

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 2010

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According to Section VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution Part A. Congress - Organization, Article 29, paragraph 5, if a proposal for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations is submitted later than December 1, it can be discussed and voted upon at Congress, provided the proposal has reached the ISU Secretariat in English for distribution to all Members, not later than three weeks before the Congress and shall be certified as urgent business by a four-fifths majority of Members present and voting.

The following urgent matters have been submitted:

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Urgent Proposal No. 1

Great Britain

Rule 107 paragraph 1 j), Definition of ISU Championships and International Competitions

Amend as follows with all contingent changes:

j) World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (~~every 2nd season, beginning with the season 2012/13~~)

Reason: Harmonization with the other skating disciplines in which World Junior Championships are held every year.

Budget: An ISU financial contribution towards this Championships of **US Dollars 118'000**. In addition, the ISU would cover the cost for the cancellation/liability insurance, the basic result service as well as the medals. Only one ISU Coordinator (Event Coordinator or Regional Event Coordinator) shall attend. For travel, hotel and food expenses, Rule 137/9.e), f), 137/10, b), c), e), h), Rule 137/12 and Rule 137/15.b),c) apply.

Urgent Proposal No. 2

Great Britain.

Rule 128 paragraph 9, Order of Championships

Amend as follows with all contingent changes:

9. The World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (~~every 2nd season, beginning with the season 2012/13~~) may not be scheduled earlier than the 1st week of March.

Reason: Harmonization with the other skating disciplines in which World Junior Championships are held every year.

Budget: An ISU financial contribution towards this Championships of **US Dollars 118'000**. In addition, the ISU would cover the cost for the cancellation/liability insurance, the basic result service as well as the medals. Only one ISU Coordinator (Event Coordinator or Regional Event Coordinator) shall attend. For travel, hotel and food expenses, Rule 137/9.e), f), 137/10, b), c), e), h), Rule 137/12 and Rule 137/15.b),c) apply.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

Urgent Proposal No. 3 (amendment of Proposal No. 124)

SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 208, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

5. a) The maximum number of Competitors in the single distance events and team events of the European Championships are the same as the maximum number of Competitors for the same events in the World Single Distances Championships, see Rule 208, paragraphs 3b). For the Allround Championships event and the Sprint Championship event the maximum number of participants in each of the events is 24 Men and 20 Ladies.

b) The maximum number of Competitors from one ISU Member in each event of the European Championships is the same as the maximum number of Competitors for the same events in World Championships, see Rule 208, paragraphs 3a), 4a) and 6a).

c) Entry quotas for each event will be allocated to European ISU Members according to a qualification system with the same structure as the system applied for the corresponding events in World Championships, see Rule 208, paragraphs 3, 4 and 6. Further details, including information on the designated qualifying competitions and qualifying times, will be announced in an annual ISU Communication. For the first edition of the European Sprint Championships event pre-allocation of quota places will be based on the top 20 results from the preceding World Sprint Championships.

d) When the Championships are organized in the format with single distances and team events program, the maximum number of entries for an ISU Member will be 10 Skaters per gender in total.

e) Each ISU Member may enter a maximum of one (1) substitute for each event.

Reason: This urgent matter proposal adds some necessary details and clarification to Proposal No. 124, and it is worded so that it can replace this proposal in the Congress agenda. The proposal addresses the implementation of new format proposed for the European Championships (Proposal No. 112), which is linked to Proposal No. 83 introducing an alternating schedule of the World Championships.

Proposal No. 124 lacked some details to be complete. Using the same type of qualification system as for the corresponding World Championships, based on World Cup results, will require some adjustments and clarifications. This is because the European Championships will be scheduled earlier in the season and be held in alternating seasons with the corresponding World Championships. Therefore the qualification process cannot use the same World Cup competitions as used for the World Championships. It is also necessary to include specific rules on the quota qualification basis for the first edition of the Sprint Championships.

After a careful review of European participation in recent ISU Championships, it appears that it would be more adequate to use the same upper limit on the number of participants in the Allround Combination and the Sprint Combination. Holding the Sprint and the Allround Championships during the same Event will restrict a bit the number of female skaters available, since combining allround and sprint is very unusual for Men, but more common for Ladies. It is therefore reasonable to set the limit of participants for Ladies a little lower than for Men. This will give a comparable situation between Ladies and Men in the level of competition for qualifying quota places for the respective Championships events. This is the same approach as used for quota places at the Olympic Winter Games.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

Urgent Proposal No. 4

NETHERLANDS

Rule 281, paragraph 2.a)

Add sentence as follows:

Each Member has the right to enter one (1) Competitor in each category. If a Member had one Skater amongst the best 32 Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships that Member may enter two (2) Competitors in total in the respective category. If a Member had more than one Skater amongst the best 16 Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships of which one or more scored Final Points that Member may enter 3 Competitors in total in the respective category. The host country is entitled to enter 3 Competitors in total in each category (though the minimum qualifying times as stated below do apply to the host country as well);

Minimum qualifying times are required for entry in this ISU Championship. 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. The ISU Members are responsible to submit verification of the best qualifying time achieved by each Competitor entered for the ISU Championship. If sufficient verification is missing, the entry will not be accepted.

Reason: When the maximum number of skaters (3) from the organizing nation may always compete on the individual distances, this could have a positive effect on the attention and popularity of short track in the host country. The Relay competition already has a regulation to the benefit of the host country; this proposal expands this regulation to the individual distances.

NB. This proposal does NOT affect the number of starting positions of other nations. The starting positions for the skaters of the host nation will be additional.

Urgent Proposal No. 5

NETHERLANDS

Rule 285, paragraph 2.a)

Add sentence as follows:

Each European Member has the right to enter one (1) Competitor in each category.

If a European Member had one Skater amongst the best 32 Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships that Member may enter two (2) Competitors in total in the respective category. If a European Member had one or more Skaters among the best 8 Competitors in the final classification in the same preceding Championships that Member may enter 3 competitors in total in the respective category. The host country is entitled to enter 3 Competitors in total in each category (though the minimum qualifying times as stated below do apply to the host country as well);

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Urgent Proposal No. 6

NETHERLANDS

Rule 290 paragraph 5.i)

Amend to read:

The Referee, at his discretion, before a decision is made, decides to view the Video Replay system at full speed, slow motion or still picture, with the exception of matters concerning the starting procedure. When the Referee decides to view the Video Replay system, before a decision is made, then the video footage concerned should also be shown on the screen in the stadium at the same time.

Reason: To be transparent and to make events and decisions during the competition more comprehensible for spectators, coaches and skaters etcetera. The video footage concerned should be available for the television networks as well.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING/ICE DANCE

Urgent Proposal No. 7

Great Britain

Rule 378 paragraph 3, Entries ISU Championships Single & Pair Skating & Ice Dance

Amend to read;

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 38, paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9) during the ongoing season 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.

Reason: The Total Score is the measure the ISU use to assess the overall ability of Skaters/Pairs/Couples and is consequently the most appropriate measure to use to qualify Skaters / Teams for entry into Competitions and Championships. It also reflects a better balance between Technical Ability and Program Components than do TES scores alone.

Urgent Proposal No. 8

NETHERLANDS

Rule 415 – Specific requirements for the nomination and appointment of Technical Specialists

Paragraph 2 c), amend as follows:

Seminar attendance: have completed, during the forty-eight (48) months, preceding July 31st of the calendar year or nomination, an ISU Seminar for first appointment or re-appointment of International Technical Specialists (see Rule 417). (rest unchanged)

Reasons: Cost saving, harmonization with recertification requirements for Judges and Referees. Also the technical rules are getting more and more stable with fewer significant changes.

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