It is unique to the Skater/Skaters, and demonstrates an inner feeling for the music and the composition. Nuances are the personal ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of the music made by the composer and/or musicians.

### **Skating Skills**

The ability of the Skater to execute the skating vocabulary (steps, turns, skating movements) with blade and body control.

Defined by overall cleanness and sureness, edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

In evaluating the Skating Skills, the following must be considered:

- Variety of steps, turns, movements and directions;
- Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements;
- Balance and glide;
- Flow;
- Power and speed.
- Use of deep edges, steps and turns;
- Balance, rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement;
- Flow and glide;
- Varied use of power, speed and acceleration;
- Use of multi directional skating;
- Use of one foot skating.

Reason: Three new Program Components are recommended which relate to three specific areas of judgement or analysis: Composition, Presentation, Skating Skills. Together, the recommended new components define the artistic aspect of programs. Specification and simplification of the criteria and number of components is recommended in order to eliminate overlapping definitions of criteria and remove confusion and / or ambiguity related to such definitions. Furthermore, the ability of one to process and precisely recognize each of the 27 criteria and award GOEs has proved difficult if not impossible.

## **202. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 513, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. Short Program/Rhythm Dance or Pattern Dance(s):

- a) i) select a Competitor to draw for the ISU Member to start the draw;
- ii) draw the starting order of the Competitors proceeding in alphabetical order by ISU Member from the ISU Member drawn to start;

This procedure does not apply to ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games (see Rule 520, paragraph 1) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior) and Final Senior and Junior (see Rule 513, paragraph 1 c).

b) For the Pattern Dances only, if two Pattern Dances are to be skated:

- the Couples are divided into two groups. If the number of Couples is not evenly divisible by two, the second group shall contain one more Couple than the first group;
- the second Pattern Dance is started by the first Couple in the second group followed by the rest of the Couples in the order in which they were drawn. The Couples in group one follow group two, starting with Couple number one of the first group;
- an exception to this Rule is permissible when there are only two Couples. In this case, the first Couple would start each Pattern Dance. This procedure must be agreed to by both Couples.

### **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior) and Final (Senior and Junior)**

~~For the purpose of the draw, the Competitors are listed and ranked in accordance with the latest ISU World Standings at the time of the Team Leaders Meeting at the respective Event.~~

~~Skaters/Pairs/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the list in country order.~~

~~The Competitors will be divided into starting order groups in accordance to Table I of the Technical Rules using the total number of Competitors.~~

~~Within the starting order groups, the Competitors will be divided into two equal subgroups, in case of an odd number of Competitors the subgroups with the Competitors drawing for the higher starting numbers will include one more Skater/Pair/Couple.~~

~~In case of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between tied Competitors to decide the order of the draw. In case of ties in the World Standings on the border of starting order groups or the subgroups, all those tied Competitors will be included in the later group or subgroup and the following group or subgroup will be smaller by the number of Competitors so added to a later group. However, this procedure has no influence on the size of the warm-up groups for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance which strictly follows Table II of the Technical Rules. There will be a free draw among all Competitors of each such subgroup with the highest ranked Skater/Pair/Couple drawing first and so on.~~

~~There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Pairs/Couples with no World Standing placements to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of the draws.~~

### **c) ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior) and Final (Senior and Junior):**

- i) ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior): In each ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event the participating Competitors will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at the time of the event. The starting order in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standings. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine the starting order. Skaters/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in alphabetical order of the ISU Member. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the principles of ISU Rule 513, paragraph 1. a).
- ii) ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Senior and Junior): The starting order for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance will be the reverse order of the final standings of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior and Junior). In the case of a tie, there will be a draw to determine the skating order.

Reason: The reverse order for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance follows the strong request and demand of TV right holders and commercial partners to make the Event more entertaining and attractive for the audience in general. As this reverse order was already a common practice for Grand Prix Events and the Final in the

past and there was no negative impact to the Competitors recognized, this principle shall be re-established for these competitions.

### **203. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 513, paragraph 2

Add at the end:

#### **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series (Senior) and Final (Senior and Junior):**

For the Free Skating / Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the Short Program/ Rhythm Dance.

Reason: The reverse order for the Free Skating / Free Dance follows the strong request and demand of TV right holders and commercial partners to make the Event more entertaining and attractive for the audience in general. As this reverse order was already a common practice for Grand Prix Events and the Final in the past and there was no negative impact to the Competitors recognized, this principle shall be re-established for these competitions.

### **204. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 520, paragraph 1 (refer also to Proposal 38 (Rule 137), Proposal 160 (Rule 376), Proposal 161 (Rule 378) and Proposal 205 (Rule 520))

Amend as follows:

1. Applicable for all Championships as from the 2022/23 season, the draw for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance and, if applicable, for the Qualifying Free Skating/Free Dance will be held according to the latest World Standings in the following way.
  - a) For the purpose of the draw, the Competitors are listed in accordance with the latest ISU World Standings at the time of the Team Leaders Meeting at the respective competition.
  - b) The Competitors will be divided into starting order groups in accordance to Table I of the Technical Rules using the total number of Competitors entered.
  - c) Within the starting order groups, the Competitors will be divided into two equal subgroups, in case of an odd number of Competitors the subgroups with the Competitors drawing for the higher starting numbers will include one more Skater/Pair/Couple.
  - d) There will be a free draw among all Competitors of each such subgroup with the highest ranked Skater/Pair/Couple of the World Standings drawing first and so on.
  - e) In case of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between the tied Competitors to decide the order of the draw. In case of ties in the World Standings on the border of starting order groups or the subgroups, all those tied Competitors will be included in the later group or subgroup and the earlier competing group or subgroup will be smaller by the number of Competitors so added to a later group. However, this procedure has no influence on the size of the warm-up groups for the Short Program / Rhythm Dance or Qualifying Free Skating/Free Dance which strictly follows Table II of the Technical Rules.
  - f) Skaters/Pairs/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Pairs/Couples with no World Standing placements to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of the draws.

Reason: To simplify the current rule and establish a fairer procedure for all Competitors having World Standings points by eliminating a free draw amongst all Skaters in what was previously called the "skating earlier" part.

### **205. ISU COUNCIL**

Rule 520, paragraph 2 and 4 (refer also to Proposal 38 (Rule 137), Proposal 160 (Rule 376), Proposal 161 (Rule 378) and Proposal 204 (Rule 520))

Amend as follows:

2. Starting with the 2024/25 season, based on the result of the Short Program/Rhythm Dance, the Competitors placed 1-24 in Single Skating, 1-16 in Pair Skating (~~1-20 in Pair Skating at World Championships~~) and 1-20 in Ice Dance only shall qualify for the final Free Skating/Free Dance.
4. If a tie in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance occurs for the 24th place in Single Skating or for the 16th place in Pair Skating (~~for the 20th place in Pair Skating at World Championships~~) or for the 20th place in Ice Dance, all the tied Competitors will qualify for the Free Skating/Free Dance for which they will be drawn in the same (first) group. If necessary, Rule 514, paragraph 3 shall apply.

Reason: To be in line with the Council/Working Group proposal on number of entries for World Championships with Qualifying Round as per the Proposal related to Rule 378. See also Proposals relating to Rule 137, paragraphs 15-16, Rule 376, paragraph 1 and Rule 378.

## **206. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 521 paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

Together with their entry ~~Each~~ the ISU Members must indicate if their Judges are available to judge Pair Skating. In order to be eligible for the Pair Skating Judges who have never judged Pair Skating at any ISU Championships before must have officiated satisfactorily in at least one International Competition and one ISU Event in Pair Skating during the 48 months preceding the ISU Championships.

Reason: To have more experienced judges officiating at ISU Championships.

## **207. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

Rule 521, paragraph 7

Amend as follows:

### 7. Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

- a) Four Continents ISU Members will have first priority in the draws for the composition of the panel of Judges for the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.
- b) A random draw will be made between Ladies, Men and Ice Dance to determine the order of disciplines in which the panels will be drawn. The Pair panel will be drawn last.
- c) Nine (9) Ten ISU Members are drawn amongst from all of the Four Continents ISU Members who have entered a Judge by number for the respective particular discipline and who have participated with a Skater/Pair/Couple in the same discipline of the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships of the immediately preceding year, provided this Skater/Pair/Couple has had finished at least one segment (see also paragraph 4. a).
- d) If there are not enough sufficient Judges from the Four Continents ISU Members available to compose a one panel with a maximum of nine (9) ten Judges, all ISU Members of the only the respective Four Continents ISU Members will participate in this draw, provided such ISU Members have been entered a Judge by number as per paragraph 2 and 3.
- e) However, If there are not enough insufficient Judges amongst the ISU Members of the Four Continents available to serve in from the respective Four Continents ISU Members available to serve in to complete compose one the panel of the first segment, e.g. the Pair panel, of any discipline, all Four Continents ISU Members already drawn in any panels of another discipline and who have indicated in their entry by number that their Judge(s) are also available for Pair Skating or Ice Dance will have priority in the completion of the respective Pair Championship's panel; if there are still not enough Judges available and drawn for the first segment of the Pair Championship's respective discipline, additional ISU Members Judges from the European ISU Members will need to be drawn to complete the panel of Judges.
- f) The procedure described under paragraph 7. d) and e) will be followed in for all draws for each first Segment of each discipline of the Championships. If there still are not enough ISU Members available to draw up to four Judges for the second segment, up to four alternate Judges are drawn in a priority order amongst all ISU Members which are entered and eligible for the respective discipline in question and which are not yet represented in the panel in question.
- g) An open random draw will be conducted by the Referee in the presence of all Judges drawn for the respective discipline 45 minutes prior to the beginning of each Segment.  
An additional draw for the seating order of the panel of Judges for the first Segment and the second segment of each discipline of the Championships will be made on-site. The Judges on the panel will remain.
- h) For the first Segment, nine Judges will be drawn from all ten Judges drawn for the respective discipline. The seating order will be identical to the order in which the Judges are drawn; For the first Segment, panels which include Judges from both the Four Continents and Europeans ISU Members, all Judges from the Four Continents ISU Members are drawn first. The remaining seats to complete the panel of nine Judges are drawn from the ISU European Members.
- i) For the second Segment of each discipline, the one Judge not drawn for the first Segment will automatically be assigned to the panel of nine Judges for the second Segment. All Judges who have already served in the first Segment will participate in the draw to complete the panel of nine Judges. The remaining seats for the second Segment will be drawn first from the Judges from the Four Continents ISU Members who have entries in that discipline followed by Judges from European

ISU Members. A separate draw will be held for the seating order of the nine judges for the second Segment.

Reason: In the Singles disciplines, there are currently more than nine Member countries from the Four Continents to fill the panel and the increase to ten Judges will provide more ISU Members the possibility to participate at a Senior Championships. If a panel does include Judges from European ISU Members, the nine Judges drawn for each Segment are first drawn from the Four Continents the ISU Members. In addition, the increase to ten Judges per discipline who are on site at the Four Continents Championships will ensure that the panel of each segment will have nine Judges even in case of a lastminute cancellation of a Judge if it is too late to include any of the alternate Judges.

**Financial impact: Four additional judges.**

## C. TECHNICAL RULES SINGLE & PAIR SKATING

### 208. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 610

Amend as follows and keep all the other parts of the rule

#### **Jump Sequences**

A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second and/or the third jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump in to the take-off curve of the Axel jump.

One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence.

Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.

Reason: With the new definition of the Jump Sequence introduced in 2018 there is no reason to have a lesser value for Jump Sequences than for Jump Combinations. This allow more variety in the execution of the jumps.

#### **Spins**

Amend the second part of the paragraph as follows and keep all the other parts of "Spins"

If the Skater(s) fall(s) when entering a spin, or in any failed spin, a spin or a spinning movement is allowed immediately after this fall or failure (for time filling purpose) with this spin or movement not being counted as an element.

Reason: Clarification

### 209. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 611 paragraph 3

#### **2022-2023**

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Loop jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Sit spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Women

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Loop jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or sit spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

#### **2023-2024**

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Camel spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Women

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;

- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or camel spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

## **2024-2025**

### Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Flip jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Sit spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

### Women

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Flip jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or sit spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Reason: Usual rotation of Groups.

## **210. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 611 paragraph 4:

Amend last subparagraph as follows

### **Step Sequences**

~~Step sequences may include any unlisted jumps.~~

Unlisted jumps (any number of revolutions) and listed jumps (with maximum one revolution) may be included in the step sequence without any penalties. Listed jumps of not more than one revolution included in the sequence will not be called and will no occupy a box.

Reason: Allow to have more freedom in the step sequence.

## **211. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 612 paragraph 1

Keep all parts and amend the following as follow

### **Junior Well Balanced Program**

A well balanced Free Skating program for **Men** must contain:

- maximum of 7 jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- maximum of 3 spins, one of which must be a spin combination, one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance and one a spin with only one position;
- maximum of 1 ~~step~~ choreographic sequence.

A well balanced Free Skating program for **Women** must contain:

- maximum of 7 jump elements (one of which must be an Axel type jump);
- maximum of 3 spins, one of which must be a spin combination, one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance and one a spin with only one position;
- maximum of 1 ~~step~~ choreographic sequence

Reason: To have a choreographic sequence also in the Junior Free Skating program (the steps sequence is already a required element in the Short Program) and be consistent with the Pairs requirements and give more time to junior Skaters. Today the junior requirements are too high and the time is practically all occupied by the required elements.

## **212. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 612 paragraph 2

Keep all parts and amend the following as follows:

### **Jump Combinations and Jump Sequences**

A jump combination may consist of the same or another single, double, triple or quadruple jump. There may be up to three jump combinations or jump sequences in the Free Program. One jump combination could consist of up to three (3) jumps, the other two up to two (2) jumps.

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A jump combination and a jump sequence may consist of the same or another single, double, triple or quadruple jump. There may be up to three jump combinations or two jump combination and one jump sequence in the Free Program. One jump combination or one jump sequence may consist of up to three jumps, the other two up to two jumps each.

Reason: Consistency with the previous proposal.

### **Steps**

The Competitors have complete freedom in selecting the kind of step sequence they to execute. Any unlisted jumps of any number of revolutions and listed jumps with maximum one revolution can be included in the step sequence without any penalties. Listed jumps of not more than one revolution included in the sequence will not be called and will not occupy a box.

Listed jumps with more than one revolution can also be included in the step sequence; they will be called and will occupy a box. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. Step sequences which are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence.

Reason: Clarification

### **Choreographic Sequences**

Amend first sentence as follows and keep all the other parts:

A Choreographic Sequence consists of at least two different movements like ~~steps, turns~~, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, any jumps with maximum of 2 revolutions, spins, etc.

Reason: Clarification.

## **213. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 620, paras 2 and 3

Amend as follows:

**2. The Senior Short Program** shall consist of the following required elements, which form three groups.

The groups that are effective on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year are:

### **2022-2023**

- a) Any Lasso lift take-off (Group Five);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral backward inside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

### **2023-2024**

- a) Any hip lift take-off (Group Three);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral forward inside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

### **2024-2025**

- a) Any hand to hand lift take-off (Group Four);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral backward outside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface;

**3. The Junior Short Program** shall consist of the following required elements, which form three groups. The groups that are effective on July 1st of each year are:

**2022-2023**

- a) Any Lasso lift take-off (Group Five)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple toe loop or Flip/Lutz throw jump
- d) Double loop or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral backward inside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

**2023-2024**

- a) Any hip lift take-off (Group Three)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple loop throw jump
- d) Double Lutz or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral forward inside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

**2024-2025**

- a) Any hand to hand lift take-off (Group Four)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple Salchow throw jump
- d) Double Flip or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral backward outside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

Reason: Usual rotation of Groups.

**214. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 621 paragraph 4

Amend as follows and keep all the other parts:

**Lifts**

All Lifts must have different abbreviations. if two (2) Group 5 Lifts are executed, the take-offs have to be of a different nature (abbreviation). If the take-off is not different, the second executed lift with the same abbreviation will not be marked, but will block a Lift box.

Reason: Clarification

**Carry Lifts**

- b) Lifts that are just "Carries" consist of the simple carrying of a partner without rotation; only half a revolution of the Man is allowed on the take-off and/or exit. All holds in "Carry" lifts are unrestricted. The carrying of one partner by the other on the back, shoulders or knees is allowed in these lifts. Carry lifts shall not be counted in the number of overhead lifts. These lifts will be considered in the component "~~Transition~~ Composition". They do not have a value and are not limited in number.

Reason: To align with the new definitions of program components. See rule 504.

## D. TECHNICAL RULES ICE DANCE

### 215. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 704, paragraph 14 modify subparagraph a), delete subparagraph b) and rename subparagraph c) to b):

- a) Dance Spin - A spin skated by the Couple together in any hold. ~~It should~~ To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot or with change(s) of foot by one or both partners simultaneously;
- ~~b) Combination Spin - A spin performed as above after which one change of foot is made by both partners simultaneously and further rotations occur;~~
- ~~e)~~ b) Basic Positions in Dance Spins

The rest stays unchanged

Reason: To simplify the definition as the requirements for Levels are the same and it is not necessary to call them separately. Also, to allow more variety.

### 216. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 704, paragraph 17 subparagraph a) modify as follows:

- a) Dance Jump – A jump (or throw jump) of not more than one (1) revolution

Reason: To include a throw jump in the Rules.

### 217. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 704, paragraph 21 modify e) and g) as follows, the rest stays unchanged;

21. ***Illegal Elements/Movements /Poses*** – The following elements, movements and/or poses are illegal in Rhythm Dance, Free Dance and in the Pattern Dances including the introductory and concluding steps (unless otherwise stated in an ISU Communication):

- e) lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around without the assistance of hand(s)/arm(s) and the lifted partner holding only with ~~legs/feet~~ around the lifting partner's neck;
- f) point of contact of the lifting hand(s)/arm(s) of the lifting partner with any part of the body of the lifted partner is sustained with the fully extended arm(s) higher than the lifting partner's head (the supporting arm may be sustained and fully extended above the head);
- g) Jumps ~~(or throw jumps)~~ of more than one revolution except Jump Entry and/or Jump Exit;
- h) Lying on the ice.

Reason: Para e) clarification; para g) part in brackets not needed as it is explained in the Rule 704 para 17.

### 218. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 708, amend paragraph 1 subparagraphs c) and g) – the rest unchanged

#### Requirements and marking

1. General requirements for Pattern Dances

~~During the skating of the Pattern Dances, the following must be observed:~~

- c) Skating Skills – Good basic skating quality skills are ~~is~~ required:

Deep edges ~~should be~~ skated with speed, flow and easy glide in an effortless manner. Cleanness and sureness of steps, edges and lobe transitions ~~should be~~ evident. The ~~Skaters~~ must carry ~~the~~ their weight over the skating foot. Footwork must be neat and precise. Two-footed skating must be avoided except where it is required. Good and equal technical ability are required for both partners. The knee of the skating leg should be flexible with a rhythmic rise and fall. On Chassés and Progressives the feet ~~should~~ must be lifted a small distance from the ice;

- g) Interpretation Presentation – The dance must be skated smoothly and rhythmically with the character of the music being correctly displayed ~~interpreted~~. Such interpretation shall be shown by variations in the execution of ~~the~~ dance movements, which reflect the rhythm patterns in the music. The overall effect should be such that each Pattern Dance has a distinct flavor. The partners should relate to one another.

Reason: Drafting.

### 219. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 708, modify paragraph 3 subparagraph b.i)

3. Marking Pattern Dances

- b) Components Score

- i) Component definitions

In addition to the Technical Score each ~~of the Judges will~~ evaluates the Couple's whole performance in the Pattern Dances ~~which is divided into four~~ by three Components (Timing,

~~Performance-Presentation, Interpretation, Skating Skills~~). Unless otherwise specified in an ISU Communication.

#### TIMING

Definition:

The ability of the Couple to skate strictly in time with the music ~~and to reflect the rhythm patterns of a Pattern Dance correctly;~~

Criteria:

- Musical sensitivity
- Skating in time with the music
- Skating on the strong beat
- ~~Skating on the strong beat~~

#### PERFORMANCE- PRESENTATION

Definition:

Through the involvement of the Skaters, the display of the correct rhythm or style as required by the description of the dance or by the specific style of the dance.

Criteria:

- Expressiveness and projection
- Unison and body alignment and awareness of space
- Distance between partners
- ~~Carriage and style~~
- ~~Balance in performance between partners~~

#### INTERPRETATION

Definition:

~~The ability of the Couple to express the mood, emotions, and character of the Pattern Dance rhythm by using the body moves, steps and holds of the dance to reflect the structure and character of the music;~~

Criteria:

- ~~Expression of the character of the rhythm~~
- ~~Relationship between partners reflecting the nature of the dance~~

#### SKATING SKILLS

Definition:

The ~~method used by~~ ability of the Couple to precisely execute perform dance steps and movements in accordance with the dance description with power, balance depth of edges, easy transition from one foot or lobe to the other, glide, and flow. over the ice surface and the efficiency of their movement in relation to speed, flow and ice coverage;

Criteria:

- Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements
- Overall skating quality
- Balance Flow and glide
- Flow
- Power and Speed and power
- Unison
- ~~Balance of technique and skating ability of partners~~
- Ice coverage

Reason: To update the wording in line with the Proposal for 3 Components.

## **220. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 709, paragraph 1, subparagraph a) Modify as follows and the rest stays unchanged:

### **C. Rhythm Dance**

#### 1. General Requirements for the Rhythm Dance

- a) Rhythm Dance is a dance created by an Ice Dance Couple to dance music with designated rhythm(s) and/or theme(s) selected by the Ice Dance Technical Committee annually for the season. The dance must:

- i) reflect the character of the music / the selected dance rhythm(s) and/or theme(s) ~~of the selected dance rhythm(s) or theme(s);~~
- ii) be translated to the ice by demonstrating technical skill with a variety of steps, turns (skating vocabulary), and movements executed precisely and completely along with balance and glide, flow, power and speed, and unison; the use of edges;
- iii) be delivered with unison, in harmony, and spacial awareness;
- iv) fit to the phrasing of the music.

Reason: To update the wording in line with the Proposal for 3 Components.

## **221. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 710, paragraph 1, subparagraph c) Modify as follows and the rest stays unchanged:

- c) The music for Free Dance may be vocal and must be suitable for Ice Dance as a sport discipline and must have the following characteristics:
  - i) The music must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or an audible rhythmic beat alone, but not a melody alone, and may be vocal. The music may be without an audible rhythmic beat for up to ten (10) seconds at the beginning or at the end of the program and up to ten (10) seconds during the program.
  - ii) The music must have at least one change of tempo and/or rhythm and expression. These changes may be gradual or immediate, ~~but in either case they must be obvious.~~
  - iii) All music including classical music must be cut/edited, orchestrated or arranged in a way that it creates an interesting, colorful, entertaining dance program with different dance moods or a building effect.
  - iv) ~~The music must be suitable for the Couple's skating skills and technical ability.~~

Free Dance music that does not adhere to these requirements will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n)

Reason: To simplify the Rule and to make it more understandable for Judges, clearly based only on the structure of music.

## E. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

### 222. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Special Regulations A. General

Rule 800, paragraph 2

2. A Synchronized Skating Team must consist of the following number of Skaters and may include both women and men (see paragraph 2. e); the object of a Team is to perform as one unit.
- a) In all International Synchronized Skating Competitions:  
Senior Elite 12: a Team shall consist of twelve Skaters,  
 Senior: a Team shall consist of sixteen Skaters,  
 Junior: a Team shall consist of twelve to sixteen Skaters,  
 Novice Advanced: a Team shall consist of twelve to sixteen Skaters.
  - b) In all ISU Synchronized Skating Championships a Team shall consist of sixteen Skaters.
  - c) Each Team may have up to a maximum of four alternates listed as such on the Team roster.
  - d) Exceptions to the composition of a Team, paragraph a), b), c) of this Rule may be decided by the Council for multi-sports events sanctioned by the ISU.
  - e) Synchronized Skating Teams for the purpose of the Olympic Winter Games, ~~the Council may decide on the number of Skaters forming a Team which may differ from paragraph 2 a) and b) above shall consist of 12 Skaters.~~ A Team may have a maximum of two alternates. A Team may include women and men (if the ISU so decides). The maximum number of entries for the Olympic Winter Games will be defined by ~~the~~ International Olympic Committee.
  - f) Injury at International Competitions/~~Championships~~: If an injury/illness should occur during practices or during Competition, at either the competitions or practice venue(s), the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than:  
Senior Elite 12: eleven Skaters,  
Senior: fourteen Skaters,  
Junior and Novice Advanced: eleven Skaters.  
 Any injury/illness occurring at a Competitions, must be certified by the Medical Advisor assigned to the respective Competition or the Team' Physician.
  - g) Injury at Championships: If an injury/illness should occur during practices or competition, at either the Championships or practice venue(s), the Team will be permitted to skate with not less than fourteen Skaters. At the Championships, injury/illness must be certified by the ISU Medical Advisor assigned to the Championships.
  - g h) Teams of an ISU Member may enter more than one event using a different program, with minimum change of 50% of the Skaters.  
 (Alternates are not included in the calculation of 50% of the Team).

Reason: Introduction of the new category for Senior level, the Elite 12.

In order to develop Junior and Novice Advanced categories, this modification in the rule:

- will allow a larger participation in these categories,
- will increase the number of competitive teams in these categories at the international level,
- will allow the participation of more ISU Members at the international level with the aim of increasing sys popularity and participation.

### 223. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 843 ISU Judging System paragraph 1 m) add and delete. Remainder of table upheld.

Violation	As per	Points	Ded. Given by
<del>Ice Pattern / coverage requirements not met</del>	<del>Rule 991 2 b)</del>	<del>-1.5 per violation</del>	<del>Technical Panel</del>
<del>Non-permitted Elements / Features Additional Features Movements</del>	<del>Rule 992 para 3</del>	<del>-1.5 per violation</del>	<del>Technical Panel</del>
<del>Separation in excess</del>			<del>Judges/Ref</del>
<del>Stopping in excess</del>			<del>Referee</del>

Reason: Rule 991 para 2 b) has existed for a long time but was never added to the table (Drafting). Rule 992 para 3 has been combined with rule 992 para 2, as such all non-permitted Elements are now called Illegal. Separation in excess and Stopping in excess deductions are no longer needed due to the reduction in the length of Free Skating.

#### **224. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

C. Regulation for Officials

Rule 907 move paragraph 5 to 6 and vice-versa

Reason: Drafting. To be in line with the other disciplines.

#### **225. CANADA Figure**

Rule 907, paragraph 3 b)

b) for ISU Seminars for re-appointment for ISU and International Officials: by their ISU Members or in the case of online learning modules, by individual Officials themselves.

~~(i) of International Officials: by their ISU Members,~~

~~(ii) of ISU Officials: by their ISU Members or by the Officials themselves.~~

Reason: With the increase in opportunities for online learning, Officials can easily enroll individually in the approved re-appointment modules, if such modules are available for the category of Official.

## F. TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

### 226. ISU COUNCIL

Rule 930 paragraphs 1 and 3 (title)

Amend as follows:

1. Officials Assessment Commission a) The composition and the duties of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) are defined in Article 23 of the Constitution and the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication. b) For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games ~~and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions~~ two OAC members for the discipline shall be appointed by the ISU President as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution. The appointed OAC members shall conduct the relevant evaluations in accordance with this Rule 930 and the Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.

3. Evaluation of the decision of the Technical Panel, the operation of Data Replay Operators and of the decisions of or the conduct of competition by the Referee at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games ~~and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions.~~

Reason: Based on the Proposal to amend Rule 100, paragraph 3.b) for the Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition to become an ISU Event, the specific reference to this new ISU Event is no longer needed since covered under "ISU Events".

### 227. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 954, paragraph 1 c) to amend

#### c) Levels of Difficulty of Elements

The description of characteristics (Features) that give an Element a certain Level of Difficulty is published and updated in ISU Communications.

Required/Optional Elements are divided into ~~four or five Levels of Difficulty groups~~ depending on their difficulty, except Elements designated with a fixed Base Value in the list of Elements announced annually.

Reason: Some Elements of the Synchronized Skating such as Artistic Elements have only three Difficulty Groups.

### 228. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 954, paragraph 1 e) to amend

#### e) Features/Additional Features

The Additional Features (Step Sequences, Free Skating Moves/Elements, Point of Intersection) and Features are divided into the groups according to their difficulty (see Rule 990 paragraph 4.) Examples of some Additional Features ~~are can be~~ included in the difficulty levels for the following Elements in Short Program and Free Skating and called by the Technical Specialists:

ELEMENTS	FEATURES:
Intersection:	Point of Intersection
Move Element:	Free Skating Move(s)
No Hold Element:	Step Sequence

Reason: The title is about Features/Additional Features and the para only speaks about Additional Features. The Technical Committee wants to leave a freedom to require or not require a Free Skating Moves Additional Features in a Move Element.

### 229. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 954, paragraphs 1 f) to amend

#### f) Illegal Elements/Features/Additional Features/Movements

Every Illegal Element/Feature/Additional Feature/Movement as defined in Rules 992, paragraph 2 performed in the program will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.m)).

~~If an Illegal Element/Feature/Additional Feature/Movement is performed during the execution of any Element, the Element will be called as Base Level if the requirements for Base Level are fulfilled, otherwise the Element will be called "No Level".~~

If an Illegal movement is performed during the execution of any Element or connecting Element, the Element/Feature/Additional Feature/Movement will be called as follows:

The Element will be called "No Value" and a deduction is applied; if the illegal Movement is the Element (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.m).

The Element is called + Feature is not counted and a deduction is applied; if the illegal Movement is included

in the Feature (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.m).

The Element is called + Additional Feature, is not counted and a deduction is applied; if the Illegal Movement is included in the Additional Feature (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.m).

Deduction is called if the Illegal Movement is included during a Connection (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.m).

Reason: The rule for Illegal Features, Additional Features and Movements has been combined and amended with the existing rule of Non-permitted Features, Additional Features and Movements. Illegal and Non-permitted are now combined within the same terminology: Illegal.

### **230. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 954, paragraphs 1 g) to delete

#### **g) Non-permitted Elements/Features/Additional Features/Movements**

~~Every Non-permitted Element/Feature/Additional Feature/Movement as defined in Rules 992, paragraph 3.a) (Short Program) and Rule 992, paragraph 3.b) and c) (Free Skating) performed in the program will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.n)).~~

~~If a Non-permitted Element/Feature/Additional Feature/ Movement is performed during the execution of any Element, the Element will be called as follows:~~

~~(i) The Element will be called "No Level"; if the Non-permitted Element is the Element;~~

~~(ii) Element is called + Feature is not counted; if the Non-permitted Movement is included in the Feature;~~

~~(iii) Element is called + Additional Feature is not counted; if the Non-permitted Movement is included in the Additional Feature.~~

Reason: The rule for non-permitted Features, Additional Features and Movements has been combined and amended with the existing rule of Illegal Features, Additional Features and Movements. Illegal and Non-permitted are now combined within the same terminology: Illegal.

### **231. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

II Technical Rules

B. Technical Rules for Competitions

Rule 964, paragraph 1 c)

c) The first Team of each starting group is granted a ~~4~~ 2 minute warm up period before their call to start.

Reason: During competition Teams enter the ice after the previous team has completed their program and the last skater has exited the ice. Teams entering the ice for the one-minute warm up period have more than one minute because it takes longer for Officials to enter their scores. Thus, in order to be fair to all Teams, Teams starting the competition or Teams following an ice-surfacing shall be given 2 minutes of warm-up period.

### **232. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 965, paragraph 7 to delete and renumber subsequent paragraphs

~~7. Adverse condition occurring during the warm up. If an adverse condition related to a Skater/Team with the first starting number in the warm up group or his/their equipment occurs during the warm up, and time before the call to the start is not sufficient to remedy such condition the Referee shall allow the Skater/Team 3 additional minutes before being called to the start without applying any deductions. For the purposes paragraph 4, section b) above of this situation is not considered as resumption of the program~~

Reason: In SyS the Teams have their own warm up. Thus, rule 965 paragraph 7 is not necessary because Adverse conditions occurring prior the beginning of the program with allowance of up to three minutes are already dealt with paragraph 6 a) and b) of the same rule.

### **233. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

II Technical Rules

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 1 j) Interaction – to amend

#### **1. j) Interaction between Elements, Skaters and Shapes/Configurations**

The different Elements, Skaters and Shapes/Configurations cross paths, intersect, circle, mirror, pass by or are connected to each other etc.

Reason: To add the possibility for Synchronized Skating Elements and shapes to Interact with other Elements or shapes such as required in the revised Mixed Element.

### **234. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 1 s) Transitions – to amend

#### **1. s) ~~Transitions~~ Connections**

Sections of the program that occur within Elements, during entrances and exits of Elements, as connecting Elements and executed in-between the required/optional Elements (see Rule 991 for Short Program and Free Skating).

Reason: To change the name according to the changes in the Program Components.

## 235. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 2

### 2. TURNS/STEPS/LINKING STEPS – amend and renumber accordingly

#### a) One Foot Turns

A rotational movement in which the Skater moves from forward to backward or backward to forward using one foot and on an edge and axis

- i) Bracket – A turn executed on one foot from an outside edge to an inside edge or an inside edge to an outside edge, with the exit curve continuing on the same lobe as the entry curve. The Skater turns in the direction opposite to the curve;
- ii) Counter – A turn executed on one foot from an outside edge to an outside edge or an inside edge to an inside edge, with the exit curve on a different lobe from the entry curve. The Skater turns in the direction opposite to the entry curve (i.e. in the direction of the exit curve);
- iii) Loop – ~~A one foot movement where the Skater skates an oval pattern using the same edge. The entry and exit of the loop must cross. The loop must be clean cut without scrapes or points;~~
- iii) Rocker – A turn executed on one foot from an outside edge to an outside edge or an inside edge to an inside edge, with the exit curve on a different lobe from the entry curve. The Skater turns in the direction of the entry curve;
- iv) Three Turn – A turn executed on one foot from an outside edge to an inside edge or an inside edge to an outside edge, with the exit curve continuing on the same lobe as the entry curve. The Skater turns in the direction of the curve;
- v) Twizzle – ~~A traveling turn on one foot with one or more rotations that quickly rotate with a continuous (uninterrupted) action. The weight remains on the skating foot with the free foot in any position during the turn. A series of checked three turns is not acceptable, as this does not constitute a continuous action. If the traveling action stops during the execution, the twizzle becomes a solo spin.~~

#### b) Steps Two Foot Turns

A rotational movement from one foot to the other foot in which the Skater moves forward to backward or backward to forward

~~A method of turning that is executed using two feet such as Choctaws and Mohawks~~

- i) Choctaw - A step turn from one foot to the other in which the curve of the exit edge is opposite to that of the entry edge. The change of foot is from outside edge to inside edge or inside edge to outside edge. The entry and exit edge are of equal depth;
  - ii) Mohawk - A step turn from one foot to the other in which the entry and exit curves are continuous and of equal depth. The change of foot is from and outside edge to and outside edge or and inside edge to an inside edge.
- c) Twizzle - A traveling turn on one foot with one or more rotations that quickly rotate with a continuous (uninterrupted) action. The weight remains on the skating foot with the free foot in any position during the turn. A series of checked Three Turns is not acceptable, as this does not constitute a continuous action. If the traveling action stops during the execution, the twizzle becomes a solo spin.
- d) Steps  
The visible tracing on the ice that is executed on one or two feet. ~~They~~ It may consist of an edge, change of edge, or loop.
- i) Edge - The visible tracing on the ice produced by a Skater skating on one foot that is on a distinct curve;
  - ii) Change of edge - The visible tracing on the ice that changes from one distinct curve to another distinct curve with no change of foot;
  - iii) Loop – A one foot movement where the Skater skates an oval pattern using the same edge. The entry and exit of the loop must cross. The loop must be clean cut without scrapes or points;
- e) Linking steps  
~~The visible tracing on the ice that is executed on one or two feet. They may consist of an edge, change of edge, chasses, cross rolls, crossovers, progressives, toe steps moving, dance jumps and small hops.~~ Linking steps may be used as connecting steps between turns in the Step Sequence Additional Features and in Features.
- i) ~~Change of edge~~ – The visible tracing on the ice that changes from one distinct curve to another

- ~~distinct curve with no change of foot;~~
- i) Chasse - A series of two edges (usually outside, inside) in which on the second edge the free foot is placed on the ice beside the skating foot, but not ahead of or behind it, and the free foot is lifted with the blade parallel to the ice;
  - ii) Cross Roll - A roll started with the action of the free foot approaching the skating foot from the side so as to strike the ice almost at right angles to the skating foot, started forward with the feet crossed in front or backward with the feet crossed behind;
  - iii) Crossover - A sequence of two steps (push + cross) in which the free foot crosses the skating foot completely before it is placed onto the ice;
  - iv) Dance Jump - A small jump of not more than one revolution;
- ~~Edge - The visible tracing on the ice produced by a Skater skating on one foot that is on a distinct curve;~~
- v) Flat - The visible double tracing on the ice that is straight (imprinted by the Skater skating on one foot on both edges of the blade);
  - vi) Progressive/Run - A step or sequence of steps in which the free foot passes the skating foot before it is placed on the ice, thereby bringing the new free foot off the ice trailing the new skating foot;
  - vii) Small Hop - A small jump without revolution;
  - viii) Toe Steps - A step where the Skaters move from one toe pick to the other toe pick without jumping with or without using rotations as they travel down the ice.
- f) Terms used ~~describing to describe~~ turns, steps and linking steps
- i) Different turns/steps - ~~is a term that~~ includes each of the listed types of turns and steps plus the four different methods of execution;
  - ii) Different types of turns and steps - ~~is a term that~~ includes each of the listed turns and steps;
  - iii) Difficult turns/steps – consists of Rocker, Counter, Bracket, Loop, Twizzles with 1½ or more rotation;
  - iv) Listed turns and steps - consists of Three Turn, Mohawk, Choctaw, Twizzle, Rocker, Counter, Bracket, Loop;
  - v) ~~Method of execution – is a term which describes the four different manners each turn/step may be executed, considering the entry edge: a) forward inside, b) forward outside, c) backward outside;~~

Reason: Reorganization of paragraph 2, turns/steps/linking steps, to align definitions with Ice Dance. Includes separating One Foot Turns, Two Foot Turns, Steps and Linking Steps.

## 236. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 3 a) (vi) to amend Lifts b), c) and d)

- b) Group Lift - An action in which one or more Skaters is (are) lifted and sustained to any height by two or more Skaters ~~and set down~~. A lifting Skater(s) must have at least one skate on the ice at all times.
- c) Pair Lifts - An action in which one Skater is lifted and sustained by one other Skater ~~and set down~~.
- d) Types of Lifts (Pair Lift or Group Lift)
  1. Stationary Lift
 

Stationary Lift is a lift that is executed on the spot (stationary location) by the lifting Skater(s) who may or may not be rotating.
  2. Gliding Lift (during the preparation, lift/execution and exit) – All lifting Skaters in a Group Lift / the supporting Skater in a Pair Lift must be skating or gliding as they prepare for the lift.
    - The lifting Skater(s) must continue to skate/glide as the lift is executed.
    - All Skaters in a Group Lift/both Skaters in Pair Lift must continue to glide during the exit of the lift. The lifted Skater must be set down (only if required) and after the lifted Skater has been set down all Skaters must continue to skate/glide.
  3. Rotational Lift that glides and rotates at the same time
 

Rotational lift is a lift in which lifting Skater(s) rotate while gliding/traveling across the ice.

    - The lifting Skater(s) must continue to glide as the lift is executed (while rotating).
    - All Skaters in a Group Lift/both Skaters in a Pair Lift must be skating or gliding as they prepare for the lift. The lift must glide during the rotation. There is no minimum amount of ice coverage required for gliding either before, during or after the rotation.
    - The supporting Skaters in a Group Lift/lifting Skater in a Pair Lift must turn from forwards to backwards or vice versa using a two footed three turn or two footed mohawk-like steps.
    - All Skaters in a Group Lift/both Skaters in a Pair Lift must continue to skate/glide during the exit

of the lift. The lifted Skater must be set down (only if required) and after the lifted Skater has been set down all Skaters must continue to skate/glide.

Reason: These changes to the definition of Lifts will delete a technical requirement that is included in a Group Lift Element and will permit more freedom, more creativity for the choreography inside the Creative Element.

### 237. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 3 b) Free Skating Moves – to amend

#### b) FREE SKATING MOVES

Free Skating Moves such as lunges, spirals, Ina Bauers, spread eagles, hydroblading, Biellmann spiral, Charlotte and shoot the duck, etc. are permitted. Free Skating Moves are allowed in Elements or as transitional moves between Elements to increase the difficulty of transitions and add variety/complexity to the program.

- (i) A “type” of free skating moves (fms) ~~is a term that~~ refers to each of the listed free skating moves in the ISU Communication with Difficulty Groups of Elements. Biellmann is considered a different type of fm than a Spread Eagle. Biellmann RFI is considered the same type as Biellmann RFO.
- (ii) ~~“Different free skating moves”~~ “A subtype of free skating moves (fms)” ~~is a term that~~ refers to the same type of free skating moves executed using at least 2 of the 8 different methods of execution. A Free Skating Move executed with an outside edge is considered ~~different than~~ as a subtype of the same type of Free Skating Move executed with an inside edge. A Free Skating Move executed forward is considered ~~different than~~ to be a subtype of the same type of Free Skating Move executed backward. A Free Skating Move executed on the right foot is considered ~~different than~~ to be a subtype of the same type of Free Skating Move executed on the left foot.
- (iii) “Same free skating move” is a term that includes one “type” of free skating move executed in the same position, on the same edge, on the same foot and in the same skating direction.

Reason: To clarify the definitions.

### 238. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 3 d) Step Sequence – to amend

A combination/series of different turning methods such as three turn, bracket, choctaw, counter, loop, mohawk, rocker, twizzle, linking steps (see Rule 990 paragraph 2) and short Free Skating Moves (see Rule 990 paragraph 3.b)) used as part of an Element such as the No Hold Element/NHE.

~~(i) Use of crossovers must be kept at a minimum.~~

~~(ii) During the Step Sequence Additional Feature, all Skaters must execute the same steps/turns in the same skating direction, on the same edge, at the same time, except to initiate or end a mirror image pattern.~~

~~(iii) Linking steps, Free Skating Moves etc. may be different.~~

~~(iv) Short free skating moves are allowed within Step Sequence Additional Feature but must be held for less than 3 seconds.~~

Turn and Step Requirements

The requirements for turns and steps are as follows:

~~(i) Steps and turns must be skated on, recognizable edges and lobes.~~

~~(ii) Turns/steps that do not have sustained edges due to a quicker tempo shall be counted as long as they are executed with clear/clean entry and exit edges.~~

Teams that use a good quality of skating but have shorter and quicker edges, must not be penalized in the GOE.

~~(iv) When turns/steps and linking steps are used in a Step Sequence, the turns/steps and linking steps must be balanced in their distribution throughout the Step Sequence Additional Feature.~~

Reason: To delete requirements for short free skating moves. No reason to keep it. Will give more freedom and variety to Coaches in the Step Sequence.

Drafting and sub paragraph (iii) to be deleted because it is a repetition of the previous paragraph.

### 239. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 5 a) (ii) and (iv) to amend

(ii) Artistic Circle: A Circle or multiple Circles configuration ~~with a minimum of four Skaters in each Circle.~~

(iv) Artistic Wheel: A Wheel or multiple Wheels configuration ~~with a minimum of three Skaters in each spoke.~~

Reason: To permit more freedom for choreography.

## 240. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 5 b) (iii) to amend

(iii) The Creative Element ends when the requirements for the Element are met. Element breaks apart with the transition into the next Element (or until the end of the program if placed as the last Element).

Reason: These changes will permit more freedom inside the choreography. Moreover, in case of falls occurred at the end of the program but after the requirements to the Creative Element are met, the fall/falls will be counted as a fall/falls in the Transition and not in the Element.

## 241. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 5 e) (iii) to amend

The two or more Elements different Shapes / Configurations having ~~must~~ interaction with each other. The Shapes / Configurations may cross paths, intersect, circle, mirror, pass by and / or be connected to each other etc.

- Choice of shapes / Configuration are: Block, Circle, ~~Intersection~~, Line and Wheel. ~~etc.~~
- If using a Block there must be a minimum of three lines ~~and eight Skaters.~~
- If using a Circle – the Circle shape must be recognizable ~~a minimum of six Skaters.~~
- ~~If using an Intersection there must be a minimum of eight Skaters who intersect.~~
- If using a Line there must be a minimum maximum of eight Skaters ~~if doing one two Lines. or in the case of two Lines there must be four Skaters in each Line.~~
- If using Pairs Element there must be a minimum of ~~four Skaters~~ two pairs.
- If using a Wheel there must be ~~either~~ a minimum of one two spokes with at least three Skaters. ~~in each spoke or in the case of a one spoke Wheel there must be a minimum of five Skaters in the spoke.~~
- ~~If using a Move Element there must be at least six free skating moves.~~
- ~~If using a Synchronized Spin Element there must be at least eight individual Spins or four two pair Spins or two Group Spins~~

Reason: These requirements were too complicated to apply and did not permit originality in the Mixed Element. These changes will permit more freedom inside the choreography. Also, to delete the possibility of using free skating moves and free skating elements in order to show a difference between the Mixed Element and Artistic Elements.

## 242. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 5 f) (ii & iii) to amend

(ii) This Element consists of Free Skating Move(s).

- ~~One part of the Team may perform one type of a Free Skating Move and another part of the Team may perform another type of a Free Skating Move. Up to four different types of Free Skating Moves (either the same or different levels) will be permitted.~~

(iii) Any transition connection, including transitions connections resembling an Intersection are permitted during the Free Skating Move (see Rule 992 paragraph 2 ~~and 3~~ for Illegal ~~and Non-permitted~~ Elements).

Reason: To delete very detailed requirements and keep them for the Communication when needed. Non-permitted Elements do not exist anymore.

## 243. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 990, paragraph 5 h) (i) to amend

(i) The Pair Element begins once the ~~eight~~ pairs are formed by the entire Team.

Reason: To delete eight to permit teams with less than sixteen Skaters to include the pair element.

## 244. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### D. Technical Definition

Rule 991, paragraphs 2 c), d), i) and j), 3 b), 4 a) and b) to amend (related to Joint Proposal # for PCs)  
General Requirements for Short Program and Free Skating

2. General Requirements for Short Program and Free Skating

- c) Creative innovations and variations are not Features and are permitted in connections ~~the transitions~~ and Required Elements; Creative innovations will be reflected in the Program Components.
- d) The Team must predominately act as one unit. Division of the Team into several units is allowed during the Creative Element and connections ~~transitions~~. Additionally, several units can be used as

short connections transitions if the Element following the connection so requires (i.e. preparation for an Intersection or beginning of a Creative Element).

- i) Mirror Image Pattern is permitted in the Elements, Features and Additional Features and connections transitions, unless otherwise stated in a Communication (See Rule 990 paragraph 4.n)).
  - j) Step Sequences of a complex variety may be used both in the Elements and during connections transitions.
3. Short Program Requirements
- b) Connections Transitions necessary to link the required Elements are permitted.
4. Free Skating Requirements
- a) Free Skating consists of a well-balanced program composed of Elements and other linking movements reflecting the character of the music and/or expressing a concept, story, theme or idea of the Team's own choice. A good program contains Elements such as Blocks, Circles, Creative Element, Intersections, Lines, Move Element, Pair Element, Synchronized Spin Element and Wheels etc. linked together harmoniously by a variety of connections transitions and executed with a minimum of two footed skating. Synchronized Skating refers to the quality of skating, importance of unison, the accuracy of formations and preciseness of the Team, all incorporated into a program of a specified time limit.
  - b) Other Elements may be incorporated into the Free Skating program and will be judged as connections transitions as part of the Composition component, and/or choreography components.

Reason: To align with the new definitions of Program Components (joint proposal # for PCs).

#### **245. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 991, paragraph 3 c) delete last two sentences

~~Features and/or Additional Features that are not permitted will receive a deduction for Not According to Requirements (NAR) if included (see rule 843 para 1 m)). This deduction will be taken from the Total Program Score (See current ISU Communication).~~

Reason: The deduction (NAR) is no longer in use.

#### **246. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 991, paragraph 3 d) delete

~~d) Feature(s) or Additional Feature(s) will be considered as omitted if not attempted.~~

Reason: Deduction for Omitted requirements has been deleted from the list of deductions.

#### **247. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 991, paragraph 3 d) replace by

d) Lifts may be used in Senior Short Program (only when required as an Element) (see Rule 992 paragraph 2 b)).

Reason: This requirement has been moved from paragraph 4, that contains the Free Skating Requirements.

#### **248. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 991, paragraph 4 d) and 4 e) to amend

~~d) Lifts may be used in Senior Short Program (only when required as an element) and Free Skating (See Rule 990, 4a.vii) a) and b)).~~

d) Lifts, Un-sustained Lifts may be used in Senior and Junior Free Skating only, and Vaults may be used in Senior and Junior Free Skating only (see also Rule 992 paragraphs 2a, b), 2c) and paragraphs 3b), 3c)).

Reason: To place the information on the Short Program into the correct paragraph and to reorganize the information on Free Skating Requirements.

#### **249. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Rule 992, paragraphs 2 and 3

Combine these 2 paragraphs in paragraph 2 and delete paragraph 3

2. Illegal Elements/Features/Additional Features and Movements Short Program (Junior and Senior) and Free Skating (Novice, Junior and Senior)

a) All categories (SP and/or FS)

a) Illegal lifts as defined in Rule 990, paragraph 3.a. vi) a) and b)

b) Intersections incorporating back spirals

e) Flying camel spin executed by the entire Team

d) Split jump through the point of intersection

3. ~~Non-permitted Elements/Features/Additional Features and Movements Short Program (Junior and Senior) and Free Skating (Novice, Junior and Senior)~~
- a) ~~b) Junior and Senior Short Program~~
    - Lifts and un-sustained lifts of any variety unless required ~~(including Un-sustained Group Lifts)~~
  - b) ~~c) Novice~~
    - Lifts and un-sustained lifts of any variety ~~(including Un-sustained Group Lifts)~~
    - Vaults
    - stopping ~~(exceeding five (5) seconds) on more than one (1) occasion within the free program (not counting the opening and closing movements, which must not exceed ten (10) seconds each).~~
    - separating longer than necessary before resuming skating together as a unit.
  - c) ~~d) Senior and Junior Free Skating~~
    - ~~(i) stopping (exceeding five (5) seconds) on more than two (2) different occasions within the free program (not counting the opening and closing movements which must not exceed ten (10) seconds each.~~
    - ~~(ii) separating longer than necessary before resuming skating together as a unit.~~
- Reason: Illegal and Non-permitted are now combined within the same terminology: Illegal.  
Stopping in Excess and Separating in Excess deductions are no longer needed due to the reduction in the length of Free Skating. Drafting.

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