

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

CONSTITUTION and GENERAL REGULATIONS 2008

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See also the Special Regulations/Technical Rules
Single and Pair Skating / Ice Dance,
Synchronized Skating and Speed Skating /
Short Track Speed Skating

Note:

In the ISU Constitution and Regulations, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example Skater/Competitor, Official, member of a Member etc or pronouns such as he, they, them) shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender

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Regulations laid down by the following Congresses:

1 st	Scheveningen	1892	27 th	Salzburg	1957
2 nd	Copenhagen	1895	28 th	Tours	1959
3 rd	Stockholm	1897	29 th	Bergen	1961
4 th	London	1899	30 th	Helsinki	1963
5 th	Berlin	1901	31 st	Vienna	1965
6 th	Budapest	1903	32 nd	Amsterdam	1967
7 th	Copenhagen	1905	33 rd	Maidenhead	1969
8 th	Stockholm	1907	34 th	Venice	1971
9 th	Amsterdam	1909	35 th	Copenhagen	1973
10 th	Vienna	1911	36 th	Munich	1975
11 th	Budapest	1913	37 th	Paris	1977
12 th	Amsterdam	1921	38 th	Davos	1980
13 th	Copenhagen	1923	39 th	Stavanger	1982
14 th	Davos	1925	40 th	Colorado Springs	1984
15 th	Luchon	1927	41 st	Velden	1986
16 th	Oslo	1929	42 nd	Davos	1988
17 th	Vienna	1931	43 rd	Christchurch	1990
18 th	Prague	1933	44 th	Davos	1992
19 th	Stockholm	1935	45 th	Boston	1994
20 th	St. Moritz	1937	46 th	Davos	1996
21 st	Amsterdam	1939	47 th	Stockholm	1998
22 nd	Oslo	1947	48 th	Québec	2000
23 rd	Paris	1949	49 th	Kyoto	2002
24 th	Copenhagen	1951	50 th	Scheveningen	2004
25 th	Stresa	1953	51 st	Budapest	2006
26 th	Lausanne	1955	<u>52nd</u>	<u>Monaco</u>	<u>2008</u>

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Constitution

I. General

Article 1

1. Name, Constitution and Legal Status

The International Skating Union (herein called the "ISU"), founded in 1892, is the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sports throughout the world. The ISU is composed of the individual national associations (herein called "Members") who administer these Sports at the national level and who recognize that all international matters are under the sole jurisdiction and control of the ISU.

The Members have agreed to this Constitution and will respect its provisions.

2. Validity of Constitution

The changes and amendments of this Constitution shall come into force immediately after the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress. However, a proposal may not be effective immediately upon adoption by the Congress unless so stated in the printed Agenda.

3. Members

Members are those organizations recognized by the ISU as controlling in a country either or both of the branches of Skating (Figure and Speed).

4. Provisional Members

Provisional Members are those organizations which do not meet all the requirements for membership as Members, but which are established in and control either one or both branches of Skating (Figure and Speed) in a country in which there exists no national association already a Member of the ISU.

5. Affiliated Clubs

An "Affiliated Club" shall mean a Skating club affiliated with or belonging to a Member.

6. Legal Identity

The ISU is an association having its own legal identity in accordance with Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code. The ISU is therefore under the jurisdiction of Switzerland and the location of its legal residence is Lausanne.

Article 2

1. Jurisdiction

The ISU has jurisdiction throughout the world over all forms of international Figure and Speed Skating on ice and on synthetic polymeric ice surfaces whether performed using ice skating blades or substitutes simulating such blades.

2. Headquarters

The Headquarters of the ISU shall be located in Switzerland and the place of the legal residence shall be designated by the Council.

Article 3

1. Objects

The objects of the ISU are the regulation, control and promotion of the sports of Figure and Speed Skating and their organized development on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between sportsmen. The ISU shall work for broadening interest in Figure and Speed Skating sports by increasing their popularity, improving their quality and increasing the number of participants throughout the world. The ISU shall ensure that the interests of all Members are observed and respected.

2. Events

Among the activities of the ISU particular importance is given to Events which include: ISU Championships, ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cup Competitions, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Competitions, ISU International Competitions, ISU exhibitions, ISU shows, ISU tours and performances / appearances.

3. Interference

The ISU does not approve of interference in its sports based on political or any other grounds and will make every effort to avoid such interference.

Article 4

1. Methods and Activities

The methods of attaining these objects are:

- a) the promotion of the sports of Figure and Speed Skating on ice in all their branches and the influencing of public opinion in their favour;
- b) the providing of uniform Regulations for International Competitions

- and the manner of supervising and conducting them;
- c) the organization of ISU Championships and other ISU Events;
- d) technical control and direction of the sports of Figure Skating and Speed Skating at the Olympic Winter Games and other Skating events organized by parties not under the jurisdiction of the ISU, in the case such events are sanctioned by the ISU;
- e) the settlement of differences and publication of official decisions;
- f) the organizing of meetings of Officials and other interested persons in connection with ISU Championships and International Competitions;
- g) the preparation and distribution of educational and information material for the purposes of the sports;
- h) the exclusive right and responsibility to promote and protect all rights relating to ISU activities throughout the world, excluding those events which are the property of the Members;
- i) among the rights mentioned in paragraph h) are exclusive rights to all intellectual property of the ISU such as logos, trademarks, trade names, ISU Event names and copyrights.

2. Development Program

The ISU Development Program makes financing available, within a budget set by the ISU Council, to:

- a) further the principles of the ISU, including those related to fair and effective distribution of ISU financial support to and for the benefit of ISU Members and participants ;
- b) improve the quality and numbers of participants (including Officials) in competitive international Figure and Speed Skating;
- c) aid Member development programs that meet ISU criteria;
- d) aid young, talented skaters in need of support;
- e) provide experienced coaches and sport administrators on a temporary basis to assist Members; and
- f) support development initiatives identified by ISU Members, Technical Committees, Commissions and the Council.

All ISU Members may propose projects and activities and are encouraged to accept responsibility to carry-out: (1) specific initiatives decided by the ISU, or (2) Member-suggested activities approved by the ISU, with the universal purpose of stimulating regional and global development of the ISU sports.

ISU Development Program funds must be expended carefully, seeking measurable results for evaluation. Expenditures and the results achieved must be reported to the ISU in writing by the Member of the activity. Such reports shall be submitted in the form, and at such times, as specified in the authorizing ISU document.

Article 5

1. Financial Year

The financial year of the ISU begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

2. Financial Liabilities

The financial liability of the ISU in relation to any commitments to third parties shall not exceed its assets.

3. Auditors

An auditing company shall be appointed by the Congress for the purpose of verifying the accounts and presenting a certified report to the Congress with respect to the annual financial statements and the results of the auditing activities of the financial administration of the ISU.

4. Indemnification

The ISU hereby declares that any person who serves either by election, appointment or at its request as an ISU Office Holder, advisor, employee, agent, consultant or other official in any capacity shall be deemed its representative for the purpose of this Article and shall be indemnified by or on behalf of the ISU against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person who was or is a party defendant to any pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of such services, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to the best interests of the ISU and did not exceed his powers. The indemnification provided hereunder shall continue as to a person who has ceased to serve in the capacity designated and shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors and administrators.

5. Authority

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 above, when a representative of the ISU acting on its behalf exceeds his authority, any subsequent commitment or agreement resulting there from shall not be binding upon the ISU, unless ratified by it, if the other party thereto knew or had reason to know of such action.

6. Limitations to commit or legally bind the ISU

No person, including ISU Office Holders, other officials, advisors, consultants, agents and employees, may commit or legally bind the ISU unless authorized by this Constitution, by the Council or by the President and Director General.

II. Membership

Article 6

1. General Requirements

Membership in the ISU may be granted to a national association located in a country in which there exists no national association already a Member of the ISU. If the Council is satisfied that the two branches of Skating (Figure and Speed) are controlled by two different associations in the same country, the Council may elect two Members from that country, one to be designated as Figure Skating Member and the other to be designated as Speed Skating Member. However, when a national association for only one branch of Skating (Figure or Speed) exists in a country, the Council may elect such national association a Member of the ISU and designate it either the Figure Skating Member or the Speed Skating Member, as the case may be.

2. Provisional Membership

- a) The membership of each newly admitted Member shall be provisional for the first two years except when a new Member is created by a political division in a country where the previous Member was a full Member provided that the new Member fulfils all of the other relevant requirements for membership.
After expiration of this two-year period, if the Minimum Requirements listed in paragraph 3 below for provisional membership are established to the satisfaction of the Council, the provisional membership shall become a full membership. If the Council, prior to the expiration of the two-year period, decides against granting full membership to a Provisional Member, the reasons for such decision must be stated in a Council decision and published in an ISU Communication. Any decision of the Council to this effect shall be subject to an Appeal to the next Congress. (See paragraph 10 below);
- b) Provisional membership of the ISU may also be granted to an organization which is not a national association, but which is established in and controls either one or both branches of Skating (Figure and Speed) in a country in which there exists no national association already a Member of the ISU;
- c) The same general minimum requirements for full membership set forth in paragraph 3 below shall also apply to applicants for provisional membership.

3. Minimum requirements

In order to guarantee the activity of Members in organizing and administering the ISU sport disciplines, the following minimum requirements for membership in the ISU shall be required. Other conditions may also be established by the Council from time to time.

- a) An applicant national association or organization must prove that it has had control of its sport disciplines as the national governing body in its country for not less than two years prior to application for membership;

- b) Applicants, Provisional Members and Members shall have:
 - (i) a headquarters office in their respective country;
 - (ii) been organized pursuant to a duly adopted Constitution and/or By Laws;
 - (iii) duly elected governing body or bodies and officers;
 - (iv) adopted and published rules for the orderly conduct of their respective activities, including competition;
 - (v) accepted the ISU Constitution, ISU General & Special Regulations, ISU Technical Rules and the ISU Code of Ethics, the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures (the "ISU Statutes") and specifically provided in their respective Rules that all persons under their jurisdiction shall be bound by the ISU Statutes, including amendments thereof, as a condition of participation in their activities;
 - (vi) included in their respective Rules appropriate procedural rules necessary to effectively implement the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and specifically provided in those Rules that all persons under their jurisdiction shall be bound by the ISU Anti-Doping Rules, including amendments thereof, as a condition of participation in their activities;
 - (vii) conducted national championships on a regular basis;
 - (viii) conducted seminars or schools for the training and/or education of officials;
 - (ix) in existence in the country one or more actively operating natural or artificial ice rinks of a size adequate to practice the respective ISU sport discipline;

- c) A Provisional Member shall in addition, before expiration of the two year period, present proof that it has applied to the NOC of their country for inclusion as a voting member of the NOC in accordance with Article 28 of the Olympic Charter, and that such application has been granted.

- d) Should such NOC fail to grant such inclusion to a Provisional Member or fail to continue such NOC inclusion for a Member, the Council may nevertheless grant full membership to the Provisional Member or maintain the respective Member as an ISU Member in good standing, and may further, in its discretion, refer such lack of inclusion by the NOC to the IOC for appropriate action.
- e) Upon application or on its own initiative, the Council may, at its discretion, pardon any requirement stated in sub-subparagraphs (vii), (viii) and (ix) of sub-paragraph b) above if exceptional circumstances or avoidance of hardship so warrant. When pardoning any requirement, the Council shall state a period of time within which the missing requirement(s) must be satisfied for the pardoned entity to continue with the ISU in good standing. Such period may not exceed two years. In case that the Council decides on pardoning certain requirements, it may also decide to reduce or cancel in full any ISU contribution which are otherwise made to Members.
- f) If the ISU is informed of unclear internal situations within a Member, such as conflicting information regarding its legitimate leadership (President, Board, General Secretary etc) or split into two different organizations then the ISU will generally rely on information received from the NOC in the country. However, in consideration of the autonomy of the ISU and the Council's responsibility to identify and admit appropriate Members, the Council may act according to other information and conclusions. In case that the situation is subject of a court action, the ISU ordinarily will not accept any change until the case is finally decided by the courts having jurisdiction.

4. Separation of branches

The Figure Skating Branch includes: Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. The Speed Skating Branch includes: Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. When the two branches of Skating (Figure and Speed) controlled by one association only, decide to separate and create independent associations, both associations must apply for separate membership. If the existing association had been an ISU Member for more than two years, the applicants may be granted full membership immediately, provided the minimum requirements for membership set forth in paragraph 3 above are met.

5. In the case that a Member, in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article, is designated only to one branch of skating, the number of votes of this Member is regulated by Procedural provision, Part A, paragraph 11. Also, in such a case the ISU contributions made under the provisions of this Constitution or General Regulations will reflect the situation that such a Member controls only one branch of skating.

6. Applications for membership

Applications for membership of the ISU must include at least the following documentation:

- a) a formal application in writing, which shall include the acceptance by the applicant of the obligation to comply fully with the provisions of Article 7 of this Constitution;
- b) a copy of the Constitution and/or By Laws and published rules of the applicant association or organization in the language of its country;
- c) a translation into English of the documentation furnished under b) above;
- d) a listing of the members of the governing body and officers;
- e) a listing of the number of affiliated clubs and of the members thereof;
- f) results of the most recently held national championships;
- g) a listing of the operating ice rinks, including their size and location, in the country of the applicant;
- h) identification of the ISU skating sport or sports controlled by the applicant, with evidence that the sport, or each claimed sport, is actually and actively currently practiced within the country of the applicant.

7. The Council, with the cooperation of the Director General and the Sports Directorate, shall take all necessary steps to verify that the applicant is a recognized national sports governing body with sufficient membership and sporting activity to be considered a national association eligible for membership of the ISU.

8. Rule changes

Following election and thereafter, it shall be the responsibility of the Member concerned to notify the ISU Secretariat of all changes in the documentation originally submitted pursuant to paragraph 6. b) above.

9. Acceptance or rejection

The Council shall act on membership matters at meetings only and shall decide upon the acceptance or rejection of all applications for membership.

10. Appeals

An appeal may be made to the next following Congress against any decision by the Council pursuant to paragraph 9 above.

11. At all times each ISU Member must be able to demonstrate dedicated control and administration of the ISU sport disciplines within its country, particularly when the Member is part of a larger sports organization.

Article 7

1. Obligations of Members, their members and participants

Members of the ISU, their affiliated clubs, their individual members and/or all other persons claiming standing as participants in the international activities of a Member or of the ISU:

- a) are bound by the ISU Statutes (see article 6, paragraph 3, b) (v)) and are subject to decisions of the Congress, Council, Director General and Sports Directorate concerning all international matters; and
- b) have the obligation in all national and international matters to support the objects, activities and unity of the ISU, and shall not participate in any activities, national or international, against the integrity, the exclusive role and interests of the ISU.

2. Participation

For ISU Championships, Congresses and all other ISU Events, the Member in the territory in which the Event will take place must make its best efforts to obtain the full participation of all ISU Office Holders, Members, their individual members and members of the affiliated clubs in the Event in question.

3. Rights of Provisional Members

Provisional Members shall have the same rights and duties as Members, but without the right to vote or to nominate candidates for or to be elected to office at Congresses.

4. Rights of Special Clubs

Special Clubs are the Internationaler Schlittschuh-Club Davos and Stockholms Allmänna Skridskoklubb only. In recognition of their historical role they have the right to participate in the Congress but without the right to vote and without any other rights belonging to a Member.

5. When used in this Constitution and the Regulations, the term “Member” shall also be deemed to include Provisional Members to the extent of their rights as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

6. Sponsorship of Clubs

A Member of the ISU is not allowed to sponsor clubs in the country of another Member unless the Member having jurisdiction over the territory of the concerned sponsored club agrees.

7. Obligations of ISU Office Holders, advisors, employees and consultants

ISU Office Holders, advisors, employees and consultants must

- i) submit to the ISU Council the standard form including a signed acceptance of and full respect and compliance with the ISU Constitution, ISU Regulations and the ISU Code of Ethics;
- ii) attend all corresponding meetings and come to such meetings well prepared and well informed regarding issues on the agenda;
- iii) be knowledgeable about the ISU;
- iv) observe established procedures and consider others’ point of view, make constructive suggestions and help the ISU make decisions that benefit Skaters and the sport of skating;
- v) keep the Director General and the Chair of the Sports Directorate well informed about any concerns from within and/or outside the skating community that affect the direction and best interests of the sport of skating and the ISU;
- vi) support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Congress, Council, the Director General and Sports Directorate even when in a minority position, including supportive participation in public debate regarding all decisions at all venues;
- vii) protect the confidentiality of discussions as established for each internal body;
- viii) participate in ISU self-evaluation programs, development workshops, seminars and other educational events, which enhance skills.

III. Organization

Article 8

The bodies and Office Holders of the ISU are:

- i) Congress
- ii) The Council
- iii) The President
- iv) The Director General and the ISU Secretariat
- v) The Chair of the Sports Directorate and the Sports Directorate
- vi) Technical Committees
- vii) The Disciplinary Commission
- viii) The Legal Advisors
- ix) The Treasurer
- x) The Medical Commission
- xi) Officials Assessment Commission (OAC)
- xii) Development Commission/Coordinator

A. Congress

Article 9

1. Meetings of Congress

Meetings of Congress are held as follows:

- a) An Ordinary Congress is held every even numbered year, preferably in June or July on dates determined by the Council and announced to all Members at least six months prior to the Congress;
- b) An Extraordinary Congress is held whenever the Council considers it necessary or upon written demand, giving reasons, by one fifth of the Members.

2. Congress is open only to Members

3. Representatives of Members

Only those representatives of Members may attend who have been duly nominated by Members. Such representatives must be members of the Member which they are to represent and also must be of the same nationality as the country of the Member or must have been a permanent resident for more than a year of the country of the Member.

4. The Agenda and procedures to be followed in conducting the business of the Congress are set forth in the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, annexed hereto.

5. Decisions of the Congress are final and binding and not subject to appeal within the ISU or to any external tribunal, except as otherwise provided in Article 26, paragraph 4.

Article 10

1. Place and date of Congress Meetings

The Council shall determine the place and date of each Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress.

2. Quorum for Congress

Members must signify their intention to attend or not to attend the Congress within the time fixed by the Secretariat. A minimum of 50% of Members must be present to hold a valid Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.

Should Members leaving the Congress reduce the number of Members remaining to less than a quorum the Congress may continue upon affirmative majority vote of the remaining Members.

3. Cancellation or postponement

If for any reason the holding of an Ordinary Congress cannot be carried out, the Council shall so inform all Members and a postponement or cancellation of such Congress may be made by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members.

4. Mail vote

If a Congress does not take place, the Council shall, within six weeks after the originally fixed dates, ask Members for a mail vote on the motions on the Agenda that the Council considers urgent and essential for the correct administration of the ISU.

5. The Council shall arrange for the Members to receive the Communication asking for a written vote at least four weeks before the expiration of the period fixed therein for the receipt of replies.

Article 11

1. Alterations in Constitution, Procedural Provisions and Regulations

The Council, Sports Directorate, Technical Committees and Members are entitled to propose to Congress alterations in the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and in the Regulations.

2. Majorities for alterations

- a) For a change in the Constitution, including its Procedural Provisions or in the General Regulations and Special Regulations, a two-thirds majority, and in both instances the obligatory presence in person of fifty percent (50%) of Members of the ISU is required. If the calculation of the two-thirds majority results in a fraction, the next higher whole number shall be taken as the two-thirds majority.
- b) Any objection put forward by a Member during the Congress to a change in the Technical Rules as proposed by the respective Technical Committee and approved by the Sports Directorate requires a second 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 12

Languages – original text

English is the official language of the ISU and shall be used in all correspondence, Congress proceedings, official documents, contracts and publications. For the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions, the Regulations and all other official publications of the ISU, the English text is the original and shall govern. French, German and Russian are supplementary languages of the ISU. Translations into languages other than English may be made by the Members, but in the event of a difference between them and the original English text, the latter shall prevail.

The announcements and conduct of all proceedings at international skating events shall be in English and, if necessary, may also be in any other language.

Article 13

1. Elections – Eligibility for election

- a) Elections of the President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Technical Committee Chairs and members, the Disciplinary Commission Chair and members shall be held only at Congresses every four years. The original term of office shall be for four years and all offices shall be deemed to be vacant immediately before the elections;
- b) To be eligible for election, a person must be:
 - i) a national (i.e. “citizen”) of a country that is an ISU Member. Such nationality shall be decisive for the purposes of Article 16, paragraph 1 - Article 20, paragraph 2 and Article 24, paragraph 3;
 - ii) In the case of dual or multiple nationality, the person standing for election must declare which nationality is decisive within the meaning of i) above. The respective, declared Member shall give its approval;
 - iii) Such a person may not stand for further elections at the same Congress under another nationality, not even with the approval of the respective declared Member.

2. Before the election of the Congress all candidates for election to any elected office shall declare in writing on specific forms, as decided by the Council and published by the ISU Secretariat, their intention to run for a specific position(s) to be indicated. In the case a candidate intends to run for different positions (i.e. President, Vice President, Technical Committee Chair, Technical Committee member, Disciplinary Commission Chair, Disciplinary Commission member) it must be clearly indicated and it is understood that once elected into a position the elected individual cannot stand anymore for another position being subsequently elected.

The following ISU forms must be sent to the ISU Secretariat at the latest 6 weeks before the start of the Congress by the Member of the nominee or another Member:

- a) Form including the name, nationality, ISU Member affiliation and other personal data of the candidate;
- b) Form including a curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate;
- c) Form including a signed declaration that the nominee does not hold the position of President/Chair of any Member. If such position is currently held, a confirmation that if elected the nominee will without delay resign that position with immediate effect;

- d) Form including a signed acceptance of and full respect and compliance with ISU Regulations (in particular but not limited to the obligations of ISU Office Holders as set forth in this Constitution and the ISU Code of Ethics).

Nominations received later than the set deadline or incomplete nominations are not valid. A list of nominees grouped by elected positions containing the names of the nominees, the nominators and the CVs shall be distributed by the ISU Secretariat 3 weeks prior to the start of the election Congress to Members and ISU Office Holders.

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 75 prior to being elected for any elected Office. An elected Office Holder who reaches the age of 75 during his current term of office is not disqualified by such fact from continuing to serve the current term.

4. Ineligible persons

Ineligible persons as defined in the General Regulations cannot be candidates for election.

5. Special elections to fill vacancies

If a vacancy occurs at any time in any elected body, the person with the highest number of votes from the non-elected candidates from the last election shall immediately fill the vacancy. If such vacancy occurs but cannot be filled in this manner, the Council shall immediately appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The term of office of such persons shall expire at the next following Congress, at which an election shall be held.

6. Precedence

The 2006 Congress will elect a First Vice President. From that time on, the First Vice Presidency shall alternate between the Vice President Figure Skating and the Vice President Speed Skating.

7. The order of precedence of members of the Council is determined, for the Figure and Speed Skating sections respectively and for the members of the five Technical Committees respectively, according to the number of votes received by each in their election to office.

8. The order of election for the members of the Council shall alternate between Figure Skating and Speed Skating for each regular election, starting with Speed Skating in the year 2006.

Article 14

1. Vacancies

If the office of the President becomes vacant during his term of office, his place is taken by the First Vice President. The Second Vice President becomes first Vice President and the first Council member of the Section concerned becomes the second Vice President.

2. If the office of Vice President of any Section becomes vacant, the first Council member of the Section concerned becomes the Vice President for the Section and the Second Vice President, and the remaining Council members in the order of their precedence in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 7, fill the resulting vacancies.

3. If a vacancy occurs among the Council members of any Section, the remaining Council members in the order of their precedence in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 7, fill the resulting vacancies.

4. If the office of Chair of any Technical Committee becomes vacant or if a vacancy occurs among the Committee members, the first member of the Committee concerned becomes the Chair and the remaining Committee members in the order of their precedence in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 7, fill the resulting vacancies.

5. Retirement

The retirement of a member of the Council, of any Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission is automatic if his association ceases to be a Member of the ISU.

Article 15

Honorary Members and ISU Awards

1. The awards of ISU Honorary President, ISU Honorary Vice President and ISU Honorary Member may be conferred at the discretion of the Council on persons who have served as elected ISU Office Holders or appointed Advisors on a voluntary basis, and who have helped to promote the development of international skating. Each such award is subject to being confirmed by the Congress.
2. When considering such awards, the Council shall use the following criteria:
 - i) For the position of Honorary President at a minimum, nominees shall have been President for at least eight (8) years;
 - ii) For the position of Honorary Vice President at a minimum nominees shall have been Vice President for at least eight (8) years;
 - iii) For the position of Honorary Member at a minimum nominees shall have been a member of a Technical Committee; Chair of a Technical Committee; a member of the Council; an appointed Advisor serving as an ISU Office Holder; or a member of the Disciplinary Commission and/or previous Appeals Commission for at least eight (8) years.
For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (iii) the periods served in different positions are added together.
3. Upon election, an Honorary Member shall no longer be eligible for election or appointment as an Office Holder, and shall not act as a Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data Operator, Replay Operator, Judge, Starter or Competitors Steward in international events, but may serve in an advisory capacity when called upon to do so.
4. Such Honorary Members may serve as resource persons to the ISU Office Holders when called upon, so as to assist in maintaining relationships between the Honorary Members and the ISU Office Holders.

5. ISU Gold Award of Merit

An "ISU Gold Award of Merit" may be awarded at the discretion of the Council to recognize valuable contributions to the ISU sports at the international level. This award may only be made to ISU Office Holders and other individuals who have served the ISU sport disciplines as follows:

- a) ISU Gold Award of Merit awarded for ISU Office Holders', ISU Officials' Service:
 - i) The ISU Referees/Technical Controllers who have served as Referees/Technical Controllers at the ISU Championships/Olympics Winter Games altogether for at least 15 years;
 - ii) The ISU Judges who have served as Judges at the ISU Championships/Olympics Winter Games altogether for at least 20 years;
 - iii) The ISU Office Holders and Officials who are generally recognized within the ISU as having made extraordinary or uniquely valuable contributions to the international administration of the ISU sports altogether for at least 10 years. In extremely rare and highly exceptional cases, the ISU Council may waive this time requirement;
- b) ISU Gold Award of Merit awarded for the Organizational Contribution:

This award may only be made to other individuals (e.g. ISU Members' individuals, ISU Secretariat employees, other organization's individuals etc.) who made a valuable contribution to the ISU sport disciplines for at least 15 years;
- c) The Application for awarding the ISU Gold Award of Merit shall be sent to the Director General for further approval of the Council;
- d) The ISU Gold Award of Merit should be presented to persons in a form of pins;
- e) The names of all persons awarded by the ISU Gold Award of Merit will be published in the ISU Constitution/General Regulations.

6. ISU Diploma of Service

An "ISU Diploma of Service" may be awarded at the discretion of the Council to persons who are ineligible for the ISU Gold Award of Merit but who have otherwise served the ISU well over many years, including without limitation persons who have been on the ISU lists of Honorary Referees and Judges. The titles of Honorary Referee and Honorary Judge are discontinued and the names will no longer be listed in the annual ISU List of Referees and Judges.

7. Other Awards

The Council may decide to create other kinds of awards and adopt rules regarding to whom and under what conditions such awards may be granted.

8. Withdrawal of Honorary Awards.

- a) The Council may withdraw any honorary award, including those approved by the Congress, if in the opinion of the Council the person concerned has committed any offence against the ISU Code of Ethics or misconduct or acted against the spirit of the ISU Constitution or Regulations and such offence, misconduct or act compromises the integrity or interests of the ISU or the dignity of the award;
- b) The Council may decide not to take a decision itself but to make a recommendation to the Congress;
- c) Before the Council decides on the withdrawal, the person concerned shall be informed and shall have the opportunity to send his written explanation and/or apology. Such explanation has to be sent within 15 days after the receipt of the informing letter;
- d) The decision of the Council is not a disciplinary sanction and no rules governing disciplinary proceedings are applicable since there is no legal right to any honorary award;
- e) In case of honorary awards named in paragraph 1 above, the decision of the Council is subject to confirmation by the next following Congress. Except such confirmation no appeals are allowed against any decision of the Council and/or Congress taken under this paragraph 8.

B. Council

Article 16

1. Composition

The ISU Council is the highest ISU body between the two Congresses. The Council consists of the President, a Vice President, and four members for Figure Skating and a Vice President, and four members for Speed Skating. All members of the Council must be of different nationalities and ISU Members.

2. President

- a) The President represents the ISU in both a judicial and non-judicial capacity. In the event of his incapacity or other inability to serve, the President shall be replaced, for the duration of such incapacity or inability to serve, by the First Vice President;
- b) If so decided by the Council, the President may conduct, supervise and conclude all the major TV and commercial negotiations. All commercial agreements must be signed by the President and the Director General and the Council shall be informed;
- c) The President chairs the Council meetings and the Congress meetings;
- d) Within the supervisory duties of the Council, the President focuses on the control of the commercial, media/communications and legal areas;
- e) The President represents the ISU in regard to other international sports organizations, including, but not limited to, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other International Sports Federations (IFs).
- f) The President decides upon the appointments of the Referees, the Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators in Figure Skating and the Referees, Assistant Referees, Starters, Competitor Stewards in Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating for the Olympic Winter Games, ISU Championships, the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior & senior), ISU World Cup competitions 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 Sports Directorate and the respective Technical Committee.

3. Vice Presidents

- a) In the event of his incapacity or other inability to serve, the respective Vice President shall be replaced, for the duration of such incapacity or inability to serve, by the Council member of the respective branch elected with the highest number of votes;
- b) The Vice Presidents chairs the Figure Skating respectively Speed Skating Section meetings of the Congress;
- c) Each Vice President, in the corresponding branch, supervises the work of the Sports Directorate, the Technical Committees and the Development Coordinator.
In the area of the Development Program, in particular they:
 - i) decide upon the proposals prepared by the Development Coordinator of the ISU Development Program, each Development Project and budgets for the Program and Projects;
 - ii) approve reports on implementation of the program and Projects;
 - iii) with the assistance of the Treasurer, the Development Coordinator and Secretariat check the correctness of the final accounts of the Projects and/or engage external auditors for such purpose;
 - iv) report regularly to the Council on the matters stated above sub (i) – (iii).

4. Advisors to the Council

The Council is assisted by a Treasurer/Internal Auditor and Legal Advisor(s), appointed by the Council who shall attend Council meetings with a voice but no vote. Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Council Members, no longer elected, may be appointed by the Council for specific functions as determined by the Council.

Article 17

1. Functions of Council

The functions and powers of the Council include:

- a) determining the policies of the ISU and deciding upon the general coordination of the ISU structure;
- b) appointment and if necessary the dismissal of the Sports Directorate members including the employment and if necessary the dismissal of the Chair of the Sports Directorate requiring a two third majority of Council members voting for such appointment or dismissal including the vote of the President. Appointment and if necessary dismissal of the Director General requiring a two third majority of Council members

- voting for such appointment or dismissal including the vote of the President;
- c) control of the ISU's business carried out by the Director General and Sports Directorate, including the control of carrying out resolutions, all in accordance with the decisions of the Members in Congress. The Council, however, may defer implementation of such resolutions until the next Congress if such implementation would result in severe negative financial consequences which were not foreseen when the resolutions were adopted;
 - d) the fixing of the places at which ISU Championships and other ISU Events are to be held taking into account the input of the Sports Directorate;
 - e) checking that the accounting for and management of assets are subject to adequate controls;
 - f) the preparation and submission to Congress of annual budgets taking into account the input of the Director General, the Treasurer and the Sports Directorate;
 - g) decisions regarding the admission of new Members, and the suspension, if considered necessary, of a Member which has violated the Constitution or the Regulations, or which fails to maintain the minimum requirements for membership. The suspension of a Member can only be effected by the votes of at least six members of the Council. Failing this, such suspension can only be effected by Congress. In clear cases of serious violation of the Constitution, Regulations or Technical Rules the Council must suspend the respective Member or Members. Failing this, such suspension can only be effected by Congress, which can also decide on the expulsion of a Member. Before suspending a Member for failure to maintain the minimum requirements, the Council may use its authority to pardon certain requirements granted in Article 6, paragraph 3 e);
 - h) decisions on appeals from the decisions of the Technical Committees and ISU Officials involving violation of technical sport rules. Such decisions of the Council are final and not subject to further appeal within the ISU or to any external tribunal;
 - i) the conclusion of settlement in cases appealed to CAS under Article 25 and in disputes filed with CAS under Article 26;
 - j) the arranging for decisions and settlement in all disputes between Members and complaints by Members against others. The decision of the Council shall be final;
 - k) appointment of the Legal Advisor(s) who shall attend Council meetings and the Treasurer who shall attend all meetings of the Council. These positions shall have a voice but no vote in the Council. The Council shall determine, from time to time, the duties to be performed by the persons appointed to such positions;

- l) the appointment and termination of appointment of the other ISU Office Holders, besides the Director General and the Sports Directorate, for Committees, Commissions or advisors as foreseen and specifically named in the ISU Constitution and Regulations. Elected ISU Office Holders may not be appointed as advisors;
- m) deciding upon the venue of future Congresses based upon nominations received from Members;
- n) appointment of parliamentarians, if deemed necessary, to advise the President as Chair of the full Congress session and the Vice Presidents as Chairs of the Figure Skating and the Speed Skating Congress sessions. Appointment of Drafting Groups to ensure the proper preparation of the wording of the proposals subject to amendments from the floor;
- o) determination of the topics for workshops at Congress and conducting the Congress;
- p) performance of ceremonial duties such as awarding medals at ISU Championships and other major ISU Events and remitting special ISU awards, and appointment of the ISU Representatives to carry out such duties. In case of need, the President has the right to change the appointment of the ISU Representative;
- q) in case that exceptional circumstances so require and warrant
 - i) modification of any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in all Technical Rules;
 - ii) suspension of applicability of any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in Technical Rules;
 - iii) granting an exception from a requirement specified in any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations and in any Technical Rules in order to prevent unusual hardship;
- r) interpretation of the Constitution, General Regulations, Special Regulations, Technical Rules, ISU Communications, Memorandums and any other ISU decision or document. In the interpretation of ISU policy, procedure and Rules, the Council shall give priority of importance as follows: first, to the Constitution, second to the General Regulations, third to the Special Regulations and forth to the Technical Rules, and fourth to established customs and practices including those embodied in the Event Memorandums, ISU Communications and Circular Letters;
- s) determining the specific power and authority of the Director General and the Chair of the Sports Directorate and the Sports Directorate in line with the respective basic guidelines outlined in Articles 18 and 19;
- t) imposition of monetary penalties for a violation by a Member of the Constitution or Regulations. The penalty imposed must bear a reasonable relationship to the offence;

- u) the Council is empowered to adopt all the necessary Rules for the work of ISU Bodies including but not limited to:
 - i) Rules for the administration of sanctions authorized by the Constitution and Regulations;
 - ii) Rules of honour respecting compliance with the Constitution and Regulations;
 - iii) Anti-Doping Rules with respect to competitors, Coaches, managers, medical personnel, trainers and Officials;
 - iv) Rules and procedural provisions for the work of all Advisory Bodies elected by the Congress or appointed by the Council;
 - v) keeping of accurate written records and minutes of meetings and of actions of the Council;
 - w) ruling upon alleged breaches of the eligibility rules by Officials, Office Holders, Skaters, and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congress or other activities.
2. a) Decisions taken by the Council in the exercise of its functions and powers shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal except as explicitly set forth in other provisions of the Constitution or Regulations. All final decisions of the Council are subject to the exercise of the superior decision power of the Congress at the next following Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. See Part A. paragraph 21 of VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution;
- b) If a decision of the Council may be appealed under specific provisions of the Constitution or Regulations, the Council shall have the power to decide that an appeal will have no postponing effect if the Council concludes that the postponement would reflect adversely upon the reputation or the integrity of the ISU.

3. Assistance to the Council

The Council is assisted by the Director General and the ISU Secretariat, the Chair of the Sports Directorate and the Sports Directorate, Technical Committees, Commissions and Advisors (Advisory Bodies) in the execution of its functions and has the authority to assign specific tasks to its Advisory Bodies, insofar as they are not otherwise set forth in Articles 18, 19 and 20.

C. Director General

Article 18

The Director General is appointed by the Council and is responsible for:

- a) the daily management of all business and financially related activities of the ISU carried out in accordance with the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Sports Directorate;
- b) the operation of the ISU Secretariat and the management of its personnel;
- c) reporting to, and receiving direction from, the President;
- d) entering into contracts necessary for the operation of the ISU Secretariat or ISU business matters that involve an ISU annual commitment of SFr.20,000 or less;
- e) entering into contracts necessary for the operation of the ISU Secretariat or ISU business matters that involve an ISU annual commitment of more than SFr.20,000 provided the President and the Treasurer have received prior written information about such contracts and have approved the same;
- f) to be involved in, or in any case be kept informed in the negotiation of all other commercial contracts. All such contracts shall be signed by the President and the Director General. The Council shall be informed.
- g) the preparation and submission to the Council of bi-annual budgets for subsequent submission by the Council to the Congress. The budget for the Secretariat shall be fixed annually by the Council taking into account the input of the Director General;
- h) the day to day monitoring and assurance that the accounting for and management of assets are subject to adequate, auditable controls;
- i) the arrangements for Congresses;
- j) monitoring and using feedback of the Sports Directorate, giving advice to the Council for the admission of new Members, and the suspension, if considered necessary, of a Member which has violated the Constitution or the regulations, or which fails to maintain the minimum requirements for membership;
- k) monitoring of, and giving advice to, the Council respecting decisions and settlements in all disputes between Members and complaints by Members against others;
- l) preparing, implementing and monitoring communications plans (both internal and external) and public relation programs and supervising and coordinating the area of communication and statistics;
- m) preparing, in consultation with the President, the Agenda and materials for use at all Council meetings, and attending all such meetings with a voice but without a vote;

- n) informing the Council during the periods between Council meetings on all important issues related to the ISU activities;
- o) attending at his discretion any meeting or portion of meeting of an ISU body different from the Council, when it is considered advisable to be acquainted with the on-goings of the Union;
- p) recruiting and hiring/dismissing of personnel;
- q) signing documents in the name of the ISU with internal and external parties;
- r) signing as the representative of the ISU, together with the President, Diplomas of Honor, etc.;
- s) monitoring, as authorized by the President, contacts with external bodies such as the IOC, IF's, NOC's, Municipalities, etc.;
- t) assigning personnel to the Sports Directorate or other ISU bodies. The personnel will work for the assigned body, but as a professional employee they remain under the responsibility of the Director General;
- u) empowered to call, coordinate and manage meetings with any ISU body, except the Council, to be properly informed and provide support and information to the President and Council;
- v) with due confidentiality, acting as liaison between the Council and any other ISU body to provide the Council with information that could help the Council take a decision;
- w) acting, in respect of instructions of the President/Council, as the spokesperson regarding the general activity of the Union;
- x) monitoring the expense guidelines with the cooperation of the Chair of the Sports Directorate and Treasurer, to be submitted if required to the Council for ratification. The expense reports of the Sports Directorate and Council shall also be checked and approved by the Director General;
- y) special tasks as assigned from time to time by the Council.

D. Sports Directorate

Article 19

1. Composition:

- a) A Sports Directorate comprising up to four members will be appointed by the Council with a primary focus on the necessary competencies for each position, as determined by the Council, but the following three appointments are mandatory:
- i) Chair of the Sports Directorate;
 - ii) Sports Director Figure Skating;
 - iii) Sports Director Speed Skating;
 - iv) to be decided.
- Each Sports Directorate member shall have an assigned portfolio of responsibilities as decided by the Council.
- b) All members of the Sports Directorate including the Chair must
- i) respect and comply with the obligations of ISU Office Holders, advisors, employees and consultants as set forth in Article 7, paragraph 7 of this Constitution;
 - ii) not hold any official position of responsibility within the ISU, Member federations, club and/or public or private entities involved in ice skating activities and not work as a coach.

2. Chair of the Sports Directorate

- a) The Council appoints a Chairman or a Chairwoman (hereafter in either case referred to as "Chair") of the Sports Directorate. The Chair may be remunerated as decided by the Council. The Chair should be perceived as being independent of any particular ISU constituency and must act accordingly. The Chair may be invited by the President to attend Council meetings with a voice but without a vote.
- b) The Chair has the tie-breaking vote for Sports Directorate decisions. The Chair is responsible for the daily management of all sport activities of the ISU and shall at all times endeavor to carry them out in accordance with the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Sports Directorate. The Chair reports to the President.
- c) The daily management of the sport activities of the ISU does not include matters that in relation to the general circumstances of the ISU are of an unusual kind or of great importance.

3. Directors

The Sports Director Figure Skating, the Sports Director Speed Skating, any other Director appointed by the Council (hereafter called “Directors”) are responsible for directing and supervising their respective areas of responsibility as decided by the Council and may be semi-remunerated volunteers or full-time ISU employee positions as required by circumstances and necessities and as decided by the Council on a case by case basis. The Directors may attend specific parts of Council meetings as recommended by the Chair of the Sports Directorate and decided by the President.

4. Assistance to the Sports Directorate

To perform its function in particular in the sports area and based on the policy decisions of the Council, the Sports Directorate closely cooperates with other ISU bodies and Advisors which will provide their advice and cooperation within their possibilities. In particular, the Sports Directorate has the authority for

- a) delegation of the individual specific powers of the Sports Directorate, to the Chair of the Sports Directorate and other members of the Sports Directorate as Sports Directorate sees fit and within specific procedures that ensure full transparency as decided by the Sports Directorate. However, all Sports Directorate decisions shall formally be taken by the Sports Directorate as a whole;
- b) designation of Sports Directorate members and others to oversee, coordinate and report to the Sports Directorate on specified areas of ISU activity;

5. Functions of the Sports Directorate

The functions and powers of the Sports Directorate include:

- a) advising the Council on policy decisions and implementation of ISU policies regarding ISU sport-related activity; keeping the Council fully informed on all on-going matters of importance;
- b) coordinating the sport activities of the ISU including the proper respect of certain television and advertising arrangements; implementation of Congress and Council decisions in relation to the function of the Sports Directorate;
- c) closely cooperate with the Development Coordinator and Technical Committees on the proposal of the ISU Development Program, Development Projects and the corresponding budgets to be prepared by the Development Coordinator for final approval by the Vice Presidents; in case of persisting different opinions submit its comments to the Vice Presidents; assist the Vice Presidents in monitoring of and ensuring correct implementation of the Program, Projects and budgets;

- d) preparing, maintaining and developing the ISU four-year plans for sports-related activities in cooperation with all ISU Committees, Commissions, advisors, Office Holders and the Secretariat; monitoring the implementation of such plans by directing and overseeing the activities of all involved parties to ensure consistent focus upon the strategic direction of the ISU as decided by the Congress and the Council; making revisions as necessary to the plan and preparing status reports as required;
- e) monitoring the Technical Committees activities in the administration of the Technical Rules. If the Sports Directorate concludes that Technical Rule changes proposed by the Technical Committees are in conflict with ISU policy and/or result in excessive expenditures and/or are not consistent among the ISU sport disciplines, the Sports Directorate has the duty to inform the Council;
- f) evaluating and forwarding to the Council, information on the allotment of ISU Events;
- g) in respect of the policy of the ISU to develop, implement and update Memorandums for ISU Events in cooperation with the Director General;
- h) preparing in cooperation with the Director General, contracts between the ISU and any or all of the Members organizing an ISU Event and the control of their realization;
- i) giving advice to the Vice Presidents and President for the appointment of the necessary ISU Event Officials in line with Article 16, paragraph 2, f);
- j) assess the conditions related to the recognition of new records; the Council homologates the records;
- k) monitoring and advising the Council in cooperation with the Director General regarding the adoption of all the necessary Rules for the work of the Sports Directorate, including but not limited to: (1) Rules for the administration of sanctions authorized by the Constitution and Regulations; (2) Rules of Honor respecting compliance with the Constitution and Regulations; (3) Anti-Doping Rules with respect to competitors, coaches, managers, medical personnel, trainers and Officials; (4) Rules and procedural provisions for the work of all Advisory Bodies elected by the Congress or appointed by the Council and/or Sports Directorate;
- l) communicating with the Director General on a regular basis to ensure availability of adequate services necessary to the maintenance of the objectives and the work plan of the ISU and the Sports Directorate;
- m) keeping accurate written records and minutes of meetings and of actions of the Sports Directorate.

E. Technical Committees

Article 20

1. Number of Technical Committees

The following Technical Committees are established: Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. Each of the Technical Committees shall consist of an elected Chair, who shall have a tie-breaking vote, three full elected members and two additional full members, of which one shall be a Skater and one a Coach, subsequently appointed by the Council from recommendations received from the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directorate.

2. Eligibility and composition

- a) Within one Committee the members must be of different nationalities and ISU Members except until the 2010 Congress for the Skater and/or Coach appointed who may have the same nationality as one of the elected Committee members. Effective after the 2010 Congress, an appointed Skater and Coach may not be from the same nationality/Member as any other elected or appointed member of the respective Technical Committee;
- b) Only persons named in the current lists of ISU Referees or ISU Judges are eligible for election to the four positions in the Committees for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating and then only in the respective branch;
- c) Until the 2010 Congress, an appointed Skater must have been a participant competitor in at least one ISU Event during the four seasons preceding the election Congress;
- d) Until the 2010 Congress, an appointed Coach to a Technical Committee must have worked as a Coach at least one year and shall have been the primary Coach of a participating competitor in at least one ISU Championships.
Effective after the 2010 Congress, an appointed Skater must have been a participant competitor and respectively an appointed Coach must have been the primary Coach of a participating competitor, at least in one ISU Event in the past 10 seasons preceding the election Congress;
- e) An appointed Coach to a Technical Committee shall not be subject to Rule 102 paragraph 4 as far as Technical Committee membership is concerned;
- f) In Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, a Technical Committee member cannot be appointed as Referee in ISU sanctioned competitions.

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 Members, the Council and the Sports Directorate. The Technical Committees will also request input from Coaches, Skaters and officials during meetings held on the occasion of ISU Events and workshops organized by the Technical Committees during Congresses and other dedicated meetings for such purpose;
- b) the preparation of reports, mainly technical ones, assigned to them by the Congress, the Council and the Sports Directorate;
- c) the monitoring and final assessment of Officials officiating at ISU sanctioned competitions. For disciplines where an ISU Officials Assessment Commission is established, such monitoring and assessment by the Technical Committees shall be done in cooperation with such Officials Assessment Commission and taking the recommendations of the Assessment Commission into account. Such monitoring and assessment shall conclude in:
 - i) the drawing up of the lists of International (for International Competitions) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards (and other future “International” officials categories as decided by the Congress) based principally upon the nominations and re-nominations by the Members, subject to approval by the Sports Directorate;
 - ii) the drawing up of the lists of ISU (for ISU Championships) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards (and other future “ISU” Officials categories as decided by the Congress) based principally upon the initial nomination by the Members and upon re-nomination made by the respective Technical Committee, subject to approval by the Sports Directorate;
- d) closely following the functions of the Officials officiating at ISU sanctioned events and the making of recommendations to the Sports Directorate with respect thereto;
- e) the conducting of seminars, schools and examinations for the Officials of their sports;

- f) the development and submission to the Sports Directorate for approval of four-year plans for their Committee areas of responsibility. Monitoring the implementation of such plans and recommending revisions as necessary in the interests of the sport and preparing a status report as required;
- g) the designation of members of the respective Technical Committee to collaborate with members of other Technical Committees in areas of common sport interests (e.g. events calendar, rules, development, etc.);
- h) giving advice to the Vice Presidents and the President for the appointment of the necessary ISU Event Officials in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f).

F. The Medical Commission

Article 21

1. Eligibility and Composition

The Medical Commission appointed by the Council, will consist of a Chair and up to six medical doctors of different nationalities and Members, the number of Commission members depending upon the volume of work required.

2. Functions of the Medical Commission

The Commission will advise the Council and the Sports Directorate and coordinate medical and doping control affairs in line with the World Anti-Doping Code and the ISU Anti-Doping Rules. Primary functions of the Medical Commission include:

- a) Maintain, expand and standardize a comprehensive, fair and safe Anti-Doping testing program (in competition at ISU Events) and out of competition as a deterrent to all forms of doping;
- b) Improve the awareness and education of the skating family of sports related doping and medical issues;
- c) Improve the administrative follow-up of Anti-Doping Testing, Skaters medical records and injury statistics through safe and efficient Information Systems and procedures;
- d) Maintain, improve and standardize medical care at ISU Events and International Competitions;
- e) Strengthen the detection techniques of banned substances through proactive cooperation with other organizations and continued research;
- f) Effectively communicate medical information on prevention of injury through education to the Members, and advise Members and ISU Office Holders on safe participation with respect to equipment, facilities and frequency of injury patterns;
- g) Keep up-to-date on injury prevention, rehabilitation and safe return to sport and other sports related medical research and developments including related legal issues.

G. Officials Assessment Commission - Evaluation of judging and technical content decisions, penalties for the Figure Skating branch

Article 22

An Officials' Assessment Commission (OAC) will be appointed by the ISU Council. The OAC shall consist of a pool of ISU Referees and ISU Judges of different nationalities, who shall evaluate evident anomalies identified based on a predetermined mathematical criteria confirmed by the Council.

The rules of procedure of the Officials Assessment Commission will be determined by the Council, based on the judging system and international Officials categories decided by the Congress.

H. Development Coordinator/Development Commission

Article 23

1. The Council shall appoint a Development Coordinator. In case of need the Council may appoint two or a maximum of three Coordinators and in such case form a Development Commission. References in this Article to the Coordinator shall include the Commission, if formed.
2. The Coordinator reports to and is supervised by the Vice-Presidents, each in the respective branch. The Vice-Presidents shall collaborate with each other in decisions taken to assure consistent implementation of the ISU Development Program.
3. The Coordinator shall closely cooperate with the Vice-Presidents, the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees in implementation of the Development Program.
4. The Coordinator shall:
 - a) collaborate with the Sport Directorate and Technical Committees in preparing an annual proposal of activities considered in general categories, e.g. training camps, scholarships, seminars, etc., with related budgets that, in total, are within the ISU budget;
 - b) receive and organize requests for development aid from Members, and from within the ISU and prepare tentative proposal and budget of each Development Project;
 - c) evaluate, on a timely basis, plans and programs submitted for consistency with Development Program objectives and the current budget allocations;
 - d) establish various performance indicators for each approved project or activity and to identify successes and failures in meeting such indicators;
 - e) prepare quarterly a plan of the Coordinators' business trips and a corresponding budget of expected expenses ;
 - f) properly check the use of the financial contributions to Members for individual Projects;
 - g) report periodically to the Vice- Presidents and Council on the work and progress of the Program with emphasis on the performance results.

- 5.a) The annual proposal of activities and the related budget prepared in accordance with paragraph 4, a) above is subject to joint decision of the Vice-Presidents who shall approve or disapprove such proposal.
- b) All other proposals and plans prepared by the Coordinator under paragraph 4 must be submitted, prior to implementation, to the respective Vice President who decides upon approval or disapproval (See article 16, paragraph 3, c), (i)).
6. Any change in an approved proposal, or a proposal for a business trip not included in the plan, shall be submitted before implementation for approval of the Vice President of the branch involved.
7. The Council may, from time to time, specify in greater detail the functions and duties of the Development Coordinator and establish a timetable for Development Program submissions, review actions and related activities.

IV. Judicial Bodies

Article 24

1. **Disciplinary Commission**

The ISU Disciplinary Commission (DC) is an independent body elected by the Congress. The DC serves as a first instance authority to hear and decide all charges referred to it by any ISU authority or party against any Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities (Alleged Offender) accused of a disciplinary or ethical offence (Offence).

2. **Composition**

The DC shall consist of a Chair, experienced either in Figure Skating or in Speed Skating, and a “pool” of four other members available to act as DC Panel members. Two members must be experienced in Figure Skating and two members in Speed Skating. The majority of members including the Chair must be lawyers by education. The Chair and the members of the DC shall be elected by the Congress for a four year term.

3. **Independence**

The Chair and other members of the DC may not hold any other ISU Office and must be of different nationalities and from different ISU Members. They may not hold the office of President or member of the highest executive body of a Member, and upon standing for DC election must tender to the ISU before such election a written resignation from any Member office then held, conditional only upon being elected to the DC.

4. **Minimum Number of Members - Vacancies**

- a) The minimum number of members of the DC must always be maintained. If a permanent vacancy occurs, the person (with either speed or figure skating experience as appropriate to fill the vacancy), with the highest number of votes from the non-elected candidates from the last election shall fill the vacancy;
- b) If a temporary vacancy (or vacancies) prevents the convening of a three-person panel to act on a pending case, that vacancy shall be filled in like manner, if possible. A temporary vacancy may result from illness, conflict of interest, withdrawal for personal reasons, temporary incapacity or unavailability. Temporary vacancies shall be filled on a case-by-case basis with the person so appointed serving for that case only;

- c) If such permanent or temporary vacancy occurs but cannot be filled in the above stated manner, the Council shall immediately appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The term of office of a member appointed by the Council to fill a permanent vacancy shall expire at the next-following Congress. If this requires a special election at a Congress at which no general elections are held, the term of office of the member so elected shall expire when the terms of the other DC members expire.

5. Decisions

Each case shall be heard and decided by a panel composed normally of the Chair of the DC and two other members appointed by the Chair in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. If the Chair is unable to act in a specific case, the DC member elected with the highest number of votes shall act as Chair for that case.

6. Filing of Complaints

Complaints must be filed with the DC by any Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities within 30 days of the facts or events, or of knowing of the facts or events, which constitute a disciplinary or ethical offence.

A disciplinary or ethical offence shall consist of any violation of any material ISU disciplinary or ethical rule and of any other conduct which can be deemed disciplinary or ethical by nature.

7. Rules of Procedure

The filing of complaints and the proceedings before the DC shall be regulated in more details in Rules of Procedure adopted by the DC. Such rules and any amendments are subject to the approval of the Council and shall become binding upon publication in a Communication. The proceedings are handled in writing. The DC, at its sole discretion, may decide upon a hearing.

8. Jurisdiction

- a) Complaints involving disputes between Members are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. Alleged breaches of the eligibility rules by competitors, Officials, Office Holders and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congresses or other activities, shall be decided by the Council. The person concerned may appeal adverse decisions of the Council in eligibility cases to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);

- b) The appointment of a person to an official position in the ISU, and the continued assignment of that person in such position, or any other ISU position, is not a matter of right but a function entrusted to the designated body or Official of the ISU. Accordingly, such appointments or continued assignments are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC;
- c) Performance evaluations of Officials, including Assessments, warnings, criticisms, letters of advice and other evaluations issued by the Technical Committees, the Sports Directorate and the Council, and the appointment or removal of ISU Officials, are not disciplinary but technical decisions. Accordingly, they are not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. Complaints alleging incompetence, carelessness, lack of proper attention to duty, deficient performance, error or faulty judgment, are therefore not subject to the jurisdiction of the DC and shall be referred to the relevant ISU Official or body for performance evaluation and resolution;
- d) All decisions of ISU Officials, ISU Office Holders or ISU bodies which are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission under this provision are final unless otherwise stated in another section of the Constitution or by other ISU Regulations. Any such final decision shall however be subject to the exercise of the superior decision authority of the ISU Congress at the next following Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. The Congress is vested with appellate and review authority to affirm, modify or reverse any such final decision;
- e) In the case a Complaint is obviously not disciplinary or ethical, or evidently lacks any ground or chances of success, the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission may dismiss the matter without submission to the Disciplinary Commission full panel. The Disciplinary Commission Chair's summary decision dismissing the matter for lack of jurisdiction or evident lack of grounds is subject to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

9. Sanctions

- a) The DC may impose the following sanctions if the Alleged Offender is found to have committed an Offence:
 - i) a warning;
 - ii) a financial penalty not exceeding 15,000 Swiss Francs;
 - iii) suspension of participation in any specific ISU activity or of all ISU activities for a definite period;
 - iv) exclusion for life from specific ISU activity or from all ISU activities;

- b) Any sanction specified in the preceding paragraph (except warning) may be conditionally suspended for a certain period of time under the condition that the person committing the Offence (Offender) will not commit any other offence during such period and/or under the condition that the Offender performs a remedial action specified by the DC;
- c) The DC shall impose such sanction or sanctions which it finds adequate and justified by the facts of the case, by the seriousness of the Offence and by mitigating circumstances. Cooperation by the Offender may be considered a mitigating factor;
- d) A financial penalty may be imposed in concurrence with any other sanction except warning.

10. Doping Case Sanctions

Doping cases are subject to the jurisdiction of the DC. In such cases, the DC shall impose sanctions in accordance with the ISU Anti-Doping Rules.

11. Charges against DC members

If a Complaint is filed against a member of the DC (including the Chair), the disciplinary proceeding shall be conducted by the Council. The Rules of Procedure of the DC shall apply accordingly.

12. Appeals

Appeals against the decisions of the DC, against the decisions of the DC Chair in the case of Article 24 paragraph 8.e) and against the decisions of the Council pursuant to paragraph 11 above may be filed in accordance with Article 25.

13. If a decision of the DC is appealed, the appealed decision does not become effective until the final decision by CAS is rendered with the exception of a decision imposing a sanction for violation of the Anti-Doping Rules which becomes effective immediately.

In addition, in the case of a serious violation of the Constitution, the Regulations or the Code of Ethics which reflects adversely upon the reputation or integrity of the ISU, the DC, upon a motion of the Council, or *sua sponte*, may decide that an appeal will have no postponing effect.

V. Arbitration
Article 25

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) – Appeals Arbitration

1. Appeals

Appeals against decisions of the DC, and of the Council when allowed by explicit provision of this Constitution, may be filed with the Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland.

2. CAS Jurisdiction

The CAS shall have the power to hear and decide appeals in the following cases

- a) against any decision of the DC, or of the DC Chair in the case of Article 24, paragraphs 8.e);
- b) against decisions of the Council imposing any penalty on or suspension of membership of a Member;
- c) against any decision of the Council declaring ineligibility of a Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities;
- d) against any decision of the Council sitting as a disciplinary body hearing charges against a member of the DC.

3. The appeal may be filed by the person or Member concerned (the “Offender”) or by the ISU in cases under paragraph 2, a) of this Article 25.

4. The appeal must be filed in writing with the CAS and the ISU Secretariat within 21 days from the communication of the decision to the party having the right of appeal.

5. All such sport appeal arbitration proceedings in the CAS shall be conducted in English under the Special Provisions of the CAS Code of Sport-Related Arbitration applicable to Appeal Arbitration Proceedings.

6. Decisions of the CAS shall be final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction of any civil court.

Article 26

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) – Ordinary Arbitration

1. CAS Jurisdiction

All Members, their members, and all other persons claiming standing as present or prospective participants in the ISU or ISU Competitions, Championships, Congress or other activities, and the ISU, agree to binding arbitration under the rules of the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland, as the exclusive jurisdiction and method of resolution of all claims or disputes not governed by the terms of Articles 24 and 25 above, that is:

- a) damage and money claims as well as other claims, which could otherwise be the subject of a lawsuit in a civil court: (1) against the ISU or any ISU Office Holder, ISU Official, agent or employee acting on behalf of the ISU; and, (2) by the ISU against any party with standing, or claiming standing, with the ISU as identified above in this Article 26;
- b) requests under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code.

2. Requests for Arbitration

A request for arbitration filed pursuant to the present Article must be filed with the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the CAS at the claimant's cost. A request recognized under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code must be filed with the Ordinary Arbitration Division of the CAS at the claimant's cost within one month after the Complainant has had a reasonable opportunity to become aware of the decision which is the subject of the request. Decisions published on the ISU website (www.isu.org) shall be deemed reasonably available as of the date of first publication.

3. Decisions of the CAS shall be final and binding. All proceedings shall be in English and awards shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

4. Decisions of the ISU Congress taken as the result of a review/appeal according to Article 24, paragraph 8.d) are final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction by any civil Court or the CAS except requests for arbitration recognized under Article 75 of the Swiss Civil Code.

VI. Communication and Liquidation

Article 27

1. Communications

Communications of the ISU must bear the signature of both the President and the Director General. In exceptional circumstances, specific Council decisions may be signed by the President only.

ISU Communications are published on the ISU website and hard copies are mailed to ISU Members and Office Holders only. Members must ensure that their members, including all international Officials are informed about the release of ISU Communications and their content.

2. Publications of Decisions

Decisions of general interest and importance to the Members taken by the Council, the Sports Directorate or the Disciplinary Commission shall be published in the official publications of the ISU.

3. Validity of decisions issued in Communications

Communications issued between Congresses concerning interpretation of rules and/or modifying or suspending rules shall lapse at the next succeeding Congress unless presented to the Congress for approval before implementation.

Article 28

1. Liquidation of the ISU

The liquidation of the ISU can be decided upon only at Congress by a four-fifths majority of Members with the presence of at least 80% of Members.

2. Congress elects by simple majority the liquidator and decides upon the manner of distribution of the assets.

VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution

A. Congress – Organization

Article 29

1. Invitations

Invitations to a Congress must be forwarded to all Members at least six months in advance.

2. Proposals to Congress

- a) Members and Technical Committees must send all proposals for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations for inclusion in the agenda to the ISU Secretariat by December 1 preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals from Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations shall then be sent to all Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees by January 31. Members and Technical Committees may submit amendments to their own previous proposals to the ISU Secretariat by March 30. An updated agenda including such amendments, as well as amendments to Council and Sports Directorate proposals, will be sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year;
- b) Members may send proposals for changes in the Technical Rules for the consideration of the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Directorate to the ISU Secretariat by September 1 preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the Sports Directorate, shall then be sent by January 31 to Members and Office Holders. Members and Office Holders may submit comments on the proposed Technical Rule changes by March 1 to the ISU Secretariat for consideration by the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Directorate. An updated summary of proposals for Technical Rule changes from the Technical Committees, approved by the Sports Directorate, shall then be included in the Congress Agenda and sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year;
- c) All proposals must be written in English. All wording in new paragraphs and new wording in existing paragraphs must be underlined. Proposals causing expense to the ISU must be accompanied by a budget.

3. To give proper effect to the latest enactments of each Congress, any Constitutional provision, or General Regulation or Special Regulations or Technical Rules that is, or may be reasonably believed to be, contrary to or inconsistent with decisions taken by such Congress shall be deemed amended to be consistent with the most recent Congress decisions. The Drafting Committees of the relevant Congress or the Director General, as most convenient, shall amend such other provisions and regulations accordingly before publication of the new Constitution and Regulations. All such amendments shall be submitted to the Council before such book publication for review and approval or appropriate modification for accuracy.

4. Drafting Matters

Proposals for improvements in the wording of the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and the Regulations shall not be included in the Congress agenda. These shall be submitted by the Director General directly to the drafting committees of Congress.

5. Urgent Matters

If a proposal for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations is submitted later than the date specified above, 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.

6. Workshops

The Workshops at the Congress shall present topics of interest concerning the ISU sports, including proposed Technical Rules changes. Members may submit recommendations to the Council concerning such topics by the due date for Proposals for the Agenda. The Council shall decide the final subject matter of each Workshop and shall arrange for proper preparation and presentation of such topics. The final program for each workshop shall be published with the Congress Agenda and shall not be subject to modification as an Urgent Matter or at the Congress.

7. Call to Order

The procedures in "Call to Order", Perry Edition, latest edition are recommended to be followed by the Congress when considering proposals and amendments to proposals. Prior to the Congress the Council may at its discretion, appoint a Parliamentarian to assist the Chair of the General and Section meetings. A drafting group to ensure the proper preparation of the wording of proposals subject to amendments from the floor shall be appointed.

8. Attendance of Office Holders

Members of the Council, Sports Directorate, Technical Committees, Disciplinary Commission, Medical Commission, and Advisors may attend Congress in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote in their capacity as such, unless the only representative of a Member present is also an Office Holder.

9. Attendance of Honorary Members

Honorary Members may attend Congresses without counting in the quota of their Members and have a voice at the discretion of the Chair but will have no right to vote in their capacity as Honorary Members.

10. Members Right to vote

The right to vote may be exercised only by representatives of each Member, duly nominated in accordance with the Constitution, who can prove their identity. Voting by proxy given to another Member is not permitted.

11. Voting at Congress

Voting at Congress is made by representatives of Members present. Each Member which controls both branches of skating shall have two votes. (Members having 2 votes cannot split the vote when voting in the whole Congress, i.e. the two votes cannot be different one from the other). All other Members shall have one vote. In dealing with the Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Figure or Speed Skating respectively, those Members which have two votes shall have only one vote with respect to those Rules.

The Member organizing the Congress shall provide an electronic recording system of voting for resolutions and proposals for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions and Regulations as well as for elections. The system must permit an open vote (not secret) for the voting on resolutions, proposals and other decisions as determined by the Chair and must permit a secret vote for the elections.

12. Notification of participation

Members who desire to exercise their rights at a Congress must notify the ISU Secretariat and the organizers of their intention to participate at least seven days before the Congress.

13. Number of representatives

- a) The total number of persons who may represent a Member which governs both Figure and Speed Skating is limited to eight, with the recommendation to include at least one active Skater in such Member representation. The total number of persons who represent a Member that governs separately either Figure Skating or Speed Skating is limited to five, with the recommendation to include at least one active Skater in such Member representation.
ISU Office Holders (the President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Technical Committee Chair and members), Disciplinary Commission Chair and members, Medical Commission Chair and members, and Advisors may serve as one of a Member's delegation to the Congress but may not vote in any capacity at the Congress, unless the only representative present is also an Office Holder. Honorary Members are not counted in the quota of any Member;
- b) Member delegations from non-English speaking countries are permitted to enroll one (if governing separately either Figure or Speed Skating) or two (if governing both branches) translators within their Congress delegation. These translators will be seated alongside their respective delegation party in the Congress hall, thus assisting those delegation members requiring translation support directly. The inclusion of such translators does not impact upon the quota of delegation members stated in the preceding paragraph a);
- c) While the costs associated with translator services as per the preceding paragraph b) will remain essentially at the discretion of the respective Member, the Council is available to examine requests for an ISU financial contribution on a case-by-case basis. Members applying for such financial assistance must send their request to the ISU Secretariat by March 30 of the respective Congress year. Such request must include proof of the legitimacy and credentials of the proposed accompanying translators.

14. Right to vote for National Associations

If more than one Association of a country belongs to the ISU, they shall exercise the voting power personally and separately.

15. Rights of National Associations

When a national association of a country not previously represented in the membership of the ISU becomes a Member, it exercises forthwith and solely the right to vote for that country.

16. Resolutions

Ordinary resolutions are passed by a simple majority of votes of Members represented and voting at a Congress.

17. Majorities

For the purpose of ascertaining majorities on any vote, Members that abstain from voting or Members casting invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting on the question at Congress.

18. Chair of Congress meetings

During sessions of Congress the President serves as Chair and may be assisted by a Parliamentarian appointed at the discretion of the Council. The Chair is entitled to move resolutions and amendments. He is also responsible for the proper, smooth and democratic running of the meetings and, if necessary, may propose to the Congress to exclude a specific person from a meeting or from the whole Congress.

19. Section meetings

The meetings of the Sections for Figure Skating and for Speed Skating take place simultaneously but separately.

20. Chairs of Section meetings

During sessions of the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sections the Vice President concerned serves as Chair and may be assisted by a Parliamentarian appointed at the discretion of the Council. The Chair is entitled to move resolutions and amendments.

21. Decision power Congress / Council / Director General / Sports Directorate

The Congress has the decision-making power regarding any matter but shall normally execute that power by deciding upon principles and directions for developing the sport and shall give to the Council, the Director General and the Sports Directorate with the assistance of the Technical Committees and the Medical Commission the power to decide upon details.

22. Proceedings and minutes

All Congress proceedings are conducted in English and every resolution which is duly passed at Congress must be recorded in full in the Minutes of Congress circulated to Members.

23. Elections

The President, Vice Presidents, Council members, Disciplinary Commission Chair and members and Technical Committee Chair and members are elected by secret ballot, if necessary in two stages. Before the election process starts, the Congress will be asked for objections to any nominee.

24. Election in case of restricted number of candidates

If there is one candidate only for an open position, or the same number of candidates as open positions within a body, the candidates are elected without a vote. If necessary, a special vote will be held to determine the order of precedence.

25. Valid ballots

Members will be required to select as many names of candidates as there are open positions. Ballots with more or fewer names than open positions or containing non-nominated candidate names are invalid.

26. First ballot – subsequent ballots

The election in the first ballot of those listed becomes effective only by the vote of an absolute majority of the Members voting. If in the first ballot there is no absolute majority, the candidate/s with the highest number of votes obtained in the second ballot is elected. “Absolute majority” means more than half of all valid votes cast.

Abstaining Members and invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting, and shall not be counted in ascertaining a majority (See paragraph 17 above).

27. Tie breaking ballot

If several candidates obtain an equal number of votes there shall be a deciding ballot between them, and if again there is a tie, a decision shall be reached by lot.

28. Order of precedence

In the case of a tie vote the order of precedence shall be decided by a further vote. If the number of votes is again equal, the order of precedence shall be decided by lot.

29. Technical operation of elections

The Council shall ensure the use of an electronic voting system operated by an independent service company appointed by the Council. The appointed Service Company shall certify that the system used has been tested and guarantees 100% accuracy of the results and shall confirm in writing that all data related to the secret elections shall remain strictly confidential. In addition, the Council shall ensure that scrutineers accepted by the Congress monitor the accuracy and confidentiality of the electronic voting system. In the case of malfunctioning of the electronic system, a traditional paper based system shall be used.

Any records of data relating to the election, in paper or electronic form, shall be destroyed by the Director General in the presence of the scrutineers immediately after the conclusion of the Congress.

30. Scrutineers

The Council must ensure that the scrutineers appointed to ensure the accuracy of the minutes of the Congress sight the draft minutes and verify them as accurate before the minutes are published and circulated.

B. Congress Agenda

Article 30

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. Verification of the qualifications of representatives and of their right to vote.
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 that shall include the items included in the Congress Meeting Procedures.
8. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress.
9. Biennial report by the President.
10. Workshops on topics proposed and prepared by the Council.
11. Questions and objections and Appeals, if any against decisions of the Council, the Director General, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees during the period since the last Congress not otherwise acted upon by the Disciplinary Commission.

12. Report of the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission during the period since the last Congress.
13. Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and its Procedural Provisions made by the Council, Sports Directorate, Technical Committees and Members.
14. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations.
15. 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 the Sports Directorate with respect thereto.
16. A budget for year of the Congress and the forthcoming two-year period as submitted by the Council and the approval thereof.
17. Appointment of an auditing company to serve until the next Congress.
18. Motions concerning amendments to the General Regulations referred to the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sections.
19. Ratification of the actions and decisions of the Council, Director General, Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees.
20. Objections to nominations for elected positions.
21. Election of the President.
22. Election of two Vice Presidents, one for Figure Skating and one for Speed Skating.
23. Election of the First Vice President (in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 6)
24. Election of eight members of the Council, four for Figure Skating and four for Speed Skating.
25. Communication of the results of elections to the Technical Committees by the Vice Presidents.

26. Election of a Disciplinary Commission consisting of a Chair, experienced in either Figure Skating or Speed Skating, who must be a lawyer, plus a minimum of two and a maximum of four other members.
27. Presentation of a status report on the existing four-year plan for the ISU.
28. The approval of the four-year plan sent to all Members by May 1 of the same year of the Congress at which the then current four-year plan will expire.
29. Election of Honorary Members.
30. Various including all other matters which in accordance with the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or the Regulations are required to be dealt with by Congress.
31. Closing of Congress by the President.

C. Speed Skating Section Agenda

Article 31

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Section.
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. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating.
9. 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 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 preceding 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 approved by the Sports Directorate further to discussions during the workshops that precede the Congress.

- 10.** Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a simple majority to become effective, as stated in Article 11, paragraph 2 of this Constitution.

- 11.** 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: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council, see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

- 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: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council (see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).

- 13.** The order of election of the Technical Committees referred to in paragraphs 11, and 12 shall be on a rotating basis starting from Congress 2006. (i.e., 2006 with paragraph 11 – Speed Skating; 2010 with paragraph 12 – Short Track Speed Skating - rotating cycle to repeat).

- 14.** Presentation of a status report on the four-year plan for each Technical Committee.

- 15.** Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.

- 16.** Various.

- 17.** Closing of the Section meeting by the Vice President.

D. Figure Skating Section Agenda

Article 32

1. Opening of the meeting by the Vice President.
2. Election of a secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of the Section.
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. Motions concerning amendments to the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance as well as Synchronized Skating.
9. 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 and Pair Skating, Ice Dance and for Synchronized Skating.

The Reports shall include:

- i) a summary of proposals and comments received from 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 preceding 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 approved by the Sports Directorate further to discussions during the workshops that precede the Congress.
- 10.** Presentation by Members of objections to proposed Technical Rule changes and subsequent vote upon such objections. Any objection requires a simple majority to become effective, as stated in Article 11, paragraph 2 of this Constitution.
- 11.** Election in the following sequence of a Technical Committee to deal with questions concerning Single and Pair Skating consisting of:
- a) A Chair;
 - b) Three regular members;
 - c) Note: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council, see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).
- 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: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council, see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).
- 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: Two additional Committee members, i.e.: a Skater and a Coach, shall subsequently be appointed by the Council, see Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2).
- 14.** The order of election of the Technical Committees referred to in paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 shall be on a rotating basis starting from Congress 2006. (i.e., 2006 with paragraph 11 - Single and Pair Skating; 2010 with paragraph 12 – Ice Dance; 2014 with paragraph 13 – Synchronized Skating; 2018 – rotating cycle to repeat).
- 15.** Presentation of a status report on the four-year plan for each Technical Committee.

16. Presentation and approval of a four-year plan from each Technical Committee.
17. Various.
18. Closing of the Section meeting by the Vice President.

E. Council

Article 33

1. Minimum number of annual Council meetings

The Council meets at least twice a year on dates determined by the Council.

2. Council meetings and decisions

The Council arrives at its decisions by correspondence between its members, or at meetings.

3. Decisions of the Council are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present. Pursuant to Article 17, paragraph 1.b) the only exception to the simple majority decision is the appointment and dismissal of the Director General and the Chair of the Sports Directorate for which a two third majority of Council votes is required including the vote of the President. Formal voting shall be by open vote, e.g. show of hands, voice etc., recorded in the minutes. In exceptional cases the Council may decide by simple majority of members present to vote by secret ballot. However, if such secret vote results in a tie, there will be a second secret ballot. If a tie persists then the vote must be repeated openly.

4. The President presides, may vote and also has a tie breaking vote.

5. Quorum for Council meetings

Six members present at a meeting or participating within the given time limit in the vote by correspondence form a quorum.

6. Council meeting Agenda

An agenda, including all proposals, will be circulated, in English, by the President at least 7 days prior to all meetings.

7. Proposals

Proposals from individual members of the Council which are within the jurisdiction of the Council, may be dealt with by correspondence.

8. Answers from individual members of the Council will be communicated to the other members.

9. Decisions on Member disputes

Decisions by the Council on disputes between Members or on complaints by Members against others, accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefore, together with a summary of the opinions of the members of the Council, shall be announced by the President. The opinions of members of the Council shall be ascertained by correspondence.

10. Budget additions

The Council, in consultation with the Director General, the Treasurer and the Sports Directorate, may approve individual additions to budgets as approved by the Congress. The Council shall inform Members by Circular Letter if changes of incomes or expenditures will have a considerable negative effect on the accumulated retained earnings for the budget approved by the Congress.

11. Confidentiality

Discussion at the Council meetings, voting by Council members, minutes of meetings and other documents sent to Council members, except those which are published, are confidential.

Violation of confidentiality by Council members may result in sanctions for misconduct under the applicable Rules.

F. Sports Directorate

Article 34

1. Frequency and type of Sports Directorate meetings

The Sports Directorate holds monthly conferences through meetings or telephone conference calls or through other technological means available.

2. Sports Directorate meetings and decisions

The Sports Directorate arrives at its decisions by correspondence between its members, or at conferences.

3. Decisions of the Sports Directorate are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present. Formal voting shall be by open vote, e.g. show of hands, voice etc., recorded in the minutes. In exceptional cases the Sports Directorate may decide by simple majority of members present to vote by secret ballot. However, if such secret vote results in a tie, there will be a second secret ballot. If a tie persists then the vote must be repeated openly.

4. The Chair of the Sports Directorate chairs the meetings, may vote and also has a tie breaking vote.

5. Quorum for Sports Directorate meetings

Three members participating in a conference form a quorum.

6. Sports Directorate meetings Agenda

An agenda, including all proposals, will be circulated, in English, by the Chair of the Sports Directorate, at least 7 days prior to all meetings.

7. Proposals

Proposals from individual members of the Sports Directorate which are within the jurisdiction of the Sports Directorate, may be dealt with by correspondence.

8. Answers

Answers from individual members of the Sports Directorate will be communicated directly to the other members.

9. Confidentiality

Discussion at the Sports Directorate meetings, voting by Sports Directorate members, minutes of meetings and other documents sent to Sports Directorate members, except those which are published, are confidential. Violation of confidentiality by Sports Directorate members may result in sanctions for misconduct under the applicable Rules.

The Council and the Director General shall be kept fully informed on all ongoing actions of the Sports Directorate and in particular receive copies of the Sports Directorate meeting Minutes.

10. Submission of proposals requiring Council decision

Any proposal from the Sports Directorate to the Council shall include the input of the Director General.

G. Technical Committees

Article 35

1. Plan of work

The Committees shall establish their plan of work with the approval of the Sports Directorate.

2. Technical Committee meetings and decisions

The Committees shall meet with the appropriate members of the Sports Directorate if the Committees have meetings at the same place and at the same time.

3. The Chairs of the appropriate Committees shall attend Sports Directorate meetings when required for consultation on technical matters but without the right to vote.

4. The work of the Technical Committees is under supervisory control of the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice President may delegate certain responsibilities to the Sports Directorate.

5. Decisions of the Technical Committees are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present at the meeting or sent by correspondence within the given time limit. Formal voting at a meeting shall be by open vote, e.g. show of hands, voice etc., recorded in the minutes. In exceptional cases the Technical Committees may decide by simple majority of members present to vote by secret ballot. However, if such secret vote results in a tie, there will be a second secret ballot. If a tie persists then the vote must be repeated openly.

6. Information to Technical Committees

The Chair of the appropriate Committee shall be informed of all activities of the appointed Commissions and/or Advisors active within the respective branch.

H. The Medical Commission

Article 36

1. Plan of work

The Commission shall establish its plan of work, with the approval of the Sports Directorate.

2. Commission meetings and decisions

The Commission shall meet with the appropriate members of the Sports Directorate if the Commission has meetings at the same place and at the same time.

3. The Chair shall attend Sports Directorate meetings when required for consultation on medical or anti-doping matters, but without the right to vote.

4. The work of the Medical Commission is under the supervisory control of the Sports Directorate and all actions undertaken by the Commission (in particular actions involving ISU policy or those with financial implications), except those related to day-to-day administration, are subject to the approval of the Sports Directorate.

I. Definitions and Functions of Office Holders/Officials

Article 37

1. ISU Office Holders

Office Holders are eligible persons (except the appointed Coaches in Technical Committees), elected or appointed, who hold an office specifically named in the ISU Constitution (e.g. Council members, Director General, Sports Directorate members, Technical Committee members, Disciplinary Commission members, Medical Commission members, Legal Advisors, Treasurer) or appointed by a decision of the Council under Article 17, paragraph 1, l) with specific designation as Office Holders.

2. Officials

Officials are persons who perform any function mentioned in the ISU Regulations at any event organized under the ISU Regulations (e.g. ISU Representatives, Technical Delegates, Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters, Competitors Stewards) and other future "ISU" Officials categories as decided by the Congress.

3. Functions of the ISU Representative

The ISU Representative is the highest ISU Official at the ISU Championships or at any other ISU Event.

The ISU Representative is appointed by the Council and represents the ISU at the given Event, performs all functions specified in the ISU Regulations and, in addition, decides all important matters relating to the organization and conduct of the Event which are not specifically within the jurisdiction of another Official e.g. Referee.

The ISU Representative may not alter or modify any term or conditions of ISU commercial agreements unless required by extraordinary circumstances.

4. Functions of the Regional Event Coordination Assistants and ISU Event Coordinator (in Figure Skating)

The Regional Event Coordination Assistants and ISU Event Coordinator perform all functions specified in the ISU Regulations and in the relevant ISU Memorandum and assignments decided by the Council. In addition, they serve as liaison between the ISU Officials on duty, ISU technical staff/consultants and the Organizers.

II.

General Regulations

A. General

Rule 100

1. Definition

The Associations and Special Clubs hereinafter constitute the International Skating Union (herein called the "ISU").

2. Affiliated Clubs

An "affiliated Club" shall mean a Skating club affiliated with a Member.

3. ISU Events

- a) The sporting activity of the ISU is conducted principally through the "ISU Events". The ISU owns all rights to the names, program format, scoring rules, computer programs, organization, marketing, advertising, broadcasting and reproduction of the ISU Events. Through trademark registrations, licensing and marketing/advertising exploitation of these rights, the ISU ensures the continuity of these unique, worldwide 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, the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 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“;
- c) Each ISU Series of International Competitions, as a linked Series, now consisting of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (senior and junior), and the ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating World Cups 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 Member unless agreed upon otherwise through a specific agreement between the respective organizing Member and the ISU;
- d) The international competitive events that are identified in Rule 107 but not included in the above categories a) through c) as well as shows, exhibitions and tours that are not included in the above categories a) through c) are organized and conducted by Members (except the Olympic Winter Games that are organized and conducted by the IOC) as sanctioned by the ISU and are not ISU Events.

4. Rights

The ISU holds all the rights to its activities and is entitled to organize ISU Events directly, with the full cooperation of the Member concerned or other appointed bodies, if the Member concerned is unable or unwilling to organize an ISU Event in its own country.

Rule 101

1. Regulations

The changes and amendments to these Regulations shall come into force immediately after the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress. However, a proposal may not be effective immediately upon adoption by the Congress unless so stated in the printed Agenda.

2. These Regulations govern all Figure Skating and Speed Skating of the ISU and are binding on all Members and affiliated clubs so far as international matters are concerned.

3. All International Competitions and exhibitions must be conducted strictly in accordance with the ISU Regulations in effect at the time such events are held (for exceptions see Rules 367 and 753).

B. Eligibility

Rule 102

1. Eligibility Status

- a) The eligibility Rules of the ISU are based upon the principles that:
 - i) a person has the privilege to take part in the activities and competitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU only if such person respects the principles and policies of the ISU as expressed in the ISU Constitution and Regulations and fulfills those obligations on the basis of which the ISU functions and governs all its activities;
 - ii) the condition of eligibility is made for the adequate protection of the economic and other interests of the ISU, which uses its financial revenues for the administration and development of the ISU sport disciplines and for the support and benefit of the Members and their Skaters;
- b) an eligible person is one who elects to take part only in International Competitions which are:
 - i) sanctioned by the Member and/or the ISU;
 - ii) conducted by ISU recognized and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards and others; and
 - iii) conducted under ISU Regulations;
- c) a Skater wishing to take part in ISU activities should not be placed at a disadvantage by reason of the necessity to prepare for and participate in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, and all International Competitions, exhibitions and tours properly sanctioned by the ISU or a Member. Accordingly, a Skater may receive payments for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances and still remain eligible, provided:
 - i) such Skater complies with conditions established by the respective Member of which such Skater is a member concerning such appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances, including all financial arrangements;
 - ii) payments or other benefits to be received by such Skater for any Skating appearance are made through the respective Member of which such Skater is a member or at least with full information on such payments or benefits given by such Skater to the Member;
 - iii) such Skater complies with all other provisions of this Rule 102;

- d) it is the responsibility of each Member to establish the basis for the receipt of payments by such Skater for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances.
Members may share such payments in consideration of past and present support of such persons, but with not more than 10%. Members shall monitor their Skaters to ensure that they do not participate in competitions that would render them ineligible.

2. Definition of an ineligible person

A person becomes ineligible to participate in ISU activities and competitions by:

- i) skating or officiating without the prior express authorization of the respective Member, in any capacity in a Skating competition, exhibition or tour in any of the sport disciplines of the ISU;
- ii) skating or officiating in a competition conducted by Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards, etc.) not on the approved list of the respective Member or on the ISU approved list;
- iii) skating or officiating in an event not sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU; or
- iv) otherwise violating this Rule 102.

In addition to the consequences and status of ineligibility described in Rule 102, paragraph 7 and Rule 103, paragraph 1, a person specifically declared ineligible by the Council, if the Council so states in its decision, may be also declared to be *persona non grata* within the ISU and such person may not take part in ISU activities, stand for or hold any ISU Office, be a delegate to any Congress, be an ISU Official, be granted credentials to any ISU Event, seminar or meeting in any capacity, or otherwise occupy any position, appointed or otherwise, identified in the ISU Constitution, Regulations, Event Memorandums, Communications or Circular Letters as a position of service or responsibility on behalf of the ISU.

3. Participation of eligible persons

Only eligible persons, including Skaters, are permitted to take part in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and other International Competitions unless another rule explicitly provides otherwise (See paragraph 4 below and Rule 121, paragraph 3.a). Eligible persons may take part in exhibitions and tours which may include ineligible Skaters, only if such exhibitions and tours are sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU.

Eligible persons may participate in ISU approved Open International Competitions that include invited ineligible Skaters as approved by the Council.

4. Restricted eligibility

Eligibility rights are restricted as follows:

- a) A person (although not otherwise ineligible under other provisions of this Rule) who receives remuneration from ownership or management of an ice show or skating exhibition tour may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Competitors Steward, Judge or Starter in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the ISU Council, a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress;
- b) paid employees of ISU Members and their affiliated clubs, and remunerated Coaches, may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, Starter or Competitors Stewards 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 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 Operator or Replay Operator in ISU sanctioned competitions;
- c) a person may not serve as an appointed member of the Technical Committee or as a leader of an ISU seminar or course if such person participated after July 1, 1998 as an official in the administration of events defined in Rule 102, paragraphs 2 (ii) and (iii);
- d) ineligible Skaters may serve as Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators.

5. Payments

Payments may be made either by the Member concerned or the ISU, as applicable, to competitors, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters or Competitors Stewards in all events listed in Rule 107 and members of the ISU Council, Technical Committees, the Disciplinary Commission and Advisors or other persons serving the ISU in other capacities in connection with the preparation for or participation in such ISU activities or competitions. If payments are made, the ISU must be informed in writing within a two month period as to the amounts paid.

6. Trademarks

a) In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events, and all other Figure Skating competitions organized under the auspices of the ISU, competitors, team officials, Coaches and service personnel may display on their persons, clothing and/or technical equipment not more than two trademarks (which must be dignified and with a maximum of sixty (60) square centimeters each) for any commercial products, services or enterprises (tobacco and alcohol excluded) only while being off the ice including in the “kiss and cry” area, the television interview area and during practice sessions. One trademark of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than thirty (30) square centimeters. Trademarks and advertising markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn.

During the competitive performance, the exhibition at the end of an event and for the medal award ceremony no trademarks on Skaters costumes are allowed.

In other off-ice areas additional trademarks with no limitation in size are allowed. However, such additional trademarks must be authorized by the respective Member;

b) in all ISU Championships and all other competitions in Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating organized under the auspices of the ISU, team officials, Coaches, service personnel and competitors of the same national team (entered by the same ISU Member) must wear identical uniforms while within the premises of the arena or ice track during the whole period of the Championships or competition including official practice sessions, which clearly identify their country, with a design, as prescribed by the Members which enter the Skaters for competition. The Members have the obligation to submit the design to the ISU for approval.

The team officials, Coaches, service personnel and Skaters may display on their clothing and on technical equipment advertising markings (tobacco and alcohol excluded) in the competition area, in the television interview area and during the award ceremonies, in accordance with the following:

i) the total maximum surface area of all advertising markings (excluding manufacturer trademarks as per sub-paragraph ii) below) on clothing shall not exceed six hundred and fifty (650) cm². The maximum number of advertising markings shall not exceed six (6) on the clothing on the upper body (above the waist) and two (2) on the clothing on the lower body (below the waist) and shall be dignified.

Arms are to be excluded from any advertising markings in Speed Skating.

The maximum surface area for a single marking is 45 cm² for

the upper body and 30 cm² on the cap for Speed Skating.
The maximum surface area for a single advertising marking on the lower body is two hundred and fifty (250) cm²;

- (ii) No advertising markings other than manufacturer's trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, helmets (without covers).

One manufacturer's trademark may appear on each piece of equipment and clothing. Skin suits are considered as two pieces; one piece upper body and one piece lower body. Skates are considered as consisting of 4 pieces namely 2 boots and 2 blades. The manufacturer's trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices and not exceed 20 cm² per piece of equipment.

- (iii) Armbands and helmet covers are not considered as technical equipment. Advertising markings on armbands and helmet covers in ISU Events (ISU Championships & World Cup competitions) and the Olympic Winter Games are reserved to ISU sponsors. For other International Competitions advertising markings of maximum thirty (30) cm² per armband or helmet cover may be authorized by the organizing ISU Member.

- (iv) The determination of the design, without any commercial images or registered trademarks, and advertising markings on the clothing of competitors and team officials, Coaches and service personnel of the same national team is the sole right and responsibility of the national associations as Members of the ISU to ensure compliance with this Rule. It is recommended that the Members consider providing the use of advertising markings to the athletes or personnel;

- (v) trademarks and advertising markings may be measured by the Officials for compliance while being worn;

- (vi) the racing and warm-up suits of the Skaters must display the name of the country or its official ISU abbreviation (letters of maximum 15 cm high).

In Speed Skating the country name or abbreviation should be placed on the back of the upper body.

In Short Track Speed Skating the country name or abbreviation shall be placed on the external part of both lower legs, the size of the characters not to be smaller than 5 cm high.

7. Loss of eligibility

- a) The consequence of a breach of the eligibility rules shall be the loss of eligibility. The status of a person disqualified or suspended under other applicable Rules, does not affect the eligible status of such person, but it limits, according to the terms of the applicable disciplinary sanction, the right of such person to participate in the competitions and activities of the ISU;
- b) the ISU Council, upon the presentation of such evidence as it considers sufficient at its sole discretion, may rule upon an alleged breach of the eligibility rules, whether or not any protest has been made against an individual's eligible status in skating;
- c) before a ruling is made by the Council, both the Member and the person concerned shall be notified and the person concerned shall be given the opportunity to furnish an explanation of the alleged breach (which may be in writing).
If the person concerned does not avail himself of such opportunity within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice, his right to furnish an explanation shall be waived.

8. Matters concerning eligibility not otherwise foreseen in the ISU Rules shall be considered by the Member concerned in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the ISU Rules.

Rule 103

1. Reinstatement as an eligible person

A person who is or has been ineligible, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 102, may not thereafter be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games or International Competitions, or a member of the Council, a Technical Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress, unless he has been reinstated as an eligible person by the Council.

2. A person who is or has been ineligible may apply for reinstatement as a Skater only if such person had not violated Rule 102, paragraph 2 (ii) and (iii).

- 3.** Requests for reinstatement as an eligible person by the Council shall be made:

 - a) only by ISU Members;
 - b) only once for the same person;
 - c) only by submitting the completed official ISU form, including all pertinent information.

- 4.** The ISU Council, in approving a reinstatement request, may make such reinstatement effective immediately or after such waiting period as it sees fit, depending upon the circumstances.

- 5.** Reinstatements of ineligible persons for all national activities may be made as desired by the Member concerned.

C. Obligations of Members

Rule 104

1. Members of the ISU

Members of the ISU are either

- a) national associations or
- b) Special Clubs,
elected pursuant to Article 6 of the Constitution.

2. Addresses

Each Member must keep the ISU Secretariat constantly up to date as to its name and address and must send to the Director General its name and address and the names of its President and Secretary, stating their addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses etc.

3. Official names

In ISU matters, the official names of the Members (and not the names of the nations) should be used whenever mentioned.

4. Communications

All communications of members of the Members or affiliated clubs, and like organizations with the ISU may be made only through their respective Members. Official communications in particular official forms (e.g. entry forms, nomination forms etc) or applications for ISU Events to be submitted to the ISU or an organizing Member of an ISU Event must be signed either by the Member's President or General Secretary (or equivalent such as Executive Director, Director General or CEO). Payment instructions for the transferring of ISU contributions must be signed by both the Member's President and General Secretary. For communications between Members and Skaters see Rule 111.

5. Official journal

Each Member must notify the Director General of the name and address of its official journal (if any), and state whether decisions of the ISU should be communicated to that journal, in addition to being communicated to the other designated officials of the Member.

6. List of Members

The list of Members will be kept up to date on the ISU website and will be published annually in an ISU Communication by October 1.

7. Subscriptions

The annual fee from each Member is 300 Swiss Francs. In case of need, the Council may increase this amount.

8. Payment

Payment of the annual fee for the current financial year must be made at the latest by January 31.

9. Loss of membership rights

Members in arrears with respect to their annual fee payment or other payments due to the ISU shall after July 1st lose all their rights of membership until payment in full is made.

10. Expulsion

Members which, after notification in July, do not remit the amount due by the following January 1st, may be expelled from membership.

11. Compliance with Rules

Those Members and others acting on their behalf in organizing International Competitions must adhere to the Regulations governing such competitions.

12. Competitions for ineligible persons

Members and their affiliated clubs are not allowed to organize, support, assist with or to furnish facilities for skating competitions for ineligible persons, unless approved by the Council.

13. Publication of best Skaters

Before May 1st of each year each Member shall announce in respect of the preceding skating season and the ISU Secretariat shall publish those received in a Communication by July 1st:

- a) Speed Skating: the five best times set up on standard tracks by Speed Skaters of the 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 Member over the distances 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 meters and Relay 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.

14. Planned International competitions - Speed Skating

- a) Each Member must announce to the ISU, by June 1st, the International Competitions it intends to organize in the coming year, stating the class, place, date, type of track (indoor or outdoor, natural or artificial) and basic measurements of the track and ice surface. In the event of two or more competitions being organized on conflicting dates on the same continent, the Director General shall immediately inform the Members concerned to co-ordinate the dates between them. The Members must inform the ISU of the arrangements made by July 1st. The ISU Secretariat shall publish those competitions announced in a Communication by August 1st. This Communication does not replace announcements according to Rule 112;
- b) a Member which intends to organize an International Competition that has not been included in the relevant annual ISU Communications on International Speed Skating Competitions must submit the announcement to the ISU Secretariat for approval in order to have the competition recognized with the status of an International Competition;
- c) each Member must announce to the ISU, by October 1st, the National Championships and country matches it intends to organize in the coming season, stating the class of Championships or country match, as well as the date, place and track at which the respective Championships or country matches are planned to be held. At least two copies of the announcement of National Championships and country matches should be sent to the ISU Secretariat not later than four weeks before the first day of the event. The announcements must include the information items mentioned in Rule 112, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

15. Planned International competitions Figure Skating

- a) Each Member must announce to the ISU by March 1st the International Competitions it intends to organize in the coming season. Members may also announce competitions which fall under Rule 107, paragraph 12, but such competitions shall be listed separately. In the event of two or more competitions being organized on conflicting dates, the Director General shall immediately inform the organizers concerned to coordinate the dates between them. The organizers must inform the ISU of the arrangements made by April 1st;
- b) the ISU Secretariat shall publish those competitions received in a Communication by May 1st. This Communication does not replace announcements according to Rule 112;

- c) a Member which intends to organize an International Competition that has not been included in the relevant annual ISU Communications on International Figure Skating Competitions must submit the announcement to the ISU Secretariat for approval in order to have the competition recognized with the status of an International Competition.

16. Exclusion

- a) The Council may exclude a Member or an affiliated club from:
 - 1) all international skating events that require ISU approval or sanction; and
 - 2) all other ISU activities, including but not limited to, Congresses, seminars, workshops and development programs, based on reasonable evidence that the Member or affiliated club has materially violated any Regulation, the Constitution or the Code of Ethics, including, but not limited to, violations involving misconduct by officials and representatives of the Member or affiliated club thereof;
- b) Any Member entering or cooperating in the entry of a Skater in a skating competition, or permitting a Skater or official of the Member, to participate in a skating competition or exhibition, whether organized by such ISU Member or others, after issuance of an ISU Communication of a decision of the Disciplinary Commission excluding such Skater and/or such Member official from ISU activities or of a decision of the Council declaring such Skater or official ineligible, shall risk exclusion of the skating event involved from the calendar of approved ISU events for such period of time, or forever, as decided by the Council;
- c) The sanctions mentioned in this paragraph 16 are in addition to, and not to the exclusion of, all other sanctions available under the Constitution, Regulations and Code of Ethics;
- d) Before exclusion the ISU Member or affiliated club thereof must be informed about the nature of the alleged offence, all facts pertaining to the case and all evidence available, in order to allow a defence to be made. If the ISU Member or affiliated club does not take advantage of this opportunity within 15 days after the information has been received, by written notice to the ISU Secretariat, the right to do so is forfeited;
- e) The ISU Member or affiliated club thereof must be notified in writing of such a decision and the reasons therefore. The Council shall publish its decision, including the reasons or their summary, in an ISU Communication;

- f) The provisions of this Rule 104, paragraph 16 are not applicable to, and do not limit or otherwise govern, actions and responsibilities of the Council taken pursuant to the requirements of Articles 6, 7 and 17 of the ISU Constitution respecting the maintenance by ISU Members of required minimum standards for continued ISU Membership.

17. Exhibitions

- a) The exhibition at the conclusion of an ISU Event and the Olympic Winter Games if included in the program of such Games, is part of the same Event. ISU Members, when entering their Skaters, undertake a commitment that their Skaters will take part in such exhibitions. In the event that such commitment is not complied with, the ISU Member will not permit the Skaters concerned to participate in any kind of event for a period of sixty (60) days following the date of such exhibition. In the case of illness or injury, a confirmation thereof by medical certificate shall be issued by the ISU Medical Advisor or an appointed medical doctor, in consultation with the ISU Medical Advisor;
- b) for Skaters chosen to take part in the Exhibition at an ISU Event and the Olympic Winter Games, it is mandatory to take part in the practice scheduled for the Exhibition. Failure to attend this practice will result in a reduction in the Exhibition fee of 50%.

Rule 105

1. **Television and Other Media Exhibition Arrangements**

- a) All arrangements for television and other media exhibition of ISU Events (see Rules 100, paragraph 3 to identify ISU Events) shall be made solely by the ISU with the television and other media exhibitors concerned, except for television and other media exhibition rights for dissemination solely within the country of the individual event of an ISU Series (such as ISU World Cups and ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating) which remain with the ISU Member organizing the event;
- b) television and other media exhibition rights described above held by the ISU include rights of every kind and description, including, without limitation, live and re-broadcast exhibitions of the ISU Events or excerpts from the ISU Events, and all related Event activities of all participants, in all forms of television and other media exhibition and transmission methods now known or hereafter devised, including, but not limited to, video cassettes, compact discs, mobile devices, the internet, telephones and computers. Such television and other media exhibition rights may be made available by the ISU directly or through licensing with television and other media exhibitors, including free or pay-to-view, interactive and on-demand services, for public and/or private viewing, and with or without accompanying commentary, music or other sound, and the ISU Events or excerpts from the ISU Events may be transmitted by any method of delivery now or hereafter developed, including but not limited to satellite, terrestrial lines, the internet, mobile telephony networks or other physical conductors such as cable, DSL receptors, telephone lines, or any combination thereof, in any norm or standard now or hereafter used for any such transmissions.
- c) television and other media exhibition rights held by the ISU shall include the incidental right to authorize the use of footage from such ISU Events for the promotion of other ISU Events and activities, and for the general advancement of the image and popularity of the Figure and Speed Skating sports.

2. The Member and the organizers of any ISU Event shall be responsible that the ice rink where the Event is held will be free of any television or film cameras (except those licensed and authorized by the ISU) and free of any advertisements within the view of the spectators watching the Event.

3. The ISU Council may delegate, wholly or partially, the responsibility for the actual negotiations for television coverage or other media exhibition to a consultant or media agency, or to an organizing Member, as its authorized representative for this purpose, but the ISU shall retain the right of final approval of all arrangements.

4. Arrangements for television and other media exhibition made after the allocation of an ISU Championship or other event to an organizing Member shall be made in cooperation with such Member, however, in all cases the ISU shall retain the right of final approval of all arrangements.

5. A Member arranging for television or other media exhibition of an international competition, Figure Skating exhibition or other event (except ISU Events as described above in this Rule) shall hold the rights thereto. The Member may sell these rights for:

a) transmission of the telecast or other media exhibition solely within its own country; however, to avoid conflicts with ISU interests, a Member may not sign any exclusive television contracts exceeding 3 years for any international events;

b) sale to other television or media exhibitors for rebroadcast in another specifically identified country (or countries) if authorized in advance in writing by the ISU Council as not constituting a conflict with the interests of the ISU or another Member.

6. Only television and other media exhibition coverage as authorized by this Rule 105 shall be allowed. Any other television, video, film or media exhibition of competitions and exhibitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU and its Members is strictly prohibited.

Rule 106

1. Financial contribution for ISU Events

For all ISU Events, the contributions to Members (which include any contributions towards prize money) are based on the budget prepared by the Council and approved by the Congress, but the Council must respect criteria to ensure that the interest of all ISU Members is observed and respected.

2. The Council may reduce the ISU financial contribution to the Member in case the Member/organizer does not fully comply with all obligations undertaken by the Member/organizer.

D. Competitions

Rule 107

Definition of ISU Championships and International Competitions

1. ISU Championships

- a) World Allround Speed Skating Championships;
- b) World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships (to be held in non-Olympic Winter Games years unless the program of the Olympic Winter Games is changed resulting in an adverse situation for the ISU, in which case the Championships can be held during Olympic Winter Games years);
- c) World Sprint Speed Skating Championships;
- d) World Junior Speed Skating Championships;
- e) World Short Track Speed Skating Championships;
- f) World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships;
- g) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships;
- h) World Figure Skating Championships;
- i) World Junior Figure Skating Championships;
- j) World Synchronized Skating Championships;
- k) European Speed Skating Championships;
- l) European Short Track Speed Skating Championships;
- m) European Figure Skating Championships;
- n) Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

ISU Championships are ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

2. The Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

The OWG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program for the OWG which includes only Olympic Sports governed by International Federations specifically recognized by the IOC as International Olympic Federations. The ISU is so recognized. The practical organization of the Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, and Figure Skating competitions of the OWG is the responsibility of the ISU in cooperation with the IOC. The OWG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition (See Rule 126).

3. Definition of International Competition

An International Competition under paragraphs 4 to 11 is a competition for which:

- a) the organizing Member invites at least one foreign Member to participate;

- b) the entry of competitors can be made only through the respective Members;
- c) competitors from at least two Members participate;
- d) conducted in accordance with the Rules of the ISU;
- e) in all International Competitions organized as a series, television and advertising agreements must be authorized by the ISU Director General to avoid conflicts with ISU contracts.

4. ISU World Cups

- a) ISU Speed Skating World Cup;
- b) ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Cup.
The World Cups as a Series are ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

5. The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Final

- a) the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating is a series of International Competitions and consist of individual senior and junior International Competitions, recognized by the ISU as an ISU Series Competitions;
- b) the special regulations for participation in these events, the skating requirements, the point system and prize money, etc., must be approved by the ISU Sports Directorate, and distributed to Members at least three months before the first scheduled International Competition of the season to which they apply;
- c) each Grand Prix Series as a series (junior and senior) and each Final is an ISU Event (see Rule 100, paragraph 3).

6. International Senior Competitions

- a) open to all Members of the ISU;
- b) limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way.

7. International Junior Competitions

- a) open to all Members of the ISU;
- b) limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way.

8. International Novice Competitions

- a) open to all Members of the ISU;
- b) limited to certain countries or restricted in any other way;
- c) the respective Technical Committee will issue guidelines as necessary in an ISU Communication to be approved by the Sports Directorate.

9. International Masters/Adult Competitions

Competitions for Masters (Speed Skating) and Adults (Figure Skating) that may be conducted in cooperation with the ISU as decided by the Sports Directorate.

10. “Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions

“Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions are competitions in Figure Skating and Speed Skating organized or authorized by the ISU in cooperation with Members, in which only eligible Senior Skaters can compete.

The “Medal Winners” International Senior Competitions must be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the ISU. However, the technical requirements and general format may differ from other International and Open International Competitions.

The technical requirements must be submitted by the respective ISU Technical Committee, in consultation with the Sports Director of Figure Skating respectively Sports Director Speed Skating, to the ISU Sports Directorate for approval.

The following conditions must be observed:

- a) the Skater(s) must be a member in good standing of a Member;
- b) the Skater(s) must be entered in the competition by the Member concerned;
- c) the Skater(s) must have earned a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal in either the European, the Four Continents, or the World Figure Skating Championships respectively the World Allround, Single Distances or World Sprint Speed Skating Championships respectively the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships or in the Olympic Winter Games.

11. Open International Competitions

- a) The event must be sanctioned by the ISU, which also has the right to approve the financial conditions for all parties and persons involved;
- b) an Open International Competition is a competition in which eligible and ineligible persons (as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2) may compete together. The following provisions must be observed:
 - i) the entry of Skaters may be made only under the control of the respective Member;
 - ii) the competition must be conducted strictly in accordance to ISU Regulations (see Rule 104, paragraph 11).

Other Provisions:

12. Interclub Competitions with participation of Skaters from at least two Members

- a) the organizing club must first obtain from its Member a sanction for the event to take place within the territory, and in accordance with the rules of that Member;
- b) the organizing club invites at least one club affiliated to another Member, either directly or through that Member;
- c) entries of competitors shall be made by the clubs, however, the club shall inform the Member to which it is affiliated;
- d) the results protocol and other competition materials shall state the club of the participating Skaters; the abbreviation of the Member may be stated in parentheses after the name of the club;
- e) in case of TV coverage, the requirements of Rule 105, paragraph 6 shall apply;
- f) the nature and composition of the events are arranged by or with the approval of the Member concerned;
- g) the Member concerned is responsible that these competitions are conducted in accordance with all other applicable ISU Rules;
- h) such competitions may be organized also for other Skaters who cannot compete in International Competitions, e.g. for Masters (Speed Skating) and Adults (Figure Skating).

13. Restrictions on Competition title names

The words "ISU", "Championship/s", "World", "European" and "Continent/s" cannot be used in the title name of any International Competitions without prior written approval of the Director General.

14. Local Competitions

Local competitions conducted under the rules of a Member.

15. ISU sanctioned events

Only events published by the ISU shall be deemed sanctioned events.

Rule 108

- 1. 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 before July 1st preceding these Events;
 - b) a Junior is a Skater who has not reached the age of 19 before July 1st preceding the competition;
 - c) for International Competitions only, the following age classifications are recommended for the Junior category:

Classification Age before July the 1st preceding the Competition:

- A 17 through 19
- 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 14 before July 1st preceding the Championships.

2. Age limits for Single & Pair Skating / Ice Dance

- a) In ISU Senior Championships and the Olympic Winter Games only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fifteen (15) before July 1st preceding these Events;
- b) in International Senior Competitions only Skaters may compete who have reached at least the age of fourteen (14) before July 1st preceding the competition;
- c) in International Junior Competitions and ISU Junior Championships a Junior is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding these Events:
 - i) has reached at least the age of thirteen (13);
 - ii) has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and Men in singles competition; and
 - iii) has not reached the age of nineteen (19) for Ladies and the age of twenty-one (21) for Men in Pair Skating and Ice Dance competition.

3. Age limits for Synchronized Skating

- a) In the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships and International Synchronized Skating Competitions, a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of fourteen (14) before July 1st preceding the Championship or competition;

- b) in International Synchronized Skating Competitions, a Junior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached the age of twelve (12) but not have reached the age of nineteen (19), before July 1st preceding the competition.

4. Penalties

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

Rule 109

1. Participation in Competitions

The International Competitions, listed in Rule 107, paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 organized by Members, may be entered only by competitors who belong to a Member and for whom the entry can be made only through the respective Members. For participation in the Olympic Winter Games, Rule 126 applies.

- 2. a) In principle, a Skater may compete only as a member of the Member of the country of which he is a citizen;
- b) a Skater may compete for the Member of the country of which he is not a citizen if he fulfils the following conditions:
 - i) he has resided for at least one year in that country and has been permitted to compete for that Member by the National Association of the country of which he is a citizen, or he has resided for at least one year in that country and he (or his parents if he is not of age) has applied for citizenship in that country;
 - ii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first International Competition as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the twelve (12) preceding months;
 - iii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first ISU Championship as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the twenty-four (24) preceding months;

- iv) Any denial of a request for permit by the Member submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) above may be the subject of a request to the Council by the involved Skater or any involved Member for exceptional permission as provided in paragraph 5 of this Rule;
 - c) in the case of a pair or an ice dance couple, one partner at least must be a citizen of the country of the ISU Member for which the pair or dance couple competes. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other Member. The residence and permit requirements and the waiting periods stated above in paragraph 2.b, (i), (ii), and (iii) and in paragraph 3 do not apply to such partner. However, if such partner has already represented another Member, regardless of the discipline, the permit from the Member the Skater represented is required and the waiting period 12 months from the day of the last competition in which the Skater represented another Member applies;
 - d) in the case of Synchronized Skating Teams, up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country of which the Skater is a citizen, but such Skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same year (July 1-June 30). Restrictions specified in paragraph 2 b) do not apply.
3. If a Skater, who has already represented one Member in an International Competition or ISU Championship, intends to compete in the future for another Member, regardless of the grounds on which the possibility of such change is based, such Skater shall be subject to the waiting periods set forth in subparagraphs 2 b), (ii) and (iii) above.
 4. In the course of the same year (July 1st–June 30th) a Skater may skate in competitions and exhibitions for only one and the same Member or affiliated club.
 5. Exceptions to paragraphs 2 & 3 of this Rule may be granted by the Council of the ISU, which may also enter a competitor for an event (see also Rule 115, paragraph 5 and Rules 130 and 131). A competitor nominated by the ISU does not count in the quota of the country of his nationality or residence.
 6. In exceptional cases, the Council of the ISU may permit eligible persons to take part in competitions in countries in which there is no ISU Member.

Rule 110

1. Date of announcement

The announcement of an International Competition must be published in English, four weeks for Speed Skating and two months for Figure Skating, before the first day of the competition (for Championships see Rule 129).

2. Obligatory numbers of copies

A Member or affiliated club organizing an International Competition must supply the following number of copies of the announcement, immediately after its publication:

- a) at least six copies to the Director General of the ISU;
- b) at least two copies to each Member invited;
- c) one copy to each Council member;
- d) one copy to each member of the Technical Committees concerned;
- e) one copy to each member of the Sports Directorate.

Rule 111

Prohibition of direct communication between Members and Skaters

A Member or affiliated club may not communicate directly with Skaters belonging to another Member, concerning participation in the competition (except in matters concerning arrival and departure).

Rule 112

1. Contents of announcements

Every announcement of an International Competition must include the following general items:

- a) a statement regarding the place where the competition will be held;
- b) a statement regarding the type of the rink (natural or artificial, open air or indoor);
- c) the dates and starting times of the competition;
- d) the date of closing of entries;
- e) the character of the prizes.

2. In addition to the general items, announcements for Speed Skating Competitions must include the following supplementary items:

- a) a statement regarding the type of race, in accordance with Rule 200;
- b) a statement regarding the track, which latter must be in accordance with Rules 203, 228 and for Short Track Speed Skating Competitions, Rule 280.

3. In addition to the general items, announcements for International Competitions in Short Track Speed Skating must include the following supplementary items:
 - a) a statement regarding the track, which latter must be in accordance with Rule 280; also the ice surface and the type of barriers surrounding the ice;
 - b) the maximum number of Skaters;
 - c) a statement regarding the type of race in accordance with Rule 295;
 - d) the drawing procedure;
 - e) progression all the way to the final;
 - f) the maximum number of points.

4. In addition to the general items, announcements for Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Competitions must include the following supplementary items:
 - a) the size (length and width) of the ice surface for Figure Skating (including Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating) and for Synchronized Skating a diagram of the rink indicating the location of the Judges platform and entrance and exit to the ice;
 - b) the technical details of the Compulsory Dance, Short Program, Original Dance, Free Skating, Free Dance including the duration and special conditions;
 - c) the means of music production (see Rules 343 and 724);
 - d) the scheduled date and time of the first Judges meeting and Round Table Discussion;
 - e) the multiplying factors for the Program Components in accordance with Rules 353 and 738;
 - f) age requirements as per Rule 108;
 - g) eligibility requirements, nationality, citizenship and clearance certificates as per Rule 102;
 - h) official hotels;
 - i) address and contact persons of the Organizing Committee.

5. Supplementary conditions

The organizing Member or affiliated club may include supplementary conditions in the announcement, as long as these do not conflict with the Regulations or the Constitution of the ISU (does not apply to Championships).

6. It is obligatory for the organizing Member or affiliated club of an ISU Championship in Figure Skating including Synchronized Skating and strongly recommended to the organizers of other competitions, to inform the audience at the beginning of an event of the basic principles of judging and of the ascertainment of the results, in leaflet form or in the program distributed to the audience.

Rule 113

Late or improper announcement

If the announcement is issued late (see Rule 110, paragraph 1) or contains conditions contrary to these Regulations or the Constitution of the ISU, the Sports Directorate may forbid Skaters of Members to participate in the competitions concerned, and will issue a warning to the organizing Member reminding them of their obligations. If two warnings are issued consecutively, then the Member shall be suspended from hosting an International Competition for the ensuing two years.

Rule 114

1. Postponement of date of competition

Postponement of the date of a competition necessitates an extension of the date for the closing of entries for a corresponding period.

2. When possible, Members or affiliated clubs entering competitors must be notified at once of postponement, so as to permit withdrawal of entries before the new date for the closing of entries.

3. Withdrawal of announcement

If an organizing Member or affiliated club withdraws its announcement, it must communicate its reasons to the Director General of the ISU within eight days.

4. Advice of a postponement or withdrawal must be made at once to those Members and affiliated clubs, which were sent copies of the Announcement (Rule 110, paragraph 2.b) and to the official periodicals of such Members.

Rule 115

1. Entries Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

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

2. Entries Synchronized Skating

Names listed on the entry form for International Competitions may be changed after the closing of entries and up to twenty-one (21) days before the start of the competition upon notification of the Organizing Committee.

3. Entries must include:

- a) the title of the competition;
- b) the name of the ISU Member or affiliated club making the entry;
- c) the given name (first) and surname of the competitor;
- d) date of birth of each competitor;
- e) for Synchronized Skating, the name of the team and list of Skaters, including alternates (given names, surnames and birth-dates) in alphabetical order, with the team captain identified by a C;
- f) a certificate of the competitor eligibility status from the ISU Member or affiliated club making the entry;
- g) in Figure Skating as used in these Regulations, competitor(s) shall include Men, Ladies, Pairs and Dance Couples.

4. Nicknames

“Nicknames” are permitted, but must be accompanied by the information in subparagraph 3 c) above.

5. Entries must be made by the Member or affiliated club concerned (for exception see Rule 109, paragraph 5) and must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail to the body or person and within the time limit (closing date) designated in the Regulations and/or in the Announcement for the competition. Entries by fax or email must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers.

6. Post entries

- a) All entries arriving after 8.00 p.m. (local time at the site of the competition) on the day for the closing of entries are post entries;
- b) In case of exceptional circumstances a post entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizer in case of International Competitions and the respective Sports Director in case of ISU Events;
- c) Post entries may be accepted only up to the time when the starting order is drawn.

7. For more details in respect of entries for Championships see Rules 208 Speed Skating, 281, 282, 283 and 285 Short Track Speed Skating, and 378 Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and 768 Synchronized Skating.

Rule 116
Reserved

Rule 117

1. Entrance Fees

There are no entrance fees for ISU Championships in Figure and Speed Skating, and International Competitions in Figure Skating including competitions which fall under Rule 107, paragraphs 4–7.

2. There may be entrance fees for International Competitions in Synchronized Skating. These fees shall be a single fee charged per team. Fees per Skater are not permitted.

Rule 118

Validity of events

An event shall take place if at least three competitors (or three teams for Synchronized Skating) have entered and if two of them appear at the start.

Rule 119

1. Medical Insurance

It is the sole obligation of each Member participating in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the World Cup and International Competitions as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the ISU Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious. It is an internal matter of each ISU Member to decide the issue who shall pay the premium for such insurance.

2. The ISU assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the events outlined in paragraph 1.

Rule 120

1. Prizes

For all ISU sanctioned events (see Rule 107), medals, trophies, and/or money prizes may be given.

2. For ISU Championships and any other ISU Events, the minimum value of any prize money or contribution will be determined by the Council.

Rule 121

Officials

1. Officials categories

- a) Figure Skating branch
 Officials are classified in two categories: “ISU” and “International” as follows:
- i) ISU: ISU Referee, ISU Technical Controller, ISU Technical Specialist, ISU Judge, ISU Data Operator, ISU Replay Operator;
 - ii) International: International Referee, International Technical Controller, International Technical Specialist, International Judge, International Data Operator, International Replay Operator.

The procedures for nomination and appointment of the above-mentioned Officials are stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

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:

	Judge	Referee	Technical Controller Technical Specialist Data Operator Replay Operator
- Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU
- <u>Qualifying Competition for the Olympic Winter Games</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
- ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	Intern.	ISU	ISU
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	Intern.	Intern.	ISU
- ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events	Intern.	Intern.	ISU
- International Competitions other than above	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.
- Synchronized World Challenge Cup for Juniors	ISU	ISU	ISU

- b) Speed Skating branch
 The following Officials categories apply divided into 2 qualification groups “ISU” and “International” as follows:
- i) ISU Referee, ISU Starter, ISU Competitor Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only);
 - ii) International Referee, International Starter, International Competitor Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only).

The nomination and appointment to the above-mentioned functions is stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

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:

	Referee	Starter	Competitor Steward
- Olympic Winter Games	ISU	ISU	ISU
- ISU Championships	ISU	ISU	ISU
- World Cup Speed Skating	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.
- World Cup Short Track Speed Skating	ISU	ISU	ISU
	For Assistant Referees, Assistant Starters and Assistant Competitor Stewards refer to Special Regulations, Rule 286, paragraph 2		
- International Competitions other than above	Intern.	Intern.	Intern.

2. The Member or affiliated club holding the competition is entitled to appoint the Officials (for exceptions in the case of ISU Championships or other ISU Events see Rules 214, 289 paragraph 7, 380, 582, 660, 770 and 972).

3. Restrictions applying to appointed Officials:

- a) All Officials, except the Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators must be eligible persons;
- b) Council members and Sports Directorate members shall not and ISU Advisors if possible should not act as Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards in competitions specified in Rule 107;
- c) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters and Competitor Stewards may not compete in ISU Events and

- International Competitions of the respective discipline except in Adult and Masters competitions;
- d) Council members, members of the Sports Directorate and ISU Advisors who are on the list of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards at the time of their election or appointment to such office shall remain on such list during the entire term of their office even if they, as consequence of paragraph 3 of this Rule do not satisfy the requirements of the respective Rules included in Special Regulations for various ISU disciplines. After their term of office expires they must satisfy such requirements within the next twelve (12) months;
 - e) Members of the Technical Committees, although they are approved as Judges according to the provisions of the relevant Rules in the respective Special Regulations should not, if possible, act as Judges in competitions of their appropriate branch. They may act as Referees and Technical Controllers, however, provided that they are approved as such, according to the provisions in the respective Special Regulations;
 - f) Technical Controllers
 - i) should not act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Judge in the same competition in another category (Ladies, Men, Pairs, Ice Dance);
 - ii) cannot act as Technical Specialist in the same season independent of the discipline;
 - g) Technical Specialists
 - i) cannot act in ISU Events as Referee and/or Technical Controller and/or Judges in the same season independent of the discipline;
 - ii) cannot be a full time employee of a Member Federation;
 - h) Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees, Judges, Data Operators and Replay Operators cannot be a full time sports journalist or TV Commentator;
 - i) Referees

If possible, a Referee of an ISU Championship should not act as a Judge in another event of the same Championship;
 - j) Personal, Commercial and Family Relationships
 - i) The ISU Code of Ethics, including but not limited to its conflict of interest” provisions, is applicable to appointed ISU Officials and other participants as stated in the ISU Code of Ethics;
 - ii) Without detracting from the broad and personal applicability of the Code of Ethics, the following examples are presented for guidance:

- 1) At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games, a person of the family of a competing Skater is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which such Skater is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest;
- 2) At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter 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 pupil 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 unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest;
- 3) The term "family" as used in this Rule shall be understood as including all persons who, due to their relationships, may reasonably appear to be in a conflict of interest position regarding a competing Skater, ineligible person or remunerated Coach;
- 4) For purposes of staffing at an event, the Referee shall decide any issues raised at the event concerning conflicts of interest or other matters involving the applicability of the ISU Code of Ethics to assigned ISU Officials.

Rule 122

1. Nomination and appointment of Officials

Nomination and appointment of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards. Every ISU Member of the ISU must, annually before April 15th, announce to the ISU Secretariat the names and pertinent contact details of those individuals:

- a) whose services as International Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards are recommended.
For Short Track Speed Skating, this applies only for individuals not listed on the previous list published in an ISU Communication (see Rule 289, paragraph 1 c);
- b) who are recommended for the first time as ISU Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards respectively, and who are recommended for the respective required examinations (Single &

Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating only whereas for Synchronized Skating only the deadline for applications for the ISU Judges examination is exceptionally November 1st. See Rule 818, paragraph 12);

- c) who were on the previous list of ISU Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters, Competitor Stewards and who, due to the facts known to the ISU Member should be deleted from the respective ISU list (e.g. age limit, resignation by the individual, death, sanctions imposed by the ISU Member, etc);
- d) all nominated individuals must fulfill the specific requirements for the respective position as stated in the corresponding Special Regulations.

2. Two separate Communications of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating with the names in alphabetical order and of Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, are sent every year by August 1st.

Rule 123

1. Protests

Protests based on alleged violation of rules may be lodged provided that they are not forbidden by this or another rule. The Referee decides upon all protests. Protests must be filed with the Referee in writing and within the stated time limit. At the same time 100 Swiss Francs or other convertible currency to the same value must be deposited with the Referee.

2. Persons entitled to file a protest

Protests may be lodged only:

- a) by a competitor, (team captain in Synchronized Skating), or competitors entered for the competition concerned or a Team Leader accredited for the competition concerned;
- b) with the approval of such competitor, competitors, Coach (for Speed Skating only) or Team Leader, by members of the committee organizing the competition or by official representatives of those Members or affiliated clubs that have entered competitors.

3. Time limits for filing protests

- a) Protests concerning the participation of a competitor must be filed before the competition starts. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the competitor is permitted to start, but the announcement of

the result and the distribution of the prizes shall be deferred until a decision has been reached;

- b) Protests concerning the composition of the panel of Officials must be filed within one hour of its announcement;
- c) Any other protests, except cases covered by subparagraph d) below, must be filed with the Referee immediately, however, not later than 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned. Completion of a competition (for this purpose only) means end of the last race of all races for a single distance in Speed Skating, end of the last heat/qualifying round or of the last of a series of heats/qualifying rounds, or all four quarter finals or of the last of both semi-finals or of the final for a single distance in Short Track Speed Skating, and end of any single segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Compulsory Dance / Original Dance / Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition;
- d) Protests against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the completion of the competition concerned. (See also paragraph 4. A. (iii) below). If the Referee is not available in person at the site or hotel, the Protest shall be sent by fax or email to the ISU Secretariat which will forward it to the Referee concerned;

4. Protest restrictions

A. Figure Skating

- i) No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data Operator, Replay Operator) of Skaters' performances are allowed;
- ii) Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score, is a human error and not an incorrect mathematical calculation;
- iii) However, if the Referee learns:
 - a) prior to the beginning of the award ceremony or prior to the official announcement of results if there is no award ceremony, that a human error relating to a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was an error;

- b) within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation even without a protest provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction requires corrections of the final placements of the Skaters, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be changed accordingly;
- c) If the situation under paragraph a) and b) arises the Referee shall make a short record in writing which has to be signed by all the Officials concerned.

B. Speed Skating

Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation.

C. Short Track Speed Skating

No protests are allowed against a Referee's or Starter's decision concerning disqualification or non-disqualification for violation of any of the general and individual racing rules described in Technical Rules 297 and 298.

5. Referee's decision

- a) The Referee shall decide upon any protest in writing and as soon as possible. The Referee shall deliver such decision to the person filing the protest or shall arrange such delivery. Copies of any protest and Referee's decision shall be forwarded to the ISU Secretariat;
- b) If a protest is filed:
 - i) after the time limit or
 - ii) which is not allowed by the Rules,
 the Referee shall dismiss the protest in writing with reference to the applicable rule but without dealing with the merits of the claim;
- c) In cases not covered by subparagraph b) above, the Referee shall briefly state reasons for his decision;
- d) In Speed Skating and in Short Track Speed Skating the Referee may at his discretion, prior to his decision on the protest, review the replay of the official ISU digital replay, if the Referee deems it to be relevant and if readily available. This does not apply to attempts to protest in Speed Skating that are excluded above in paragraph 4) B, and to attempts to protest in Short Track Speed Skating that are excluded above in paragraph 4) C;

- e) The Referee's decision upon a protest is final and there is no appeal against such decision except in cases specified in Rule 124;
- f) The Referee may at his discretion decide to officially announce to the public any protest filed and in such case also his decision upon the protest. Such announcement should, if possible, be made before or within 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned (see definition for "competition" for this purpose under paragraph 3.c) above).

Rule 124

1. Appeals

An appeal may be made to the Council only against decisions which concern the eligibility of a competitor, the incorrect calculation of the result, or the composition of the panel of Officials and only in cases where these Regulations or the Constitution relating to the afore-mentioned subjects have been contravened.

- 2. Every appeal against a decision of the Referee must be submitted to the Council of the ISU within 30 days from the issuance of the decision.
- 3. Appeals do not have the effect of deferring the decision.
- 4. Appeals may be lodged only by those entitled to lodge protests (see Rule 123, paragraph 2).

Rule 125

1. Conduct of Competitors and Team Officials towards Competition Officials

Competitors and team officials must obey the instructions of the Officials in charge of the competition.

2. Improper Public Comments

Competitors and team officials who, either directly or through a third party, openly express themselves in an improper manner regarding the Officials or their decisions, namely for Figure Skating competitions in particular but not limited to the calling of elements and/or levels of difficulty by the Technical Specialists and the Technical Controller or regarding the markings of the Judges and for Speed Skating competitions in particular but not limited to disqualifications of Skaters due to racing rule violations, may be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission of the ISU as provided in Article 24 of the Constitution.

3. Conduct of Officials, Office Holders, Competitors and others

Any Official on the ISU list as published in an ISU Communication who learns of improper or irregular conduct or proposals concerning Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitor Stewards) and related personnel (Data Operators, Replay Operators, Result Service Providers, Time Keepers and others) or activities while on site at an event must immediately report the details to the Referee and the ISU Representative if one is present on site, or if one is not present on site, to the highest ranking ISU Office Holder present, i.e. President, Vice President of the respective branch, ISU Council members of the respective branch in order of their election, Director General, Chair of the Sports Directorate, Sports Director of the corresponding branch, TC Chair of the respective discipline, TC members of the respective discipline in the order of their election) and, if not yet on site of the event, to the President of the ISU. Such report must be urgently submitted in writing and, to effect immediate remedial actions, before the end of the competition.

On site of the event, the Referee and the ISU Representative (or highest ranking Office Holder present), upon receipt of the report, must confer immediately with the President if present or attainable by phone. The Referee and ISU Representative, if possible after consultation with the President, are empowered to take promptly all reasonable and necessary actions to protect the integrity of ISU officiating. The Chair of the concerned Technical Committee will be informed as soon as reasonably practicable.

4. Compliance with ISU Rules and the Code of Ethics

ISU Office Holders, Officials, Members, Remunerated Persons and Voluntary Persons, and eligible Skaters and remunerated Coaches, participating in any ISU activity shall comply with any applicable statutes, position descriptions, ethical declarations and codes of conduct prescribed by the Council. Failure to comply may result in sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with Article 24 of the Constitution.

5. Disciplinary Sanctions

Sanctions may be imposed by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with Article 24 of the Constitution against any Skaters, Official, Office Holder or other participant in ISU activities who can be proved to have acted against the spirit of the Constitution or Regulations or otherwise improperly. Improper conduct by a Skater includes refusal, for other than medical or justifiable reason to participate in ISU Events in accordance with the commitments established by the ISU and the ISU Members concerned. (For confirmation of illness and injury, see Rule 140, paragraph 5.).

E. The Olympic Winter Games

Rule 126

- 1.** Skating Competitions at the Olympic Winter Games
The skating competitions in the Olympic Winter Games are International Competitions and not ISU Championships and are subject to the provisions of the Olympic Charter and ISU Regulations governing such competitions. In accordance with Rule 121, all Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Judges, Starters and Competitor Stewards acting in the Olympic Winter Games must be designated ISU. A Judge may serve in not more than two (2) events.
- 2.** Entry in the Olympic Winter Games is subject to the requirements of the Olympic Charter, as well as of the applicable ISU Regulations. They are subject to the Regulations of the IOC governing such competitions.
- 3.** For the Speed Skating events the provisions of Rules 202, 206, 209, 215 and 241 must be observed.
- 4.** For the Figure Skating events the provisions of Rules 400–403 must be observed.
- 5.** For Short Track Speed Skating the provisions of Rules 280, 284 and 289, paragraph 7 must be observed.
- 6.** Only competitors from ISU Members may participate in the Skating events of the Olympic Winter Games.
- 7.** Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games:
 - a) The Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games are appointed by the ISU Council;
 - b) the Technical Delegates' expenses for travel, room and meals are paid in accordance with IOC Rules.
- 8.** The Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and one Competitor Steward each for Ladies and Men shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the ISU Constitution.
- 9.** All other Officials required (other than the Technical Delegates, Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters, Judges and one Competitors Steward

each for Ladies and Men) shall be appointed by the ISU Member of the country in which the Olympic Winter Games are held.

For the Speed Skating events, at least three qualified Officials from other ISU Members shall be among those appointed.

10. The Officials appointed to serve at the Olympic Winter Games are not permitted to wear national team emblems or uniforms while officiating.

F. ISU Championships

Rule 127

1. Allotment of Championships

The allotment of Championships, i.e. World Figure Skating Championships, World Synchronized Skating Championships, World Allround Speed Skating Championships and Qualifying Competitions, World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships, World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Speed Skating Championships, World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, World Junior Figure Skating Championships, European Figure Skating Championships, European Speed Skating Championships, European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, Four Continents Figure Skating Championships is made annually by the ISU Council.

2. Applications/Allotments for Championships

Applications for Championships must be made to the Council of the ISU before April 15, accompanied by a statement of the suggested dates and place and must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the ISU Member concerned.

3. The Council, at its annual session held not later than July 31st,
 - a) must decide definitely when and where the Championships of the following year shall take place;
 - b) should decide provisionally when and in which country the Championships shall be held in the subsequent two years. If no appropriate application has been received for a Championships for a year and/or there is evidence of insufficient interest as evidenced by participation by ISU Members in such Championships during several previous years, the Council, in its discretion, may decide: (i) that the provisional allotment(s) of such Championships for subsequent year(s) shall be postponed temporarily or (ii) that such Championships for subsequent year(s) shall not be definitively allotted.

4. Within seven days of making its decision the Council must inform the applicant Members of the outcome.
5. The Council shall ensure that all TV arrangements for ISU Championships are complete, with contracts signed between the ISU and the relevant TV companies before the Council confirms or allows an allotment to become definite. If the Council finds all factors remain favorable to the holding of the Championships as provisionally allotted, and TV arrangements are in place, the Council, at its meeting of the year preceding the Championships, shall, by resolution, confirm the allotment as definite for the following year.
6. If TV arrangements or other essential elements stipulated in the provisional allotment document are not completed, the Council at such meeting shall either:
 - a) continue the provisional allotment with the Member involved in anticipation of resolving such arrangements or elements within a reasonable time; or
 - b) the Council shall consider other Members or locations for the allotted Championships and transfer the allotment accordingly. Thereafter, when appropriate, the Council shall confirm the allotment as definite to the Member so determined.
7. The Council may, for emergency, safety or other serious reasons, either upon the request of the organizing Member or on its own initiative, cancel the definite allotment or cancel the Championships at any time.
Absent fault on the part of the organizing Member, such Member shall be reimbursed by the ISU for normal expenses incurred in preparation for the Championships by an appropriate contribution, determined by the Council.

Rule 128

1. Order of Championships

In no event may the World Figure Skating Championships be scheduled to commence on a date earlier than the fourth Monday in February.

2. If possible, the World Championships should be held after the European Championships and the Four Continents Championships.

3. There should be an interval of at least 14 days between the European Figure Skating Championships/ Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (whichever is later) and the World Figure Skating Championships.

4. The World Junior Figure Skating Championships should be held in the first half of March.
5. a) The World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships will be scheduled to commence at least five (5) days after the completion of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships if the two Championships are in the same regional area. If the two Championships are on different Continents, there shall be at least 12 full days in between the Championships. The maximum time between the Championships should not exceed eleven (11) days if held in the same regional area and should not exceed eighteen (18) days if held on different continents;
b) the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships shall be held before the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (excluding World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships), but before the 31st of January each season.
6. During World, European or Four Continents Championships:
 - a) no other competition may be held in the same rink;
 - b) no exhibition by ineligible persons may be held in the same rink;
 - c) exhibitions by competitors in an event may not be held until after completion of that event.
7. In ISU Championships the Organizers may hoist the ISU flag during an appropriate ceremony on the opening day.
8. The World Synchronized Skating Championships may not be scheduled earlier than the last week of March and should be scheduled in April.

Rule 129

1. Announcement and conduct of Championships

The conduct of ISU Championships is the responsibility of the organizing ISU Member, which must observe these Regulations and the current applicable Memorandum for guidance in holding ISU Championships that includes guidelines regarding the preparation and publication of the announcement.

2. The announcement must be approved by the ISU Director General before publication.

3. The announcement of every ISU Championship must be sent by air-mail not later than November 1st to all Members, Council, Sports Directorate and respective Technical Committee members.

4. Copies of an announcement must be sent to the following:
 - a) five to all ISU Members;
 - b) ten to the Director General of the ISU;
 - c) one to each ISU Council member;
 - d) one to each member of the concerned Technical Committees;
 - e) one to each participating Referee and Assistant Referee;
 - f) one to the ISU Representative and Technical Delegate;
 - g) one to each ISU Sports Directorate member.

5. The Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Starters and one Competitor Steward for ISU Championships shall be appointed by the President in line with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the ISU Constitution.

Rule 130

1. Participation in Championships

Participation in World Championships is open to all Skaters who belong to an ISU Member (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5).

2. In European Championships the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who are members of a European Member under the provisions of Rule 109, paragraph 2 (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5).

3. In Four Continents Championships, the only Skaters who are eligible to compete are individuals who are members of a non-European ISU Member and who are either nationals of a non-European state or have been ordinarily a resident outside Europe for at least one year immediately prior to the Championships concerned (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5).

4. Entries for ISU Speed Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions laid down in Rule 208.

5. Entries for World and European Short Track Speed Skating Championships are subject to restrictions laid down in Rules 281, 282, 283 and 285.

6. Entries for ISU Figure Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions enumerated in Rule 378.

7. Entries for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships are subject to the restrictions set forth in Rule 768.

Rule 131

Entries

Entries for all ISU Events must be made through the respective Members (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5) and must be accompanied by the competitor's, Official's and the Member's signed declaration form confirming familiarity with and acceptance of ISU statutes governing participation in ISU Events and activities. Such declaration forms are intended as explicit reminders of certain of the comprehensive provisions of the ISU Constitution, General Regulations, Code of Ethics, Anti-Doping Rules, Technical Rules and other official regulations applicable to and binding upon all participants in ISU competitions and activities. In case of competitors who are not full of age, such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

The Director General and Sports Directorate shall prepare appropriate declaration forms for review and approval by the Council. Separate forms may be proposed for each of Figure Skating, Speed Skating and ISU Officials. Upon approval, such forms shall be copied into the respective ISU Memorandum, if issued, governing the ISU Events and published in a Communication posted on the ISU website. The declaration forms shall include (but not be limited to) the following subjects:

- a) All competitors, Officials and Members shall acknowledge acceptance of:
 - i) the applicability the ISU Constitution, which establishes an ISU Disciplinary Commission (Article 24) and recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland as the arbitration tribunal authorized to issue final and binding awards involving the ISU, its Members and all participants in ISU activities, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts (Articles 25 & 26).
 - ii) inclusion of the ISU Event in the television and other media exhibition arrangements entered into by the ISU pursuant to Rule 105, and that the competitor's performance(s) and all activity related to the ISU Event, may be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, and otherwise depicted, recorded and further exhibited and distributed worldwide under conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorized by the ISU in relation to promoting the Figure and Speed Skating sports.

- b) All Figure Skating competitors and their Members shall:
- (i) certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitor have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and television broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind on the part of the ISU, the organizing Member, the Organizing Committee or the relevant television networks or broadcasters being required.
 - (ii) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations, Rule 102 paragraph 6.a) regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, prize-giving ceremonies, and recognize that negative consequences as outlined in ISU Communication 1452, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing (or any update of this Communication) will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.
- c) All Speed Sating and Short Track Speed Skating competitors and their Members shall:
- (i) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU Communication 1452, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing” (or any update of this Communication) and recognize that negative consequences will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.
 - (ii) declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations Rule 102 paragraph 6.b) regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, award ceremonies.

Rule 132

Communications during Championships

All official communications during ISU Championships must be published in English.

Rule 133

Titles

The winner of a Championship bears the title:

- a) World Allround (or European) Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Allround (or European) Speed Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event);
- b) World Sprint Champion or Lady World Sprint Champion for _ (year of the Event);
- c) World Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Speed Skating Champion ___ meters for _ (year of the Event);
- d) World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions and Ladies World Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for (year of the Event);
- e) World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Allround Speed Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event);
- f) World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions or Ladies World Junior Speed Skating Team Pursuit Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- g) World Junior Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Speed Skating Champion ___ meters for _ (year of the Event);
- h) World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World (or European) Short Track Speed Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event); World Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Short Track Speed Skating Champion 500/1000/1500 meters for _ (year of the Event);
- i) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event);
- j) World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- k) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions or Ladies World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Relay Champions for ___ (year of the Event);
- l) World Short Track Speed Skating Team Champions or Ladies World Short Track Speed Skating Team Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- m) World (or European or Four Continents) Figure Skating Champion or Lady World (or European or Four Continents) Figure Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event);
- n) World (or European or Four Continents) Pair Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- o) World (or European or Four Continents) Ice Dance Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- p) World Synchronized Skating Champion for _ (year of Event);
- r) World Junior Figure Skating Champion or Lady World Junior Figure Skating Champion for _ (year of the Event);

- s) World Junior Pair Champions for _ (year of the Event);
- t) World Junior Ice Dance Champions for _ (year of the Event).

Rule 134

1. Medals

The organizing Member or affiliated club must obtain the ISU Championship medals from the ISU Secretariat upon prepayment of the cost in advance.

2. Members of the ISU are not permitted to present, for other competitions, any medals which resemble or are similar to the ISU Championship medals.

3. Award of medals

The ceremonies of awarding medals at ISU Championships shall be as follows:

- a) When the competition has been completed and the results have been calculated, the final placements are announced and first the champion and then the second and third placed competitors are called to the winners' platform on the ice;
- b) For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, when the competition has been completed and the results have been calculated, the final placements are announced, first the champion team captain and team and then the second and third placed team captains and teams are called to the winners' platform on the ice. The team captains shall stand on the podium and the respective teams shall be lined up behind their captain on the ice;
- c) The Representative of the ISU awards the champion(s) (team captain) the gold ISU medal(s) (ISU World Synchronized Skating medal) and the silver and bronze ISU medal(s) (ISU Synchronized Skating medal) to the second and third placed competitors (team captains) in the event. In Speed Skating (but not in Short Track) the Referee presents the champion with a laurel wreath.
The Referee and Assistant Referee or Technical Controller and the representative of the organizing Member also may congratulate the medal winners (team captains) and present flowers to them.
Representatives of the organizing Member award the ISU Synchronized Skating medals to the members of the teams and registered alternates;

- d) The national anthem of the country of the champion(s) shall be played and the flags of the countries of the three medal winners shall be hoisted, whenever possible (except when prevented by government or law).
The short version of the national anthem of a Member may be played when such an official version exists. It is the duty of the organizing Member to provide the necessary anthems and flags. In Speed Skating the champion and in Figure Skating the medal winners skate a lap of honor once around the ice surface;
- e) In Short Track Speed Skating at European Short Track and World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, the Referee shall present after completion of each distance event (excluding 3000m) the ISU small gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners, the second and third placed Skaters respectively in each distance, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted;
- f) In Figure Skating the Referee shall present after the completion of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men, Pairs and in Synchronized Skating and Compulsory Dance/Original Dance combined and Free Dance for Ice Dance) a small ISU gold medal to the winner of each event and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted. The ceremony cannot be held on the ice and/or in the kiss and cry area.

Rule 135

1. Results of Championships

The results of the ISU Championships including good photographs of those placed first, second and third must be published in printed protocol form or CD at the latest two months after the event. The results must be published in English and may be provided on site or sent thereafter as follows:

- a) one (1) to all participating Members;
- b) five (5) to the Director General of the ISU;
- c) one (1) copy to each member of the Technical Committee of the respective discipline;
- d) one (1) copy to each Council member and Sports Directorate member;
- e) one (1) copy to each participating Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Technical Specialist, Judge, Team Leader and competitor;
- f) one (1) copy to each ISU TV Right-Holder present, the Host Broadcaster and selected Media Representatives (writing press and photographers);

If a complete protocol is not given on site, then each Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Technical Specialist, Judge, Team Leader and competitor must receive a copy of the part of the protocol related to the event in which they participated.

G. ISU Events

Rule 136

1. Organization

In addition to the ISU Championships, the ISU may organize other ISU Events, as set forth in Rule 100, paragraph 3.

2. Allotment

The allotment of ISU Events in Figure Skating and Speed Skating shall be made by the ISU Council.

3. Applications

Applications for ISU Events in Figure Skating and Speed Skating must be submitted by the Member seeking to host such an ISU Event, within time limits and including detailed information as requested by the ISU in ISU Communications or Circular Letters.

4. Expenses

For the allocation of Expenses, the ISU Memorandums for guidance in hosting the respective ISU Event applies.

5. Financial arrangements

All financial arrangements are negotiated and agreed between respective parties. However, all international television rights remain with the ISU, except as specified in Rule 105, paragraph 1 a).

6. Members with Skaters who place within the first ten places at any ISU Championships and who continue in the following season to participate in Skating competitions and/or exhibitions as eligible Skaters, shall have the obligation, when entering or authorizing the participation of such Skaters in Skating competitions and/or exhibitions, to give first priority to participation of such Skaters in those ISU Events which are the subject of ISU television and commercial contracts as notified to Members. Members who fail to comply with the above obligation, and Skaters who refuse to participate in such ISU Events, without medical or other justified reasons, shall be subject to sanctions under the relevant rules.

7. In any ISU Event the Member/organizer must pay the prize money of the amount specified by the Council.

8. The Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior) and the Olympic Qualifying Competition as well as the Referees, Assistant Referees, Starters and one Competitor 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 ISU Constitution.

H. Expenses

Rule 137

1. International Competitions

For International Competitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all competitors and as many officials of those Members invited to participate as it desires to invite, but is not required to do so.

2. For competitors and exhibitors in Figure Skating, expenses for travel, room and meals may be reimbursed either through or to such participant's own Member or affiliated club or through the Member or affiliated club organizing the event, but must not be paid directly to such participant.

3. In Speed Skating, at the site of an event, the expenses for room and meals may be provided or paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for the days of the entire event and for one day after it, at hotels designated by it.

4. Members and affiliated clubs are not permitted to demand or to pay for participation in a competition, exhibition or other event more than the actual expenses incurred for travel (economy fare by air) and any necessary expenses during travel, as well as room and meals at the site of the event.

5. Any participant who elects to stay at a hotel other than the one designated by the organizing Member or affiliated club shall be entitled to receive only the per diem amount applied to such other hotel specified by such Member or club. Such participants are responsible for notifying the organizing Member or affiliated club of their local addresses.

6. a) In Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Competitions:
the organizing Member or affiliated club must provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all Referees, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists invited to serve;
- b) In Short Track Speed Skating World Cups:
the expenses for travel of the Officials assigned by the ISU and/or the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee shall be the responsibility of the ISU. The Organizing Member or affiliated club must pay room and meal expenses according to paragraphs 10 b) and c) of this Rule.

7. In Figure Skating, for exhibitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of the exhibitors concerned and of any invited individuals accompanying them.

8. In Figure Skating, for ISU Events, including Series, the Organizing Member must provide or pay the expenses for room and meals of all competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges beginning not later than lunch on the day before the competition and ending with lunch on the day after it.

9. ISU Championships

For ISU Championships, the ISU must pay the travel expenses of:

- a) The President, unless he is acting as the ISU Representative;
- b) The Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), unless he is acting as the ISU Representative;
- c) The Director General and members of the Sports Directorate of the ISU;
- d) In Speed Skating, one member of the applicable Technical Committee; in Figure Skating including Synchronized Skating, one member of each of the applicable Technical Committees which has no member of the committee present as a Referee, Assistant Referee(s), Technical Controller or Technical Specialist;
- e) The ISU Medical Advisor designated by the Sports Directorate to attend the Championship;
- f) In the Figure Skating branch, all necessary Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators appointed by the President and all Judges nominated and participating in the draws for the composition of the panels of Judges pursuant to Rule 582 for Single & Pair Skating, Rule 660 for Ice Dance and Rule 972 for Synchronized Skating, including those Judges not drawn. If a Judge is not drawn and wishes to leave before the Championships begin, the ISU shall pay the extra fare due to any change of flight;

- g) In the Speed Skating branch all necessary Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters appointed by the President;
 - h) In Short Track Speed Skating for ISU Championships all necessary Competitors Stewards appointed by the President.
- 10.** For ISU Championships the organizing Member must provide or pay:
- a) The expenses for room and meals for the ISU President, Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), Director General and members of the Sports Directorate and Medical Advisor;
 - b) The expenses for travel, room and meals of the ISU Representative, two Regional Event Coordination Assistants and the Representative of the applicable Technical Committee for Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating, for the Event and for one consultation and inspection visit for each, if required;
 - c) The expenses for room and meals for the necessary Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards;
 - d) The expenses for room and meals for all Council members and members of the Technical Committees for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, respectively, for the Championship concerned, not serving as ISU Representative, Regional Event Coordination Assistant, Referee or Assistant Referee, Technical Controller or Technical Specialist;
 - e) In Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the expenses for room and meals for one Judge in each event in which a Member has competitors (teams), including any Judges present but not drawn;
 - f) The expenses for room and meals for all competitors participating, (for Synchronized Skating see 10 h) below);
 - g) The expenses for room and meals of one team leader for each participating Member (for Synchronized Skating see 10 h) below);
 - h) For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, the organizing Member, affiliated club or the ISU is not responsible for paying the room, meal or travel expenses for team leaders, team managers or members of participating teams. The participating Member is responsible for and must pay the room, meals and travel expenses.
- 11.** For ISU Championships, not more than two competitors should be accommodated in one room, where possible, but in no event shall more than three competitors be assigned to one room. The accommodation must be of an acceptable standard with facilities for meals at times compatible with the schedule of the skating events. Any participant having special requirements for

his or her accommodations must inform the organizing Member or affiliated club in due time and shall pay any difference in cost required in advance.

12. For ISU Championships, single bedrooms should be provided for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Starters and Competitors Stewards where possible, but in no circumstances shall Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Starters, Competitors Stewards and Judges be required to share accommodations with competitors.

13. An organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship may also provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals for as many other officials of those Members participating as it desires to invite.

14. In Speed Skating, expenses shall be paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for room and meals at the designated hotels for the days of the event, beginning with lunch on the day before the competition and ending with lunch on the day after it, if the participants have to leave in the afternoon.

15. a) In Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses of the ISU Office Holders referred to in paragraphs 10a) and d) above, shall begin with lunch on the day of the first draw and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later;

b) for Figure Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, Data Operators, Replay Operators and Judges shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the Judges' meeting and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.

For Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, Assistant Referees Ice 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) for all ISU Figure Skating Championships the room and meal expenses for all competitors participating, and one team leader, the Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists shall begin with dinner on the third day prior to the 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. (See paragraph 10 h) above for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships.);

For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships the room and meal expenses for the Technical Controllers, the 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) 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.

16. The organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship is not permitted to dictate the airlines or flight schedules to be used by those officials, the travel expenses of whom it is obligated to pay, unless travel has been arranged by special charter.

Rule 138

1. Olympic Winter Games

For the Skating events of the Olympic Winter Games, the ISU will pay the travel, room and meal expenses of the following:

- a) the President, the Vice Presidents, the Director General and the members of the Sports Directorate;
- b) the necessary Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards appointed by the President (see Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the ISU Constitution and Rule 126, paragraph 8);
- c) Figure Skating Judges named by the participating Members, subject to the following:
 - i) Judges panels will be drawn from Members in accordance with Rule 402. A Member may name one Judge and one substitute in the discipline/s in which they have been drawn, but not more than three Judges in total;
 - ii) when a Member has been drawn for all four (4) disciplines, one of the Judges assigned must serve in two (2) events, or;
 - iii) when a Member has been drawn for all four (4) disciplines, a request to name a fourth Judge may also be made to the ISU;
 - iv) if the request is granted, the expenses for this Judge will be paid by the Member;
 - v) when a Member has the right to name a Judge for the Ice Dance event, the expenses of such Judge.

2. Every Member having the right to nominate Figure Skating Judges must confirm to the ISU Secretariat not later than 10 days after the end of the Olympic Qualifying Competition preceding the Olympic Winter Games, its intention to nominate and send such Judges. The travel expenses of the participating Judges should be submitted to and be reimbursed by their own ISU Members, respectively. Such ISU Members must in turn submit a documented accounting to the ISU Secretariat for final reimbursement of the expenses

incurred. With respect to airfares, the ISU will reimburse the cost only at the cheapest possible economy air fares.

3. The expenses of all other officials required, other than the Regional Event Coordination Assistants and those set forth in paragraph 1 above, shall be the responsibility of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in agreement with the Member for the country in which the Games are held.

I. Doping

Rule 139

1. Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures

All Anti-Doping matters shall be regulated by the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures to be adopted by the Council and published in the form of an ISU Communication. Such Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures will follow the general principles included in the World Anti-Doping Code as in force and published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and also being adopted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and shall be binding as of the day they are published.

2. In the case that the World Anti-Doping Code is amended, the Council shall have the right to modify, amend, replace or cancel with immediate effect the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures.

J. Medical

Rule 140

1. On-site medical services

- a) In Figure and Speed Skating Competitions, a trained emergency medical team, consisting of an appropriately trained medical doctor and adequate number of emergency paramedical staff, must be present at each arena during all scheduled practices and competitions.
An ambulance must be accessible within five (5) minutes for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. If the response time is more than five (5) minutes, an ambulance must be on site;
- b) for medical services at the different hotel(s) there must be a physician available on short notice (10-15 minutes) at all times;
- c) in Short Track Speed Skating competitions, emergency medical personnel and an appropriately trained medical doctor must be present at the rinkside and an ambulance must be present during all scheduled practice sessions and competitions.

2. A medical room must be close to the ice surface and accessible by ambulance for the treatment of ill or injured Skaters. The medical room and/or the ambulance must have the equipment to treat and stabilize cardiovascular collapse, respiratory compromise, lacerations (minor and major), extremity, spinal and head trauma.
3. The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for prearranging liaison with the clinics, hospitals, and appropriate specialist for the care of competitors during competition.
4. The Organizers shall provide without charge emergency medical services for all participants at competition and practice.
5. a) In the case a Skater is withdrawn for injury or illness a Medical Certificate is required to be submitted to the ISU as provided by any ISU Regulations, Communications or Announcement;
- b) The Certificate must be issued on the stationery of a Medical Doctor or on an ISU withdrawal notification form in case of in-competition withdrawal and duly signed by the Skater and the Medical Doctor. If the certificate is not in English a translation signed by the President or General Secretary of the Member of respective Skater must be attached;
- c) In addition, upon request of the Chair of the Sports Directorate, the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal, and the Member or the Skater must include or attach the following additional information:
 - i) the history which clearly indicates the date of injury or date of onset of illness, the type of injury or illness and severity of injury or illness as well as the physical findings on examination;
 - ii) copies of laboratory or radiological reports that were conducted in the investigation of the injury/illness;
 - iii) the recommended treatment by the physician including medications, therapy, advice on training frequency and intensity, date for follow-up examination (a copy of this assessment should then be forwarded to the ISU), expected date of return to full activity, planned further investigations and/or criteria for return to full activity.

Rule 141

1. Safety

It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that their competitors can physically and mentally compete safely. If a competitor is withdrawn for medical reasons, written notification must be submitted by the team medical doctor or competition physician to the Referee and Medical Advisor prior to the event. Reinstatement may not be made without certification by the team medical doctor or competition medical doctor to the Referee.

2. Any medical appliances containing metal or hard plastic must be approved by the medical advisor/competition physician and the Referee in advance of the competition.

3. When entering an eligible Skater in an ISU Championship or International Competition, the Member making the entry shall certify that the Skater is physically and mentally able to participate safely.

Rule 142

Security

ISU Members organizing ISU Events must follow the ISU guidelines regarding security as included in the respective Memorandums for holding such ISU Events and/or as published in dedicated ISU Communications.

Rules 143–199 are reserved for any further regulations in Part II: “General Regulations”.

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Founded: July 23rd, 1892, at Scheveningen (Netherlands)

MEMBERS

AND	Andorra	Federacio Adorrana d'Esports de Gel
ARG	Argentina	Argentine Ice Speed Skating Union (Speed) <i>(provisional Speed Skating Member)</i> Federacion Argentina de Patinaje Sobre Hielo (Figure)
ARM	Armenia	Armenia Skating Federation
AUS	Australia	Australian Ice Racing Inc. (Speed) Ice Skating Australia Incorporated (Figure)
AUT	Austria	Österreichischer Eisschnellauf Verband (Speed) Österreichischer Eiskunstlauf Verband (Figure)
AZE	Azerbaijan	The Skating Federation of Azerbaijan Republic
BLR	Belarus	Skating Union of Belarus
BEL	Belgium	Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Fédération Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique (Figure)
BIH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Skating Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
BRA	Brazil	Brazilian Ice Sports Federation
BUL	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Skating Federation
CAN	Canada	Speed Skating Canada (Speed) Skate Canada (Figure)
CHN	China	Chinese Skating Association
TPE	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Skating Union
CRO	Croatia	Croatian Skating Federation
CZE	Czech Republic	Czech Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Czech Figure Skating Association (Figure)
DEN	Denmark	Dansk Skøjte Union
PRK	D.P.R. Korea	Skating Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EST	Estonia	The Estonian Skating Union
FIN	Finland	Suomen Luisteluliitto (Speed) Suomen Taitoluisteluliitto (Figure)
FRA	France	Fédération Française des Sports de Glace
GEO	Georgia	Georgian Figure Skating Association
GER	Germany	Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft (Speed) Deutsche Eislauf Union e.V. (Figure)
GBR	Great Britain	National Ice Skating Association of U. K. (Limited)

GRE	Greece	Hellenic Ice Sports Federation
HKG	Hong Kong/ China	Hong Kong Skating Union Ltd
HUN	Hungary	Hungarian National Skating Federation
ISL	Iceland	Icelandic Skating Association (Figure)
IND	India	Ice Skating Association of India
IRL	Ireland	<u>Ice Skating Association of Ireland</u> <i>(Provisional Figure Skating Member)</i>
ISR	Israel	Israel Ice Skating Federation
ITA	Italy	Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio
JPN	Japan	Japan Skating Federation
KAZ	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Skating Federation
LAT	Latvia	The Latvian Skating Association
LTU	Lithuania	Lithuanian Speed Skating Association (Speed) Lithuanian Skating Federation (Figure)
LUX	Luxembourg	Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage de Vitesse (Speed) Union Luxembourgeoise de Patinage (Figure)
MEX	Mexico	Federacion Mexicana de Patinaje Sobre Hielo y Deportes de Invierno, A. C.
MON	Monaco	Fédération Monegasque de Patinage (Figure)
MGL	Mongolia	Skating Union of Mongolia
MNE	Montenegro	<u>Skating Association of Montenegro</u>
NED	Netherlands	Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond
NZL	New Zealand	Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Inc (Speed) New Zealand Ice Skating Association Inc. (Figure)
NOR	Norway	Norges Skøyteforbund
PHI	Philippines	Philippine Skating Union (Figure)
POL	Poland	Polish Speed Skating Association (Speed) Polish Figure Skating Association (Figure)
PUR	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
KOR	Rep. of Korea	Korea Skating Union
ROU	Romania	Romanian Skating Federation
RUS	Russia	Russian Skating Union (Speed) The Figure Skating Federation of Russia (Figure)
SRB	Serbia	Association of Skating Sports of Serbia
SIN	Singapore	<u>Singapore Ice Skating Association</u> <i>(Provisional Figure Skating Member)</i>
SVK	Slovak Republic	Slovak Speed Skating Union (Speed) Slovak Figure Skating Association (Figure)

SLO	Slovenia	Slovene Skating Union
RSA	South Africa	South African Speed Skating Association (Speed) South African Figure Skating Association (Figure)
ESP	Spain	Federacion Española de Deportes de Hielo
SWE	Sweden	Svenska Skridskoförbundet (Speed) Svenska Konstakningsförbundet (Figure) Stockholms Allmänna Skridskoklubb (Club Member)
SUI	Switzerland	Schweizer Eislauf-Verband Internationaler Schlittschuh-Club Davos (Club Member)
THA	Thailand	Figure and Speed Skating Association of Thailand
TUR	Turkey	Turkish Ice Skating Federation
UKR	Ukraine	Ukrainian Speed Skating Federation (Speed) Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation (Figure)
USA	USA.	US Speedskating (Speed) The United States Figure Skating Association (Figure)
UZB	Uzbekistan	Figure Skating Federation of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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	Appointed Coach:	Oleg Vassiliev	Russia
Ice Dance:	Chair:	Alexandr Gorshkov	Russia
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	Appointed Coach:	Cathy Dalton	Canada

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Appointed Coach:	Günter Schumacher	Germany	
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		Reinier Oostheim	Netherlands
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Lawrence Demmy M.B.E.	Great Britain	1998	

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Hans Kutschera	Austria	1996
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Walburga Grimm	Germany	2002
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Past Presidents

		Years of service
Willem H.J. Mulier †	Netherlands	1892–1894
Viktor Gustav Balck †	Sweden	1895–1924
Ulrich Salchow †	Sweden	1925–1937
Gerrit W.A. van Laer †	Netherlands	1937–1945
Herbert J. Clarke †	Great Britain	1945–1953
James Koch †	Switzerland	1953–1967
Ernest Labin †	Austria	1967
Jacques Favart †	France	1967–1980
Olaf Poulsen	Norway	1980–1994

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Jacques Favart Trophy established 1981		Year of award
Irina Rodnina	U.S.S.R.	1981
Eric Heiden	USA	1983
Jayne Torvill / Christopher Dean	Great Britain	1986
Scott Hamilton	USA	1987
Katarina Witt	G.D.R.	1988
Karin Kania	G.D.R.	1990
Natalia Bestemianova / Andrei Bukin	Russia	1992
Tomas Gustafson	Sweden	1993
Gaétan Boucher	Canada	1994
Bonnie Blair	USA	1998
Kurt Browing	Canada	1998
Johann Olav Koss	Norway	1998
Ludmila & Oleg Protopopov	Switzerland	1998
Georg Häslér Medal established 1985		
Zoltán Balázs †	Hungary	1987
Willi Zipperlen †	Switzerland	1987
F. Ritter Shumway †	USA	1988
Herbert Kunze	F.R.G.	1989
Assen Pavlov	Bulgaria	1989
W. Thayer Tutt †	USA	1989
Victor Blinov †	U.S.S.R.	1990
Andrea Ehrig	G.D.R.	1990
Radovan Lipovsčak	Yugoslavia	1990
Courtney J. L. Jones O.B.E.	Great Britain	1991
Milan Duchon	Czechoslovakia	1992
Klaas Schipper	Canada	1992
Lysiane Lauret	France	1993
Anna Sinilkina †	Russia	1993
George Howie	USA	1993
Pamela E.L. Davis, M.B.E.	Great Britain	1994
Jurjen Osinga	Netherlands	1994
Ivan Mauer	Slovak Republic	1995
Florea Gamulea	Romania	1996
David E. Morgan	Australia	1996
Beat Häslér	Switzerland	1998
Mitsuo Matsumoto	Japan	2000
Robert Moir	USA	2002
Valentin Piseev	Russia	2002
ISU Gold Award of Merit established 2004		
Lysiane Lauret	France	2006
<u>Lucy Brennan</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Susan Johnson</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Joachim Franke</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Ann Shaw</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>2008</u>