

Communication No. 2403

Summary of results of mail voting on Proposals in replacement of the 58th Ordinary Congress 2021

In accordance with the ISU Constitution, VII. Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress-Organization, Article 30, and Article 10, paragraph 4, online voting took place between June 15-22, 2021 on the Proposals included in the summary of Proposals from ISU Members, the Council, the Sports Directors and Technical Committees for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations, dated June 15, 2021. Please find below a summary of the results of the voting.

This summary also includes the Proposals concerning the Technical Rules. No objections to the proposed Technical Rule amendments have been received, so in line with the ISU Constitution, Article 11, paragraph 2.b), all the Technical Rule Proposals were accepted without a vote.

I. PROPOSALS FOR CONGRESS

A. CONSTITUTION

1. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 8

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Amend as follows:

The Bodies, Office Holders, ~~and~~ Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants of the ISU are:

- a) Bodies
 - i) The Congress
 - ii) The Council
 - iii) The Disciplinary Commission
 - iv) The Technical Committees
 - v) The Athletes Commission
 - vi) The Medical Commission
 - vii) The Development Commission
 - viii) The Secretariat.

- b) Office Holders
 - i) The President
 - ii) The Vice Presidents – a Vice President for the Figure Skating Branch and a Vice President for the Speed Skating Branch
 - iii) The Council members – five (5) Council members for the Figure Skating Branch and five (5) Council members for the Speed Skating Branch
 - iv) The Director General
 - v) The Chair and members of the Disciplinary Commission
 - vi) The Chairs and members of the Technical Committees
 - vii) The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the Athletes Commission
 - viii) ~~The Sports Directors~~
 - ix) The Chair and members of the Medical Commission
 - x) The Legal Advisors
 - xi) The Treasurer
 - xii) The Development Commission members.

- c) Managers or Coordinators (ISU Employees and/or appointed Managers or Coordinators not being Office Holders) for specific functions such as Sports management/coordination, sports technical management, marketing, public relations/communications, accounting, finance/controlling, ISU Event management travel services and other functions.
 - ~~i) Marketing Manager~~
 - ~~ii) Public Relations/Communications Manager~~
 - ~~iii) The Event Coordinators and Assistant Event Coordinators~~
 - ~~iv) The Regional Event Coordinators – RECAs (in Figure Skating only)~~
 - ~~v) Other Coordinators or Managers in the area of sports, anti-doping, travel or other areas of job positions of ISU Secretariat employees.~~

- d) Advisors and Consultants appointed for specific tasks for which the relevant expertise is not available or not sufficiently available within the ISU Bodies.

Reason: The Council Proposals related in particular to Articles 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 35 and 38 have the objective to better reflect the current situation, challenges and common practice and needs. Since the discrepancy between the current practice and needs on the one hand, and the ISU Regulations on the other hand, have increased over the years, it becomes increasingly urgent and essential to apply the necessary amendments. The update of the relevant provisions in the ISU Statutes will ensure a clear structure with clearly assigned responsibilities and will allow the continued stable and efficient management of the ISU regardless of upcoming personnel changes due to several Council members (including the President) reaching age limits or retirement age (Director General) in 2022.

As a matter of fact, since the 1996 Congress when the current structure of the ISU bodies was decided, the role and responsibilities of the ISU bodies, in particular the ISU Secretariat, has changed dramatically. The main factors of change are a sharp increase in the number of ISU Events and increasingly higher demands upon professional management of ISU Events; the introduction of Prize Money; new services and/or more demanding services requiring specialized expertise such as media/PR and marketing with an increasingly complicated and labor intensive digital media landscape; complex and labor-intensive anti-doping monitoring; development of a new and more complex judging system in Figure Skating; detailed and more stringent internal control and financial reporting requirements; good governance and sustainability monitoring; a more restrictive legal environment as well as a newly structured and robust Development Program. While the responsibilities and required expertise of the different ISU bodies, and in particular the ISU Secretariat, have dramatically expanded since the 1996 Congress, for the past twenty years there have been only small changes in the ISU Constitution regulating the powers and responsibilities of the ISU bodies. As a matter of fact, the current ISU Statutes do not even recognize the ISU Secretariat as an ISU body (Article 8 of the ISU Constitution).

Accordingly, to meet the vast and evolving needs of the ISU and to retain key expertise and attract new experts with the requisite expertise and skills, it is urgent and essential that changes to the organizational structure of the ISU bodies be made.

The reasons for the proposed amendments of Article 8 and related Articles 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 35 and 38 are:

- To include the currently used titles “Manager”, “Advisor” and “Consultant” into this provision. Further related provisions are included in the Council Proposal.
- To include the ISU Secretariat in the list of ISU Bodies (paragraph a) viii)).
- To give the Council the power and flexibility to appoint Directors for different areas of the ISU activity and determine the applicable job descriptions (paragraph b) viii)).
- To rename the current “Sports Directors” as “Sports Technical Directors” since there may be appointments of other sports related Directors among the ISU Secretariat employees. This will provide opportunities for advancement and legitimacy in terms of job titles and official recognition within the operational areas of responsibility performed by the ISU Secretariat staff.

2. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 10, paragraphs 3-5

Amend as follows:

Article 10 paragraph 3

3. Cancellation or Postponement

If for any reason an Ordinary Congress cannot be ~~carried out held~~, the Council shall so inform all ISU Members and a ~~postponement or cancellation of such Congress may be made by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ISU Members~~ vote by email shall take place on whether to postpone or to cancel the Congress.

4. Mail electronic/digital vote

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

5. Deadline for electronic/digital votes ~~Communication on Mail Vote~~

The Council shall ~~allow the ISU Members at least one week for sending their vote. arrange for publication of the Communication asking for a written vote at least four (4) weeks before the expiration of the period fixed therein for the receipt of replies.~~

Reason: Experience from Covid-19 situation, simplification of language.

3. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 13, paragraph 2

Amend second paragraph as follows:

The following ISU forms must be sent to the Secretariat at the latest six weeks before the start of the Congress by the ISU Member of the nominee or another ISU Member, respectively the Athletes Commission for the Athletes' Council member:

Reason: This amendment and the amendments proposed in the above-mentioned Proposals to be considered jointly, aim to fulfill the IOC recommendation in line with good governance principles that an International

Federation's Athletes Commission should be represented by its Chair or another Athletes Commission member who is also an athlete on the International Federation's Executive Board (Council) and the Athletes Commission representative should have the right to vote within the Executive Board.

The proposed structure is that the Athletes Commission members continue to be elected by the Skaters during the respective ISU World Championships or the Olympic Winter Games/World Cup for Speed Skating. Since there is a legal requirement under Swiss Law that the election of a Council member can only be made by the Association's General Assembly (Congress), it will be necessary that one of the elected Athletes Commission members shall subsequently be elected by the ISU Congress as an ISU Council member will full voting rights. The Athletes Commission member sitting on the Council must not be of the same Branch as the President and, if possible, not of the same citizenship and not from the same ISU Member as any other member of the Council (Art. 16, paragraph 1).

This means that, contrary to the current situation, the election of the Athletes Commission members by the Athletes must be made during the Olympic season before the Congress with elections, namely for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Short Track Speed Skating and Synchronized Skating during the respective World Championships and for Speed Skating (no World Championships Single Distances during the Olympic season) during the Olympic Winter Games or a World Cup Speed Skating. In order to proceed with such change and in order to avoid waiting for the subsequent Congress with elections (2026), the Proposal is considered by the ISU Council as urgent and essential.

4. ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA Figure Skating **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

5. UZBEKISTAN **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

6. ISU COUNCIL **ACCEPTED**

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 13 paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

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 a vacancy occurs with regard to the Athletes' Council member, the person with the highest number of votes of the non-elected candidates from the last election not being of the same Branch as the President 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.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3.

7. ISU COUNCIL **ACCEPTED**

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 13 paragraph 7

Amend as follows:

7. Precedence of Council members and Technical Committee members

The order of precedence of members of the Council is determined, for the Branches 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. The Athletes' Council member is not considered for the order of precedence.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3.

8. RUSSIA Figure Skating **ACCEPTED**

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

Change as follows:

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

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

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

Council Recommendation:

The Council supports this Proposal for the reasons given and in view of the upcoming 2022 Congress with elections considers it also as urgent and essential.

9. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 16 paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. Composition

The ISU Council is the highest ISU body between two Congresses. The Council consists of the President, a Vice President, and five (5) members for the Figure Skating Branch and a Vice President, and five (5) members for the Speed Skating Branch. All these members of the Council must be of different citizenship and ISU Members. In addition, there shall be an Athletes Commission member of the Council who must not be of the same Branch as the President and, if possible, not of the same citizenship and not from the same ISU Member as any other member of the Council.

Reason: Please refer to Proposal 3.

10. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 16, paragraphs 2-4

Amend as follows:

2. President

- a) The President represents the ISU in all respects and in all matters. 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 or, in case of the First Vice President's unavailability, by the second Vice President.
- b) Within the supervisory duties of the Council, the President focuses on the control of the commercial, media/communications and legal areas.
- c) The President chairs the Council meetings and the Congress meetings.
- d) ~~If so~~ Unless decided otherwise by the Council, the President ~~may conduct~~, supervises, participates in and concludes all major TV and commercial negotiations. All commercial agreements must be signed by the President and the Director General. The Council shall be informed on all commercial agreements that have been concluded.
- e) The President represents the ISU in regard to other international sports organizations, including, but not limited to, the IOC and other IFs. ~~In the interest of the ISU, the Council may appoint another person to represent the ISU in regard to the IOC.~~
- f) The President decides on the appointment of the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, members of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) in Figure Skating and the Referees, Assistant Referees, Assistant Referees Video, Starters and Competitors' Stewards in Speed Skating/Short Track Speed Skating for the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games, ISU Championships, ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final (junior and senior), ISU World Cup competitions (for exceptions relating to Short Track Speed Skating see Rule 286, paragraph 3, Rule 289 paragraph 5.c) and Rule 289, paragraph 7.a)) and any new ISU Event introduced by the Council taking into consideration proposals from the respective Vice Presidents. The respective Vice Presidents prepare the proposals in consultation with the respective Sports Technical Directors and the respective Technical Committees. The appointments shall be communicated to the ISU Members of the appointed Officials and the organizing ISU Members as soon as possible but latest by August 15 every season.

3. Vice Presidents

- a) In the event of 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 chair the respective Figure Skating and respectively Speed Skating Branch meetings of the Congress.
- c) The Vice Presidents, in the corresponding Branch, supervise the work of the Sports Technical Directors, the Technical Committees and the Development Commission.

- d) In the area of the Development Program, in particular the Vice Presidents
- i) decide on the proposals for the ISU Development Program, all Development Projects and budgets for the Program and Projects prepared by the Development Commission.
 - ii) approve reports on the implementation of the Program and the Projects;
 - iii) with the assistance of the Treasurer, the Development Commission and the 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 in sub-paragraphs i) – iii).
- e) The Vice Presidents monitor the work and activities of the respective Technical Committees, including their administration of the Technical Rules. If the respective Vice President concludes that Technical Rule changes proposed by the competent Technical Committees are in conflict with the ISU policy and/or result in excessive expenditures and/or are not consistent among the ISU sport disciplines, the respective Vice President has the duty to inform the Council.
- f) The Council shall be kept informed on ongoing actions of the Vice Presidents within the respective Branch. The Vice Presidents may receive cooperation for specific actions from other Council members, other Office Holders and Advisors.
- g) In the area of Event Management Coordination, the respective Vice President supervise and coordinate cooperates with the Director General in the supervision of the interventions of the ISU Event Management Teams Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants in close cooperation with the Director General to ensure the proper organization and conduct of ISU Events and the implementation and protection of the ISU commercial rights.
- h) In the area of Officials appointments as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f), the respective Vice President prepares and forwards the proposals for the decision by the President in consultation with the respective Sports Technical Directors and the respective Technical Committee.

4. Advisors Support to the Council

The Council is ~~assisted~~ supported by the other ISU Bodies, Office Holders, Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants (see Article 8), ~~a Treasurer, and Legal Advisor(s) appointed by the Council.~~

The Treasurer and the Legal Advisors who are entitled to attend the Council meetings. The President can also invite Directors and other individuals at his discretion. The Treasurer, Legal Advisors Advisors, invited Directors and other individuals attending Council meetings have a voice but not the right to vote. in the Council. Past Presidents, past Vice Presidents and past Council members who no longer hold any elected ISU position, may be appointed by the Council for specific functions as determined by the Council. Their tasks are defined in job descriptions. Elected Office Holders may not be appointed as Advisors and Consultants.

The Council may assign specific tasks (job descriptions) to ISU Bodies, Office Holders, Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants (see Article 8) insofar as they are not otherwise set forth in Articles 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Reason:

- Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).
- To delete the provision in paragraph 2.e) relating to IOC appointments since such appointments are subject to an IOC decision.
- To rename the “Event Coordinators” to “Event Managers” since they actually perform a management function (paragraph 3.g)).
- To integrate former Article 17, paragraph 1.I), last sentence, into Article 16, paragraph 4.
- To integrate former Article 17, paragraph 3 into this Article 16, paragraph 4.

11. ISU COUNCIL

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 17

Amend as follows:

1. Functions of the Council

The functions and powers of the Council include:

- a) Determining the policies of the ISU and deciding on the general coordination of the ISU structure and ~~the strategy and deciding on corresponding four-year plans and status reports on existing four-year-plans prepared by the Director General.~~
- b) Appointment, determination of duties and responsibilities insofar they are not otherwise set forth in Article 18, and, if necessary, dismissal of the Director General. The dismissal of the Director General requires requiring a two third majority of all voting Council members, including the President.
- c) Appointment and termination of appointment of the Treasurer, and the Advisors and the Directors. who may attend the Council meetings. These positions shall have a voice but no vote in the Council. The

- appointment of Directors who are ISU Secretariat employees shall be subject to a proposal of the Director General. The Council shall determine, from time to time, the duties to be performed by the persons appointed to such positions.
- d) ~~Appointment and termination of appointment of the other Office Holders, Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants for the Sports Directors, Commissions, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants, Development Commission members or Advisors as provided for and specifically referred to named in the ISU Statutes as being subject to ISU Council appointment and/or being necessary due to specific circumstances. Elected Office Holders may not be appointed as Advisors.~~
 - e) Designation of the ISU Office Holders and Secretariat Staff who are authorized to sign on behalf of the ISU and who are accordingly registered in the Swiss Commercial Register.
 - f) Control of the ISU's activities business carried out by the ISU Bodies, Office Holders, Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants (Article 8) Director General, Sports Directors, Technical Committees, Medical Commission, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants and Development Commission. This includes including the control of carrying out resolutions, in accordance with the decisions of the ISU 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.
 - g) Determination of the places at which ISU Events are to be held, taking into account the input from the Director General, the respective Directors and Event Managers Coordinators.
 - h) Checking and ensuring that the accounting for and the management of assets are subject to adequate controls.
 - i) Submission of annual budgets to the Congress, taking into account the input decided by the Council based on a detailed proposal prepared by of the Director General and the Treasurer.
 - j) Decisions regarding Membership matters, including but not limited to admission of new ISU Members, and suspension of ISU Members for violation of the ISU Statutes, or failure to maintain the minimum requirements for ISU Membership, unless the Council has previously used its authority to pardon certain requirements according to Article 6, paragraph 3.e) and f). In cases of serious violations of the ISU Statutes the Council must suspend the respective ISU Member(s). Any suspension requires the votes of at least seven (7) members of the Council. Failing such quorum suspension can only be decided by Congress which also has jurisdiction for deciding on deciding on expulsion of ISU Members. Before any suspension or expulsion, the concerned ISU Member(s) shall be granted the right to be heard.
 - k) Decisions on appeals against decisions of the Technical Committees and ISU Officials involving violation of technical sport Rules after having granted the right to be heard. Such decisions of the Council are final and not subject to further appeal within the ISU or to any external tribunal, except when mandatory law provides for such appeal.
 - l) ~~The conclusion of settlement in cases of the ISU before CAS appealed to CAS under Article 26 and in disputes filed with CAS under Article 27.~~
 - l) Attempting to reach settlements and, if this is not possible, decide on all disputes and complaints between or from ISU. Decisions of the Council on such controversies shall be final.
 - k) ~~Appointment of the Treasurer, and Legal Advisor(s) who may attend the Council meetings. 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 Office Holders and Coordinators, for the Sports Directors, Commissions, Event Coordinators, Assistant Event Coordinators, Regional Event Coordination Assistants, Development Commission members or Advisors as foreseen and specifically named in the ISU Statutes. Elected Office Holders may not be appointed as Advisors.~~
 - m) Deciding upon the venue and dates of future Congresses in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 1.a) and Article 10, paragraph 1.
 - n) Appointment of experts, 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 the Forum at the 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 (see also Article 38, paragraph 3).
 - q) In case exceptional circumstances so require and warrant

- i) Modification or suspension of any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations or Technical Rules;
- ii) granting an exception from a requirement specified in any Rule in the General Regulations, Special Regulations or Technical Rules in order to prevent unusual hardship.

"Exceptional circumstances" for purposes of this paragraph, are circumstances that are unusual, rare and not typical and that make the action of the Council in lieu of the Congress necessary and provide an adequate basis for the Council's action.

Unless there is emergency that requires and warrants immediate action, ISU Members will be given fourteen (14) days written notice and the opportunity to provide written comments on any proposed Rule modification or suspension of applicability, before the Council takes any action under this paragraph 1.r).

- r) Interpretation of the ISU Statutes 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~~ fourth to the Technical Rules, and fifth 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 Sports Directors in line with the respective basic guidelines outlined in Articles 18 and 19.~~
- s) Imposition of monetary penalties for violation of the ISU Statutes by ISU Members. The penalty must be proportionate in relation to the seriousness of the offence.
- t) 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 ISU Statutes;
 - ii) Rules of honor respecting compliance with the ISU Statutes;
 - 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 ISU Bodies, Office Holders, and Managers, Coordinators, Advisors and Consultants ~~Advisory Bodies~~ elected by the Congress or appointed by the Council.
- u) Keeping of accurate written records and Minutes of meetings and of actions of the Council.
- v) 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.
- w) At the request of ISU Members, and as per Article 3, paragraph 1, evaluating activities connected to Figure Skating or Speed Skating and carried out by ISU Members to develop the popularity and visibility of ISU Sports and increase the number of their participants, and, if appropriate, providing a frame for international coordination. The above-mentioned activities can in no way be in conflict with the already existing ISU Disciplines, i.e. Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating as stated in the ISU Statutes.

2. Council Decisions Final

- 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 ISU Statutes or by mandatory law. All final decisions of the Council are, however, subject to the exercise of the superior decision-making power of the Congress at the next following Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. See Article 30, paragraph 21.
- b) If a decision of the Council may be appealed under specific provisions of the ISU Statutes, the Council shall have the power to decide that an appeal will have no suspensive effect if the Council concludes that the suspensive effect would reflect adversely upon the reputation or the integrity of the ISU. Such decision denying a suspensive effect is subject to an appeal to the competent appeal's body.

3. Assistance to the Council

~~The Council is assisted by the Director General and the Secretariat, and other Office Holders and Coordinators (see Article 8, paragraphs b) and c)) and Advisors in the execution of its functions and has the authority to assign specific tasks to the Advisors, insofar as they are not otherwise set forth in Articles 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.~~

Reason:

- Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).
- To delete former paragraph i) regarding the conclusion of settlement in cases appealed to CAS. This Rule is totally unpracticable because the conclusion of a settlement agreement is often done during oral Court hearings or shortly after, which makes it impossible for the attorney of the ISU to consult with the Council.

- Further, at least Swiss power of attorney forms as a standard matter include the power of the attorney to conclude settlement agreements. In any case, in delicate situations, e.g. when big amounts of money are at stake, lawyers will always consult their client before settling. Supported by state courts and CAS practice.
- To adjust the Constitution to the actual common practice and to improve the logical order of paragraphs, i.e. former paragraph 1. c) moved to new 1.f), former 1.d) moved to new 1.g), former 1.g) moved to new 1.j), former 1.h) moved to new 1.k), former 1.k) moved to new 1.c), former 1.l) moved to new 1.d), former 1.s) moved to new 1.b) and paragraph 3 moved to Article 16, paragraph 4.

12. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 18

Amend as follows:

The Director General is appointed by the Council. Supported by the ISU Secretariat employees he and is responsible for:

- a) Managing the daily business and financially related activities of the ISU carried out in accordance with the decisions of the Congress and the Council.
- b) Operating the Secretariat and managing its personnel including proposals to the Council for ISU Director positions, the recruiting and hiring/dismissing of ISU Secretariat personnel and informing the Council accordingly.
- c) Reporting to, and receiving direction from, the President.
- d) Entering into service/operational contracts and expenses necessary for the operation of the Secretariat or ISU business matters in full accordance with the procedures outlined in the ISU Internal Control System which is reviewed and approved annually by the Council.
- e) Participating in the negotiations and conclusion of commercial agreements and signing as joint signatory with the President, all commercial contracts in accordance with the ISU Internal Control System regulations. As such the Director General should be involved in, or in any case be kept duly informed on the negotiation of all commercial contracts. The and regularly informing the Council shall be informed on the status of the commercial agreements.
- f) Ensuring the implementation and protection of commercial agreements (TV and advertising) in cooperation with the Vice Presidents and Event Managers Coordinators. Attend and/or assign ISU employees to attend ISU Events and/or inspection visits of ISU Events as necessary in consultation with the Vice Presidents and Event Managers Coordinators.
- g) Preparing and submitting to the Council of bi-annual budgets for subsequent submission by the Council to the Congress and preparation and submission for decision to the Council of annual budgets for the operation of the ISU Secretariat. 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. Maintaining an Internal Control System subject to annual Council review and approval and implementation thereof ensuring adequate procedures and controls as well as the publication of audited annual financial reports in accordance with Swiss Law.
- i) Organizing Congresses including assisting to the President in conducting the Congress and including the preparation of four-year plans and status reports on existing four-year plans related to strategy and policy matters based on guidance from the Council.
- j) Giving advice to the Council on the admission of new and the suspension of existing ISU Members, if considered necessary, of an ISU Member which has violated the ISU Statutes, or which fails to maintain the minimum requirements for ISU Membership. The Director General may seek advice. use feedback also from the Advisors.
- k) Monitoring of, and giving advice to, the Council regarding the adherence to decisions and settlements in all disputes between and complaints of ISU Members.
- 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 other than the Council when he considers it to be advisable to be acquainted with the on-goings of the Union.
- p) ~~Recruiting and hiring/dismissing of ISU Secretariat personnel and informing the Council accordingly.~~
- p) Signing documents in the name of the ISU with internal and external parties.
- q) Signing as the representative of the ISU, together with the President, Diplomas of Honor, etc.

- r) Monitoring, as authorized by the President, contacts with external bodies such as the IOC, IFs, NOCs, Municipalities, etc.
- s) Assigning personnel to other ISU Bodies. The personnel will work for the assigned Body, but as professional employees they remain under the responsibility of the Director General.
- t) Calling, coordinating and managing at his discretion meetings with any ISU Body, except the Council, to be properly informed and provide support and information to the President and Council.
- u) 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.
- v) Acting, in respect of instructions of the President/Council, as the spokesperson regarding the general activity of the Union.
- w) Monitoring the implementation of the expense guidelines with the cooperation of the Treasurer, to be submitted if required to the Council for ratification. The expense reports of the Sports Technical Directors and the Council shall also be checked and approved by the Director General.
- x) Performing special tasks assigned by the Council from time to time.

Reason:

- Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).
- To adjust the Constitution to the actual common practice and to improve the logical order of paragraphs, i.e. move former paragraph p) to paragraph b).

13. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 19

Amend as follows:

D. Sports Directors

1. General Role of the Sports Directors

The Sports Directors are appointed by the Council. ~~The appointment of Directors who are also ISU Secretariat employees shall be subject to a proposal of the Director General. The Directors, being senior, experienced experts in their field of activity, supervise and direct specific areas of the ISU activity such as Sports management/ coordination, marketing, public relations/communications, finance, controlling, ISU Event management travel services and other functions.~~

~~The Council decides upon the areas of activity, reporting lines, specific titles and job descriptions of the Directors insofar as they are not otherwise set forth in Articles 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.~~

~~In principle, Directors in charge of sports technical matters and sports development matters report to the respective Vice President. Directors in charge of other operational areas report to the Director General.~~

~~They act as liaison between the Council and the other ISU Bodies in the area of sports political/philosophical and technical matters. The Sports Directors must have extensive experience in the ISU sports discipline(s) for which they are acting and possess practical, technical, inter-personal and professional skills and know-how to perform their tasks. The following appointments are mandatory:~~

- a) ~~Sports Director Figure Skating;~~
- b) ~~Sports Director Speed Skating;~~

~~Additional Sports Directors for the sport related functions may be appointed by the Council.~~

~~Each Sports Director shall have an assigned portfolio of responsibilities as decided by the Council.~~

~~The Council may appoint a Coordinator among the Sports Directors for general sports related matters and/or for specific sports related tasks and projects. Sports Directors if possible and necessary, may also act as Event Coordinators. The Sports Directors report to the respective Vice President.~~

2. Conditions Applicable to the Sports Directors

~~All Sports Directors will be either senior ISU Secretariat employees and/or individuals with special expertise who remain based in their country of residence., be available to travel extensively and be remunerated according to their scope/ extent/duration of activity as decided by the Council. They must not hold any other official position of responsibility within the ISU, ISU Members, club and/or public or private entities involved in ice skating activities and not work as a Coach.~~

2. Functions of the Sports Directors

~~The functions and powers of the Sports Directors 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 implementation of Congress and Council decisions in relation to the function of the Sports Directors.~~

- ~~c) — Closely cooperating with the Development Commission and Technical Committees on the proposal of the ISU Development Program, Development Projects and the corresponding budgets to be prepared by the Development Commission for final approval by the respective Vice President; 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) — Assisting the Technical Committees in preparing, maintaining and developing the ISU four-year plans for sports-related activities; 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) — 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).~~
- ~~f) — Assess the conditions related to the recognition of new records; the Council homologates the records.~~
- ~~g) — Monitoring and, after consultation with the bodies and Advisors concerned, advising the Council in cooperation with the Director General regarding the adoption of all the necessary Rules for the work of the Sports Directors, including but not limited to: (1) Rules for the administration of sanctions authorized by the ISU Statutes; (2) Rules of Honor respecting compliance with the ISU Statutes; (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.~~
- ~~h) — 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 Directors.~~
- ~~i) — Keeping accurate written records and Minutes of meetings and of actions of the Sports Directors and inform the Council regularly.~~
- ~~d) — Submitting periodic reports to the Council summarizing their activities and addressing problems and proposing solutions.~~
- ~~e) — Submitting an annual budget to the Council at the end of each season including the budgeted expenses for the subsequent season.~~
- ~~f) — The conducting of seminars, schools and examinations for the Officials of their sports in cooperation with the respective Technical Committee.~~

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 and to clarify the appointment procedure for Directors.

14. RUSSIA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

15. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)
Article 20, paragraph 2.c) and d)

Amend as follows:

- c) The ISU Council, in consultation with the respective Technical Committee and the respective Sports Technical Director(s) shall appoint a Skater to each Technical Committee. An appointed Skater must have been a Competitor in at least one ISU Event in the 8 seasons (i.e. August 1 - April 30) preceding the last Congress with elections.
- d) Following the appointment of the Skater, the Coach shall be appointed by the Council in consultation with the respective Technical Committee and the respective Sports Technical Directors. The appointed Coach must have been the primary Coach of a Competitor, at least in one ISU Event or Senior International Event in the past 10 seasons preceding the last Congress with elections and must be of different citizenship and from a different ISU Member than the members previously elected by the Congress and the Skater appointed by the Council. The appointed Coach shall not be subject to Rule 102, paragraph 4 as far as Technical Committee membership is concerned.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

16. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)
Article 20, paragraph 3.a) - e)

Amend as follows:

3. Functions of the Technical Committees

The functions of the Technical Committees include:

- a) Preparation, monitoring and maintenance of the “Technical Rules” for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, taking into account the

input received from ISU Members, the Council and the Sports Technical Directors. 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 meetings dedicated to such purpose.

- b) Preparation of reports, mainly technical ones, assigned to them by the Congress, the Council and the respective Sports Technical Directors.
- c) 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 drawing up of the lists of International (for International Competitions) and ISU (for ISU Championships) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data & 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 ISU Members, subject to approval by the corresponding Vice President.
- d) Closely following the functions of the Officials officiating at ISU sanctioned events and making recommendations to the respective Vice President with respect thereto.
- e) Conducting seminars, schools and examinations for the Officials of their sports in cooperation with the respective Sports Technical Directors.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

17. CANADA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

18. HUNGARY

REJECTED

Article 21, paragraph 1.a)-d)

1. Eligibility and Composition

a) The Athletes Commission is composed of five (5) elected Athletes (Skaters), i.e. 1 Athlete for each of the following disciplines:

- Single & Pair Skating
- Ice Dance
- Synchronized Skating
- Speed Skating
- Short Track Speed Skating

b) The Athletes Commission members will be elected by their peers, at the respective ISU World Championships.

c) The term of the election shall basically be aligned in accordance with the cycle of elections for other Office Holders elected by the Congress, i.e. the term of election for Skaters elected during the respective 2017 ISU World Championships shall last until the respective 2019 World Championships when the next election shall be held for a term until the respective 2023 ISU World Championships.

d) To be eligible for election to the Athletes Commission candidates must

i) be eligible as defined in the ISU Statutes;

ii) have competed in (senior) ISU Events of the respective discipline within the previous four (4) seasons or at one of the 3 previous Winter Olympic Games prior to the election;

iii) for Synchronized Skating the Skater has to have competed at the senior World Championships within the previous 8 seasons;

iii) iv) must not have been sanctioned for any violation of the ISU/World Anti-Doping Code and/or disciplinary and/or ethical offences;

~~iv)~~ v) on the day of election, must be at least 18 years of age;

~~v)~~ vi) be nominated by the ISU Member for whom the Athlete is competing in accordance with Rule 109 during the season of election or during his last season of competing in ISU Events

Reason: This Rule change would mean the implementation of the IOC's eligibility rule for their respective Athletes Commission in the Olympic disciplines. Giving athletes more time to be eligible for the ISU Athlete Commission would give the Commission some much needed stability. With the current eligibility rule, the fluctuation of members within the AC will always be immense.

Council Recommendation:

Considering the Council Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26 and 29, which if accepted would mean that the next Athletes Commission elections are already held during the 2022 ISU World Championships, the Council considers this Proposal as urgent & essential. However, the Council favors its own above-mentioned

Proposals which are in line with the IOC Guidelines and which also provide the possibility for stability/continuity of the ISU Athletes Commission composition.

19.A ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 21 paragraph 1.b)-d)

Amend as follows:

b) The Athletes Commission members, except the Athletes Commission member for Speed Skating, will be elected by their peers at the respective ISU World Championships in the season of the Olympic Winter Games. For Speed Skating for which no ISU World Speed Skating Championships Single Distances format are held during the Olympic season, the elections shall be held, if possible, during the Olympic Winter Games or alternatively at an ISU World Cup Speed Skating during the season of the Olympic Winter Games.

c) ~~The term of the election shall be four years basically be aligned in accordance with the cycle of elections for other Office Holders elected by the Congress, i.e. the term of election for Skaters elected during the respective 2017 ISU World Championships shall last until the respective 2019 World Championships when the next election shall be held for a term until the respective 2023 ISU World Championships.~~

d) To be eligible for election to the Athletes Commission candidates must

i) be eligible as defined in the ISU Statutes;

ii) have competed in (senior) ISU Events of the respective discipline within the previous four (4) seasons before the season of election;

iii) must not have been sanctioned for any violation of the ISU/World Anti-Doping Code and/or disciplinary and/or ethical offences;

iv) on the day of election, must be at least 18 years of age;

v) be nominated by the ISU Member for whom the Athlete is competing in accordance with Rule 109 during the season of election or during his last season of competing in ISU Events.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3

19.B ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 21, paragraph 1.e) new

e) Members of the Athletes Commission in office at the elections in 2022, may reapply for one additional back-to-back term on the Athletes Commission, even if they do not fulfill the condition of d) ii) above.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3 and to ensure continuity within the Athletes Commission same as for other ISU bodies. As a matter of fact, the ability for a Athletes Commission (AC) member to become a voting Council member comes with some restrictions and challenges. The Council/AC recognizes the responsibility, timely dedication and wide knowledge which is required from a Council member for successful Council work. Such capabilities may be hard to gain as an active athlete and it also requires experience of ISU activities. Such experience only comes with time and involvement in ISU activities for more than a period of only four years. (which for the current AC members is even reduced to 3 years due to the change in procedure). In order to find the best possible, experienced candidates for the possible AC member of the Council, it is suggested to provide the opportunity for re-election of a back-to-back terms for AC members in order to enhance the sufficient functioning of the Council and to find an athlete representative with the required capabilities. Such capabilities would ensure that the targets set for an athlete representative by the IOC are fulfilled. Consequently, the Council recommends acceptance of all Council Proposals related to the Athletes Commission.

19.C ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 21, paragraph 1.f) new

f) Members of the Athletes Commission in office at the elections in 2026 and the subsequent Athletes Commission elections (2030, 2034 etc) and having served only one term, may reapply for one additional back-to-back term on the Athletes Commission, even if they do not fulfill the condition of d) ii) above.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3 and Proposal 19.B.

20. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 21 paragraph 2

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

a) The ISU will issue an ISU Communication including all relevant details and forms by October 1 of the year preceding the Olympic Winter Games.

Nominations from ISU Members must be received by at the ISU Secretariat by January 1 of the year of the respective ISU World Championships when an Athletes election shall be held Olympic Winter Games. ISU Members are encouraged to base their nominations on Athletes elections at the national level and to include

nominations of both genders. Each ISU Member may nominate only one Athlete per Branch. The same Athlete may be nominated for only one discipline even if he has competed at ISU Events in different disciplines.

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

...

e) At the latest six weeks prior to an election Congress, the Athletes Commission members shall determine the order of preference of their candidates for election as Athlete member to the Council at the Congress.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3.

21. RUSSIA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

22. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 24, paragraphs 3-4 a)

Amend as follows:

3. Cooperation

The Commission shall closely cooperate with the Vice Presidents, the Sports Technical Directors and the Technical Committees for the implementation of the Development Program in accordance with the ISU policy and the approved budget.

4. Functions

The Commission shall:

- a) Collaborate with ~~the~~ Sports Technical Directors 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.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

23. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 25, paragraph 6

Amend as follows:

6. Filing of Complaints

- a) Complaints must be filed with the DC by any Skater, Official, Office Holder or other participants in the ISU activities, within 1 year ~~60 days~~ of learning of the facts or events, which constitute a disciplinary or ethical offence.
- b) The ~~60 day~~ 1 year deadline does not apply to filing of charges for violation of an Anti-Doping Rule.
- c) 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.

Reason: In cases requiring substantial fact finding work in preparation of a Statement of Complaint 60 days have proven to be too short.

24. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 25, paragraph 8.c)

Amend as follows:

- b) ~~Performance evaluations of Officials, including Assessments, Letters of Warning and Demotions warnings, criticisms, letters of advice and other evaluations issued by the Technical Committees and/or the Council against Officials for errors and mistakes in their officiating, 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 DC and shall be referred to the relevant ISU Official or body for performance evaluation and resolution. However, if errors and mistakes by Officials in case a performance evaluation at the same time reveals a violation of the Duties of Officials and/or of the ISU Code of Ethics, such violation is, apart from Assessment, Letter of Warning and Demotion the performance evaluation, also subject to disciplinary sanctions and to the jurisdiction of the DC.~~

Reason: The term 'Performance Evaluation' needs to be deleted from this provision because Rule 440 uses the term for both, technical and disciplinary matters.

25. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 29, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. Liquidator and Distribution of Assets

Congress elects by simple majority the liquidator and decides upon the manner of distribution of the assets, which however may be used for non-profit purposes only.

Reason: Firms such as Microsoft offer very beneficial rates to non-profit organizations on condition that such organizations are an association and that on liquidation, funds may be used only for non-profit purposes. The Proposal reflects the ISU's non-profit status yet maintains the control of the Congress over the assets within this restriction

26. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 31, new paragraph 25

Add new paragraph 25 and renumber following paragraphs accordingly:

25. Election of the Athletes' member of the Council.

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3.

27. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 34, paragraph 8

Amend as follows:

8. Transparency

In case of circular votes by e-mail, answers from individual Council members of the Council will, after completion of the result of the vote, be communicated by the Director General to the other Council members.

Reason: To ensure that Council members give their opinion without being influenced by votes of other Council members.

28. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 35, paragraphs 2-6

Amend as follows:

2. Meetings

The Committees shall meet with the appropriate Sports Technical Directors whenever indicated. The Minutes of the Technical Committee meetings must be sent to the Council, the Director General, the respective Sports Technical Directors, the Legal Advisors and the Treasurer at the latest one (1) month after the meeting.

3. Consultation

The Chairs of the appropriate Committees shall meet with the respective Sports Technical Directors when required for consultation on technical matters.

4. Supervision

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 respective Sports Technical Directors.

5. Decisions

Decisions of the Technical Committees are reached by a simple majority of votes of members present at the meeting or sent by e-mail 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 Technical Committee shall be informed of the activities of the appointed Commissions and/or Advisors active within the respective Branch and receives immediately information from the respective Sports Technical Directors regarding the decisions related to the respective Technical Committee.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

29. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals 3, 6, 7, 9, 19, 20, 26, 29 to be considered jointly)

Article 36 paragraph 2.b)

Delete paragraph 2.b). Paragraph 2.a) becomes the only text of this paragraph 2.

~~b) The Athletes Commission Chair shall attend Council meetings where he has a voice but not the right to vote. If the Chair is unable to attend the Council meeting, the Vice Chair shall attend such Council meeting. If both, the Chair and Vice Chair are unable to attend a Council meeting, the Chair shall appoint a member of the Commission to attend such Council meeting.~~

Reason: Refer to Proposal 3.

30. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

(Proposals No 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 22, 28, 30 to be considered jointly)

Article 38, paragraphs 1-5

Amend as follows:

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 Constitution in Article 8, paragraph b).

2. Officials

Officials are persons who perform any function mentioned in the ISU Statutes at any event organized under the ISU Statutes (that is ISU Representatives, Technical Delegates for the Olympic Winter Games, Event ~~Managers Coordinator~~/Assistant Event ~~Managers Coordinator~~, Regional Assistant Event ~~Managers~~ (RAEMs) ~~Coordination Assistants~~, Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data & 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 as appointed by the Council for ISU Championships and any other ISU Event for which it considers it appropriate to delegate such Representative is the highest ISU Official at the respective ISU Event.

The ISU Representative represents the ISU at the given Event, performs all functions specified in the ISU Statutes and the ISU Memorandums for guidance in holding ISU Championships/Events and decides all important matters relating to the organization and conduct of the Event which are not specifically within the jurisdiction of another Official, in particular but not limited to the Referee respectively the Event ~~Manager Coordinator~~.

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

4. Functions of the ISU Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~/ISU Assistant Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~

- a) The ISU Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ and the ISU Assistant Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ are appointed by the Council and will act with the primary focus to ensure the proper organization and conduct of the ISU Events. They report to the Director General or the respective Vice President or a Director as decided by the Council.
- b) On site of the ISU Events they act under the supervision of the ISU Representative (if appointed and present – see Article 38, paragraph 3). They cooperate closely with the Director General and competent ISU Secretariat staff in the implementation and protection of ISU commercial agreements.
- c) All Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ and Assistant Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ will be based in the country of residence, be available to travel extensively and be remunerated according to their scope/extent/duration of activity as decided by the Council. The Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ must not hold any official position of responsibility within the ISU, ISU Members, club and/or public or private entities involved in ice skating activities and not work as a Coach.
- d) Detailed job descriptions in line with the functions listed above are periodically updated as decided by the Council.

5. Regional ~~Assistant Event Managers Coordination Assistants~~ (REGAs ~~RAEMs~~ – Figure Skating Branch only)

In the Figure Skating Branch only, the Director General in cooperation with the Vice President Figure Skating and in cooperation with the Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ and Assistant Event ~~Managers Coordinators~~ is responsible to train and maintain a pool of Regional ~~Assistant Event Managers Coordination Assistants~~

(RAEMs) composed of individuals knowledgeable in Figure Skating, but also having people skills, organizational skills and computer skills.

The RAEMs included in the pool will be appointed by the Council to act in ISU Events in the regional area of their residence with the purpose to make their experience available and assist the respective ISU Members and local Organizing Committees.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

31. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Article 39, paragraph 3.b) and c)

- b) The Figure Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):
- i) Single & Pair Skating disciplines:
 - ~~Ladies~~ Women's Single Skating
 - ~~Men's~~ Single Skating
 - Pair Skating (1 ~~Lady~~ Woman & 1 Man);
 - ii) Ice Dance discipline:
 - Ice Dance (1 ~~Lady~~ Woman & 1 Man);
 - iii) Synchronized Skating discipline
Synchronized Skating (Team composed of ~~Ladies~~ Women and Men as per Special Regulations Synchronized Skating, Rule 800, paragraph 2.).
 - iv) Figure Skating Team event consisting of one (1) to two (2) ~~Lady/Ladies~~ Woman/Women, one (1) to two (2) Man/Men, one (1) Pair Skating Couple, one (1) Ice Dance Couple (see also Rule 300, paragraphs 1 and 2).
- c) The Speed Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):
- i) Speed Skating disciplines:
 - ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Men
 - Team Pursuit ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Team Pursuit Men
 - Mass Start ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Mass Start Men
 - Relay ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Relay Men
 - Relay Mixed (~~Ladies~~ Women and Men).
 - ii) Short Track Speed Skating disciplines:
 - ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Men
 - Relay ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Relay Men
 - Relay Mixed (~~Ladies~~ Women and Men).

Preliminary remark: The above Proposal to change the term 'Ladies' to 'Women' shall, if accepted, extend to all ISU provisions in which presently the term "Lady/Ladies" is used.

Reason: The proposed change in terminology from 'Ladies' to 'Women' throughout the Special Regulations and Technical Rules of all ISU sports is in accord with the recommendation of the IOC Gender Equality Review Project that there be a fair and balanced portrayal (*i.e.* how women and men are presented and described) in all forms of communication and official documents, including rules and regulations. It should be noted that in the Qualification System for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the terms 'Women' and 'Women's' are used to identify the events in which female athletes compete (*e.g.* 'Women's Events' / 'Women Single Skating').

If the Proposal is accepted, the change shall be applied throughout the ISU Constitution, General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules.

32. USA Speed Skating

REJECTED

Article 39, paragraphs 3.b) & c)

Replace Lady/Ladies with Woman/Women

- b) The Figure Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):
- i) Single & Pair Skating disciplines:
 - ~~Ladies~~ Women Single Skating

- Men Single Skating
 - Pair Skating (1 ~~Lady~~ Woman & 1 Man);
 - ii) Ice Dance discipline:
 - Ice Dance (1 ~~Lady~~ Woman & 1 Man);
 - iii) Synchronized Skating discipline
Synchronized Skating (Team composed of ~~Ladies~~ Women and Men as per Special Regulations Synchronized Skating, Rule 800, paragraph 2.).
 - iv) Figure Skating Team event consisting of one (1) to two (2) ~~Lady/Ladies~~ Woman/ Women, one (1) to two (2) Man/Men, one (1) Pair Skating Couple, one (1) Ice Dance Couple (see also Rule 300, paragraphs 1 and 2).
- c) The Speed Skating Branch includes the following disciplines (Gender Categories indicated in parenthesis if not included in the discipline title):
- i) Speed Skating disciplines:
 - ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Men
 - Team Pursuit ~~Ladies~~ Women
 - Team Pursuit Men

Reason: The IOC has begun to adopt the term woman/women vs lady/ladies. From the 2018 IOC gender equality review project all Olympic movement stakeholders are encouraged to adopt this language.

“*Ladies* is appropriate with the term *gentlemen*, e.g. in a speech: “Ladies and gentlemen” or when it is an official title, e.g. “Sir John and Lady Smith”. The use of ‘ladies’ is inappropriate when ‘men’ is being used. The term should be ‘women’.” -- Source: Portrayal guidelines for gender balanced representation, The 2018 IOC Gender Equality Review Project.

We propose that this change be made not only in this ISU constitution, but in all prospective ISU communications, announcements, result postings, and other text as well.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in principle in favor but refers to its own Proposal 31 and therefore recommends to reject Proposal 32 but vote in favour of Proposal 31.

33. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Article 39, paragraph 11

Add new last sentence:

Qualifying Rounds may also include Repechage Races.

Reason: Clarification

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

B. GENERAL REGULATIONS

34. RUSSIA, Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

35. SPEED SKATING AND SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 102, paragraph 6.b), i–ii), iv)

Move subparagraph vi) into i) and amend as follows:

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

All markings shall be dignified.

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

If a manufacturer also acts as sponsor (in ISU Events only), in addition to the manufacturer trademarks according to paragraph 6.b),ii) only one advertising marking of the manufacturer can be exposed ~~only once~~ on the entire uniform to a maximum size of 45cm². Such marking shall be placed on the upper body.

In ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games ~~one additional placement of any markings on the front part of helmets is not allowed.~~ In these Events, the front part of helmets is reserved for use by the ISU in the total maximum size of forty (40) cm². In Short Track Speed Skating, in addition, two places on the sides are reserved for the Skaters' helmet numbers.

Armbands and helmet covers are in the exclusive domain of the ISU. Organizing Committees may request permission from the ISU to place markings on the armbands.

ii) Only manufacturer's trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, shin guards, headgear, neck and ankle protectors, blade guards and on clothing. Skates are considered as consisting of 6 pieces, namely 2 boots and 2 blades and 2 constructions for connecting the blades to the boots. The manufacturer's trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices.

The table below shows the allowed maximum sizes and number of manufacturer's trademarks. It is not allowed to include manufacturer's trademarks in other markings or combine manufacturer's trademarks with other markings.

Item	Total maximum Size	Max. size per marking	Number of markings
Skates			
Pair of boots	40 cm ²	20 cm ²	2 (1 on each boot)
Pair of blades	40 cm ²	20 cm ²	2 (1 on each blade)
Pair of connecting constructions	12 cm ²	6 cm ²	2 (engraved) (1 on each construction)
Competition Speed Skating skin-racing suit			
Upper body (incl. cap)	60 cm ²	30 cm ²	1
Lower body		30 cm ²	1
Competition Short Track skin-racing suit and warming up suit			
Upper body	60 cm ²	30 cm ²	1
Lower body or trousers		30 cm ²	1
Sport and Technical equipment			
Headgear	16 cm ²	8 cm ²	2
Glasses	16 cm ²	8 cm ²	2
Pair of Gloves	16 cm ²	8 cm ²	2 (1 on each glove)

Neck protector	20 cm ²	20 cm ²	1
Ankle protector	20 cm ²	20 cm ²	1
Blade guards	20 cm ²	20 cm ²	1

Instead of a trademark, the Skater's own name may be placed (printed, engraved, embroidered, etc.) on any piece of equipment, with the same size restrictions as for trademarks.

Reason: It shall be allowed to use any headgear, in particular helmets, for advertising markings. Unification of the rules for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. This Proposal is in line with the latest version of the IOC Guidelines on Sanctioned Identification at the Olympic Winter Games (Rule 50).

Council Recommendation:

The Urgency factor of this Proposal is that it will unify Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Rules and in addition provide alignment with IOC Rules on exposure of trademarks, which would be beneficial for ISU Members in front of the Olympic season. This Proposal is not about extending the size of advertising areas which would need further debate.

36. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

37. IRELAND

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

38. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. ISU Championships

- a) World Speed Skating Championships ~~(as of season 2020/21).~~
- ~~b) World Allround Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20).~~
- ~~c) World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20).~~
- ~~d) World Sprint Speed Skating Championships (until end of season 2019/20).~~
- b) World Junior Speed Skating Championships.
- c) European Speed Skating Championships.
- d) Four Continents Speed Skating Championships ~~(as of season 2019/20).~~
- e) World Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- f) World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- g) European Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
- h) Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships ~~(as of season 2019/20).~~
- i) World Figure Skating Championships.
- j) World Junior Figure Skating Championships.
- k) European Figure Skating Championships.
- l) Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.
- m) World Synchronized Skating Championships.
- n) World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships.

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

Reason: Drafting. Since the season 2019/20 has passed, lit b), c) and d) have become obsolete and indication as of season 2019/20 is not necessary anymore.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

39. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraphs 2 & 3

Amend as follows and renumber following paragraphs accordingly:

2. Olympic Winter Games (OWG) and Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

The OWG and YOG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program and applicable conditions (IOC Qualification System Principles, Officials categories, responsibility for expenses etc.) for the OWG and YOG in compliance with the Olympic Charter and in consultation with the ISU Council. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports, i.e. Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance) and Synchronized Skating (subject to the approval of the IOC to include Synchronized Skating into

the program of the OWG) at the OWG and YOG under the patronage of the IOC. The OWG and YOG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition (See Rule 126).

3. Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

~~The YOG are the exclusive property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC establishes the program and applicable conditions (age limits, Officials categories, responsibility for expenses etc.) for the YOG in consultation with the respective International Federation (IF) and in compliance with the Olympic Charter. The ISU assumes the responsibility for the technical control and direction of the ISU sports at the YOG under the patronage of the IOC. The YOG skating competitions are administered by the ISU as an ISU International Competition.~~

Reason: Since the Olympic and Youth Olympic Winter Games are the property of the IOC, the ISU has no other influence than being consulted as to the number of competitors and the qualification system and as to administering the competitions. Unification of the Rule for OWG and YOG.

40. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 4.

Add following wording at end of paragraph:

Except for such joint national championships any competition (co-) organized by any ISU Member in which at least one Skater from a foreign ISU Member participates is considered an International Competition and must fulfill the requirements established by this paragraph 4 and be announced in accordance with Rule 110. This includes but is not limited to competitions as per paragraphs 5 to 13 below.

Reason: Clarification of scope of joint national championships.

41. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 6.b)

Amend as follows:

- b) The special regulations for participation in these events, the skating requirements, the point system, the prize money, etc., shall be established by an ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group ~~the respective Sports Directors~~ in consultation with the Vice President Figure Skating and shall, subject to their approval by the Council, be distributed to ISU Members at least three months before the first scheduled International Competition of the season to which they apply. The ISU Grand Prix Coordination Group shall be appointed by the Council.

Reason: To adjust to current common practice.

42. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

43. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 11

Amend as follows:

11. International Novice Competitions

- a) Open to all ISU Members.
b) Limited to certain ISU Members or restricted in any other way.
c) The respective Technical Committee in consultation with the respective Sports Technical Directors shall prepare guidelines approved by the Council which shall be published in an ISU Communication.

Reason: Clarification to replace "countries" by "ISU Members".

Amendment to adjust Sports Director to Sports Technical Director in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

44. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 13

Amend as follows:

13. '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 ISU 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 Technical Director(s) of Figure Skating, respectively Sports Technical Director(s) Speed Skating, to the respective Vice President for approval.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1).

45. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 107, paragraph 15.b) i)

Add new sub-paragraph i) and renumber following sub-paragraphs accordingly:

i) Interclub competitions must be conducted under the exclusive authority of the organizing club and their significance must be limited to the club sphere. Interclub competitions may not have any impact on the competitive activities of the ISU Member to which the organizing club belongs, e.g. by their results serving as qualifying criteria for participation in national or international championships, national best lists, etc.

Reason: Clarification of the scope of Interclub competitions.

46. USA Speed Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

47. NORWAY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

48. CANADA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

49. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

50. RUSSIA, Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

51. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 112, paragraph 2.b)

Amend as follows:

b) A statement regarding the track and padding system, which must be in accordance with Rules 203, 227 and 228 or otherwise specified in accordance with Rule 204.

Reason: This addition requires to publish important information in the announcement regarding padding system installed around the competition track.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

52. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 112, paragraph 4.c)

Amend as follows:

c) The means of music production and the format, means and timetable in which the music and back-up music shall be submitted (see rules 343 and 823). Acceptable music formats are CD, MP3, AAC-formats, WAV and WMA.

Reason: CDs are out of date and more vulnerable to virus attacks than music formats currently used. CDs are no longer easily available and cause extra concern for Skaters who should prepare for and focus on competitions. Most rinks do not carry CD players anymore and the music is played from computers at the majority of events. Modern music formats reduce the risk of music malfunctions during competition. In addition, CDs cause lots of plastic waste and thus, are not environmentally friendly and in line with the ISU's sustainability goals.

53. RUSSIA Figure Skating

ACCEPTED

Entries Rule 115, paragraph 2

Delete entire paragraph 2 and renumber the rest paragraphs.

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

Reason: Does not correspond to the existing practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council sees merit in this Proposal as the current Rule includes the provision "if possible" and therefore is not binding and considered by the Council as obsolete. For the sake of house keeping, the Council considers this Proposal as not controversial and therefore sees no reason to postpone its implementation.

54. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 121, paragraph 3.b)

Amend as follows:

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

Reason: The limited scope of responsibility and limited number of assignments do not justify including the Assistant Event Coordinators in this restriction. Also, Data & Replay Operators do not have actual decision-making power and therefore should not be subject to this restriction.

55. CANADA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

56. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

57. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 121, paragraph 3.f)

Amend as follows:

- f) Council members, Technical Committee members, ~~Sports~~ Directors, Event ~~Managers~~ ~~Coordinators~~, ~~Assistant Event Coordinators~~ and ISU Advisors who are on the list of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, ~~Data & 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.

Reason: The limited scope of responsibility and limited number of assignments do not justify including the Assistant Event Coordinators in this restriction. Also, Data & Replay Operators do not have actual decision-making power and therefore should not be subject to this restriction.

58. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 123, paragraph 3.c)

(Proposals 58, 59 and 60 to be considered jointly)

Amend as follows:

Any other protests, except cases covered by subparagraph d) below, must be filed with the Referee immediately, in any event, not later than 30 minutes after ~~the competition concerned~~. ~~Completion of a competition (for this purpose only) means end of the last race of all races for a single distance or of a qualifying round or final in Speed Skating, end of the last heat/ of a qualifying round or final concerned 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 the end of any single segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition.~~

Reason: For consistency with Rule 123, paragraph 5.f).

Council Recommendation:

The Council agrees for the reason given.

59. SPEED SKATING AND SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 123, paragraph 4 (Proposals 58, 59 and 60 to be considered jointly)

Amend as follows:

4. Protest Restrictions

In line with the generally accepted international sports concept according to which "field of play decisions" are not subject to correction and/or review, the score or time achieved by a Competitor during a segment, race or qualifying round of a competition is final, as a matter of principle, once the decision(s) of the competent Official(s) is/are announced by the official announcer and/or displayed on the score board or video screen of the competition with the exception of successful protests according to the provisions below. Consequently, the following restrictions for protests apply:

Reason: Unification for a consistent Rule for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating and clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council agrees for the reason given.

60. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 123, paragraphs 4.b) and c)
(Proposals 58, 59 and 60 to be considered jointly)
Amend as follows:

B. Speed Skating and Short Track 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 contained in the respective Technical Rules ~~297 and 298~~.

Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect data processing (including incorrect mathematical calculation).

Reason: Unification for a consistent Rule for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating and clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council agrees for the reasons given.

61. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE & SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 123, paragraph 5.d) and f)

Amend as follows:

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 video replay system or other readily available TV feed, if the Referee deems it to be relevant ~~and if readily available~~. This does not apply to attempts to protest that are excluded by paragraphs 4.B and 4.C above.

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 of "competition" for this purpose under ~~paragraph 3.c) above~~ article 39, paragraph 8).

Reason: Clarification

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reasons given.

62. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 125, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

Conduct of Officials, Office Holders, Competitors, Coaches 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, Data & Replay Operators, Starters, Competitors' Stewards) and related personnel (Result Service Providers, timekeepers 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 no ISU Representative is present, to the highest ranking Office Holder present, i.e. President, Vice President(s), ISU Council members ~~in order of their election~~, Director General and Sports Technical Director of the corresponding Branch, TC Chair and 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, to effect immediate remedial actions, before the end of the competition. The report shall be in writing. However, if time constraints do not allow to write a report in due time, an oral report shall first be made, to be followed by a written report still on site, as soon as possible.

The Referee and the ISU Representative (or highest ranking Office Holder present), upon receipt of the report, must confer immediately, still on site of the event, with the President if present or attainable by phone. The Referee and ISU Representative, if possible after consultation with the President, shall 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.

Reason: Amendments in line with the amendments for Article 8 (Proposal 1), deleting "in order of their election" since it cannot be expected that this info is commonly known and adjusting the timeline of written report submission taking into account the circumstances.

63. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 126, paragraphs 1-5

Amend as follows:

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

The skating competitions in the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games are International Competitions and not ISU Championships and are subject to the provisions of the Olympic Charter, its Bye-Laws, the IOC Qualification System Principles (IOC provisions) and ISU Regulations governing such competitions. In case of conflicts between the IOC provisions Olympic Charter, and its Bye-laws on the one hand and the ISU Regulations on the other, the IOC provisions Olympic Charter and its Bye-laws shall prevail. In accordance with Rule 121, all Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators, Judges, Starters and Competitors' Stewards acting in the Olympic Winter Games must be designated ISU. A Judge may serve in not more than two (2) disciplines.

2. **Entries**

Entries in the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games are subject to the requirements of the Olympic Charter, its Bye-Laws and the IOC Qualification System Principles for the Olympic Winter Games/Winter Youth Olympic Games (IOC provisions) as well as to the applicable ISU Regulations. They are subject to the Regulations of the IOC governing such competitions. In case of conflicts between the IOC provisions and the ISU Regulations regarding the Qualification System for the Olympic Winter Games/Winter Youth Olympic Games, the IOC provisions shall prevail.

3. **Speed Skating**

For Speed Skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games, the provisions of Rules 202, 206, 209, 215 and 241 must be observed.

4. **Figure Skating**

For Figure Skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games the provisions of Rules 400–403 must be observed.

5. **Short Track Speed Skating**

For Short Track Speed Skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games the provisions of Rules 280, 284 and 289, paragraph 7 must be observed.

Reason: Clarification that considering the OWG and YOG being IOC Events (and not an ISU Events), the IOC provisions for the Qualification System prevail over the ISU Regulations. This concerns in particular, but not limited to, the number of entries, number of entries by discipline and gender and host country entry privileges. As a drafting matter, a reference to this Rule 126 will be added in all respective Special Regulations dealing with the OWG entries.

64. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

65. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 127, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. Applications

Applications for Championships must be made to the Council annually before April 15 or at other dates as indicated in an ISU Communication, accompanied by a ~~statement~~ a completed form as provided by the ISU Secretariat including all relevant information. ~~of suggested dates and place and.~~ The applications may include optional locations/venues which however must be determined latest 2 years before the start of the Championships.

The application must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the ISU Member concerned.

Reason: To adjust to current common practice and clarify the possibility to make applications for optional locations/venues.

66. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 127, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

3. Decisions

The Council, each year, at a meeting held not later than July 31,

a) Must decide definitely when and where the Championships of the following year shall take place.

- b) Shall decide provisionally when and in which country the Championships shall be held in the subsequent ~~two~~ four 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.
- c) When deciding upon the Championships allotments the Council shall take into account the overall ISU Event Calendar including other ISU Events such as ISU series (World Cups, Grand Prix of Figure Skating), ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating and other ISU Events that may be included in the ISU Event Calendar.

Reason: To enable the Council to introduce a better medium-term planning which will help the organizing ISU Members in their planning and preparations and which in turn will help the marketing of the ISU Events.

67. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

68. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 137, paragraphs 6.b), 10.f), 14

Amend as follows:

6. b) In Speed Skating and 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 ISU Member or affiliated Organizing Committee must pay room and meal expenses according to paragraphs 10.b) and c) of this Rule.

10. f) The expenses for room and meals for all Skaters competing in the Championships. For Short Track Speed Skating this may also apply to substitutes and reserves. For further details see the ISU Championship Memorandum. This provision does not apply to Synchronized Skating, see 10.h) below.

14. In Speed Skating, expenses shall be paid by the organizing ISU Member or affiliated Organizing Committee for room and meals at the designated hotels for the days of the competition concerned, beginning with lunch on the day before the competition, in which the Skater competes, and ending with lunch on the day after, if the participants have to leave in the afternoon. For further details see the ISU Championship Memorandum.

Reason: Clarification of the Expenses Guidelines for Championships.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

69. ISU COUNCIL

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

Rule 137, paragraphs 15 and 16

70. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

71. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 140, paragraph 5 c)

Delete paragraph.

~~e) In addition, upon request of the ISU Representative, the Certificate must be received by the ISU within 72 hours after the notice of withdrawal, and the ISU 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.~~

Reason: These requirements are in conflict with Swiss data protection law.

II. PROPOSALS FOR THE SPEED SKATING SECTION

A. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING

72. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 201 (*Distances, races and competitions at ISU Championships*), paragraphs 1, 2 and 3
Amend as follows:

1. World Championships

World Championships are organized annually. ~~The competitions are as follows:~~

1.1. The program for the Championships shall be decided by the ISU Council not later than 2 years before the first day of the Championships.

1.2. The program will be composed of competitions for a selected set of the following titles:

- a) single distances / individual races for Ladies: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, and Mass Start;
- b) single distances / individual races for Men: 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, and Mass Start;
- c) team races for Ladies: Team Sprint, Team Pursuit;
- d) team races for Men: Team Sprint, Team Pursuit;

~~in Allround and Sprint combinations (until season 2019/20 organized under the names of World Allround and World Sprint Championships):~~

- e) allround combination ~~competitions~~ for Ladies:
500 and 3000m are skated on the same day, 1500 and 5000m on the next day;
- f) allround combination ~~competitions~~ for Men:
500 and 5000m are skated on the same day, 1500 and 10000m on the next day;
- g) sprint combination ~~competitions~~ for Ladies and Men:
500 and 1000m are skated twice and on two consecutive days for each gender; on each day the 500m is skated before the 1000m.

1.3. ~~As of season 2020-21 the format for the Championships shall be decided by the ISU Council not later than 2 years before the first day of the Event. The daily program (competitions and the order of races) and competitions for each day will be decided by the ISU Council in consultation with the organizer and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.~~

2. European Championships

The European Championships are organized annually with two alternating programs.

2.1. In the seasons before and after the seasons of the Olympic Winter Games the European Championships will be held with the following competitions in Allround and Sprint combinations.

- a) allround combination ~~competition~~ for Ladies:
 - 500 and 3000m are skated on the same day, 1500 and 5000m on the next day;
- b) allround combination ~~competition~~ for Men:
 - 500 and 5000m are skated on the same day, 1500 and 10000m on the next day;
- c) sprint combination ~~competitions~~ for Ladies and Men:
 - 500 and 1000m are skated twice, and on two consecutive days for each gender;
 - on each day the 500m is skated before the 1000m.

2.2. In the other seasons the European Championships will be held with the following competitions in single distances / individual races and team races: ~~The competitions are as follows:~~

- a) single distances / individual races for Ladies: 500, 1000, 1500, 3000m, and Mass Start;
- b) single distances / individual races for Men: 500, 1000, 1500, 5000m, and Mass Start;
- c) team races for Ladies: Team Sprint, Team Pursuit;
- d) team races for Men: Team Sprint, Team Pursuit.

2.3. The daily program (competitions and the order of races) and competitions for each day shall be decided by the ISU Council in consultation with the organizer and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

3. Four Continents Championships.

3.1. ~~As of season 2019/20~~The Four Continents Championships are organized annually.

3.2. The competitions to be skated at format for the Championships shall be decided by the ISU Council not later than 2 years before the first day of the Championships Event.

3.3. The daily program (competitions and the order of races) and competitions for each day shall be decided by the ISU Council in consultation with the organizer and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee.

Reason: Necessary amendments to reflect that the transition periods for the new structure of World Speed Skating Championships and for the introduction of the Four Continents Championships ends with the season 2019/20. Clarification on the process and options for deciding the annual program for the World Championships. Redrafting to get a more consistent use of terminology and harmonized wordings between the three paragraphs on ISU Speed Skating Championships at senior level.

Council Recommendation:

Considered as an urgent amendment according to the above reasoning.

73. DENMARK **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

74. DENMARK **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

75. DENMARK **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

76. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE **ACCEPTED**

Rule 202, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. The program of the Speed Skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games shall be drawn up by the ISU ~~Member concerned~~ ISU Technical Delegates for these Games in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games. The program must be approved by the ISU Council ~~in consultation with~~ and the IOC ~~and the Organizing Committee of Olympic Winter Games.~~

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to current procedure.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

77. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE **ACCEPTED**

Rule 205, amend as follows:

- a) The ISU Championships and ISU World Cup Competitions must be run on a 400 meter standard Speed Skating track. Inside the competition lanes the track should have a warm-up lane with a width of minimum 4 meters.
- b) For the World Championships with a competition program similar to the Olympic Winter Games (individual competitions in single distances format and team competitions), the Competitions must be skated on a standard ISU 400 meter Speed Skating track on artificially frozen ice. The track must be laid out in accordance with ISU Regulations, and must have a warming-up lane of minimum width 4 meters inside the competition lanes. The ice rink must be enclosed within a heated building to be protected from wind and weather. The area inside the competition track (infield) must be accessible without crossing the surface of the ice. A reasonable number of spectator seats must be provided, together with proper facilities for Competitors, Officials, guests, television and other media.

Reason: The World Championships with the Olympic-style format (single distances and team competitions) is a highlight of every non-Olympic season, same as the OWG at the end of the Olympiad. These World Championships are in the focus and planning of all Skaters participating at the highest level. The proposed amendment is to make sure that conditions are as fair and equal as possible for all participants, not only during OWG, but also during World Speed Skating Championships held with an Olympic program.

Council Recommendation:

The Proposal is consistent with allotments made through the last two decades. In Olympic planning processes (including ongoing planning for the 2026 Games) questions have been raised on the ISU Rule requiring indoor venues for the OWG, while not having the same Rule requirement for corresponding ISU World Championships. This Proposal will align ISU Rules with established practice, keeping the option of outdoor venues open for other ISU Championships, including for World Championships with a non-Olympic format (allround and sprint combination). This amendment is considered essential to reinforce the ISU requirements for adequate conditions for athletes at Olympic Winter Games.

78. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE **ACCEPTED**

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.1. and 2.1.1

Amend as follows:

2.1. World Championships – Single Distances / Individual ~~faces~~ and Team ~~faces~~ competitions (until season 2019/20 called World Single Distances Championships)

2.1.1 Entry quotas

Entry quotas for ISU Championships will be allocated to ISU Members according to a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL) for each competition based on the results achieved in designated ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the season. The actual World Cup Competitions counting for the SQRL will be announced in an annual ISU Communication. This Communication will also announce the required qualifying times for Competitors to be entered for the respective competitions.

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

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

500m Ladies and Men: 24

1000m Ladies and Men: 24

1500m Ladies and Men: 24

3000m Ladies and 5000m Men: 20

5000m Ladies and 10 000m Men: 12

Mass Start Ladies and Men: 24

Team competitions Ladies and Men: 8 teams

~~Team Sprint Ladies and Men 8 teams.~~

Reason: All amendments to Rule 208: Adjustment to Congress decision 2018 to change the structure of the Speed Skating Championships. Drafting.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

79. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.2 and 2.2.1

Amend as follows.

2.2. World Championships – Allround combination (~~until season 2019/20 called World Allround Championships~~)

2.2.1 Entry quotas

The maximum number of Competitors in the Championships is 24 Ladies and 24 Men. The maximum number of Competitors from one ISU Member is three (3) per gender. An ISU Member may enter a maximum of one (1) substitute for each gender.

The entry quotas for the ISU Members in the Championships are determined partly by the results from the preceding Championships, and partly by the results in special qualifying ISU Events held on the occasion of World Cup Competitions during the same season. The allocation of entry quotas will be made as follows:

- ISU Members will be pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 12 best in the preceding Championships. The hosting ISU Member will be pre-allocated a quota place also in the case that the ISU Member had no Skater placed among the 12 best in the preceding Championship;
- The remaining quota places are allocated to ISU Members based on a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL).

Reason: All amendments to Rule 208: Adjustment to Congress decision 2018 to change the structure of the Speed Skating Championships. Drafting.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

80. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 208, paragraphs 2.3 and 2.3.1

Amend as follows:

2.3. World Championships – Sprint combination (~~until season 2019/20 called World Sprint Championships~~)

2.3.1 Entry quotas

The maximum number of Competitors in the Championships is 28 Ladies and 28 Men. The maximum number of Competitors from one ISU Member is three (3) per gender. An ISU Member may enter a maximum of one (1) substitute for each gender.

The entry quotas for the ISU Members in the Championships are determined partly by the results from the preceding Championships, and partly by the results in special qualifying competitions held on the occasion of World Cup Competitions during the same season. The allocation of entry quotas will be made as follows:

- ISU Members will be pre-allocated quota places (but maximum 2 quota places) according to their number of Skaters placed among the 16 best in the preceding Championships. The hosting ISU Member will be pre-allocated a quota place also in the case that the ISU Member had no Skater placed among the 16 best in the preceding Championship;
- The remaining quota places are allocated to ISU Members based on a Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL).

Reason: All amendments to Rule 208: Adjustment to Congress decision 2018 to change the structure of the Speed Skating Championships. Drafting.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

81. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 209

Delete entire current wording and replace as follows:

1. General conditions

According to Rule 107, paragraph 2 the OWG are the exclusive property of the IOC.

The ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating give details concerning the submission of final entries for each competition for the seeding of Skaters and the drawing of pairs/heats.

1.1. Entries

Entries for OWG can be made only through the respective NOC upon proposal of the respective ISU Members.

1.2. Qualifying times

Only Skaters having achieved the ISU Qualifying Times, in accordance with specifications as announced by the ISU not later than by July 1 in the year preceding the Olympic Winter Games, may be entered as Competitors for the Olympic Winter Games. To be entered for an individual event/distance, a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time for the event/distance concerned. To be entered for the Team Pursuit competition, a Skater must be entered for at least one of the individual competitions.

1.2.1. Conditions for recognition of the achieved Qualifying Times

The period permitting Skaters to achieve Qualifying Times shall be announced in an ISU Communication. Only the following Events will be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- ISU Championships;
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions (to be announced in an ISU Communication no later than August 1 prior to the Olympic Winter Games);
- International Competitions open to all ISU Members, announced according to ISU General Regulations, Rule 110;
- Country matches announced according to ISU Regulations, Rule 104, paragraph 14.c);
- National Championships organized by the ISU Members, including competitions officially declared by the ISU Member concerned as National Olympic Qualification Competitions.

For Country matches and National Championships/National Olympic Qualification Competitions to be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times, the organizing ISU Member must announce to the ISU Secretariat by October 1 (see Rule 104, paragraph 14.c) the program as well as the planned date and place for such competitions. A copy of the announcement for the competition must be sent to the ISU Secretariat not later than two weeks before the first competition day.

Moreover, ISU Regulations must be respected and in particular, but not limited to, the following conditions must be met in order for competitions to be recognized for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- Automatic timekeeping equipment must have been used at the Competition;
- The Referees and Starters at the competition must be included in the lists of ISU recognized Speed Skating Referees and Starters for the season concerned, as published in the annual ISU Communication, or any amendments to this Communication;
- Anti-Doping tests in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures must be organized at the competition.

1.2.2. Verification and approval of achieved Qualifying Times

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee is responsible for the approval of achieved Qualifying Times.

The ISU Members are responsible for submitting to the ISU verification of the best achieved Qualifying Time per competition/distance for each Skater intended for participation in the Olympic Winter Games. The verification shall include the date and venue where the time has been achieved. Unless the time has been achieved at an ISU Championship or an ISU World Cup Competition, a copy of the list of results must be

enclosed. Furthermore, the verification must include a statement from the organizing ISU Member that all conditions for recognition of the achieved Qualifying Times (as stated above) have been fulfilled. The deadline to submit such information shall be communicated in an ISU Communication.

2. Entry quotas

For each edition of the OWG, the IOC stipulates an overall maximum number of Competitors to be entered into Speed Skating events (IOC Quota), with a target number for each gender.

The total overall number of entered Speed Skaters per ISU Member, respectively National Olympic Committee (NOC), will be limited. The overall quota for an ISU Member/NOC will be further restricted, depending on the allocated ISU Member/NOC event quota places.

For the details on the overall total per NOC/ISU Member and per distance/event for each edition of the OWG, see the respective ISU Communication.

3. Qualification system

As a principle, the overall quota for an ISU Member/NOC and entry quotas for each competition will be allocated according to a qualification system with the same structure as the system applied for the World Championships in the format of Single distances/Individual ~~aces~~ and Team competitions, see Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.

For the details on the Qualifying competitions, the qualification system, the reallocation of quota places, etc. for each edition of the OWG, see the respective ISU Communication.

Reason: Consequence of the Olympic Winter Games being a property of the IOC. Unification of the Rules for OWG.

Council Recommendation:

Urgent amendments, to be consistent with Proposal 39 (Rule 107) and actual decision procedures on Olympic qualification system.

82. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 210, paragraph 1.h)

Amend as follows:

h) Track Judges: two Corner Judges, one for each curve (~~for Olympic Winter Games, ISU Championships and other ISU Events at least two for each curve~~), at least one Judge to observe crossing of the lines in the finishing straight, and one Crossing Controller (~~for OWG, YOWG, ISU Championships and other ISU Events at least two for each position: curve, crossing, finishing straight~~);

Reason: Clarification and harmonization.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

83. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 216, paragraph 3.b)

Amend as follows:

b) all matters concerning breaches of the ISU Regulations and Technical Rules, ~~even if no protest has been made~~. The Referee may use the video replay system or other readily available TV feed to review cases.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

84. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 217, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

1. The Starter initiates the starting procedure by calling the Competitors to their starting lanes after having received the confirmation from the Referee or ~~the timekeepers are ready~~ that the race is ready to be started. The Starter shall give the starting orders in English (see Rule 255, paragraph 2);

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

85. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 218, amend paragraph 2 and add paragraph 3 as follows:

2. The Crossing Controller shall ~~stay inside the race track and~~ check the correctness of the Competitors' changing from one lane to the other.

3. The Finishing straight judge shall control that Competitors skates inside the designated competition lane, and do not cross the line to the other lane with a full skate (see Rule 256 paragraph 3)

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

86. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 220

Amend as follows:

The Finishing line judge shall determine which of the Competitors is the winner, or if they are equal. There is no appeal from his decision. However, if automatic timekeeping is being used according to Rule 251, the time recorded shall decide which of the Competitors in a pair or race is the winner, or if they are equal (see also Rule 265).

The Finishing line judge shall report if a Competitor is kicking out a skate at the finishing line (so that the skate is losing entirely contact with the ice).

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to established practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

87. JAPAN

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

B. TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING

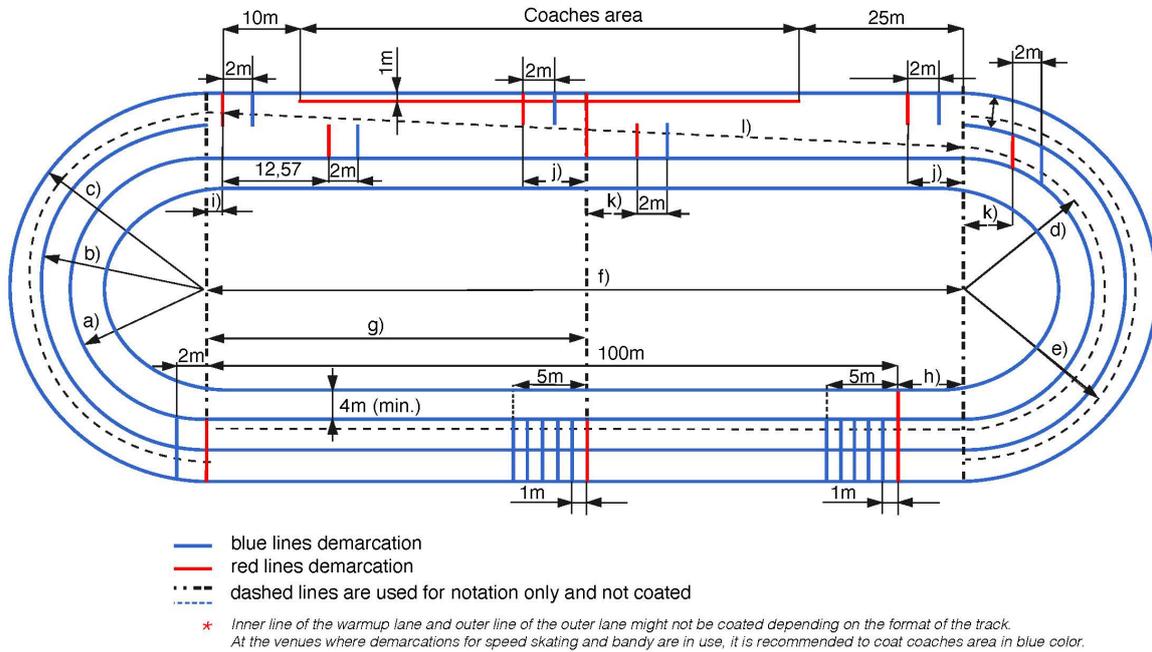
88. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

A. Track

Add the following diagram and table:

Standard speed skating track demarcation plan



Distance	Option 1 Radius 25-29m	Option 2 Radius 25,5-29,5m	Option 3 Radius 26-30m
a)	25,00	25,50	26,00
b)	29,00	29,50	30,00
c)	33,00	33,50	34,00
d)	25,50	26,00	26,50
e)	29,50	30,00	30,50
f)	113,57	112,00	110,43
g)	56,78	56,00	55,215
h)	13,57	12,00	10,43
i)	7,32	5,75	4,18
j)	6,25	6,25	6,25
k)	6,32	6,32	6,32
l)	113,64	112,07	110,50

Reason: The inclusion of the Standard speed skating track demarcation plan and respective information will facilitate the design of new rinks and the drawing of demarcation lines on existing ice rinks. Standardization of the demarcation will help skaters not to feel the difference on different rinks.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

89. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Amend as follows:

For demarcation of the competition lanes, fully painted lines, 5 cm wide, should be used, both in the straights and in the curves.

Normally, and always on indoor tracks, the demarcation of the lanes in the curves must include movable blocks of rubber or synthetic material (of maximum height 5 cm), 50 centimeters apart for the first 15 meters of the

curve and 2 meters apart for the remaining part of the curve. The blocks shall touch the inside of the painted lines. Closed from the top cones (recommended height 10cm and maximum height 20cm) shall be used as the first block at the entrance of each curve. When considered necessary for the visibility of the demarcation blocks may be placed on the painted demarcation lines on the straights, with a distance of 10 meters between each block.

On open-air tracks snow may be used instead of movable blocks, but the snow must not be iced. The snow lines must then lie along the whole competition track except the crossing straight.

The Referee decides if the demarcation is in conformity with the Rules.

Reason: High cones are very often knocked down by Skaters. This can mislead media, fans and judges. Plus, smaller sized cones level the position of athletes competing on different lanes.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

90. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 227, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

The starting and finishing lines are to be denoted by colored lines, not more than 5 centimeters wide, drawn at right angles to the straight or its extension. A pre-start line shall be placed two (2) meters before the starting lines. For the last five (5) meters before the finishing line each meter of the track may be marked. (see diagram page 38).

On standard 400 meters tracks, the starting and finishing lines for all distances shall be at right angles to the finishing straight. The finishing line for 1000 meters shall be placed in the middle of the finishing straight and the starting lines accordingly. For Team Pursuit and Team Sprint races the starting and finishing lines shall be placed in the middle of the straights. For all other distances the finishing line shall be placed towards the end of the finishing straight, and the starting lines positioned accordingly. (see diagram page 38)

On other tracks the starting and finishing lines should be placed so that neither the start nor the finish is in a curve.

Reason: It is up to ice rink managers to decide if they want to use 5 finishing lines or not. It is used mainly for manual timekeeping.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

91. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

228, paragraphs 2 and 3

Amend as follows:

2. Protection measures – minimum requirements for all competitions

The demarcation of the skating track and racing lanes by fixed stakes is not permitted. Permanent installations should be at least 3 meters from the inner and outer edge of the skating track.

The organizer of competitions shall provide adequate protection against accidents in situations when Skaters fail to stay inside the skating track (i.e. racing lanes and warm-up lanes). On open-air tracks snow may be used for protection, on the condition that the snow is not iced or hard. If a sufficient amount of snow of adequate quality is not available, the use of protection mats (padding) is mandatory, with the following minimum requirements:

a) The design of the mats and the materials used must give an adequate absorption effect when a Skater hits the padding;

b) The surface of the padding should be made of anti-abrasive and water-resistant material;

c) The protection mats shall be at least 80 cm high and at least 30 cm thick;

d) Mats must be used in the curves and at least 20 meters onto the straight after the end of each curve;

e) Fixed and heavy objects (e.g. fences, benches or poles) within 3 meters from the inner and outer edge of the skating track, must be protected with adequate padding;

f) The padding must be fixed in such a way that a collision between a Skater and the padding will not in itself create a significant risk for injuries;

g) Best efforts shall be made to avoid the use of posts in "danger zones" (from the apex to the exit of the curve) in order to secure the padding in the curves.

3. Protection measures at ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games

The organizer of ISU Championships, other ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games must provide protection beyond the minimum measures described in paragraph 2 above. The organizers of these Events must submit a technical description of their existing or planned safety installations, including recent relevant technical or

scientific test results, in due time for the proposed solution to be reviewed by the ISU Sports Director or the ISU Representative/Technical Delegate/ISU Technical Committee Representative for the Event. The following conditions and guidelines must be observed:

a) The mats can be either of rectangular shape or a trapezium, or some other shape that has proven suitable to provide adequate protection of the Skaters. The mats may be composed of several foam layers with different densities, or any other material or solutions, on the condition that adequate protection qualities (absorption of impact, reducing the bounce-back effect) can be proven through technical/scientific tests;

b) Best effort shall be made to use padding cover composed of anti-abrasive and non-rubberized water-resistant material. At open-air rinks the solution has to be adapted to avoid water and snow to reach the inside structure of the mats. On indoor rinks, a solution must be used in which water will not get inside the mats from the bottom.

An overlapping Velcro strap shall cover the joint between the mats to present a smooth exterior surface in the direction of the skating Skaters;

c) Best effort shall be made to use protection mats in the curves and 20 meters after the curve, should be at least 80 cm thick at the bottom of the mat and 40 cm at the top of the mat.

Best efforts shall be made to use protection mats on the straights which are at least 60 cm thick at the bottom of the mat and 20 cm at top of the mat. The minimum height should be 100 cm, but not exceed 120 cm in order to allow an adequate viewing angle for the spectators.

d) Protection mats must be used for the full length of the straights and in the curves. Instead of protection mats, boards of 100cm height may be used, in such case, a combination of the movable foam and board padding must be implemented in the central part of the straights (approximately 55 meters between the end and the start of the curves) according to size regulation.

e) Fixed and heavy objects (e.g. fences, benches or poles) within 3 meters from the inner and outer edge of the skating track, must be protected with adequate padding;

f) The padding must be fixed so as to inhibit a fallen Skater from passing underneath or between the mats on impact. In the case the mats are resting on the ice, a smooth ice surface with no obstacles or sharp edges underneath the padding must be guaranteed. The outer part of the ice must be cut off so as to exclude a hit against it in the event of a rebound of the Skater from the mat. Belts or any other system that is used to control the movement of the padding should be in place and controlled continuously. Best efforts shall be made to avoid posts to secure the padding in the curves in "danger zones", (from the apex to the exit of the curve), or at least be reduced to a minimum with additional adequate protection applied to the posts;

g) Adequate protection, as indicated in a) through f) above, must be in place also for the official training sessions.

More detailed specifications of adequate safety measures may be given at any time in an ISU Communication and/or in relevant ISU Memoranda. The above specifications shall be considered as guidelines also for organizers of International Competitions and other high-performance speed skating competitions.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment of the Rule to modern realities and medical requirements.

Council Recommendation:

Amendments necessary to enhance safety of skaters by clarifying and extending requirements for padding and related safety measures.

92. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 236

Amend as follows:

Reserved Doping

(See General Regulations, Rule 139)

Reason: Moved from Rule 263 for reason of better order.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

93. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 239, Delete paragraph 1, renumber subsequent paragraphs and amend as follows:

1. Public meeting for announcements and draws

Before the start of the Competition the organizing committee has the responsibility to hold a meeting for the first draw. The entries of Competitors, the competition schedule, the names of the main officials, the draw for the starting order and the composition of start lists for the first competition day shall be announced at this meeting.

2. Team Leaders' meeting and draws

~~2.1.~~ a) ~~At ISU Events~~ The Referee(s) shall conduct at least one Team Leaders' meeting ~~to be held before the first draw~~. Each ISU Member with entered participants for the Competition is required to attend. The Team Leaders can be represented by only one designated team official.

b) At the Team Leaders' meeting ~~before the first draw~~ the Team Leaders shall inform the Referee of any withdrawals or entries of substitutes, and the final entries shall be confirmed. The Referee must, if possible, then present the grouping of Competitors for the draws or for composition of the start lists;

~~c) At ISU Events~~ The first draw may be held on the day before or on the day of the first day of competition.

d) For the following competition days, it is the duty of the Team Leaders to inform the Referee of any further withdrawals, entries of substitutes or selection of competitors for team competitions, according to procedures and deadlines announced by the organizing committee.

~~2.2.~~ a) Each Competitor will be assigned a reference number ("starting number") for use in draw procedures, results processing, etc.;

b) The Referee will conduct the drawing of pairs. This may be done by a manual draw procedure with the involvement of people in attendance, or by a procedure ("computer draw") using a computer which is programmed to make a random selection among applicable starting numbers;

c) For the following competition days the drawing of pairs or composition of start lists will be conducted by the Referee in the presence of the sport expert appointed by the organizing committee (Rule 210, paragraph 1 k) and (for ISU Events) under the supervision of the Representative of the ISU Technical Committee.

2.3. Which of the Competitors shall have the inner and which the outer lane shall be decided in the following way: a) When the composition of pairs is decided by lot, the first drawn Competitor in the pair shall start in the inner lane or (for Team competitions) at the finishing straight;

b) When the composition of pairs is based on ranks obtained in preceding distances or competitions, the Competitor with the better rank shall be placed first in the pair and accordingly start in the inner lane. However, if the Rules for the Event states that two Competitors from the same country shall not skate in the same pair, Rule 241, paragraph 3 b) applies. For the second race of a distance in competitions where the results are based on the same distance being skated twice, see Rule 240, paragraph 4;

c) If a Competitor withdraws from the start after the draw has taken place and some pairs are rearranged because of this, Rule 245, paragraphs 1 and 2 apply.

Reason: Clarification and possibility to simplify draw procedures.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

94. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 240, paragraph 1

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

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

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

GROUP III: The remaining Competitors.

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

The Competitors placed in the same group shall be paired together by drawing their starting numbers, observing Rule 239, paragraph 2.3. The first two drawn Competitors from Group III form the first pair on the distance concerned. However, if there are an odd number of Competitors entered, the first drawn Competitor from Group III shall skate single in the first pair. After Group III has been drawn, Group II follows, etc.

Reason: Drafting.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

95. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 240, paragraph 3.

Amend as follows:

3. Qualification for the fourth distance at World Championships - Allround combination

a) In the fourth distance only 8 Competitors shall start. The selection of qualified Competitors is made among Skaters ranked among the top 16 after 3 distances and will be based on two different ranking lists: The final classification in the longest of the three skated distances (i.e. 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men, respectively), and the classification in total points after three distances. Competitors who are among the 8 best in both of these ranking lists are directly qualified for the fourth distance. Among the Competitors who are placed among the 8 best in only one of these ranking lists, the next to qualify is the Competitor with the best position in either of the two lists. If two Competitors have equal position in the two ranking lists, the Competitor in the classification in total points after three distances is the first of them to qualify. If two Competitors share the same position in one of the ranking lists, the Competitor who is better placed in the other ranking list, will qualify first;

~~b) For the arrangement of the pairs for the last distance the Competitors are placed in two groups, with the same number of Competitors in each group. The Competitors with the best rank after 3 distances are placed in Group 1, the remaining Competitors are placed in Group 2. If some Competitors are equal in total points, the Competitor with the better time in the longest of the three skated distances is considered to be better ranked. In each group the Competitors are paired according to their ranks in the longest of the three distances already skated, so that the Competitor with the best rank in this distance is paired with the second ranked Competitor in this distance and will start in the inner lane, etc.;~~

b) The starting order of the pairs shall be in the reverse order of the ranking order of the Competitors after three distances: the Competitors ranked 1 and 2 will skate in the last pair, the Competitors ranked 3 and 4 will skate in the next to the last pair, and so on.

~~c) In each group the starting order of the pairs shall be based on the ranking in total points after 3 distances in the following way:~~

~~–The Competitor with the best rank shall start in the last pair;~~

~~–If the second ranked Competitor has not been paired with the best ranked Competitor, this Competitor shall start in the second last pair, etc.;~~

~~–All the pairs of Group 2 shall start before the pairs of Group 1;~~

d) c) If a Skater, who has been entitled qualified to compete in the fourth distance, withdraws from this distance, the Skater may be replaced by the next qualified Skater according to the criteria given in paragraph a) above. If necessary, also Skaters ranked 9 or behind in the respective ranking lists may be considered for determining the next qualified Skater.

Reason: To secure that the two best Skaters in the championship after three distances are competing for the championship in the last pair, and not according to the present Rules where one could have the best Skater after three distances in the last pair and the second best in the second last pair. In addition, it will make the drawing and composition of pairs easier to understand for spectators, press etc.

Council Recommendation:

This will improve the presentation and reinforce the suspense in the final part of the Championships. The Proposal was presented based on several relevant cases from previous Championships. The Proposal also provides a simplification and clarifies how to deal with some special situations.

96. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 240, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

5. Drawing at World Championships - Single Distances / Individual ~~races~~ and Team ~~races~~ competitions

a) For each draw the Competitors shall be placed in groups, based on their individual ranking in the Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL), as defined in Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2, for the event concerned. Competitors without results from not listed in SQRL will be ranked placed thereafter, according to their best approved qualifying time.

b) When a complete ranking list of the participants has been established, the Competitors shall be placed in groups of 6 Competitors each. However, the last group (of the lowest ranked Competitors) may consist of less than 6 Skaters. The group with the 6 best ranked Competitors shall be drawn to form the three last pairs, and so on. If there would be an odd number of participants, the first pair shall consist of a single Competitor;

c) For the Team races the sequence and composition of races (heats) will be based on the SQRL ranking of the participating Teams (ISU Members) (see Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.2. The Teams from the four best ranked ISU Members shall be drawn to form the two last heats, and the remaining Teams shall be drawn to form the two first heats.

d) The Mass Start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b), with the following specific regulations:

(i) Competitors will be seeded based on their individual ranking in the SQRL. The Competitors line up at the start line in rows of 6 Skaters, with the highest seeded Competitors in the first row.

(ii) The starting position of the Competitors not listed in the SQRL will be decided by lot.

Reason: For clarification and completeness.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

97. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 241, paragraphs 5.a) and 5.b)

Amend as follows:

5. a) The composition of the two semi-finals (SF 1 and SF 2) shall be based on the SOQC ranks of the entered Competitors, as follows:

- The best ranked Competitor will be placed in SF1, the 2nd and 3rd ranked Competitors in SF2, the 4th and 5th ranked Competitors in SF1, etc.

- However, each semi-final race can have maximum one Competitor from the same ISU Member (NOC). The second ranked Competitor from the same ISU Member will therefore have to be placed in a different semi-final than the best ranked Competitor.

- ~~If a Competitor has no SOQC rank, the Competitor will be considered to have the same SOQC rank as the non-competing Skater from the same country with the best SOQC rank. If there are Competitors not listed in the SOQC ranking list, they will be placed thereafter and their starting position will be decided by draw.~~

b) The 8 best ranked Skaters from each semi-final qualify for the Mass Start final. In the final, the Competitors are given helmet cover numbers as follows: The winner of SF 1 gets white cover with number 1, the winner of SF 2 gets blue cover with number 2, the second ranked Skater of SF 1 gets white cover with number 3, the second ranked Skater of SF 2 gets blue cover with number 4, etc.

In case of advancement of more than one Skater from the same semi-final the helmet cover numbers assigned will be decided by lot.

Reason: Adjustment based on current practice at ISU Events.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

98. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 243, paragraph 4

Amend as follows:

4. The Mass Start competition will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b). Final classification will be determined according to Rule 265, paragraph 6. Mass Start Competitions may be organized with semi-finals.

a) The maximum number of Competitors will be ~~30~~ 48. In case of more than ~~30~~ 48 entries, entry quotas will be allocated to ISU Members (with a maximum quota of 2 Competitors each) based on the 1500m qualifying time ranking of Skaters from the respective ISU Members ~~in the final classification in the 1500m~~. At first all ISU Members will be allocated one quota place. Then a second quota place will be allocated to ISU Members according to the rankings in the 1500m of the second-best Skater from the ISU Member. After all 48 places have been allocated to ISU Members a reserve list of 3 Skaters will be made available.

The table below shows the number of Competitors in each semi-final and final.

Number of entries for Mass Start	Up to 24	>24
Number of Competitors in the Final of the Mass Start	<u>all</u>	<u>16</u>
Number of Competitors in each Semi-Final of the Mass Start	<u>-</u>	<u>Up to 24</u>

~~b) The Competitors line up at the start line in rows of 6 Skaters, based on a random draw. Seeding of the Skaters will be based on the ranking results from of the 1500m. Skaters without qualifying time results from on the 1500m will be placed thereafter by draw.~~

In case of semi-finals, not more than one Competitor from the same ISU Member can participate in the same semi-final race. The second ranked Competitor from the same ISU Member will therefore have to be placed in a different semi-final than the best ranked Competitor.

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to current practice. The Mass Start competition is very popular but having 30 Skaters competing at once is dangerous.

Council Recommendation:

The current format of the Mass Start event at World Junior Championships needs to be adjusted to provide a safe and fair competition.

99. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 244

Amend as follows:

1. In an International Competition the organizing committee ~~gives~~ assigns to each Competitor a number which is to be used at the draw for the starting order.
2. Composition of the start lists will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and based on the level of the entered Skaters:
 - a) Arrangement of pairs shall be made based on the ranking of the Skaters (for example the best approved qualifying times, personal best times or other seeding rankings). The lowest ranked Competitor will skate in the first pair.
 - b) Divide the Competitors in groups of 4, 6 or 8 Skaters for the draw. See Rules 240, paragraph 1, 241, paragraph 2.b) and 243, paragraph 1.
 - c) Divide the Competitors into two or three groups for the draw.
 - d) Or combination any of the above.

If any group thus arranged should comprise an unequal number of Competitors, the Competitor whose starting number is drawn last shall compete with the first drawn Competitor from the next following group. If a Competitor is left over because of an odd number of Competitors, he will skate alone in the group with the lowest ranked Competitors.

Competitions with one award of prizes, drawing and composition of pairs.

3. Composition of the start lists for Mass Start will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and may be organized in one of the following ways:

- a) Arrangement of the starting position shall be based on the ranking of the entered Skaters (for example points ranking, the best approved qualifying times or other seeding rankings). The highest ranked Competitor will have start position one.
- b) Arrangement of the starting position shall be made by draw.

~~34.~~ If a competition extends over two distances with one award of prizes, the arrangements of the pairs shall be determined by draw for both distances.

~~45.~~ If a competition extends over three distances with one award of prizes, the arrangement of the pairs shall be determined by lot only for the first of the distances to be skated. For the second distance the Competitors will be paired according to the rank obtained in the first distance. For the third distance the Competitors will be paired according to their rank in total points after two (2) distances. The starting order of the pairs for the second and the third distance shall be in the reverse order of the ranking order of the Competitors (see Rule 240, paragraphs 3 and 4).

~~56.~~ If a competition extends over four distances with one award of prizes, the arrangement of pairs will be determined by lot separately for the first two distances. For the third and the fourth distance the arrangements of pairs will be determined by Rule 240, paragraphs 3 and 4, with the exception that more than 8 Competitors may start on the fourth distance.

~~67.~~ For sprint competitions over two times 500m and two times 1000m, Rule 240, paragraph 4 applies.

Reason: Adjustment to established practice and common sense.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

100. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 245

Amend as follows:

1. Rearrangement of the starting order without substitute:
 - a) If a Skater is withdrawn from the start after the draw, all Skaters who were drawn in the same lane in earlier pairs are moved towards the vacant place and keep their initially drawn lane to complete the pairs.
 - b) If two or more Competitors are left to skate alone because of the rearrangement, they should be paired together. The Competitor from the earlier pair will be placed in the vacant spot in the later pair;
 - c) If a Skater is withdrawn from the start after the draw for Mass Start competitions, rearrangement will be done only in the semi-final concerned.
 - d) If a Skater is withdrawn from the start after the draw for non-medical reasons, that competitor will not be replaced by a substitute. In this case, the Skater will be eligible to compete in another distance on the same day.

2. Rearrangement of the starting order with substitute:

a) If a Competitor is not able to start on a distance due to ~~illness~~ medical reasons arising after the drawing took place, that Competitor may be replaced by a substitute. If certain qualification criteria have been set for the competition, that Competitor can only be replaced by a substitute who also fulfils these criteria. However, if the competition is over several distances with one award of prizes, a substitute may be entered only before the start of the first distance;

b) After rearrangement as described in paragraph 1 is applied, the substitute entered for the withdrawn Skater will then be placed in the open position.

c) If a Competitor is not able to start in the first round of a Mass Start competition due to medical reasons after the draw, the substitute will be placed on the starting position of the withdrawn Competitor.

Reason: Addition of the rearrangements for Mass Start as well as clarification on the current practice for Skaters withdrawing for non-medical reasons.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

101. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 248

Amend as follows:

1. For automatic timekeeping systems a certificate, ~~issued on an annual basis~~ renewable every four years, stating the reliability and accuracy of the system shall be presented to the Referee before the competition.

2. For manual timekeeping, only digital electronic watches shall be used. ~~On the request of the Referee a certificate from a watchmaker shall be produced stating that the watches are in good working order.~~

3. All watches used must have the capability to measure and display times with an accuracy level of at least one hundredth of a second.

Reason:

Automatic Timekeeping:

Equipment technology around automatic timekeeping rapidly improved over the past decade. Timing chips in photo finish cameras are stable and not prone to drift or temperature anymore.

An annual certificate accumulates cost for the LOC up to \$750 per PF camera. At least two cameras are needed for any WC event.

A four-year certification requirement would also be consistent with IAAF Rule 165.

Manual Timekeeping:

With manual timing being in most places the third or fourth backup system after Photo Finish, Electronic Beams and Transponders it seems unreasonable to require the manual stop watches to be certified annually.

Manual times are used very seldom these days. Accumulated cost for LOC is \$72 per watch. As there are 3 manual timers required per Skater it totals for 12 watches for a WC 5000m B Group Quad plus a couple back up watches. Total savings for LOC around \$900-1000.

Council Recommendation:

The current Rule is becoming obsolete due to technology and product developments.

102. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

E. Racing Rules

Rules 253 to 263

Rearrange Racing Rules in a logical order and amend as follows:

Rule 253 At the Start

1. Starting equipment

1.1. Instead of an ordinary start revolver (powder gun) an electronic start pistol may be used, provided. ~~In this case the following conditions are met should be observed:~~

a) The electronic pistol ~~should~~ must have a firm trigger point;

b) The synthetic sound at the "firing of the gun" must ~~should~~ be loud and distinct, and similar to the sound of the shot from an ordinary start revolver;

c) The smoke fire must be replaced with a visual flash, which must be distinctly different from a photoflash.

1.2. Electronic equipment, like photocells or sensitive cameras, may be used to disclose false starts. Such instruments may be used for the sole purpose of supporting the Starter during the starting procedure. However, they may also be used to verify a false start in ~~the case that the Skater has left the starting line without having been recalled by the starter.~~ If, in such a case, a An invalid start is disclosed, this decision may be decided taken by a specially assigned official in charge of observing the evidence given by the detection instrument.

See also Rule 255, paragraph 3.

1.3. At ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games, the Starter gives the orders by means of a microphone connected to two loudspeakers placed near the starting lines.

2. Call to the start

2.1. Previous to each start the names of those about to compete are to be clearly called at the starting point itself and in the dressing rooms.

2.2 Failure to appear promptly at the start is equivalent to withdrawal from the distance.

3. Starting procedure

3.1. The Competitors starting in the inner and outer lanes shall be identified by white and red armbands, respectively. In the case of 100m or shorter distances being arranged in heats of 3 Competitors, the Competitor in the middle lane shall wear a yellow armband. The Competitors themselves are responsible for having the correct armband and to report in the correct starting lane. A breach of this Rule will lead to a disqualification; see also Rule 223, paragraph 3 and 279, paragraph 5.

3.2. a) When the Starter orders "Go to the start" the Competitors shall place themselves between the pre-start line and the starting line. The distance between these two lines shall be two (2) meters. The Competitors have to take a stable position before the Starter calls "Ready", whereupon they are to take their starting position and keep this position absolutely until the shot is fired. Competitors may not touch the starting line or be in contact with the ice beyond the starting line with any parts of their body or equipment. Competitors must keep all of their skates entirely behind the starting line.

b) There shall be a distinct interval between the moment when the Competitors have taken their starting position and the firing of the shot. This distinct interval should be between 1 and 1.5 seconds.

4. False start

4.1. In the following situations the Starter shall declare a false start:

a) When one or both (all) Competitors intentionally are slow in taking their starting position, the offending Competitor(s) shall be given a false start;

b) When one of the Competitors breaks from his mark, thereby causing the other Competitor to follow; only this Competitor shall be given a false start;

c) When a Competitor leaves the starting position after the word "Ready", but before the shot is fired.

4.2. In the case of a false start, the Competitors shall be recalled by a second shot and/or a whistle from the Starter. On the order of the Starter the Competitors will also receive a stop signal, at a distance of 50-60 meters from the starting line. The stop signal may be given by an assistant to the Starter with a red flag in front of the Competitors, or it may be in the form of a red light clearly visible for the Competitors. However, in competitions over 100m (or shorter) with up to 3 Skaters competing in each heat, the Starter may not recall the Skaters in the case of the second false start. The disqualification will then be announced to the Competitor(s) after the completion of the race.

4.3. The Starter shall warn the Competitor committing the first false start. If both Competitors are responsible for a false start, they shall both be warned so by the Starter. When the Starter calls the Competitors of the pair/heat for a new start after a false start has been declared, then a Competitor committing a next false start of this pair/heat shall be disqualified from the race concerned.

4.4. If light signs are used to indicate which Competitor is given a false start, a white light should indicate the first false start and a red light should be used to indicate a disqualification. The light pedestals for the starting lanes should have colors corresponding to the colors of the armbands of the respective Competitors.

Rule 254 Organization of race

1. Counter-clockwise skating

Races are run counterclockwise, which means that the inner side of the track is on the left-hand side of the Competitor.

2. Skating in separate racing lanes

With the exception of Team competitions (see Rule 261) and competitions or races organized in accordance with paragraph 8 below, Skaters are racing in pairs, starting in the competition lane determined by the draw, and changing lanes during each lap, as described in paragraph 5 below. The result of the distance (race) is determined by comparing the times achieved by all competing Skaters.

3. Keeping within the designated competition lane

The Competitors shall keep within their designated competition lane. If a Competitor, who skates entirely within the designated competition lane, is interfered with by the other Competitor, the offending Competitor will be disqualified.

4. Crossing the lines of the designated competition lane

If a Competitor skates outside the designated competition lane, thus completely crossing the line to the other lane or to the warm-up lane with the full skate, the Competitor may be disqualified, even without offending another Competitor. If there are confirmed observations of more than one such offence during the race, the

Competitor will be disqualified, except for situations described in paragraph 8 below.

5. Changing lanes

a) The Competitor who skates on the inner lane shall change to the outer lane on the crossing straight, defined as the straight between the end of the curve (as marked with movable blocks) and the beginning of the next curve (as marked with a cone), and vice versa for the Competitor who skates in the outer lane (for exception see paragraph b) below). A breach of this Rule shall lead to a disqualification.

b) In the first straight of the 1000m and the 1500m when racing on a 400-meter standard track there is no changing of lanes. Similar exceptions may have to be made on tracks of other sizes for these or other distances.

6. Responsibility in cases of obstruction

When leaving the curve at the beginning of the crossing straight (where the snow line or line of movable blocks is discontinued), the Competitor who is changing from the inner to the outer lane shall not hinder the Competitor changing from the outer to the inner lane. This applies even if this is a Competitor from another pair in a quartet. The Competitor leaving the inner lane is also responsible for obstruction, unless the other Competitor acts in an obstructive way.

If the Referee confirms a breach of this Rule, the Offender shall be disqualified.

7. Cutting the inner line in the curve

When entering the curve, in the curve and exiting the curve, the Competitor is forbidden to cut the inner line of the competition lane, as defined by a fully painted line, and marked by snow or movable blocks placed at the inside of the painted line. Any of these blocks must not be moved with the skate. A breach of this Rule will result in the Competitor being disqualified.

8. Exceptional situations

The following situations will not lead to a disqualification in accordance with paragraph 3 above:

a) If a Competitor does not keep within the inner lane in the curve or when exiting the curve towards the finishing straight and therefore crosses the line to the outer lane, the Competitor will not be disqualified if returning immediately to the inner lane. When exiting the curve, the return to the inner lane must in any case have taken place before the first of the lines defining the 1000m finish on a standard 400m track.

b) If a Competitor leaves the designated competition lane due to a fall or other accidental reason, the Competitor will not be disqualified if returning directly to the designated lane. See also Rule 260, paragraph 3.

c) If a Competitor has overtaken another Competitor skating in the same lane, and during the overtaking crossed the demarcation line of the lane in order to avoid interference, and without shortening the distance, the overtaking Skater will not be disqualified. See also Rule 255, paragraph 2.

Rule 255 Overtaking and Pace-making

1. Overtaking process and responsibility

1.1. Overtaking in the same lane: In situations when a Competitor is about to overtake another Competitor in the same lane (e.g. when the distance between two Competitors in the same pair has increased to one lap, or in quartet starts when a Competitor in one of the pairs has caught up with the Competitor who started in the same lane in the other pair of the quartet), both Competitors have a responsibility that the overtaking can take place in a smooth way and that collisions are avoided.

1.2. When a situation of overtaking is approaching, the Competitor in front (i.e., the Competitor who is about to be overtaken) must keep his line (the relative position) in the lane. If the Competitor has moved to the outer part of the lane in order to facilitate the overtaking, the Competitor must stay in this part of the lane until the overtaking Competitor has passed on the inner side.

1.3. The overtaking Competitor is responsible that a collision is avoided as long as the Competitor in front maintains his relative position in the lane.

1.4. If the Referee confirms a breach of this Rule, the Offender shall be disqualified.

2. Distance between Competitors after overtaking

2.1. During races on a track with two lanes where the leading Skater has overtaken and passed another Competitor, the ~~latter~~ overtaken Skater must remain at least 10 meters behind for the duration of the race. ~~But~~ ~~he~~ The Skater is permitted to overtake the leading Skater if he finds this is possible without impeding the leading Skater, but he must not act as a pacemaker to the Skater who is leading.

2.2. If the Skater being ~~passed~~ overtaken or the Skater having ~~passed~~ overtaken acts in an improper manner, this Competitor shall be disqualified.

3. Pace-making

To precede or accompany another Competitor (pace-making) is not allowed, and a Competitor making such an offence will be disqualified (see also paragraph 2 above). However, for Team competitions (see Rule 261) this Rule does not apply for Competitors belonging to the same Team, unless a Skater has been overtaken (lapped) by his teammates.

Rule 256 Organization of Team competitions

1. Team Pursuit races

1.1. Team competitions may be announced for pursuit races with either 3 or 4 Skaters racing in each Team. In both cases the finishing time (see Rule 259) of the Team will be determined as the finishing time of the third Skater in the Team. If less than three Skaters of the Team finish the race, the Team is considered not to have completed the race and shall be disqualified.

1.2. In Team Pursuit races the two Teams shall start simultaneously at each side of the track, at the middle of the straights. If the heats have been composed according to a ranking of the Teams, the best ranked Team shall start on the ordinary finishing straight. Otherwise, the starting positions will be determined by a draw.

1.3. The track must be laid out with only one competition lane, e.g., by making use of the demarcation between the inner lane and the warm-up lane on a standard track.

1.4. If some Skater(s) of a Team is overtaken by Skaters from the other Team, Rule 255, paragraph 2, applies.

1.5. If the competition format for the Team Pursuit competition is based on elimination races to promote Teams to the next phase of races, a Team overtaking the other Team before the full distance has been skated in an elimination race, will already at that moment be declared the winner of the race (heat). The definition of overtaking is in this case that the third positioned Skater of the Team has overtaken the third positioned Skater of the other Team.

1.6. Each Skater of the competing Teams shall wear different identification. Skater No. 1 in the Team shall wear white armbands with №1; Skater No. 2 shall wear red armbands with №2, Skater No. 3 shall wear yellow armbands with №3, Skater No. 4 shall wear blue armbands with №4. Rule 279 applies.

At the discretion of the Referee, instead of armbands, helmet covers or helmets with numbers may be used.

2. Team Sprint races

2.1. Team competitions may be announced as Team Sprint races. The distance to be skated is a specific number of laps, equal to the number of Skaters in each Team. Inner lane demarcation defines the competition track. Cones may be used as additional demarcation.

2.2. Races may be skated with one Team racing alone, or with two Teams racing at the same time. Setup for the start will be the same as for Team Pursuit races, with start and finish at the 1000m finishing line and, when two Teams are racing, in the opposite position at the crossing straight for the other Team.

2.3. The start procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit. For disqualification see ISU Rule 261, paragraph 4 and allowance of a fresh start see ISU Rule 262, paragraph 2.

2.4. Each Skater of the competing Teams shall wear different identification defining their role in the race. In Team Sprint races over 3 laps, Skater No. 1 in the Team shall wear white armbands with №1; Skater No. 2 shall wear red armbands with №2, Skater No. 3 shall wear yellow armbands with №3, Rule 279 applies. At the discretion of the Referee, instead of armbands, helmet covers or helmets with numbers may be used.

2.5. The first lap is skated with the Skater assigned as No. 1 leading the Team until the changeover with the next Skater, with the other Skaters of the Team staying behind. At the end of each lap (in the changeover area), the Skater leading the Team has to leave to the outer part of the track, and the next assigned Skater has to lead the Team during the next lap. The last assigned Skater shall skate the last lap alone and finish the race for the Team.

2.6. Changeover to the next assigned Skater in the Team must take place between the beginning of the finishing straight of the Team and before the entry to the curve. The beginning and end of the changeover area will be suitably marked (e.g., by cones).

3. Relay races

3.1. Team competitions may be announced for relay races with 2 to 4 Skaters in each Team. The distances for each leg of the relay may vary, but recommended distance for each leg is 400 or 800 meters (1 or 2 laps on a standard track). Relay races may be skated in different formats. ~~Two~~ Three recommended formats (A, B and C) are described in paragraphs 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4. below.

3.2. Competition format A for relay races: Two Teams are competing in pairs, starting in separate lanes and changing lanes according to Rule 254, paragraph 5, throughout the race. Each leg shall consist of 1 or 2 full laps. The race will start and finish at the 1000m finishing line. The exchange zone will have a length of 40 meters, extending from 20 meters before and up to 20 meters after the 1000m finishing line. The start and finish of the 40 meters exchange zone should be marked with orange cones. Relaying will take place when the Skater completing a leg is passing the Skater who is about to start the next leg. A Team relaying outside the exchange zone will be disqualified.

3.3. Competition format B for relay races: Maximum 4 Teams compete in the same heat. In the first part of the first leg (through the first curve) the inner and outer lanes are used, with up to two Skaters starting in each lane (one Skater per Team). After the exit of the first curve, only the inner lane is used. The race will start at the 1500m starting lines and finish at the finishing line of the 1500m. The distance of the first leg should in this case be either 700m or 300m. The length of the following legs should be 1 or 2 full laps. The exchange zone will have a length of 75 meters, ending at the finishing line. The start of the exchange zone should be marked

with orange cones. Relaying will take place when the Skater completing a leg has touched the Skater who is about to start the next leg. A Team relaying outside the exchange zone will be disqualified. For overtaking, the principles of Rule 255, paragraph 2 will apply.

3.4 Competition format C for relay races: Maximum 4 Teams compete in the same heat. All 4 Teams will start at the 500m starting line and finish at the main finishing line at the end of the straight. The distance for each leg shall be either 400m or 800m. The exchange zone will have a length of 100 meters, ending at the finishing line. The start of the exchange zone should be marked with orange cones. Relaying will take place when the Skater completing a leg has touched the Skater who is about to start the next leg. A Team relaying outside the exchange zone will be disqualified. For overtaking, the principles of Rule 255 paragraph 2 will apply.

4. Disqualification and fresh starts in Team competitions

If a Skater of a pursuit, sprint or relay Team is disqualified for violation of racing rules according to Rules 223, 253, 254, 257, 258 or 279 the disqualification also applies for the Team. A disqualification for the Team will follow also if a member of the Team is disqualified according to ISU General Regulations (e.g., because of breaches of eligibility rules or the ISU Anti-Doping Rules).

The Rules concerning fresh starts given in Rule 260 apply also for Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Relay races. Therefore, the Team shall be allowed a fresh start if one of the Skaters of the Team is interfered with as described in Rule 260, paragraphs 1-3.

Rule 257 Organization of Mass Start races

1. Track, safety and applicable Rules

1.1. The competition track is laid out without separate racing lanes. The track may include the warmup lane, and always so for ISU Events. Cones may be used as demarcation of the track. The distance of a Mass Start race is specified as a number of laps, where the countdown starts the first time the Skaters cross the finishing line.

1.2. The organizer shall consider adequate safety measures for the race. For the ISU Events specific safety requirements will be issued.

1.3. During Mass Start races Coaches are not admitted to the Coaches' area or to the infield.

1.4. The following racing rules do not apply for Mass Start races: Rule 253, paragraphs 2 and 3, Rule 255, paragraphs 2 and 3, 256, 257, 258, 259 and 262.

2. Formats

2.1. If the race format includes intermediate sprints, points are awarded for the intermediate sprints and for the final sprint. If a Competitor does not finish the race, the gained points at intermediate sprints will not be credited to the Skater when determining the final rank. Intermediate sprint points of non-finishing Competitors will not be transferred to any other Competitor. If there has been a violation of the racing rules affecting the outcome of a sprint, the offending Competitor will be disqualified and will not be considered for the awarding of points for this sprint. Moreover, a disqualified Competitor will not be considered for the award of points for the final sprint. The total of sprint points thus gained by the Competitors, determines the result of the race, but a tie in the total of sprint points will be broken by the order of finish at the final sprint. Competitors not gaining sprint points will be ranked thereafter, according to their order of finish at the final sprint. Non-finishing Competitors will be ranked by their number of completed laps before abandoning the race. If more than one Competitor abandons the race at the same lap, they will be ranked by their last intermediate time.

2.2. Mass Start races may be organized with competition rules stipulating that one or more Competitors placed last at certain stages of the race will be taken out of the race at that stage.

2.3. Mass Start races may be organized as pursuit races, i.e., with staggered starts where some Competitors have predefined "handicaps", for example based on results from previous races in the Competition.

3. Start procedure

The start takes place in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line on standard tracks). Competitors shall line up for the start in rows, with maximum 6 Skaters in each row, and with at least 1 meter between the rows. The positions at the start are determined by draw or by a seeding of the Competitors. When all Competitors have lined up behind the starting line, the Starter gives the command "Ready" and fires the starting gun. Skaters moving forward and out of their starting row before the shot is fired will be disqualified.

4. During the race

4.1. During the first lap of skating, it is not allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack. A breach of this Rule will lead to a disqualification. If a crash involving a large part of the Skaters occurs during this first lap, the race shall be stopped by a whistle or a shot from the Starter, and a fresh start will follow immediately. When one lap has been completed, a distinctive sound signal (for example a shot from the starting gun) shall be given. From this moment on Competitors are allowed to accelerate to get a better position.

4.2. The finish of the race will be at the finishing line (for the 500m) at the end of the finishing straight. This line also applies as the finishing line for intermediate sprints, if this is part of the race format.

4.3. Lap scoring will be conducted as prescribed in Rule 219. The first lap (without accelerations) counts as

part of the distance to be skated. If the race format includes intermediate sprints, a bell signal shall be given one lap before the finish of each intermediate sprint.

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

4.5. Any unsportsmanlike behavior against other Competitors can lead to disqualification. For example: serious obstruction of a Competitor(s) for not keeping a straight line, deliberately blocking other Competitor(s), or when this unsportsmanlike behavior results in a disadvantage of a Competitor(s), ~~the referee has the authority to disqualify the Competitor(s) concerned.~~ Impeding, blocking, charging, or pushing another Skater with any part of the body may be considered as a serious obstruction and lead to disqualification.

5. Competition and Skater's equipment

Skaters must wear special safety equipment (see also Rule 223 and 279), helmet covers, armbands or bibs, as well as gadgets to support the timekeeping, as specified for the Competition. Competitors that do not comply with these requirements will be disqualified or denied starting in the race.

Rule 258 Distances with special Rules

1. Distances 100m and shorter

For sprint competitions over the distance 100m or shorter distances, there may be three Competitors in each heat, with separate lanes for each Competitor. These competitions may be organized with elimination phases, where Competitors will advance to the next phase based on their placing in the heat and/or their achieved time.

2. Competitions for distances over 10 000m (Marathons) and other competitions

Competitions for distances longer than 10 000m may be organized in a Marathon format or other formats (1-hour race, for example). For one-day competitions see the special Rules in the respective ISU Communication.

Rule 259 At the Finish

1. Finishing line

1.1. A Competitor has completed a distance when the front tip of the blade of the first arriving skate has touched or reached the finishing line after the prescribed number of laps. However, adjusted definitions may be applied in accordance with Rule 251, paragraph 2 a).

1.2. Deliberately kicking out of a skate (so that the skate is losing entirely its contact with the ice) at the finishing line, or throwing the body across the finishing line, is forbidden, and will lead to a disqualification.

2. Exceptional situations

2.1. If a Competitor falls just short of the finish, so that the first skate will arrive outside the competition lanes, the time shall be taken at the moment the front tip of the blade of this skate reaches the extension of the finishing line.

2.2. If the automatic timekeeping system(s) in use is stopped at the finish by other means than the skate, the official time of the Competitor shall be recorded as the slower time of the times determined by the manual timekeeping procedure (according to Rule 250, paragraph 7) and the time from the automatic timekeeping system.

Rule 260 Fresh start (Re-skate)

1. Allowance of fresh start

1.1. A Competitor who is interfered with through no fault of his own shall be allowed by the Referee to make a fresh start. If the Competitor has completed the initial race, the best time of the two races shall count as the result of the Competitor.

1.2. A Competitor who is unable to complete a race due to an obstacle on the track shall be allowed to start again. A broken skate or dirty ice shall not be accepted as an obstacle. Also, the opinion of the Competitor that he has been interfered with, but not directly stopped, by individuals or incidents at the side of the racing track cannot be accepted as a reason for fresh start.

1.3. If the obstacle is a fallen Competitor or is due to a fault of the other Competitor in the pair, who has violated a Rule, such as an incorrect change of lane at the crossing straight or leaving his lane at any time, then the Referee cannot deny the right to make a fresh start. If a Competitor is allowed a fresh start, the Referee has to communicate it to the Competitor concerned.

2. Required rest time

The Competitor shall have the right to have a rest of at least 30 minutes between the initial race and the fresh start decided by the Referee, unless the Competitor has agreed to start in less than 30 minutes.

3. Starting lanes for fresh starts

In the case of a fresh start the Competitor shall normally start in the same lane as in the ordinary race, and

always so in the second race over 500 or 1000m in a sprint competition decided by total points or by the total time from two races.

If more than one Competitor is allowed a fresh start, pairs shall be formed in order to avoid several races with only a single Competitor. If the two Competitors forming a new pair started in different lanes in the ordinary race, they shall start in the same lanes in the new race as in the first race. But if they both started in the same lanes in the ordinary race, the Competitor from the lower numbered pair shall start in outer lane in this new race (see Rule 239, paragraph 2 and Rule 245).

Reason: Racing rules logically ordered, completed and clarified.

Rule 263-Doping

~~(See General Regulations, Rule 139)~~

Reason: Not part of Racing rules, therefore moved to Rule 236 above.

Rules 262-263 Reserved

Reason: Kept as reserve.

Council Recommendation:

A restructured presentation of this set of basic racing rules is overdue. The Proposal is mainly redrafting. When restructuring the text for better readability and more consistent presentation, some clarifications have been included and some items have been added for completeness. This includes a reference to competitions over longer distances (more than 10000m, type of "marathon races"), which was previously missing in the Technical Rules, and specification of an additional race format (already tested) for Relay races.

103. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 264

Amend as follows:

The results of a competition shall be communicated ~~announced immediately~~ as soon as possible after the competition. Results announced after each race are provisional (see Rule 249 and Rule 251, para 2.c))

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

104. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 265, paragraph 6

Amend as follows:

6. Results of Mass Start races

~~a) 6.1.~~ If a Mass Start race is organized with intermediate sprints, the results are determined by the total number of sprint points gained by the Competitors. The remaining Skaters are ranked according to their order of finish. The system for awarding points shall be such that the first three finishers of the final sprint will also gain the top 3 ranks in the results of the race. For further details see Rule 253, paragraph 4 b).

~~b) 6.2.~~ For Mass Start races that are raced without intermediate sprints, the results are determined solely by the order of finish of the Competitors.

~~c) 6.3.~~ The results of the Mass Start competitions at the Olympic Winter Games, at the World, European and Four Continents Championships and at ISU World Cups are determined according to subparagraph 6.1. above, based on the following system for intermediate and final sprints:

a) During the race there will be three intermediate sprints in addition to the final sprint. For each sprint Competitors will be awarded points that count towards the final ranking of the race. The intermediate sprints will be decided at the finishing line after lap 4, lap 8 and lap 12.

b) Points for the sprints will be awarded as follows:

- Intermediate sprints: First three (3) Skaters will gain: 3 – 2 – 1 points.
- Final sprint: First six (6) Skaters will gain: 60 – 40 – 20 – 10 – 6 – 3 points.

c) If the Mass Start competition is skated with Semi-finals and a Final, the Competitors not qualified for the Final and Competitors in Final will be ranked as follows:

- total number of sprint points gained;
- time at the finishing line;
- number of laps skated, in case of a tie in the number of laps skated, Competitors will be ranked according to their last intermediate time.

d) The Final results classification will be based on the following ranking:

- Competitors participating in the Final;
- Competitor(s) having qualified for or advanced to the Final, but withdrawn from the Final or having been disqualified in the Final;
- Competitors not qualified for the Final will be ranked according to same principle as in subparagraph 6.3.c), Skaters with a tie in total sprint points gained will be ranked according to time at finishing line.
- ~~4) 6.4. The results of the Mass Start races at the World Junior Championships are determined according to subparagraph 6.1. a) above, based on the following system for intermediate and final sprints:~~
 - ~~a) During the race there will be 2 (two) intermediate sprints in addition to the final sprint. For each sprint Competitors will get points that count towards the final ranking of the race. The intermediate sprints will be decided at the finishing line after lap 4 and lap 7.~~
 - ~~b) Points for the sprints will be awarded as follows:~~
 - Intermediate sprint: first 3 (three) Skaters will gain: 3 – 2 – 1 points.
 - Final sprint: first 6 (six) Skaters will gain: 30 – 20 – 10 - 4 - 2 - 1 points.
 - ~~c) Competitors will be ranked according to subparagraphs 6.3. c) and d) above as follows:~~
 - ~~total number of sprint points gained;~~
 - ~~time at the finishing line;~~
 - ~~number of laps skated;~~
 - ~~In case of a tie in the number of laps skated, Competitors will be ranked according to their last intermediate time.~~

Reason: Clarification and adjustment to existing practice and common sense.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

105. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 273, paragraph 1 d)

Amend as follows:

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

ADV: Advancement according to Rule 255 paragraph 4 vii)

DNF: Did not finish (started in the race, but did not finish, without having violated any racing rule, e.g. by being interfered with by a Competitor);

DQ: Disqualified (due to violation of a racing rule or other offence leading to a disqualification);

DQB: A disqualification due to any violation of the Olympic Charter, of the World Anti-Doping Code, or any other serious breach of applicable regulation issued by the IOC, the ISU or a NOC.

DNS: Did not start (was included in the draw and listed in the final pairings, but did not appear at start);

WDR: Withdrawn (was included in the initial draw, but withdrew from start, with the consequence that pairs were rearranged);

RS: Reskate (after having been allowed a fresh start);

MT: Time determined by manual timekeeping procedure according to Rule 250, paragraphs 7 and 8.

Reason: Adjustment to existing practice and IOC notations.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

106. SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 275

Delete paragraph 3

Reason: Conflicting with Rule 266.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

C. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

107. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 280, paragraph 1.f)

Amend as follows:

In Semi-Finals and Finals of 500 meters, only the three (3) middle tracks as marked on the diagram shall be used the outside tracks (1 and 5 when there are 5 tracks and 1 and 7 when there are 7 tracks) will not be used. Only the middle tracks as marked on the diagram shall be used.

Reason: Safety by avoiding the tracks most close to the boarding at the fastest races. Adaptation to practice.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary consequence of the option to use 7 tracks (introduced in 2018 Regulations).

108. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

109. JAPAN

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

110. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

111. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

112. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 280, paragraph 5.c), g) and h)

Amend as follows:

c) The following types of systems are defined:

- Basic and Traditional rink board Padding System: the pads are placed against the boarding surrounding the ice surface. The details are laid down in an ISU Communication.
- Hybrid Padding system: the boarding is partially removed, especially on the exit of the curves and in the skating direction up to about 10 meters ahead of the starting and finishing line. The mats are self-standing and connected to each other, so that sufficient movement of the mats is possible in order to slow down falling skater(s). Traditional mats are placed against the boarding in the other areas;
- Moveable Padding system: there are no boards around the ice surface and the mats are self-standing, connected to each other, so that sufficient movement of the mats is possible to slow down falling Skater(s).

g) For International Senior and for International Junior Competitions ~~for Seniors and Juniors~~ age categories A & B, as a minimum a Traditional rink board Padding system must be used ~~as a minimum~~.

h) For International Junior Competitions, ~~for Juniors~~ age categories C & D, as a minimum a Basic Padding System must be used ~~as a minimum~~.

Reason: To allow the use of the Basic Padding System for International Competitions with younger participants.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary amendment and clarification in line with the enhanced safety measures presented in recent ISU Communication.

113. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

114. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

115. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

116. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

- 117. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 118. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 119. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 120. AUSTRALIA Speed Skating** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 121. HUNGARY** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 122. NETHERLANDS** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 123. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 124. NETHERLANDS** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 125. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **ACCEPTED**
 Rule 281, paragraph 2.a)
 Rule 285, paragraph 2.a)
 Move the following to Rule 295, paragraph 4, as a general procedure for all entries:
 “For all Skaters, minimum qualifying times are required for entry in this ISU Championship. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication.
 ISU Members entering participants must provide the documentation requested in this ISU Communication of the qualifying times achieved by each Competitor. This documentation must be submitted to the ISU Secretariat at the latest two (2) weeks before the Competition. The Representative of the Technical Committee will decide if the qualifying criteria has been respected and if the entry can be accepted.”
Reason: The entry procedure for all ISU Events is equivalent and in order to simplify the Rules the actual procedure can be moved to one general procedure.
- Council Recommendation:*
The Council is in favor for the reason given.
- 126. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 127. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 128. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**
- 129. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **ACCEPTED**
 Rule 281, paragraph 2.d) and e)
 Rule 283 paragraph 2.f)
 Rule 285, paragraph 2.g) and h)
 Delete and Move to Rule 295, paragraph 4
Reason: The entry procedure applies to all Competitions and must be ruled in Rule 295, paragraph 4.
- Council Recommendation:*
The Council is in favor for the reason given.

130. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

131. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

132. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

133. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 281, paragraph 5.b)

Amend as follows:

The winning Team of the World Short Track Speed Skating Championships for each of the Relay competitions is the Team which has been declared winner of the Final A. The second (2nd) and third (3rd) placed Teams of the Championships are the Teams finishing accordingly in the Final A. Medals will be awarded to these Teams in accordance with Rule 134, paragraph 3.

Reason: Clarification

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

134. ITALY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

135. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

136. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

137. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

138. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 283, paragraph 2

Amend as follows and move subparagraph f) to Rule 295, paragraph 4:

For the season 2018/2019:

~~2. a) Each ISU Member has the right to enter three (3) Competitors in each individual category. ISU Members entering a Relay Team may enter four (4) Competitors in the respective category.~~

~~Minimum qualifying times are required for entry in this ISU Championship. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication.~~

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

~~b) Each ISU Member may enter the names of substitutes corresponding with the number of ordinary entries.~~

~~c) ISU Members entering a Relay Team can only enter a maximum number of four (4) Skaters which will include all Skaters for both competitions: Individual and Relay. d) If a Skater is not able to start on an individual distance of the World Junior Championships due to illness after the names have been officially presented to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4 f), that Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater of the Member concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296;~~

From the season 2019/2020:

2. a) Each ISU Member has the right to enter three (3) Competitors in each category. ISU Members entering a Relay Team may enter a maximum of four (4) Competitors in the respective category.

b) Each ISU Member has the right to enter two (2) Competitors in each category for each individual distance. If an ISU Member had more than 1 Skater amongst the best sixteen (16) Competitors in the final classification of a distance in the preceding Championships, that ISU Member may enter a maximum of three (3) Competitors on that distance. Each ISU Member may select different Skaters for each distance among its three (3) or four (4) Competitors entered for the Championships.

c) If the Host ISU Member has not qualified three (3) Skaters in a distance then the Host ISU Member may nevertheless choose to still enter three (3) Skaters for that distance. However, if the Host ISU Member chooses

to enter 3 Skaters in the distance, then this Member cannot enter more than 2 Skaters for the same distance in the following Championship.

d) For all Skaters minimum qualifying times are required for entry in this ISU Championship. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication.

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

~~e) Each ISU Member may enter the names of substitutes corresponding with the number of ordinary entries.~~

~~f) If a Skater is not able to start on an individual distance due to illness after the names have been officially presented to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4 f), that Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater of the Member concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296.~~

Reason: The entry procedure applies to all Competitions and must be ruled in Rule 295, paragraph 4 therefore Rule 283, paragraph 2.f) is moved thereto.

Council Recommendation:

Redrafting is urgent, since the transition period after amendments made at 2018 Congress is over. Some redrafting is necessary also to be consistent with Rules for the World Championships.

139. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 284

Amend as follows:

Distances

1. According to Rule 107, paragraph 2 the OWG are the exclusive property of the IOC. The following Rules for the OWG are subject to an agreement to be achieved by the ISU Council with the IOC for each edition of the OWG. The details will be laid down in an ISU Communication for each edition of the OWG.

~~2.4.~~ a) For Olympic Winter Games the competitions are:

- Individual Races

- Relay Races

- Mixed Team Relay Races

b) The distances for Individual Races are;

- 500, 1000 and 1500 meters individual distances for Ladies and Men;

c) The distances for Relay Races are;

- 3000 meters Relay for Ladies;

- 5000 meters Relay for Men;

- 2000 meters Mixed Team Relay.

~~d) Distances for the Mixed Gender Relay Races will be shown in an ISU Communication.~~

~~d)e)~~ On each of the distances there may be Qualifying Rounds, depending on the number of entries, in which the Skaters/Teams qualify for the Final according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

Entry quotas

~~3.2.~~ a) For each edition of the Olympic Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stipulates an overall maximum number of Skaters to be entered into Short Track Speed Skating competitions (IOC Quota), with a target number for each gender. If for either Ladies or Men the respective IOC quota would not be reached according to the Qualifying System described in the ISU Regulations, the respective unused number of quota places would be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.

b) The total overall number of entered Short Track Speed Skaters per ISU Member, respectively National Olympic Committee (NOC quota) will be maximum ten (10) Skaters; maximum five (5) Ladies, respectively five (5) Men (for ISU Members/NOC qualified for the Relay competition) and maximum three (3) Ladies, respectively three (3) Men (for ISU Member/NOC not qualified for the Relay competition).

Qualification system

~~4.3.~~ a) General

Quota places are earned by the ISU Members (by IOC called "NFs") respectively National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the ISU Members in the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) resulting from the four (4) ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during October – December prior to the Olympic Winter Games. Two (2) out of four (4) World Cups shall preferably be held on the same continent as the Olympic Winter Games. The four (4) SOQCs will be for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters each for Ladies and Men, 3000 meters Relay Ladies and 5000 meters

Relay Men. As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.

The three (3) best Results out of four (4) Results, over the respective distance, will be taken into consideration for the purpose of establishing the SOQC. Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the Olympic Winter Games to be made within the applicable deadlines, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member/NOC subject to the entered Skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

These SOQCs will be calculated following the same rules and principles as the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating classifications, i.e. using the World Cup points earned at the designated World Cup Competitions (for details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications). In the case of a tie in the SOQC, the following tie breaking system will be used:

i) Best place on the distance in one of the designated World Cups;

ii) Best time on the distance;

iii) Second (or if needed third, fourth, etc.) best times on the distance.

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC.

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per gender and from the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) of the Mixed Team Relay.

Each SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December preceding the respective edition of the Olympic Winter Games.

The four (4) SOQC for men will be for the Men's 500m, Men's 1000m, Men's 1500m and Men's 5000m Relay.

The four (4) SOQC for women will be for Women's 500m, Women's 1000m Women's 1500m and Women's 3000m Relay.

There will be one (1) SOQC for the Mixed Team Relay.

These SOQCs will be calculated following the same Rules and principles as the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating classifications, i.e. using the World Cup points earned at the designated World Cup Competitions (for details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications). In the case of a tie in the SOQC, the following tie-breaking system will be used:

i) Best place on the distance in one of the designated World Cups;

ii) Best time on the distance;

iii) Second (or if needed third, fourth, etc.) best times on the distance

Two (2) out of four (4) World Cups shall preferably be held on the same continent as the Olympic Winter Games.

As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the Olympic Winter Games to be made within the applicable deadlines, are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member/NOC subject to the entered Skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

b) Host ISU Member/NOC

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host ISU Member/NOC will be entitled to enter ten (10) Skaters (five (5) Ladies and five (5) Men) in all competitions together, as follows:

-Ladies and Men Relay;

-One (1) Skater in each individual competition/distance both Ladies and Men.

If the host ISU Member/NOC forfeits its right to participate in the Relay competition(s), the host ISU Member/NOC may nevertheless enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances.

c) Relay

The ISU Members/NOCs with the top eight (8) placed Relay Teams in the SOQC for Relay qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games Relay competitions. If the host ISU Member/NOC of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the Relay SOQC, the respective Relay Team of the host ISU Member/NOC will replace the ISU Member/NOC ranked eighth (8th) in the SOQC for the Relay.

d) Individual distances

ISU Members/NOCs qualified for the Relay competitions may enter a maximum of five (5) Skaters in total. The Skaters competing in the individual competitions must be among the Skaters in the Relay Team.

ISU Members not qualified for the Relay competitions can only send the number of Skaters equal to their highest number of starting places on any of the individual distances.

For the individual distances, taking into account the above mentioned ramification from the Relay qualification, which for the IOC quota will have priority, the quota places are assigned to ISU Members/NOCs in the order of the respective SOQC. All ISU Members/NOCs having Skaters ranked first (1st) over the distances 500,

~~1000 and 1500 meters get one (1) starting place on the respective distance. Following that the ISU Members/NOCs having Skaters ranked second (2nd) get one (1) starting place, etc. until the following criteria are met:~~

~~i) The number of quota places per ISU Member/NOC has reached the maximum of three (3) Skaters per distance;~~

~~ii) The number of Skaters on the respective distances has reached the maximum number of Skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of Skaters over 500 and 1000 meters will be thirty-two (32). The maximum number of Skaters over 1500 meters will be thirty-six (36);~~

~~iii) The total number of Skaters per category (Ladies/Men) has reached the IOC quota;~~

~~iv) If the number of Skaters per distance has not reached the maximum number of Skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one or more distances, and the process of simultaneously qualifying cannot be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then Skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available Skater(s) per distances with the highest rank will be added on the respective distance. In the case of a tie the shortest distance will prevail;~~

~~v) If according to sub-paragraph i), ii), iii), iv) above the number of actually entered Skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) then the ISU Member/NOCs having Skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above, will be allowed to enter the same Skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of three (3) Skaters per distance. Consequently, this will not affect the total number of entered Skaters and the IOC quota remains respected;~~

~~vi) In the exceptional case that the number of Skaters per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii), iv) and v) above then ISU Members/NOCs who have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual Competitors will be allowed to enter Skaters on the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie the Relay Team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently, this will also not affect the total number of entered Skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.~~

~~Process of confirmation of places~~

~~5.4. After the designated ISU World Cup Competitions will be completed and based on the resulting SOQC, the ISU will inform the ISU Members/NOCs of their respective total number of quota places and the number of Skaters each ISU Member/NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places within a specific deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.~~

~~Reallocation of unused quota positions~~

~~6.5. Unused quota places will be redistributed to ISU Members/NOCs based on the different SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within three (3) days whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest within the deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.~~

~~Unused Relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed Team based on the results of the relay SOQC.~~

~~Qualifying Timeline~~

~~7.6. Qualifying procedures for the Olympic Winter Games will be defined and communicated through a specific ISU communication at the latest by October 1st in the pre-Olympic season.~~

~~Medal assignments at Olympic Winter Games~~

~~8.7. a) For the Olympic Winter Games only, Finals A and B will take place for the 500, 1000 and 1500 meter individual final races, and for the Ladies 3000 meter Relay, and Men's 5000 meter Relay and Mixed Team 2000 meter Relay final races.~~

~~b) The Finals A and B are created so that, to the extent possible, the three (3) IOC medals with accompanying diplomas and the five (5) additional IOC diplomas (together referred to as the "IOC Awards") available for each race are actually awarded to eight (8) Skaters or eight (8) relay Teams.~~

~~c) The eight (8) IOC Awards are conferred on Skaters or Teams in the order of finish (from first to last), starting with the Final A, and thereafter, as necessary to fill the IOC Award positions, continuing with Skaters or Teams (from first to last) finishing the Final B.~~

~~d) Vacancies in the eight (8) IOC Award positions may be created in the Final A or B race by: (i) Skater or Team sanctioned with a penalty, yellow card, or red card (ii) Skater or Team did not start (DNS) or (iii) Skater or Team did not finish (DNF);~~

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

~~f) For the avoidance of doubt, vacancies in the eight (8) IOC Award positions due to penalty, yellow card, red card, DNS or DNF shall be filled as follows:~~

~~i) If a penalty, yellow card, red card, DNS or DNF occurs in the Final A creating a vacancy in the IOC Award positions, the next ranking Skater or Team who finished the Final A race, moves up to fill the vacancy. This advancement procedure is followed in like manner for additional vacancies in IOC Award positions until no finishing Skaters or Teams from the Final A remain available to be advanced;~~

~~ii) If one or more of the IOC Award positions remains vacant after the above procedure for filling IOC Award vacancies with Final A finishers is completed, the next ranking Skater or Team (or Skaters or Teams as the case may be) finishing the Final B moves up to fill the IOC award vacancy or vacancies.~~

~~e)g) Any Skater or Team not finishing the Final A or Final B is not eligible for an IOC Award, and if this results in less than eight (8) Skaters or Teams being available for an IOC Award, the vacant IOC Award position(s) shall not be filled and the award(s) shall not be conferred. If a Skater / Team could not finish a race due to reasons beyond his/her control, he/she will be declared did not finish DNF by the referee and will be ranked in his/her race accordingly. The Skater or Team is still eligible to receive the corresponding IOC Award regarding his/her finish position / rank.~~

Reason: Ruling the distance for Mixed Team Relay and properly considering the fact that the OWG are the property of the IOC. Thus, the Rules for the OWG are subject to an agreement to be achieved by the ISU Council for each edition of the OWG. The details will be communicated through an ISU Communication for each edition of the OWG. As for para 8.d) and e) it is not fair for a Skater/Team qualified for a Final and getting injured during the race, possibly because of the action of another skaters/Team, to lose his/her position.

Council Recommendation:

Urgent amendments to be consistent with Proposal 39 (Rule 107) and actual decision procedures on Olympic qualification system. Moreover, the Rule must be adjusted to reflect the inclusion of Mixed Team Relay as a new event in the Olympic program.

140. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

141. AUSTRALIA Speed Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

142. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

143. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

144. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

145. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

146. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 285, paragraph 2.b)

Amend as follows:

~~Only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members in a Special Relay Classification over the two (2) most recent World Cups held in Europe can enter a Relay Team Ladies/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition.~~

~~If the host country is not ranked amongst the top twelve (12) Teams of the Special Relay Classification they will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a European ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked European ISU Member will be invited to participate.~~

~~Only the twelve (12) highest ranked European ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Ladies/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, it will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a European ISU Member forfeits its right to participate the next ranked European ISU Member will be invited to participate.~~

Reason: For consistency of qualification for the European and Four Continents Championships in every season including Olympic season.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary redrafting for clarification and consistency of Rules between ISU Championships.

147. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 285, paragraph 2.d)

Amend as follows:

~~Only the eight (8) highest ranked Four Continents ISU Members in a Special Relay Classification over all World Cups, held in any of the Four Continents countries during the current season and preceding the Championships can enter a Relay Team Ladies/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the host country is not ranked amongst the top eight (8) Teams of the Special Relay Classification they will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked Four Continents ISU Member will be invited to participate;~~

Only the eight (8) highest ranked Four Continents ISU Members in the Special Relay Classification (see Rule 286, paragraph 4.d) made immediately before the Championships can enter a Relay Team Ladies/Men/Mixed in the respective category in the Relay competition. If the Host ISU Member is not qualified through that Special Relay Classification, they will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked Four Continents ISU Member will be invited to participate.

Reason: For consistency of qualification for the European and Four Continents Championships in every season including Olympic season.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary redrafting for clarification and consistency of rules between ISU Championships.

148. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 285, paragraph 2.g)

Amend as follows:

~~If a Skater is not able to start on the first distance of the Championships due to illness after the names have been officially presented to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4 f), that Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater of the ISU Member concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make-up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296.~~

If a European or Four Continents ISU Member forfeits its right to participate, it must inform the ISU immediately after the last World Cup before the Championship. The next ranked ISU Member for the concerned Championship will be invited to participate.

Reason: Consistency between European and Four Continents Championships. The Drafting Committee will provide for a best possible layout of Rule 285 based on the decisions of the Congress.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary redrafting for clarification and consistency of Rules between ISU Championships.

149. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 286, paragraph 4

Amend as follows:

a) The World Cup Relay Classification determines the entries for the Relay competition at the World Championships according to Rule 281, paragraph 2. ~~By making an entry for a World Cup Competition the ISU Member confirms that if qualified the ISU Member will participate in the Relay Competition at the respective Championships. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Council and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee in writing before the last World Cup Competition of the season.~~

b) The Special Relay Classification referred to in Rule 285, paragraph 2.b) and paragraph 2.d), determines the entries for the Relay at the European and the Four Continents Championships.

~~c) By making an entry for a World Cup Competition, the ISU Member confirms that, if qualified, the ISU Member will participate in the Relay Competition at the respective Championships. The ISU Member may forfeit these rights by notifying the ISU Council and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Secretariat in writing before immediately after the last World Cup Competition before the respective Championships.~~

~~d) The Special Relay Classification for qualification for the European and Four Continents Championships will follow the Rules and Procedures of the World Cup Relay Classification. For this purpose, the Distance Classifications at the respective World Cups most recent World Ranking List will be taken and points will be only awarded to relevant ISU Members.~~

~~d) Following the General Regulations, the ISU Council shall impose penalties upon any ISU Member for not being in compliance with this requirement.~~

Reason: Currently for the European Championships the Rule takes only the two World Cups in Europe into consideration. Due to the scheduling of Competitions and Championships most of the time the Teams are selected from the previous season, instead of the current one; it also happens regularly that the Teams are

selected for 2 years in a row with no possibilities for other Teams to qualify. The new version of the Rule will guarantee qualification based on the best results from the last 6 world cups. For consistency of qualification for the European and Four Continents Championships in every season including Olympic season.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary to ensure that qualification criteria are fair and consistent.

150. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 286, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

5. The program of each World Cup Competition can include the following items:

Single distances for individuals:

a) 500, 1000, 1500 meters. One (1) of these distances may be skated twice.

Relay:

b) 3000 meters for Ladies

c) 5000 meters for Men.

d) 2000 meters for Mixed Team Relay

Other distances, Team competitions and Race formats may also be introduced.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay.

Council Recommendation:

Urgent, as the new Olympic event (Mixed Team Relay) needs to be included in the World Cup program for Olympic qualification purposes.

151. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 286, paragraph 7.a)

Amend as follows:

a) At each World Cup Competition, the following Classifications (see Rule 295, paragraph 6) will be made:

- Distance Classification 500 m Ladies / Men;
- Distance Classification 1000 m Ladies / Men;
- Distance Classification 1500 m Ladies / Men;
- Distance Classification Relay Ladies / Men / Mixed Team
- ~~Classification Team Competitions.~~

Reason: Adding Mixed Team Relay and removing the classification for Teams as this is no longer used for any qualification.

Council Recommendation:

Urgent, for same reason as for Proposal 150.

152. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

153. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 286, paragraph 9

Amend as follows:

a) For the purpose of making up the first Qualifying Round at any ISU Event the following World Ranking Lists shall be maintained over all individual and Relay Distances:

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

b) ~~For the World Ranking Lists as many results count as the respective distances have been organized in a season. The points scored per distance over a season are added with the two worst results not counting. If a distance has been organized not more than four times, only the worst result does not count.~~ For the World Ranking Lists the results obtained in all races of the season count. The points obtained during a season are added, except for the two poorest results. If no more than four races over a certain distance have taken place in a season, only the poorest result does not count.

~~For the World Ranking Lists the number of results that will count is equal to the number of times the distance is scheduled for the current season. The points scored during this number of most recent competitions over the distance are added but the two (2) worst results are ignored.~~

c) In the case of a tie in a World Ranking List the most recent result in any of the above-mentioned results (paragraph 9 b) will decide the final order of ranking. If the tie persists, subsequent results will be used to determine the order of ranking. If the tie further persists, the best time from the specified results (paragraph 9 b) will be taken.

d) The Overall World Ranking List is based on the highest Rank in any of the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 meters. In the case of a tie the highest Rank in one of the other two World Ranking Lists shall be taken. If the tie persists after taking the World Ranking Lists over 500, 1000 and 1500 meters into account then a draw will be held by the Competitors' Steward to decide the order in which the Skaters will be seeded.
Reason: The number of World Cups per Season (Olympic vs Non-Olympic) differ. With this Proposal the World Ranking Lists will better represent the results of the season when there are less than 6 world cups organised (for exemple during olympic seasons).

Council Recommendation:

Urgent, to keep the integrity of the rankings independently of the number of World Cups actually held during a season.

154. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

155. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 289, paragraph 6.a)

Amend as follows:

To be considered as ISU Referees, ISU Starters and ISU Competitors' Stewards, those individuals on the International list shall have at least fulfilled the following requirements:

- Served in his nominated category at least twice at International Competitions during the past thirty-six (36) months and (when applicable) have satisfactory reports from the Referees at these Competitions;
- Attended an ISU course and /or official ISU webinar for ISU/International Officials within the past thirty-six (36) months;
- For Referees: have passed the appropriate examination during the past thirty-six (36) months;
- Must have been listed on the respective List of International Officials for at least two (2) consecutive years with a "W" indication, immediately prior to a promotion to the List of ISU Officials.

Reason: Clarification. Moving towards using new technologies to facilitate the education of officials.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary adjustments and clarifications, also based on experiences from the exceptional circumstances experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

156. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

157. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

158. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 291, paragraph 4

Amend as follows:

The Heat Box Steward in the heat box shall determine whether a Skater has respected the safety conditions, so that they can start a race. Skaters whose equipment is not in compliance with these Rules shall be excluded from participation in the race. The results of the race will show Did Not Start.

Reason: Clarification. Currently the reason for Did Not Start determines the way the Skater is ranked or listed on the Distance Classification. The new wording simplifies the matter and eliminates the reason for the no start.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

159. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 292, paragraph 1.a)

Amend as follows:

World Records will be registered by the ISU. The ISU Council will only recognize as World Records times skated in ISU Events (ISU Championships, ISU World Cup Competitions and other Events specifically designated "ISU" by the ISU as well as the Olympic Winter Games for the following distances and under the following conditions:

- For Ladies over distances of 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters;
- For Men over distances of 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters;
- For Junior Ladies over distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters;
- For Junior Men over distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters;
- For Ladies Teams over distances of 3000 meters Relay;
- For Men Teams over distances of 5000 meters Relay;
- For Junior Ladies Teams over distances of 3000 meters Relay;
- For Junior Men Teams over distances of 3000 meters Relay.
- For Mixed Teams Relay over the distances of 2000 meters Relay

Reason: Establishing World Records for Mixed Teams Relay.

Council Recommendation:

As an Olympic event, Mixed Teams Relay needs the benchmark of a World Record.

D. TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

160. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 294, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

For World Cup Competitions and International Competitions, a selected number of Skaters/Teams may be prequalified for the Main Program based on their World Ranking.

Reason: The procedure that is available for individuals should also apply to Teams.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

161. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

162. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

163. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 1.g)

Amend as follows:

During each Qualifying Round and Finals, there shall be allowed only one person per participating Skater or Relay Team in the designated coaching area (Coaches Box). When needed a Team Official (technician) may enter the Coaches Box to repair equipment of a Skater.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

164. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 2

Replace subparagraphs a), b) and c) as follows:

a) Individual races are held over 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 meters. Mixed Team Relay races are held over 2000 meters. Relay Races for Ladies are held over 3000 meters. Relay Races for men are held over 3000 meters (Juniors) and 5000 meters.

b) At International Competitions, Individual, Mixed Team Relay and Relay Races may also be held over other distances.

c) At ISU Events, races may be held over other distances with the approval of the Council and once published in an ISU Communication.

Reason: Inclusion of the Mixed Team Relay.

Council Recommendation:

Necessary redrafting for clarification and consistency.

165. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 2.e)

Amend as follows:

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

	500 m	1000 m	1500 m
Quarter-Finals	5	5	
Semi-Finals	<u>5</u>	5	<u>7</u>
Finals	4	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

Reason: Apply the same Rule for Olympic Winter Games, clarification.

Council Recommendation:

In view of upcoming Olympic season it is considered urgent to deal with this Proposal now.

166. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

167. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 2.g)

Amend as follows:

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

Reason: Clarification. In most cases 1st and 2nd will qualify. Sometimes 1st, 2nd and 3rd qualify. During the Qualification at World Cup Competitions sometimes only the 1st finisher qualifies. The proposed text clarifies all situations and in all situations the positions 1 and 2 are eligible for advancement. It will be easier for Skaters and Referees to know if there is a potential advancement or not.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

168. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 2.h)

Amend as follows:

~~For World Cup Competitions, Skaters may also qualify through a repechage process.~~

Skaters/Teams may also qualify through a repechage process.

Reason: Will allow for introduction of Repechage Sessions at ISU Championships in future.

Council Recommendation:

Redrafting recommended, to reflect that a repechage format may be used whenever it is not in conflict with Special Regulations.

169. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 2, subparagraphs j) to n)

Amend as follows:

~~j) Depending on the number of entries for World Cup Competitions it is also possible that during the Qualifying and Repechage Sessions only race winners will move forward to the next round. The fastest seconds may be used if there is an odd number of Competitors.~~

~~j)k)~~ For ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games a Final B with one (1) Skater/Relay Team will not be skated and the qualified Skater/Relay Team will be assigned the corresponding rank and points.

~~k)l)~~ During World Cup Competitions the Host Country may enter one (1) Skater, subject to approval by the Technical Committee, on each of the individual distances in each category in the World Cup session, except during World Cup Competitions designated for Olympic Qualification.

~~l)m)~~ Competitors shall be allowed a minimum rest of fifteen (15) minutes between races.

~~m)n)~~ If the track markers are not placed on corresponding tracks, the times from the respective race shall not be recorded, ~~and if fastest third place Skaters qualify from the respective round the Skater(s) concerned shall be advanced and the regular qualifying number of fastest thirds will be taken from the remaining third place finishers and if Skaters can qualify by time to the next round, the Skater(s) concerned shall be advanced without removing a place for another Skater qualified by time.~~

and renumber the following subs accordingly

Delete this subparagraph as the procedure is outlined now in the Proposal for Rule 295, paragraph 2.g)

Reason: See the Proposal for Rule 295, paragraph 2.g) and clarification. For correction of potentially unfair situations for Skaters.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

170. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 4

Amend as follows:

- a) Entries for ISU Events can be made only through the respective ISU Members.
- b) ENTRIES: The number of ~~Competitors, substitutes, Skaters~~, Coaches and Team leaders shall be entered at least six (6) weeks before the first day of the Competition. The number of other personnel travelling with the Team shall also be communicated separately at least six (6) weeks before the ISU Event concerned. ISU Members are seriously requested to enter only the number of Skaters they actually intend to send to the ISU Event concerned.
- c) Any financial requirements imposed by the Organizing Committee for making on-site arrangements shall be communicated in the Announcement.
- d) FINAL ENTRIES: At the latest on the fifth (5th) day before the start of the first race of the Competition, the following information must be communicated to the organizing committee:
 - Names of the ~~Competitors~~ Skaters and a list of substitute names (with a maximum possible number of substitute names equal to the number of Skaters entered) per category with their International Registration Numbers. Only the Skaters listed on the Entry, with a maximum number equal to the number of allowed entries can attend and be accredited for the Event.
 - Names of the ~~Competitors~~ Skaters for each ~~of the respective individual distances~~ of the competitions over the individual distances, if applicable.
 - Confirmation of participation in all the competitions of the Relay, if applicable.
- e) The date and time of arrival and departure of ~~competitors~~ Skaters and those accompanying them shall be included when sending in the Final Entries.
- f) For post entries Rule 115, paragraph 5 of the General Regulations applies.
- g) CONFIRMED DISTANCE ENTRIES: The names of the ~~Competitors~~ Skaters for each of the respective individual distances, if applicable, shall be communicated to the Competitors' Steward at the latest at 18:00 hours in the evening two (2) days before the start of the first race of the Competition.
- h) Skaters must be present at the site of the ISU Event at 18:00 hours on the day before the start of the first race of the competition, or the Organizing Committee must confirm their arrival in the city of the ISU Event concerned.
- i) The Seeding list of Participants in order of their Ranking, fastest Time (see Rule 286, paragraph 9 a), b) and c) or Results of a Draw (see Rule 286, paragraph 9 d) shall be published at the latest at 15h00 on the day before the start of the first race of the competition.
- j) Any comments regarding the Seeding list of Participants, Qualifying Schedule and other distributed official documents can be addressed to the Competitors' Steward up to 18h00 hours on the day before the start of the first race of the competition.
- k) The make-up of the races will be published at the latest three (3) hours before the start of the first race of the respective distance/category.
- l) If a Skater is not able to start in the races of the first qualifying round of an individual distance due to illness after the names have been officially communicated to the Competitors' Steward in accordance with Rule 295, paragraph 4 f), this Skater may be replaced by another entered Skater on the Final Entry of the ISU Member concerned until 15 minutes before the start of the first race of ~~the first~~ a qualifying round for the distance concerned. The Competitors' Steward may change the make-up of the races according to the seeding procedure, Rule 296.

Reason: The procedure contains no changes with regard to the current Rules and Procedures. The various parts at each of the Championships are brought here together. This provides more clarity.

Council Recommendation:

Linked to a Proposal for amendment (mainly as redrafting) in the Special Regulations.

171. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, new paragraph 5

Add as follows and renumber old paragraph 5 and all subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

Final Classification of Skaters/Team in a Race:

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

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

-Skaters /Teams who Did Not Start (DNS)

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

Reason: Establishing a clear finishing order including when there is a restart.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

172. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 6 old (7 new)

Amend as follows:

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

- by block;
 - for Olympic Winter Games: Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists, Heats, if applicable;
 - for ISU Events: Final A, Final B, Semi-Finalists, Quarter-Finalists, and further following the Qualification Schedule, including Repechages races;
- for all other events: following the Qualification Schedule;
- by position (finish place) within the respective block;
- by position (finish place) within the subsequent previous Qualifying Rounds;
- by best time skated in any race over the distance;
- further ties will not be broken for completed Distance Classifications.

For any intermediate Distance classifications:

- in the case of equal times over the distance, a draw will take place to establish the order;
- in the case where there are no time(s) available, a draw will take place for the respective Skaters/Teams to determine their rank in comparison to the others with the same position (finish place).

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

173. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 8 old (9 new)

Replace current sub a and sub b with:

a) Skaters or Relay Teams who:

- failed to finish in the first qualifying round,
- received a penalty in the first qualifying round,
- received a Yellow Card in any qualifying round,

will be ranked in this order at the bottom of the classification.

b) Skaters or Relay Teams who:

- received a Red Card,
- did not start in the first qualifying round

will not be ranked but listed as participants at the bottom of the Classification in the above order.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

174. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

175. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 11.a) old (12.a) new)

Amend as follows:

~~Teams consist of four (4) or five (5) Skaters, which are all considered as participants.~~ During any Relay race in a competition, a maximum of four (4) shall compete. Entries of Teams with less than four (4) ~~or more than five (5)~~ Skaters shall not be accepted. Before the start of any Relay race the names of those competing must be submitted to the Competitors' Steward. In the case of a restart or rerun of the Relay race, a substitution within the Team can be made provided the Team is allowed to enter more than four (4) Skaters. See Rule 297, paragraph 3.a).

Reason: The number of Skaters allowed in a Team differs from one competition to the other.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

176. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 295, paragraph 11.b) old (12.b) new)

Delete and renumber subparagraph c) into b).

Reason: This provision is included in Rule 295, paragraph 4.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

177. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 296, paragraph 3, new subparagraph e)

Add to present para as follows:

e) For World Junior Championships the seeding list will be established solely based on the individual best time for each distance. (See Rule 295, paragraph 4) For Relay, the seeding list will be based on the results of the 2 preceding world championships results. The point system according to Rule 295, paragraph 9 will be used. In case of a tie the results of the most recent championships will be the tie breaker.

Reason: The vast majority of the junior Skaters do not have a world ranking, therefore a seeding based on time will balance out the heats much better.

Council Recommendation:

Considered urgent, as the current Rule does not fulfil the intention of a balanced setup of races.

178. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 296, paragraph 5

Amend as follows:

a) Except for Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals: If any Skater is to be placed in a race which contains a Skater from the same country, that Skater will be moved to the next available race, unless the Skater would be placed in a race on the next row. In that case the Skater will be exchanged with the previously placed Skater, or with his predecessors on the same row, if necessary, to avoid placement of Skaters of the same country in a race. If there are no more races available to move a Skater to, then the Competitors' Steward, with the approval of the Referee, may reverse Skaters on a previous line, but only within that line, commencing with the lowest ranked, to solve the matter. Reversing Skaters between lines is not allowed. If the matter cannot be solved, then the Skater will be placed in the originally designated race.

b) For International Competitions: If the Quarter Finals or Semi-Finals are the first round of the competition, Skaters from the same ISU Member will be separated whenever possible following the procedure outlined in subparagraph a).

Reason: Clarification for the first round at International Competitions.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

179. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 296, paragraph 8

Amend as follows:

8. The lane positions of the first Qualifying Round of all distances at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games, are decided by the Seeding List of Competitors as specified in paragraph 3. For International Competitions the lane positions of the first Qualifying Round of a distance will be drawn by the Competitors' Steward.

For each subsequent round the lane positions will not be drawn but be decided by the times skated in the preceding Qualifying Round. The Skaters/Relay Teams will be assigned the lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time, in the following order:

a) In the case that no time in the previous round is available for a Skater/Relay Team due to failure of technical equipment or incorrect placement of blocks, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the lane position in accordance with sub-paragraph c) below.

b) If no times are available at all then a draw for lane positions shall take place first for any Skaters/Relay Teams without a time.

- c) Following the Skaters/Relay Teams with a time will be assigned their position according to the times.
 d) In the case that no time in the previous round is available due to being declared finished without a time, the Skater/Relay Team concerned will be assigned a starting position after the preceding Skaters/Relay Teams.
 e) After determining the start positions of the above Skaters, any Skater qualified through a wild card will be placed next.
 f) Skaters who qualified through a Repechage will be assigned a starting position after the preceding Skaters/Relay Teams.
 g) In the case that two (2) or more Skaters/Relay Teams have the same time, then the best time in any race in this competition over the distance concerned will be taken to determine the order in which the respective Skaters/Relay Teams will be assigned a lane position.
Reason: Wherever possible the Lane positions for the first round are to be based on performance of the Skaters e.g., by Ranking/Seeding List and not by draw.

Council Recommendation:

Considered as an urgent clarification in view of the upcoming Olympic season.

180. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 297, paragraph 3.a)

Amend as follows:

Teams consist of maximum of the following number of Competitors:

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

Mixed Team Relay

<u>World Championships</u>	<u>3 per gender</u>
<u>European Championships</u>	<u>3 per gender</u>
<u>Four Continents Championships</u>	<u>3 per gender</u>
<u>World Cup Competitions</u>	<u>4 per gender</u>

For each race any four(4) of the named Skaters must take part in the race. For World Junior Championships, a Team must have 4 Skaters to take part in the first round of the Relay Competition. If a Team has qualified for a next round and one of the members of the Team has to withdraw due to medical reasons, the Team can start the next round with 3 Skaters.

Reason: Consistency between European Championships and Four Continents Championships. Introduction of the Mixed Team Relay. For World Junior Championships, in special situations where a team would have an injured skater, this amendment will enable teams to stay in the relay competition if they have qualified instead of starting a race with only 3 or 2 teams if there are a few injuries.

Council Recommendation:

Proposed clarifications are considered as essential for consistency. Exceptional Rule for World Junior Championships has been justified by recently occurred situations.

181. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 297, paragraph 3, new subparagraphs j) to q)

Add at the end as follows:

Mixed Team Relay Racing Rules

j) The Individual Racing Rules, paragraphs 1 and 2, and the Relay Racing Rules, paragraphs 3 and 4, shall apply to Mixed Team Relay Races, that means for all members of the Team, both participating and relayed Team members.

k) Unless otherwise specified, Teams consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) Ladies and four(4) Men.

l) For each race any two (2) of the four (4) named Ladies and any two (2) of the four (4) named Men must take part in the race.

m) Races will be over 2000 meters (18 laps).

n) The members of the Team have to relay following a fixed schedule: first 4 x 2,5 laps, then 4 x 2 laps, and always in the following order of exchanges: Lady-Lady-Man-Man. The racing order per Gender is left to the Team.

o) In case of a fall, only a Skater from the same gender can cover the relay for the Team, except in the very last corner before a scheduled exchange to the other gender, a Skater from opposite gender can take the relay and keep on going.

p) In exceptional cases when a Team cannot make an exchange because of actions from other Teams, the exchanges can be made half a lap later.

q) In the last 2 laps of the race, if there is a fall any Team member can take the relay.

Reason: Rules for Mixed Team Relay Races based on current experiences.

Council Recommendation:

Considered as urgent clarifications in view of the upcoming Olympic season.

182. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 297, paragraph 4.b)

Amend as follows:

Breaches of the relay racing rules are considered as follows:

- RELAYING NON-TOUCH: The relay has taken place without a touch or that the touch has not been obvious, clearly shown, and seen by the Referee or Assistant Referees;

- RELAYING DURING THE LAST TWO (2) LAPS: The last relay has not been clearly started before the commencement of the final two (2) laps.

In Mixed Team Relay: The relaying order and planned schedule as described in paragraph 3 has not been followed.

Reason: Rules for Mixed Team Relay.

Council Recommendation:

Considered as urgent clarifications in view of the upcoming Olympic season.

183. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 297, paragraph 7.o)

Amend as follows:

Any Skater, for whom the race has been stopped (to preserve the Skater's well-being), will not be allowed to take part in the re-start, unless the Skater was unable to continue due to reasons beyond his control. This does not apply to the starting procedure. The results of Skater(s) excluded for this reason from a re-start will show 'no finish', "Did not finish" (Record as DNF). This also applies to Relay Teams.

Reason: Drafting matter.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

184. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 298, paragraph 1.b)

Amend as follows:

Prior to each start the names of those about to compete are to be clearly called at the Heat Box. ~~Any Skater who fails to report to the Heat Box is excluded from the race, is excluded from all remaining races and/or distances of the competition and is removed from the final classification, except for Medical Examination and/or Medical Treatment. These medical reasons must be confirmed by a medical doctor's certificate and presented to the Referee before the race is being called.~~

Reason: Simplification of all reasons of not starting and also the consequences.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

185. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 298, paragraph 1.e)

Amend as follows:

Skaters with defective equipment (e.g. broken Skate blade) will not be allowed to start or re-start. The conditions of Rule 291, paragraph 4 apply.

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

Reason: Rule 295 new paragraph 5 clearly lists the order of finish for such cases.

Council Recommendation:

Considered as a drafting matter pending relevant amendments (clarifications) of mentioned parts of Rules 291 and 295.

186. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 298, paragraph 14

Amend as follows:

a) The end of the race is declared by the Referee. Different means can be used to communicate that information to the Skaters and all Officials. Except for Finals: Any Skater who has not yet finished will be declared finished by the Referee, but no time will be assigned.

~~b) After the end of the race there is a limited time to leave the ice. This time may be illustrated by technical equipment.~~

Reason: Adoption of current practice.

Council Recommendation:

The Council is in favor for the reason given.

III. PROPOSALS FOR THE FIGURE SKATING SECTION

A. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING and ICE DANCE

187. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 343, paragraphs 2, 6 and 7

Amend as follows:

2. All Competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality ~~on CD or in any other approved format~~ in a format and means announced in the announcement of the competition in accordance with Rule 112. Acceptable music formats are CD, MP3, AAC formats, WAV and WMA.
 - a) ~~The music covers/dises~~ Competitor ~~must show~~ announce the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Competitor ~~and by the~~, Coach or Team Leader, ~~when submitted~~ at the time of registration;
 - b) Each program (Short Program/Free Program/Pattern Dance when music provided by the Couple/Rhythm Dance/Free Dance) must be recorded on a separate track and or on a separate disc (if using CDs);
 - c) Competitors must provide a back-up drive for each program in a format and means as per the announcement of the competition in accordance with Rule 112.
6. The organizers of each competition shall undertake to delete after the competition all music files which they have received in connection with the competition.
7. If there is no official practice, the organizer must provide the Competitor, Coach or Team Leader the opportunity to check before the competition that electronically submitted music is the correct Competitor's music.

Reason: CDs are out of date and more vulnerable to virus attacks than music formats currently used. CDs are no longer easily available and cause extra concern for Skaters who should prepare for and focus on competitions. Most rinks do not carry CD players anymore and the music is played from computers at the majority of events. Modern music formats reduce the risk of music malfunctions during competition. In addition, CDs cause lots of plastic waste and thus, are not environmentally friendly and in line with the ISU's sustainability goals.

188. TURKEY

POSTPONED TO 2002 CONGRESS

189. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRO SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 351, new paragraph 3

SYS Rule 839, new paragraph 3

- 3) Skaters are not allowed to use headphones, earbuds or any similar devices on the ice during any official practice and during the event.

Reason: Safety reason.

Council Recommendation:

The Council supports for the reasons given.

190. CANADA Figure Skating/ ITALY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

191. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

192. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

193. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

194. CANADA Figure

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

195. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

196. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**ACCEPTED**

Rule 353, paragraph 1.i) subparagraph ii) and iii) change as follows:

- ii) ~~Combination- Step Sequences announced by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and published in an ISU Communication when applicable are evaluated as one unit by adding the Base Values of the Step Sequences of the Lady and the Man and then applying the GOE. The GOE of the Combination Step Sequence is equal to the sum of the numerical values of the corresponding GOEs of the two Groups of the Step Sequences.~~
- iii) ~~Combination-Turns Sequences announced by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and published in an ISU Communication when applicable are evaluated as one unit by adding the Base Values of the executed Types of Turns by the Lady and the Man and then applying the GOE. The GOE of the Combination Turns is equal to the sum of the numerical values of the corresponding GOEs of the executed Types of Turns.~~

Reason: Coherence in terminology and simplification of the Rule.

Council Recommendation:

The Council supports for the reasons given.

197. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**ACCEPTED**

Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) (new m) (with the remaining parts of the table (version 2018) staying in force)

SyS Rule 843 paragraph 1.n (new m) (with the remaining parts of the table (version 2018) staying in force)

Interruption in performing the program	Rule 515, paragraph 4.a)	For every Interruption of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: - 1.0 ▪ more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: - 2.0 ▪ more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: - 3.0
Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption.	Rule 515, paragraph 4.b)	- 5.0 per program
<u>Adverse condition prior the beginning of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes.</u>	Rule 515, paragraph 6	- 5.0 per program

Reason: Consistency with Proposal on Rule 515.

Council Recommendation:

The Council supports for the reasons given.

198. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**ACCEPTED**

Rule 353, paragraph 1) subparagraph n) "Tempo specifications (Ice Dance only)". The row in the chart changes as follows with the remainder staying unchanged:

Tempo specifications (Ice Dance only)	Rules 707, paragraph 1 and 5 and 709, paragraph 1.c)(iii)	- 1.0 per program
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Reason: Reference correction.

Council Recommendation:

The Council supports for the reasons given.

199. CANADA Figure Skating, CHINA Figure Skating, ITALY**POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS****200. AUSTRIA Figure Skating****POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS****201. ISU COUNCIL****POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

202. ISU COUNCIL

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

203. ICELAND

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

204. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 400

Entries to the Olympic Winter Games

A. Entries of Competitors

1. The maximum number of entries for the Olympic Winter Games for Ladies and Men, ~~twenty (20) nineteen (19)~~ for Pair Skating and for Ice Dance as well as the respective number of the best placed ~~twenty-four (24)~~ Competitors in the Short Program respectively the Rhythm Dance to qualify for the final Free Skating respectively the final Free Dance, shall be in accordance with the IOC Qualification System for each edition of the OWG. The IOC Qualification System shall be decided by the IOC in consultation with the ISU.

Reason: To reflect the OWG being an IOC Event, it is the IOC having the power to decide upon the number of entries. This amendment is consistent with the Speed Skating Branch and the IOC Qualification System for any edition of the OWG

205. HUNGARY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

206. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

207. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

208. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 411, SyS Rule 901, paragraph 6.a), b, c) amend as follows:

6. a) Any ISU Official, not fulfilling the service and/or seminar/webinar/online learning modules attendance requirements preceding July 31 for re-appointment to the respective qualification shall be transferred to the list of International Officials of the respective qualification. To be eligible for reinstatement to the position formerly held, the concerned Official then must fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31 of the following year. If these requirements are still not fulfilled, the concerned Official remains on the list of International Officials, provided the requirements for this qualification are fulfilled.
- b) Any International Official, not fulfilling the service and/or seminar/webinar/online learning modules attendance requirements for re-appointment preceding July 31 for re-~~appointment to the respective qualification~~ shall be deleted from the list of International Officials ~~of the respective qualification~~. To be eligible for reinstatement to the position formerly held, the concerned Official then must fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31 of the following year. If these requirements are not fulfilled (~~or cannot be fulfilled~~), the ~~concerned~~ Official must again fulfill the requirements for first appointment as an International Official and be nominated accordingly.
- c) However in case the seminar/webinar/online learning modules attendance requirement is not fulfilled because of medically certified life threatening illness the consequences stipulated in paragraphs a) and b) above shall not apply for one year ~~and one time only~~.

Reason: To include the online learning modules.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

209. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 411, paragraph 9.a) add at the end:

Definitions: for the purpose of Rules 412 to 416,

- a) National Competition: means Senior or Junior national, sectional or divisional championships or competition.

Service in Advanced Novice national, sectional or divisional championships or competition is considered as an activity for first appointment as an International Judge, International Technical Specialist and International Technical Controller (in Ice Dance only).

Reason: To provide more opportunities and include more people to have access to become Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists, particularly in countries where there are limited number of Officials.

Synchronized Skating Rule 901, paragraph 9.a and b, amend as follows:

- a) National Competition: means Senior, ~~or~~ Junior or Advanced Novice national, sectional, divisional championships or competition, ~~with five (5) or more entries.~~
- b) International Competition: means ISU Event, or other International Senior or Junior Competition conducted in accordance with Rule 107, paragraphs 8 or 9, with, for the Segments considered for service requirements, two (2) or more ISU Members participating ~~and with five (5) or more entries.~~ Service in International Advanced Novice competitions conducted in accordance with Rule 107, paragraph 10, with the above minimum number of ~~entries and~~ ISU Members participating is considered as an activity ~~for re-appointment only.~~ Other International non-ISU event activity, of two (2) or more ISU Members participating ~~and with five (5) or more entries,~~ can also be considered as activity if the ~~required numbers of no Teams do not~~ participate in the National Competition.

Reason: To involve more young people to become Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists, particularly in countries where there are limited number of officials.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

210. ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA Figure Skating **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

211. NORWAY **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

212. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

213. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 412, paragraph 1.d)

SyS Rule 902, paragraph 1.d)

Amend as follows:

d) Seminar attendance:

- i) have completed, during the forty-eight (48) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Judges Seminar (see Rule 417 paragraph 1),
- ii) completes an ISU Seminar for first appointment of International Referees (see Rule 417).

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

214. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 412, paragraph 2.b)

SyS Rule 902, paragraph 2.b)

Amend as follows

2. b) Service: have served, during the thirty-six (36) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination as a Referee, Judge, Trial Judge or Technical Controller ~~or OAC member on site~~ in at least one (1) International Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b).

Reason: The OAC is no longer acting on site.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

215. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

216. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 412, paragraph 3.d)

SyS Rule 902, paragraph 3.d)

Amend as follows:

d) Seminar attendance:

- i) have completed, during the forty-eight (48) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Judges Seminar (see Rule 417 paragraph 1),
- ii) completes an ISU Seminar for first appointment of International Referees (see Rule 417).

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

217. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 412, paragraph 4.b)

SyS Rule 902, paragraph 4.b)

Amend as follows:

- b) Service: have served, during the thirty-six (36) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination, as a Referee, Judge, Trial Judge or Technical Controller ~~or OAC member on site~~ in at least one (1) International Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b);

Reason: The OAC is no longer acting on site.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

218. ARGENTINA, Figure Skating **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

219. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

220. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRO SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

221. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRO SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 413, paragraph 3.d)

SyS Rule 903, paragraph 3.d)

Amend as follows:

- d) Seminar attendance: have completed, during the forty-eight (48) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination, an ISU Judges Seminar (see Rule 417 para 1). A seminar, held in conjunction with the examination for International Judges, is not considered as a valid seminar to meet this requirement.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

222. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 413, paragraph 4 b)

SyS Rule 903, paragraph 4 b)

Amend as follows:

- b) Service: have served, during the thirty-six (36) months preceding July 31st of the calendar year of the nomination, as a Referee, Judge, Trial Judge, Technical Controller ~~or OAC member on site~~ in at least one (1) International Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b).

Reason: The OAC is no longer acting on site.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

223. NETHERLANDS **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

224. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 414, paragraph 4. b) (last 5 lines)

Amend as follows:

- b) Serving in Pair Skating counts for Single Skating as well. Serving in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating unless ~~if added~~ supplemented by a service in Pair Skating as Referee, Judge, ~~OAC member on site~~, or participant or moderator in an ISU Seminar dedicated to Pair Skating.

Reason: The OAC is no longer acting on site.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

225. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

226. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

227. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

228. ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

229. CANADA Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

230. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

231. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 417, paragraph 6

SyS Rule 907, paragraph 6

Amend as follows:

6. The Initial Judges Meeting (if conducted by the Referee and the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee) and the Round Table Discussion of an ISU Championships or the Olympic Winter Games together count as an ISU Seminar for re-appointment of Judges only (not for re-appointment of Referees and not for promotion of Referees and Judges).

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

232. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

233. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

234. BELGIUM Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

235. BELGIUM Figure Skating

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

236. NORWAY

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

237. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 430, paragraph 1

SyS Rule 920 paragraph 2

Add at the end:

- prepares a Report (online or using the electronic form) on the event according to ISU guidelines (see Rule 433).

Reason: Update to be in line with new technology forms.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

238. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

239. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS**

240. ISU COUNCIL **ACCEPTED**

Rule 432, paragraph 1

Replace 'and' in the last sentence by 'and/or'

1. Initial Technical Panel Meeting

Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators of International Competitions, ISU Championships, and Olympic Winter Games must attend a closed meeting (Initial Technical Panel Meeting) moderated by the Technical Controller held before the competition starts. The moderators must draw to the attention of the Officials in brief summary form the Rules relating to the duties of Technical Panels and the calling specifications with special attention being paid to any changes in calling specifications or in their interpretation or clarification that have been officially published.

At ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games and ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (combined Junior and Senior), this meeting must be moderated by the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee and/or a Sports Technical Director for the purposes of Rule 417, paragraph 7.

Reason: For consistency with Rule 417, paragraph 7.

241. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 433, paragraph 1

SyS Rule 923, paragraph 1

Amend as follows:

Reports

1. Except for Basic and Intermediate Novice competitions the Referee shall prepare a report (online or using the electronic form) of the competition on a standard form which shall cover the following topics:...

Reason: Reports can no longer be hand written.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reason given.

242. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES **ACCEPTED**

Rule 433 paragraph 2

SyS Rule 923, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. Except for Basic and Intermediate Novice competitions, the Technical Controller shall prepare a typed report on a standard form of the competition, in which the following areas are to be identified:
 - evaluation of teamwork;
 - evaluation of the Technical Specialists' s work;
 - evaluation of the Assistant Technical Specialist's work;
 - evaluation of the Data Operator's work;
 - evaluation of the Replay Operator's work;
 - summary of Technical Panel Discussions;

Reason: ~~To have the same status for the 2 Technical Specialists.~~ To have the same obligations for the Reports of Referees and Technical Controllers.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reason given.

243. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 433

Amend as follows:

The Referee and the Technical Controller shall send their respective reports within fourteen (14) days following the competition to the ISU Secretariat.

Upon well-grounded request, the ISU Secretariat may extend this time limit by up to a maximum of 14 days if compelling circumstances so warrant, provided the request has been sent to the ISU Secretariat within the original time limit.

The ISU Secretariat shall send copies of the reports as soon as possible to the following persons:

- a) the Chair and each member of the respective Technical Committee;
- b) the respective Sports Technical Directors.

Reason: To allow for the possibility of an extension of the very short 14 day extension in justified cases.

244. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

245. ISU COUNCIL – SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

D. Evaluation of Service by Officials

Rule 440

Replace by following wording:

1. Officials Assessment Commission

- a) The composition and the duties of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) are defined in Article 23 of the Constitution and the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.
- b) For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions two OAC members for each discipline (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance) shall be appointed by the ISU President as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution. The appointed OAC members shall conduct the relevant evaluations in accordance with this Rule 440 and the Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.

2. Evaluation of anomalies in the Judges scores at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions

- a) The OAC members shall prepare a report for each competition, including the identification of anomalies in the Judges scores which in their opinion are errors and/or indicate (national) bias (as per Article 23 of the Constitution and the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication). This report shall be made available without delay to the respective Technical Committee through the ISU Secretariat.
- b) The respective Technical Committee shall proceed with its evaluation of the OAC report and send its own report to the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible. If the Technical Committee disagrees on any determination of errors and/or indications of (national) bias by the OAC members, it shall consult them to achieve a consensus. If a disagreement prevails, the Vice President Figure Skating will have the final decision.
- c) If the respective Technical Committee identifies anomalies in Judges scores which the OAC members have not evaluated it shall inform the respective Sports Technical Director who shall decide whether these anomalies are to be considered as determined errors and/or (national) bias.
- d) The respective Technical Committee shall evaluate cases of identified errors in a Judge's score for possible Assessment and issue Assessments in accordance with paragraph 5 below and the criteria established in the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.
- e) Cases of identified (national) bias shall be submitted by the respective Technical Committee and/or the respective Sports Technical Director and/or the Vice President Figure Skating and/or the Council to the ISU Disciplinary Commission (DC) by filing a Statement of Complaint for violation of the ISU Code of Ethics. In case (national) bias emanates from erroneous Judges' scores, the assessment procedure as well as the filing of a Statement of Complaint to the DC shall be undertaken. In case the evaluation process leads to the conclusion that there is an indication of (national) bias in a Judge's

scores but not sufficient evidence for submitting the case to the DC, the respective Technical Committee shall issue a Letter of Warning to the concerned Judge. Such Letter of Warning and its underlying facts shall be taken into consideration as relevant evidence in any further case involving the same Judge where the conclusion of the presence of (national) bias is not solely based on his marking at the competition under evaluation but supported by a certain scoring pattern of the Judge which is revealed only by observation of his marking at several competitions.

3. Evaluation of the decisions of the Technical Panel, the operation of Data & Replay Operators and of the decisions of or the conduct of competition by the Referee at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions

- a) If:
- the OAC members appointed to the competition and/or,
 - the ISU President and/or
 - the ISU Council and/or
 - the respective Sports Technical Director(s), and/or
 - the respective Technical Committee and/or
 - for decisions of the Technical Panel only: the serving Referee as per the outcome of the Judges Round Table Discussion (Judges or the Referee noticed certain discrepancies), consider a decision by the Technical Panel, an operation of the Data or Replay Operator or a decision of or the conduct of the competition by the Referee as erroneous they shall file a report to the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch outlining the identified wrong decision, wrong operation or wrong conduct of the competition in consistent and detailed remarks with indication of the applicable Rules.
- b) Upon receipt by the Vice-President Figure Skating or upon his own cognition of a respective mistake of a report identifying a wrong decision by the Technical Panel, a wrong operation of the Data or Replay Operator or of a wrong decision or wrong conduct of a competition by the Referee, the Vice-President Figure Skating shall inform the respective Technical Committee and the concerned Official, requesting him to inform in writing within two weeks whether he acknowledges or contests the alleged mistake. In case of contest the Vice-President Figure Skating shall send the respective report, together with the relevant video recordings, if available, to the respective Technical Committee and to three Officials, selected by him for review at their residence. The selected Officials shall not be informed of the identity of the other selected Officials. The selected Officials must be from different ISU Members and must not be from the same ISU Member as the concerned Technical Panel members, the concerned Data or Replay Operator or the concerned Referee and any Skater(s) affected by the respective potential wrong decision or wrong conduct of the competition. The three selected Officials shall be composed as follows:
- (i) for Technical Panels: one ISU Technical Controller and one ISU Technical Specialist, for Referees: two ISU Referees, for Data & Replay Operators: one ISU Technical Controller and one ISU Data & Replay Operator
 - (ii) one member of the respective Technical Committee. If a member of the respective Technical Committee is subject to the evaluation, no Technical Committee member shall be included in the selected Officials. Instead a second ISU Technical Controller or ISU Technical Specialist respectively a third ISU Referee and a second ISU Data & Replay Operator shall be selected.
- c) In cases concerning a wrong decision by the Technical Panel the Vice-President Figure Skating shall first check the available video recordings and the audio records of the Technical Panel discussions in order to establish if such decision has been made as a majority or split decision of the Technical Panel or if the decision was due to an erroneous operation by the Data Operator or the Replay Operator. He then shall proceed according to letter b) above with respect to the Officials responsible for the alleged wrong decision.
- d) The selected Officials and the respective Technical Committee shall forward their conclusions whether the relevant decision, operation or conduct of the competition was wrong or not, independently from each other to the Vice-President Figure Skating. If the majority of the selected Officials concludes that the decision or operation or conduct of the competition in question was wrong, the Vice-President Figure Skating shall submit the case, together with the report of the respective Technical Committee and his detailed report with his own evaluation of the matter to the Council for final decision upon an Assessment or, in case of minor failures, a Letter of Criticism.

4. Evaluation of Reports of Referees and Reports of Technical Controllers

The respective Technical Committee shall rate the quality of the reports of the Referees and of the reports of the Technical Controllers for all ISU Events and International Competitions (including the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games) based on documentation delivered according to Rule 433 as very good, good, acceptable/average, mediocre or poor. The respective qualification shall be added to the records of the concerned Referees and Technical Controllers. If any report is rated as poor the respective Technical Committee shall issue an Assessment according to paragraph 5 below.

5. Assessments

- a) Erroneous marking, being part of the majority in a wrong decision of the Technical Panel involving a striking difference per Skater/Pair/Couple, wrong decisions and wrong conduct of a competition by the Referee, poor reports by the Referee or by the Technical Controller and wrong operations by Data & Replay Operators shall be subject to Assessment 1 in a first case, Assessment 2 if an Assessment 1 had been issued before and Assessment 3, if an Assessment 2 had been issued before.
- b) Assessments against Judges shall generally be decided by the respective Technical Committee.. Assessments against members of the Technical Panel, Referees, and Data & Replay Operators by the Council, except for Assessments for poor reports by the Referees and Technical Controllers, which shall be decided by the respective Technical Committee (see paragraph 4).

6. Demotions

- a) If an accumulation of Assessments for an Official leads to an Assessment 3, the ISU Body responsible for the respective Assessment (paragraphs 2. d), 3.c) and 5.b) shall demote the Official with immediate effect as follows:
 - i) ISU Judges, Referees Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators: shall be transferred to the respective list of International Officials;
 - ii) International Judges Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators shall be deleted from the respective list of International Officials.
- b) Before a Demotion is decided, the following procedure shall be followed:

If an Assessment 3 is issued, the Official concerned and his ISU Member shall be notified through the ISU Secretariat about his possible Demotion.

The Official may, within 5 days upon receipt of the notification, contest a Demotion by challenging any of its underlying Assessments and request a hearing with at least three (3) members of:

 - i) the respective Technical Committee in cases concerning Judges.
 - ii) the Figure Skating Branch of the ISU Council, Council who may appoint additional experts, in cases concerning Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists or Data & Replay Operators.

If a hearing is requested it shall be held without delay, at a date and time to be determined by the hearing Body, if possible and unless the hearing body considers an in-person hearing as necessary due to special circumstances, by means of a video-conference.

At the hearing the Official shall be given the opportunity to explain why, in his opinion, a Demotion and the underlying Assessments, in his view, is/were not justified. For supporting his explanations he may use available video and/or audio recordings.

Upon conclusion of the hearing the hearing body shall prepare a report on the hearing, including its recommendation to maintain or revoke any challenged Assessment. The respective Technical Committee, respectively the Council shall decide whether to revoke or maintain any challenged Assessment. If the contested Assessment(s) is/are confirmed or if the Official has renounced at a hearing the respective Technical Committee respectively the Council shall proceed to Demotion according to section 6.a) above.

Any expenses related to the hearing shall generally be for the Official's account. However, if the hearing body has called for an in-person hearing and if any of the contested Assessment is revoked travel board and lodging expenses of the Official shall be borne by the ISU.

7. Effectiveness and duration of validity of Assessments and Demotions

- a) An Assessment or a Demotion shall be effective only for the concerned qualification, i.e. Referee, Judge, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist or Data & Replay Operator.

- b) Assessments and Demotions concerning Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists shall be effective only for the discipline in which they have received an Assessment or Demotion, i.e. Single & Pair Skating or Ice Dance.
- c) Assessments and Demotions of Referees and Data & Replay Operators shall be effective for all disciplines, including Synchronized Skating.
- d) For Referees Assessments received in different disciplines, including Synchronized Skating, are added.
- e) For Technical Specialists acting also as Technical Controller (and vice versa) Assessments received in these different functions are added.
- f) Each Assessment shall remain valid for the current season plus additional two seasons and shall count during such period of time towards an accumulation of Assessments.
- g) A Demotion shall remain valid until the concerned Official is reinstated in the position formerly held by having fulfilled the requirements for first appointment to this position, as per Rules 410 to 416.
- h) If the majority of Judges (or Referees when serving as Judges) of an ISU Member have been suspended for misconduct and/or demoted subsequently to Assessments and/or warranted Assessments over a period of several years, the Council may decide that this ISU Member will be warned or will lose the right to appoint Judges to ISU Championships and/or Olympic Winter Games and/or International Competitions for such a period as the Council may decide. In the exercise of this power, however, the Council shall not generally take into consideration cases having occurred more than five years before the decision.

8. Notification of Letters of Warning, Assessments and Demotions

The ISU Body issuing a Letter of Warning, an Assessment or a Demotion shall instruct the ISU Secretariat to notify the Official concerned with a copy to his ISU Member and the respective Technical Committee.

9. Sanctions for violations of the Duties of Officials and ethical offenses

- a) Erroneous marking, wrong decisions by Technical Panels, wrong operations of Data & Replay Operators, wrong decisions or wrong conduct of competitions by Referees and poor reports are subject to Assessment (Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above). Any other violations of the Duties of Officials as defined in Rule 430, including violations of the ISU Code of Ethics, if committed with any degree of fault (intent, gross negligence, recklessness, carelessness etc.) are disciplinary/ethical by nature and subject to disciplinary sanctions according to Art. 25, paragraph 9 of the Constitution. This in particular includes, but is not limited to:
 - i) Not or partly attending official meetings without justified cause.
 - ii) Not or only partly attending draws without justified cause (Referee only):
 - iii) Not or only partly attending the competition without justified cause;
 - iv) No report submitted, report submitted late or incomplete report (Referees and Technical Controllers only);
 - v) Any violation of the ISU Code of Ethics (for cases of (national) bias see paragraph 2 above)
- b) Any serious disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials shall immediately be submitted to the ISU Disciplinary Commission.
- c) In case of a less serious disciplinary/ethical violation by any Official who has never been subject to any disciplinary sanctions and/or any Letter of Warning before, the respective Technical Committee and/or Sports Technical Director shall issue a Letter of Warning, making mention of the violation in question and informing the Official that any further disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials might lead to a Complaint to the Disciplinary Commission.
Any further disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission, except for particularly minor cases for which the imposing of any disciplinary sanction would obviously be disproportionate; in such cases (a) further Letter(s) of Warning shall be issued.
- d) Statements of Complaint regarding disciplinary/ethical violations of the Duties of Officials and/or ethical offenses shall be filed with the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the DC Rules of Procedure by the respective Technical Committee, and/or the respective Sports Technical Director and/or the Vice President for the Figure Skating Branch and/or by the ISU Council.
If the concerned Official is a member of the respective Technical Committee the Statement of Complaint shall be filed by the Council.
- e) Statements of Complaint shall be based on the own observations of the filing body and/or reports received from any third person, in particular but not limited to reports received from Referees, members of Panel of Judges, members of Technical Panels.

Reason: To restructure the Rule in order to make it easier to read and to clearly separate technical mistakes and disciplinary violations.

**B. TECHNICAL RULES SINGLE & PAIR SKATING / ICE DANCE
GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES IN SINGLES & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE**

246. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

247. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 504, paragraph 1.b)

Change as follows:

Single & Pair Skating	Ice Dance
Lifts, twist lifts and death spirals (Pairs), spins and steps (Singles and Pairs) are divided in five (5) Levels of Difficulty, according to the number of features achieved: Basic Level – no features, Level 1 – one feature, Level 2 – two features, Level 3 – three features, Level 4 – four or more features.	All Required Elements except Choreographic Elements except Choreographic Elements are divided into <u>five (5) Levels of Difficulty- according to the number of features achieved. Pattern Dance Elements, Lifts, Spins, Twizzles and Step Sequences, are evaluated with five (5) Levels of Difficulty according to the number of features achieved.</u> Choreographic Elements, no Level is given, but are confirmed if the minimum requirements defining the Element are met.

Reason: Simplification of the Rule.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

248. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 504, paragraph 1.c)

Change as follows:

Each Judge will mark the quality of execution of every element depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors on an eleven (11) Grade of Execution scale: +5, +4, +3, +2, +1, Base Value, -1, -2, -3, -4, -5. Elements A as per Rule 353, paragraphs 1.h) (i) and (ii) (in Single & Pair Skating) and 1.i) ~~, jump combinations, jump sequences (in Single & Pair Skating) and Combination Lifts, Combination Step Sequence, Combination Turns (for example: Combination Set of Twizzles or Combination One Foot Step Sequence (in Ice Dance)~~ are evaluated as one unit. The guidelines for marking GOE's are published and updated in ISU Communications.

Reason: Simplification of the Rule.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

249. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 504, paragraph 2.

Changes as follows:

2. Illegal Elements/Movements/Pose

Every Illegal Element/Movement/Pose as defined in Rules 610 (Single & Pair Skating), 704 paragraph 21, (Ice Dance), 709, paragraph 3 (Rhythm Dance), 710, paragraph 3 (Free Dance) performed in the program will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n). If an Illegal Element/Movement/Pose is performed during the execution of any element, the deduction for an Illegal Element/Movement/Pose will apply and the element will be called:

- Single & Pair Skating: Basic Level if the requirements for at least Basic Level are fulfilled;
- Ice Dance: Basic Level 4 if the requirements for at least Basic Level 4 are fulfilled; ~~or not confirmed~~ (no level) for Choreographic Elements.

Otherwise the element will be called "no level"

Reason: Harmonization with Single & Pair Skating Rule. References to Rule 709 paragraph 3 and 710 paragraph 3 are deleted and the reference for Illegal Elements/Movements/Pose is included now only in one rule (704 para 21).

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

250. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 504, paragraph 3.a)

Amend as follows:

Transitions

The varied and purposeful use of intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements.

In evaluating Transitions, the following must be considered:

- Continuity of movements from one element to another (all disciplines);
- Variety (including variety of holds in Pair Skating and in Ice Dance);
- Difficulty;
- Quality.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

251. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

252. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

253. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ACCEPTED

Rule 515

Amend as follows:

Interruptions, Music Deficiencies, Adverse Conditions and Incomplete Programs

1. An **Interruption** is defined as the period of time starting immediately when the Competitor stops performing the program or is ordered to do so by the Referee, whichever is earlier, and ending when the Competitor resumes his performance.

The Referee shall decide where the point of interruption is and communicate this to the Competitor, the Judges and the Technical Controller. The Competitor shall resume the program according to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 below

~~Thereupon~~ The Technical Panel decides if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during the element. ~~In this case~~ The Technical Controller shall inform the Referee accordingly

2. **Music Deficiencies:**

If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient or if for any reason there is an interruption or stop in the music, the Competitor must stop skating when he becomes aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier.

- a) If any of these problems regarding the music occurs within the twenty (20) seconds after the start of the program, it is the choice of the Competitor whether to continue from the point of where he stops performing or restart the program. If the Competitor decides to restart the program, the Judges and Technical Panel evaluate the program from the beginning, disregarding the previous evaluation. If the Competitor decides to continue from the point where he stopped performing, the Judges and Technical Panel continue evaluating the program from the moment the Competitor resumes the program and the prior evaluation remains.

- b) If any of these problems regarding the music occurs more than twenty (20) seconds after the start of the program, the Competitor shall resume the program from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. If this element was identified and called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, the Technical Panel has to delete it from the list of the performed elements. The Competitor is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program

No deductions apply for interruptions due to music deficiencies.

3. **Adverse conditions unrelated to the Competitor and/or his equipment**

If an adverse condition unrelated to the Competitor or his equipment, such as lighting, ice condition, item thrown onto the ice etc. occurs, the Competitor ~~must~~ may stop skating and report to the Referee when he becomes aware of the problem and must stop skating at the acoustic signal of the Referee.

When the problem is solved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. ~~In this case the respective element shall not be called by the Technical Panel. If this element was identified and called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, the Technical Panel shall delete it from the list of the performed elements. The Competitor is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program.~~

If the interruption lasts longer than ten minutes, there shall be a second warm-up period according to Rule 514, paragraph 2. After the second warm-up, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element.

No deductions apply for interruptions unrelated to the Competitor or his equipment.

4. **Adverse conditions related to the Competitor and/or his Equipment occurring during the program:**

If a Competitor is injured during the program or another adverse condition related to him or his equipment (such as but not limited to health problems, nose bleeding, lace undone, damage to clothing or skates) occurs the Competitor must stop skating when he becomes aware of the problem ~~and reports to the Referee~~ or at the acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier. The music shall be stopped only if the Referee instructs the music technician to do so according to section b) below.

Duration of Interruptions:

a) Up to 40 seconds

If the adverse condition can be remedied without delay the Competitor does not need to report to the Referee and the music continues to play. If he resumes skating within 40 seconds, the Referee will apply a deduction as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

b) Up to 3 minutes

~~If the adverse condition cannot be remedied without delay and the Competitor shall report to the Referee within forty (40) seconds the Referee will allow an additional period of three (3) minutes, for the Competitor to resume skating. This additional period starts at the time grants this additional 3 minutes. At the same time the Referee signals for the music to be stopped. If the Competitor resumes skating within the additional period, the Referee will apply a deduction as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).~~

~~When the problem is solved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately following this element which shall be called by the Technical Panel.~~

~~If the Competitor does not report to the Referee within forty (40) seconds after stopping skating or being ordered to do so by an acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier, or does not resume skating his program within the additional three (3) minutes period, he shall be considered withdrawn. If the Competitor does not resume skating within forty (40) seconds, the Referee shall instruct the music technician to stop the music and allow the Competitor 3 additional minutes. If the Competitor resumes skating within this additional period, the Referee will apply a deduction of 5.0 points as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) This deduction also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding the allowance of 3 additional minutes.~~

~~When the problem is solved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element which was called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, at the point immediately following this element. The call made prior to the interruption shall stay.~~

~~Only one resumption per program is allowed upon an allowance of additional 3 minutes. If there is a second interruption of more than 40 seconds due to an adverse condition related to a Competitor or his equipment the Competitor shall be considered withdrawn.~~

5. ~~If, in the opinion of the Referee, medical attention is required, he must stop the performance by an acoustic signal and follow the Medical Protocol (Communication 2049 or any update thereof)~~

~~If medical attention is required, the Referee must stop the performance by an acoustic signal, follow the Medical Protocol (Communication 2267 or any update thereof) and instruct the music technician to stop the music. After consulting with the respective Team Physician, or, if not present, the medical doctor provided by the Organizer, the Referee shall decide if the Competitor is allowed back to compete. If the Referee does not allow the Skater to resume within 3 minutes since the Competitor stopped skating their program, the Competitor is withdrawn. If the Referee allows the Competitor/s to continue skating his program, **no deduction** will apply.~~

When the problem is resolved, the Competitor shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately following this element, which is called by the Technical Panel and the call remains.

6. **Adverse condition occurring prior the beginning of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes.**

~~Adverse condition arising after being called to the start and prior to taking the starting position:~~

~~If any adverse condition related to the Competitor or his equipment occurs between his being called the call to the start and taking the starting position and 60 seconds (Rule 350, paragraph 2) are not enough to remedy the adverse condition, the Referee shall allow the competitor three (3) additional minutes applying and applies a deduction of 5.0 points as per to Rule 353, paragraph 1n).~~

i) If any adverse condition related to the Competitor or his equipment occurs between his being called ~~the call~~ to the start and taking the starting position which cannot be remedied within 60 seconds (Rule 350, paragraph 2), the Referee shall allow the Competitor three (3) additional minutes and apply a deduction of 5.0 points as per Rule 353, paragraph 1n).

ii) If any adverse condition related to the Competitor or his equipment occurs ~~between his~~ after he takes the ice but before the call to the start and the time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy such condition, the Referee shall allow the Competitor three (3) additional minutes before being called to the start and apply ~~applying~~ a deduction of 5.0 points as per Rule 353, paragraph 1n).

7. **Adverse condition occurring during the warm up:**

If an adverse condition related to the Competitor with the first starting number in the warm up group or his equipment ~~or his equipment~~ occurs during the warm-up, and time before the call to the start is not sufficient to remedy such condition the Referee shall allow the Competitor three (3) additional minutes before being called to the start without applying any deductions For the purposes of paragraph 4, section b) above of this situation is not considered as resumption of the program

~~8. **Incomplete Programs**~~

~~If a Competitor does not complete the program, no marks will be awarded and the Competitor shall be considered withdrawn.~~

8. **Limit of the interruptions allowed.**

Only one interruption, up to 3 minutes, is allowed whenever it takes place (prior or during the program). If there is a second interruption of more than 40 seconds due to an adverse condition related to a Competitor (including medical problems) or his equipment the Competitor shall be considered withdrawn.

8 9. **Incomplete Programs**

If a Competitor does not complete the program, no marks will be awarded and the Competitor shall be considered withdrawn.

Reason: Clarification and simplification of the current procedure.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

254. ISU COUNCIL

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

255. ISU COUNCIL

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256. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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257. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

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258. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

II. Size of warm-up groups Rule 514

Change as follows:

II. Size of warm-up groups Rule 514

Number of Competitors	Singles Short Program Free Skating Maximum 6	Pair Skating Short Program Free Skating Maximum 4	Ice Dance Rhythm Dance, Free Dance Maximum 5	Ice Dance Pattern Dance, Maximum 6
4	4	4	4	<u>4</u>
5	5	2+3	5	<u>5</u>
6	6	3+3	3+3	<u>6</u>
7	3+4	3+4	3+4	<u>3+4</u>
8	4+4	4+4	4+4	<u>4+4</u>
9	4+5	3+3+3	4+5	<u>4+5</u>
10	5+5	3+3+4	5+5	<u>5+5</u>
11	5+6	3+4+4	3+4+4	<u>5+6</u>
12	6+6	4+4+4	4+4+4	<u>6+6</u>
13	4+4+5	3+3+3+4	4+4+5	<u>4+4+5</u>
14	4+5+5	3+3+4+4	4+5+5	<u>4+5+5</u>
15	5+5+5	3+4+4+4	5+5+5	<u>5+5+5</u>
16	5+5+6	4+4+4+4	4+4+4+4	<u>5+5+6</u>
17	5+6+6	3+3+3+4+4	4+4+4+5	<u>5+6+6</u>
18	6+6+6	3+3+4+4+4	4+4+5+5	<u>6+6+6</u>
19	4+5+5+5	3+4+4+4+4	4+5+5+5	<u>4+5+5+5</u>
20	5+5+5+5	4+4+4+4+4	5+5+5+5	<u>5+5+5+5</u>
21	5+5+5+6	3+3+3+4+4+4	4+4+4+4+5	<u>5+5+5+6</u>
22	5+5+6+6	3+3+4+4+4+4	4+4+4+5+5	<u>5+5+6+6</u>
23	5+6+6+6	3+4+4+4+4+4	4+4+5+5+5	<u>5+6+6+6</u>
24	6+6+6+6	4+4+4+4+4+4	4+5+5+5+5	<u>6+6+6+6</u>
25	5+5+5+5+5	3+3+3+4+4+4+4	5+5+5+5+5	<u>5+5+5+5+5</u>
26	5+5+5+5+6	3+3+4+4+4+4+4	4+4+4+4+5+5	<u>5+5+5+5+6</u>
27	5+5+5+6+6	3+4+4+4+4+4+4	4+4+4+5+5+5	<u>5+5+5+6+6</u>
28	5+5+6+6+6	4+4+4+4+4+4+4	4+4+5+5+5+5	<u>5+5+6+6+6</u>
29	5+6+6+6+6	3+3+3+4+4+4+4+4	4+5+5+5+5+5	<u>5+6+6+6+6</u>
30	6+6+6+6+6	3+3+4+4+4+4+4+4	5+5+5+5+5+5	<u>6+6+6+6+6</u>
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35	5+6+6+6+6+6	3+4+4+4+4+4+4+4+4	5+5+5+5+5+5+5	<u>5+6+6+6+6+6</u>
36	6+6+6+6+6+6	4+4+4+4+4+4+4+4+4	4+4+4+4+5+5+5+5	<u>6+6+6+6+6+6</u>

Reason: The maximum number of competitors in a Pattern Dance warm-up group is 6 according to the Rule 514 paragraph 2.c) Therefore in the chart the Pattern Dance needs to be separated from the Rhythm Dance and Free Dance warm-up groups.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

C. TECHNICAL RULES SINGLE & PAIR SKATING

259. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

260. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 611, paragraph 1.b)

Delete the beginning of the second sentence:

~~The music is chosen by each Competitor.~~ Vocal music with lyrics is permitted.

Reason: Drafting, unnecessary repetition of the first sentence.

Council Recommendations:

Council supports for the reasons given.

261. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 611, paragraph 3

2020-2021

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Sit spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Ladies

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or sit spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

2021-2022

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Flip jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Camel spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Ladies

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Flip jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or camel spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

2022-2023

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Loop jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;

- e) Sit spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Ladies

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Loop jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying camel spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or sit spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

2023-2024

Men

- a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Camel spin with only one change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Ladies

- a) Double Axel Paulsen;
- b) Double or triple Lutz jump;
- c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
- d) Flying sit spin;
- e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or camel spin without change of foot;
- f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Reason: Usual rotation of Groups.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

262. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 611, paragraph 4.e)

- e) Spin in one position

Men - spin with only one change of foot:

Senior: The Competitor must choose the camel position or the sit position to be executed, but this position must be different from the landing position of the Flying spin. The spin must consist of only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump with not less than six (6) revolutions on each foot in the chosen basic position.

Junior: Only the prescribed sit or camel position is permitted to be executed. The spin must consist of only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump with not less than six (6) revolutions on each foot in the chosen basic position.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

263. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

264. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

265. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

266. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 619

Delete the following and keep the rest:

Solo spin combinations

~~The Solo spin combination must have a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions by both partners anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a Spin combination must include all three basic positions by both partners.~~

~~Solo spin combinations may be commenced with jumps.~~

Pair spin combinations

~~The Pair spin combination must have a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions by both partners anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a Spin combination must include all three basic positions by both partners.~~

~~The pair spin combination must include at least one change of foot and position of both partners.~~

~~If there is no change of foot or no change of position by both partners, the element will have no value.~~

~~Reason: Solo Spin Combination is only an element of the Short Program and Pair Spin Combination is only an element of the Free Program. The requirements are moved in the corresponding program.~~

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

267. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 619

Lifts

Amend last paragraph as follows:

For the evaluation

of the Technical Panel, the lift is concluded when the Man's arm(s) begin to bend after full extension and consequently the Lady begins to descend. Level features (except related to take-off or landing) are counted from the moment the Man's arms are fully extended until the conclusion of the Lift.

Judges evaluate the entire lift from take-off to landing.

Reason: Clarification.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

268. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 620, paragraph 1.b)

Delete the beginning of the second sentence:

~~The music is chosen by each pair, Vocal music with lyrics is permitted.~~

Reason: Drafting, unnecessary repetition of the first sentence.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

269. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 620, paragraph 2 and 3

2. The Senior Short Program shall consist of the following required elements, which form three groups.

The groups that are effective on July 1st of each year are:

2021-2022

- a) Any hand to hand lift take-off (Group Four);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral backward outside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface;

2022-2023

- a) Any Lasso lift take-off (Group Five);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral backward inside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

2023-2024

- a) Any hip lift take-off (Group Three);
- b) Twist lift (double or triple);
- c) Throw jump (double or triple);
- d) Solo jump (double or triple);
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot;
- f) Death spiral forward inside;
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

3. The Junior Short Program shall consist of the following required elements, which form three groups. The groups that are effective on July 1st of each year are:

2021-2022

- a) Any hand to hand lift take-off (Group Four)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple Salchow throw jump
- d) Double Flip or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral backward outside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

2022-2023

- a) Any Lasso lift take-off (Group Five)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple toe loop or Flip/Lutz throw jump
- d) Double loop or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral backward inside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

2023-2024

- a) Any hip lift take-off (Group Three)
- b) Twist lift (double or triple)
- c) Double or triple loop throw jump
- d) Double Lutz or double Axel solo jump
- e) Solo spin combination with only one change of foot
- f) Death spiral forward inside
- g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

Reason: Usual rotation of Groups.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

270. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Rule 620, paragraph 4.e)

Solo spin combination

e) The Solo spin combination must have a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions by both partners anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a Spin combination must include all three basic positions by both partners.

Solo spin combinations may be commenced with jumps.

ACCEPTED

The spin combination must include only one change of foot with not less than five (5) revolutions on each foot by both partners. The change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump. The change of foot and the change of positions may be made either at the same time or separately.

Reason: To have all the requirements for this element in the corresponding section of the Rule book.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

271. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 621, paragraph 4

Pair Spin Combination

The Pair spin combination must have a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions by both partners anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a Spin combination must include all three basic positions by both partners.

The pair spin combination must include at least one change of foot and position of both partners.

If there is no change of foot or no change of position by both partners, the element will have no value.

The pair spin combination must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by Judges in their marking. However, a spin with less than three (3) rotations is considered as a skating movement and not a spin. The minimum number of required revolutions must be counted from the entry of the spin until its exit.

In the **pair spin combination** there must be at least one change of foot of both partners, not necessarily executed by both partners at the same time.

Reason: To simplify the requirements and to have all the requirements for this element in the corresponding section of the Rule book.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

D. TECHNICAL RULES ICE DANCE

272. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 703, paragraph 4.b) iii)

Modify as follows and delete iv):

iii) *Group C: Partial Step Sequences*

Pattern Dance Type Step Sequence— performed anywhere on the ice surface or as prescribed by the Ice Dance Technical Committee in an ISU Communication.

• ~~*One Foot Step Sequence*~~— performed on one foot by each partner simultaneously, in Hold or separately

iv) ~~*Group D: Combination Step Sequences*~~ consisting of a ~~*One Foot Step Sequence*~~ and a ~~*Step Sequence*~~ of Group A, B or C or any combination thereof.

Reason: One Foot Step Sequence is a turn sequence and it is not evaluated as a Step Sequence Therefore it has to be deleted from the Step Sequences and moved to Rule 704 paragraph 12.ii).

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

273. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704, paragraph 8 subparagraph b)

Modify as follows:

b) Cross Roll (Forward/Backward) - A Roll started with the action of the free foot approaching the skating foot from the side and passing continuously the skating foot on ice to the next outside curve. At the same time, the body weight transfers from one outside curve to the new outside curve to create a “rolling movement”. Following this action, an outside edge is required.

Reason: Simplification of the definition.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

274. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704, paragraph 12

Modify as follows:

12. Set of Twizzles Turns Sequences

i) Set of Twizzles

a) Set of Synchronized Twizzles – A series of two Twizzles for each partner with up to 3 ~~4~~ steps between Twizzles;

b) Set of Sequential Twizzles – A series of two Twizzles for each partner with up to 1 step between Twizzles.

For both a) and b), each Twizzle shall be at least one full rotation on one foot performed simultaneously (at the same time) by both partners, ~~for example:~~

~~— side by side in the same direction (matching)~~

~~— or side by side in opposite directions (mirror)~~

~~— or following one another (one skating forward and/or backward and the other skating forward and/or backward).~~

ii) One Foot Turns Sequence

Specified Turns performed on one foot by each partner simultaneously, in Hold or separately.

Reason: Simplification, coherency and consistency. To allow more creativity and variety in Twizzles and to produce two different Set of Twizzles. “One Foot Step Sequence” has to be deleted from the Step Sequences in Rule 703 paragraph 4.b.ii) and moved to Rule 704. The title is changed from One Foot Step Sequence to One Foot Turns Sequence because it is formed on turns and not steps.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

275. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704, paragraph 16)

Delete "Illegal Lift Movement/Pose" and the listing under this heading; the rest stays unchanged:

~~Illegal Lift Movement/Pose – The following movements and/or poses during the lift are illegal (unless otherwise stated in an ISU Communication):~~

- ~~a) sitting on the partner's head;~~
- ~~b) standing on the partner's shoulder;~~
- ~~c) lifted partner in upside down split pose (with sustained angle between thighs more than 45 degrees);~~
- ~~d) lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around by holding the skate(s)/boot(s) or leg(s) only with fully extended arm(s) or without the assistance of hand(s)/arm(s);~~
- ~~e) point of contact of the lifting hand(s)/arm(s) of the lifting partner with any part of the body of the lifted partner is sustained with the fully extended arm(s) higher than the lifting partner's head (the supporting arm may be sustained and fully extended above the head);~~

~~A brief movement through poses a) to e) will be permitted if it is not established (sustained) or if it is used only to change pose.~~

Reason: To create a separate rule for all the Illegal Elements/Movements.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

276. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704, paragraph 17 subparagraph a)

Modify as follows, delete subparagraph b) and c) and add new subparagraphs b), c) and d) as follows; the rest stays unchanged:

- a) *Dance Jump* – A jump of not more than one (1) revolution, which may be executed by only one (1) partner at a time. This jump may be performed either in hold or separated
- ~~b) *Dance Jump* – A small jump not more than 1/2 a revolution, used to change foot or direction. Such jumps may be performed either in hold or separated. Both partners may jump at the same time;~~
- ~~c) *Hop* – A small jump without revolution.~~
- b) *Jump Entry* – A jump of not more than one and a half (1,5) revolutions, performed by one partner as an entry to a Required Element unless otherwise specified in an ISU Communication.
- c) *Jump Exit* – A jump of not more than one and a half (1,5) revolutions, performed by one partner as an exit from a Required Element unless otherwise specified in an ISU Communication.
- d) *Hop* – A small jump without revolution.

Reason: Simplification of the Rule and to allow more creativity in Choreography.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

277. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704, paragraph 19

Modify as follows and add a new paragraph 20:

19. Choreographic Element – Listed or unlisted movement or series of movements as specified by the Ice Dance Technical Committee.

~~Any variation(s) or combination(s) of Turns/Steps/Movements/Spins/Lifts approved by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and published in an ISU Communication when applicable.~~

20. Any variation(s) or combination(s) of Turns/Steps/Movements/Spins/Lifts approved by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and published in an ISU Communication when applicable.

Reason: Drafting.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

278. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 704

Add a new paragraph 21) as follows:

21. *Illegal Elements/Movements /Poses* – The following movements and/or poses are illegal in Rhythm Dance, Free Dance and in the Pattern Dances including the introductory and concluding steps (unless otherwise stated in an ISU Communication):

- a) sitting on the partner's head;
- b) standing on the partner's shoulder;

- c) lifted partner in upside down split pose (with sustained angle between thighs more than 45 degrees);
- d) lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around by holding the skate(s)/boot(s) or leg(s) only with fully extended arm(s)
- e) lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around without the assistance of hand(s)/arm(s) and the lifted partner holds only with legs/feet around the lifting partner's neck;
- f) point of contact of the lifting hand(s)/arm(s) of the lifting partner with any part of the body of the lifted partner is sustained with the fully extended arm(s) higher than the lifting partner's head (the supporting arm may be sustained and fully extended above the head);
- g) Jumps (or throw jumps) of more than one (1) revolution except Jump Entry and/or Jump Exit;
- h) Lying on the ice;

A brief movement through poses a) to f) will be permitted if it is not established and sustained or if it is used only to change pose.

Reason: Separate Rule for all Illegal Elements/Movements/Poses and to give more possibility for more creativity in Choreography and in Required Elements.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

279. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 707, paragraph 1

Modify as follows:

1. Pattern Dances consist of the skating of prescribed Patterns, Steps and Turns to music with a defined Rhythm and constant Tempo.

Reason: Adding the missing requirement for music for Pattern Dances.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

280. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 709, paragraph 1, subparagraph c) iii)

Modify as follows:

- iii) The music ~~must be selected~~ must should have a constant tempo and be in accordance with the specified tempo, when applicable

Reason: Adding the missing requirement for music for Pattern Dances Element (if included in the Rhythm Dance).

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

281. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 709, paragraph 1), subparagraph g)

Modify as follows:

- g) Partners must not separate except to change hold or to perform Required Elements requiring a separation, Turns as transitional elements and moves during the permitted stops. The distance between partners during such separations should not exceed two arm lengths. Change of hold and Turns as transitional elements must not exceed the duration of one measure of music. Separations at the beginning and/or end of the program may be up to ten (10) seconds in duration without restrictions on the distance of the separation, unless otherwise specified in an ISU Communication;

Reason: To be in line with other Rules.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

282. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 709, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

Required Elements

The list of Required Elements to be included in the Rhythm Dance and specific requirements for these elements will be announced in an ISU Communication annually.

The following are options that may be included as Required Elements:

- Dance Lift(s) – see Rule 704, paragraph 16;
- Dance Spin(s) – see Rule 704, paragraph 14;
- ~~Set(s) of Twizzles~~ Turns Sequence(s) – see Rule 704, paragraph 12;
- Step Sequence(s) – see Rule 703, paragraph 4;
- Pattern Dances Element(s) – see Rule 703, paragraph 6 (Pattern Dance Element as per Rule 703, paragraph 6. a) or 6. b) included in the Junior Rhythm Dance as set Required Element(s);
- Choreographic Element(s) see Rule 704, paragraph 19.

Reason: Set of Twizzles is included in the Turns Sequence.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

283. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

284. ICE DANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 710, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. Well Balanced Free Dance Programs

The list of Required Elements to be included in a Well Balanced Program for Novice, Junior and Senior Free Dances and the specific requirements for those elements will be announced in an ISU Communication annually. The following are options that may be included as Required Elements:

- Dance Lift(s) – see Rule 704 paragraph 16;
- Dance Spin(s) – see Rule 704 paragraph 14;
- Step Sequence(s) – see Rule 703 paragraph 4 (Groups A and B);
- ~~Set(s) of Synchronized Twizzles~~ Turn Sequence(s)– see Rule 704 paragraph 12.a);
- Choreographic Element(s) – see Rule 704, paragraph 19.

Reason: Set of Synchronized Twizzles is included in the Turns Sequence.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

E. SPECIAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

285. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 800 Discipline and content of Synchronized Skating

Paragraph 2.g)

Add at the end:

(Alternates are not included in the calculation of 50% of the Team)

Reason: To make it clear that only sixteen (16) Skaters are counted with the minimum change of 50% of the Skaters, in case the same Skater(s) is/are competing at the same competition in two or three different categories.

Council Recommendation:

The Council agrees to this clarification.

286. ISU COUNCIL

ACCEPTED

Rule 823, paragraphs 2, 6 and 7

Amend as follows:

2. Teams shall furnish competition music of excellent quality ~~on CD, or in any other approved format in a format and means as per the announcement of the competition in accordance with Rule 112. Acceptable music formats are CD, MP3, AAC formats, WAV and WMA.~~
 - a) ~~The music cover/discs~~ Teams must ~~show~~ announce the exact running time of the music (not skating time), which shall be certified by the Team ~~and by the~~, Coach, Team Manager or Team Leader ~~when submitted~~ at the time of registration.
 - b) Each program (Short Program/Free Program) must be recorded on one (1) separate track and/or on a separate disc (if using CDs).
 - c) Teams must provide a back-up drive for each program in a format and means as per the announcement of the competition in accordance with Rule 112.

6. The organizers of each competition shall undertake to delete after the competition all music files which they have received in connection with the competition.

7. If there is no official practice, the organizer must provide the Team, Coach, Team Manager or Team Leader the opportunity to check before the competition that electronically submitted music is the correct Competitor's music.

Reason: CDs are out of date and more vulnerable to virus attacks than music formats currently used. CDs are no longer easily available and cause extra concern for Skaters who should prepare for and focus on competitions. Most rinks do not carry CD players anymore and the music is played from computers at the majority of events. Modern music formats reduce the risk of music malfunctions during competition. In addition, CDs cause lots of plastic waste and thus, are not environmentally friendly and in line with the ISU's sustainability goals.

287. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 830 Competition schedule

Amend as follows:

5. At all ISU events, the Organizer must provide to each competing Team on the competition arena ice surface, practice ice free of charge. For Senior category: ten (10) minutes before the Short Program and twelve (12) minutes between the Short Program and the Free Skating. For Junior category: ten minutes before the Short Program and eleven minutes between the Short Program and the Free Skating. For Novices ten minutes any time before the Free Skating.

At the official practices for Short Program and Free Skating, the competitive music of the Team will be played twice, each time without interruption. No other music will be played during the official practice segments.

Reason: After including the Novice category inside the Regulations, Rules for practices needed to be updated for the Novice category. For the Junior category it makes sense to adapt also the practice for FS as they have 30 seconds less of programs and less elements. These reductions of time for practices will help the Organizers of Competitions.

Council Recommendation:

The Council agrees to this Clarification.

288. NETHERLANDS**WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 287****289. NETHERLANDS****POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS****290. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****ACCEPTED**

Rule 843 ISU Judging System - determination and publication of results

Paragraph 1. h)

Delete and renumber after accordingly.

h) ~~If the value of the Element (after taking any missing requirement, deductions and reductions) is less than zero (0), the Element shall be awarded a value of 0.00.~~Reason: The deductions shall be taken from the Total segment score like for the other disciplines.Council Recommendation:*Council supports for the reasons given.***291. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****ACCEPTED**

Rule 843 ISU Judging System - determination and publication of results.

1. Basic principles of calculation

Amend as follows:

n) Deductions are applied for certain violations specified in the Regulations as follows and are taken from the Total Score:

Violation	As per	Points	Ded. given by
<u>Program time violation</u>	Rule 952	-1.0: - for every 5 seconds lacking or in excess (Free Skating) - for every 5 seconds in excess of 2 min 50 sec (Short Program)	<u>Referee</u>
<u>Music requirements violation</u>	Rules-991, paragraph 2.a)	-1.0 per program	<u>Referee</u>
<u>Costume and prop violation</u>	Rule 951, paragraph 1	-1.0 per program	<u>Judges/Ref</u>
Part of the costume / decoration falls on the ice <u>Costume failure</u>	Rule 951, paragraph 2	-1.0 per program	<u>Referee</u>
Fall	Rule 953, paragraph 1	-1.0 for every Fall of one (1) Skater -2.0 for every Fall of more than one (1) Skater at one (1) time -3.0 Maximum Fall Deduction per Element	<u>Technical Panel</u>
Late start	Rule 838, paragraph 4	-1.0 for start between 1 and 30 seconds late	<u>Referee</u>
<u>Interruption in excess performing the program</u>	Rule 953, paragraph 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: - 1.0 ▪ more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: - 2.0 ▪ more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: - 3.0 ▪ more than 40 seconds by One (1) or several Skater 	<u>Referee</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Team is withdrawn for more than 40 seconds by the Team as a whole 	
Interruption of the program with allowance of up to 3 minutes to resume from the point of interruption	Rule 965	-5.0 per program	<u>Referee</u>
<u>Adverse condition prior the beginning of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes</u>	Rule 965 Paragraph 6	-5.0 per program	<u>Referee</u>
Omitted Requirements	Rule 991, paragraph 3d)	-0,5 per violation	
Illegal Elements / Features / Additional Features / Movements	Rule 992, paragraph 2	-2.0 per violation	<u>Technical Panel</u>
Non-Permitted Elements / Features / Additional Features / Movements	Rule 992, Paragraph 3	-1.5 per violation	<u>Technical Panel</u>
<u>Separation in excess</u>			<u>Judges/Ref</u>
<u>Stopping in excess</u>			<u>Referee</u>
Un-prescribed, Additional or Repeated Element	Rule 991, paragraph 3a)	-1.5 per violation	<u>Technical Panel</u>
Wrong Element Shape in SP	Rule 991, paragraph 3e)	No value	<u>Technical Panel</u>

Reason: To use the same terminology everywhere, to be on line with the ISU communications and the screens of Officials. Including the new Rule for interruption. Delete the max of Deduction for Fall inside an Element as per Rule 953 Falls and Interruptions, it says that for every Fall there shall be a deduction, which is fair for the Team who do not have any Fall during their performance.

Council Recommendation:
Council supports for the reasons given.

292. NETHERLANDS

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293. CANADA Figure Skating

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294. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 910, paragraph 5.a)

Amend as follows:

5. a) For all ISU Events, ~~if possible,~~ and the Olympic Winter Games, the Referee, Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists must not be from the same ISU Member and all must be designated ISU.

Reason: To clarify the requirements for Officials assigned to ISU Events which also harmonizes with the other disciplines.

Council Recommendation:
Council supports for the reasons given.

295. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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296. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 920 - General and specific duties and powers

Renumber the different paragraphs

Starting with: General

1. Duties and powers of Referee
2. Duties of the Judges
3. Duties and powers of the Technical Controller
4. Communication between the Referee and the Technical Controller
5. Duties of the Technical Specialists
6. Duties of the Data & Replay Operator

Reason: To be in line with the other Figure Skating disciplines.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

297. NETHERLANDS

POSTPONED TO 2022 CONGRESS

298. ISU COUNCIL, SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

D. Evaluation of Service by Officials

Rule 930

Replace with the following wording:

1. Officials Assessment Commission

- a) The composition and the duties of the Officials Assessment Commission (OAC) are defined in Article 23 of the Constitution and the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.
- b) For all ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions two OAC shall be appointed by the ISU President as per Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the Constitution. The appointed OAC members shall conduct the relevant evaluations in accordance with this Rule 930 and the Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.

2. Evaluation of anomalies in the Judges scores at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions

- a) The OAC members shall prepare a report for each competition, including the identification of anomalies in the Judges scores which in their opinion are errors and/or indicate (national) bias (as per Article 23 of the Constitution and the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication). This report shall be made available without delay to the respective Technical Committee through the ISU Secretariat.
- b) The respective Technical Committee shall proceed with its evaluation of the OAC report and send its own report to the ISU Secretariat as soon as possible. If the Technical Committee disagrees on any determination of errors and/or indications of (national) bias by the OAC members, it shall consult them to achieve a consensus. If a disagreement prevails, the Vice President Figure Skating will have the final decision.
- c) If the respective Technical Committee identifies anomalies in Judges scores which the OAC members have not evaluated it shall inform the respective Sports Technical Director who shall decide whether these anomalies are to be considered as determined errors and/or (national) bias.
- d) The respective Technical Committee shall evaluate cases of identified errors in a Judge's score for possible Assessment and issue Assessments in accordance with paragraph 5 below and the criteria established in the related Rules of Procedure published in an ISU Communication.
- e) Cases of identified (national) bias shall be submitted by the respective Technical Committee and/or the respective Sports Technical Director and/or the Vice president for the Figure Skating Branch and/or the Council to the ISU Disciplinary Commission (DC) by filing a Statement of Complaint for violation of the ISU Code of Ethics. In case (national) bias emanates from erroneous Judges' scores, the assessment procedure as well as the filing of a Statement of Complaint to the DC shall be undertaken. In case the evaluation process leads to the conclusion that there is an indication of (national) bias in a Judge's scores but not sufficient evidence for submitting the case to the DC, the

respective Technical Committee shall issue a Letter of Warning to the concerned Judge. Such Letter of Warning and its underlying facts shall be taken into consideration as relevant evidence in any further case involving the same Judge where the conclusion of the presence of (national) bias is not solely based on his marking at the competition under evaluation but supported by a certain scoring pattern of the Judge which is revealed only by observation of his marking at several competitions.

3. Evaluation of the decisions of the Technical Panel, the operation of Data & Replay Operators and of the decisions of or the conduct of competition by the Referee at ISU Events, Olympic Winter Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifying Figure Skating Competitions

- a) If:
- the OAC members appointed to the competition and/or,
 - the ISU President and/or
 - the ISU Council and/or,
 - the respective Sports Technical Director(s), and/or,
 - the respective Technical Committee and/or,
 - for decisions of the Technical Panel only: the serving Referee as per the outcome of the Judges Round Table Discussion (Judges or the Referee noticed certain discrepancies), consider a decision by the Technical Panel, an operation of the Data or Replay Operator or a decision of or the conduct of the competition by the Referee as erroneous they shall file a report to the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch outlining the identified wrong decision, wrong operation or wrong conduct of the competition in consistent and detailed remarks with indication of the applicable Rules.
- b) Upon receipt by the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch or upon his own cognition of a respective mistake of a report identifying a wrong decision by the Technical Panel, a wrong operation of the Data or Replay Operator or of a wrong decision or wrong conduct of a competition by the Referee, the Vice-President Figure Skating shall inform the respective Technical Committee and the concerned Official, requesting him to inform in writing within two weeks whether he acknowledges or contests the alleged mistake. In case of contest the Vice-President Figure Skating shall send the respective report, together with the relevant video recordings, if available, to the respective Technical Committee and to three Officials, selected by him for review at their residence. The selected Officials shall not be informed of the identity of the other selected Officials. The selected Officials must be from different ISU Members and must not be from the same ISU Member as the concerned Technical Panel members, the concerned Data or Replay Operator or the concerned Referee and any Skater(s) affected by the respective potential wrong decision or wrong conduct of the competition. The three selected Officials shall be composed as follows:
- (i) for Technical Panels: one ISU Technical Controller and one ISU Technical Specialist, for Referees: two ISU Referees, for Data & Replay Operators: one ISU Technical Controller and one ISU Data & Replay Operator,
 - (ii) one member of the respective Technical Committee. If a member of the respective Technical Committee is subject to the evaluation, no Technical Committee member shall be included in the selected Officials. Instead, a second ISU Technical Controller or ISU Technical Specialist respectively a third ISU Referee and a second ISU Data & Replay Operator shall be selected.
- c) In cases concerning a wrong decision by the Technical Panel the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch shall first check the available video recordings and the audio records of the Technical Panel discussions in order to establish if such decision has been made as a majority or split decision of the Technical Panel or if the decision was due to an erroneous operation by the Data Operator or the Replay Operator. He then shall proceed according to letter b) above with respect to the Officials responsible for the alleged wrong decision.
- d) The selected Officials and the respective Technical Committee shall forward their conclusions whether the relevant decision, operation or conduct of the competition was wrong or not, independently from each other to the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch. If the majority of the selected Officials concludes that the decision or operation or conduct of the competition in question was wrong, the Vice-President for the Figure Skating Branch shall submit the case, together with the report of the respective Technical Committee and his detailed report with his own evaluation of the matter to the Council for final decision upon an Assessment or, in case of minor failures, a Letter of Criticism.

4. Evaluation of Reports of Referees and Reports of Technical Controllers

The respective Technical Committee shall rate the quality of the reports of the Referees and of the reports of the Technical Controllers for all ISU Events and International Competitions based on documentation delivered according to Rule 923 as very good, good, acceptable/average, mediocre or poor. The respective qualification shall be added to the records of the concerned Referees and Technical Controllers. If any report is rated as poor the respective Technical Committee shall issue an Assessment according to paragraph 5 below.

5. Assessments

a) Erroneous marking, being part of the majority in a wrong decision of the Technical Panel involving a striking difference per Team, wrong decisions and wrong conduct of a competition by the Referee, poor reports by the Referee or by the Technical Controller and wrong operations by Data & Replay Operators shall be subject to Assessment 1 in a first case, Assessment 2 if an Assessment 1 had been issued before and Assessment 3, if an Assessment 2 had been issued before.

b) Assessments against Judges shall generally be decided by the respective Technical Committee. Assessments against members of the Technical Panel, Referees, and Data & Replay Operators by the Council, except for Assessments for poor reports by the Referees and Technical Controllers, which shall be decided by the respective Technical Committee (see paragraph 4).

6. Demotions

a) If an accumulation of Assessments for an Official leads to an Assessment 3, the ISU body responsible for the respective Assessment (paragraphs 2 d, 3 c and 5 b) shall demote the Official with immediate effect as follows:

- i) ISU Judges, Referees Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators: shall be transferred to the respective list of International Officials;
- ii) International Judges Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data & Replay Operators shall be deleted from the respective list of International Officials.

b) Before a demotion is decided, the following procedure shall be followed:

If an Assessment 3 is issued, the Official concerned and his ISU Member shall be notified through the ISU Secretariat about his possible demotion.

The Official may, within 5 days upon receipt of the notification, contest a demotion by challenging any of its underlying Assessments and request a hearing with at least three (3) members of:

- i) the respective Technical Committee in cases concerning Judges.
- ii) the Figure Skating Branch of the ISU Council, Council which may appoint additional experts, in cases concerning Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists or Data & Replay Operators.

If a hearing is requested it shall be held without delay, at a date and time to be determined by the hearing body, if possible and unless the hearing body considers an in-person hearing as necessary due to special circumstances, by means of a video-conference.

At the hearing the Official shall be given the opportunity to explain why, in his opinion, a demotion and the underlying Assessments, in his view, is/were not justified. For supporting his explanations he may use available video and/or audio recordings.

Upon conclusion of the hearing the hearing body shall prepare a report on the hearing, including its recommendation to maintain or revoke any challenged Assessment. The respective Technical Committee, respectively the Council shall decide whether to revoke or maintain any challenged Assessment. If the contested Assessment(s) is/are confirmed or if the Official has renounced at a hearing the respective Technical Committee respectively the Council shall proceed to demotion according to section 6a) above.

Any expenses related to the hearing shall generally be for the Official's account. However, if the hearing body has called for an in-person hearing and if any of the contested Assessment is revoked travel board and lodging expenses of the Official shall be borne by the ISU.

7. Effectiveness and duration of validity of Assessments and demotions

- a) An Assessment or a demotion shall be effective only for the concerned qualification, i.e. Referee, Judge, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist or Data & Replay Operator.
- b) Assessments and demotions concerning Judges, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists shall be effective only for Synchronized Skating. .
- c) Assessments and demotions of Referees and Data & Replay Operators shall be effective for all disciplines, i.e. Synchronized Skating, Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance.
- d) For Referees Assessments received in different disciplines are added.
- e) For Technical Specialists acting also as Technical Controller (and vice versa) Assessments received in these different functions are added.
- b) Each Assessment shall remain valid for the current season plus additional two seasons and shall count during such period of time towards an accumulation of Assessments.
- c) A demotion shall remain valid until the concerned Official is reinstated in the position formerly held by having fulfilled the requirements for first appointment to this position, as per Rules 900 to 906.
- h) If the majority of Judges (or Referees when serving as Judges) of an ISU Member have been suspended for misconduct and/or demoted subsequently to Assessments and/or warranted Assessments over a period of several years, the Council may decide that this ISU Member will be warned or will lose the right to appoint Judges to ISU Championships and/or Olympic Winter Games and/or International Competitions for such a period as the Council may decide. In the exercise of this power, however, the Council shall not generally take into consideration cases having occurred more than five years before the decision.

8. Notification of Letters of Warning, Assessments and Demotions

The ISU Body issuing a Letter of Warning, an Assessment or a Demotion shall instruct the ISU Secretariat to notify the Official concerned with a copy to his ISU Member and the respective Technical Committee.

9. Sanctions for violations of the Duties of Officials and ethical offenses

- a) Erroneous marking, wrong decisions by Technical Panels, wrong operations of Data & Replay Operators, wrong decisions or wrong conduct of competitions by Referees and poor reports are subject to assessment (Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above). Any other violations of the Duties of Officials as defined in Rule 920, including violations of the ISU Code of Ethics, if committed with any degree of fault (intent, gross negligence, recklessness, carelessness etc.) are disciplinary/ethical by nature and subject to disciplinary sanctions according to Art. 25, paragraph 9 of the Constitution. This in particular includes, but is not limited to:
 - i) Not or partly attending official meetings without justified cause;
 - ii) Not or only partly attending draws without justified cause (Referee only);
 - ii) Not or only partly attending the competition without justified cause;
 - iii) No report submitted, report submitted late or incomplete report (Referees and Technical Controllers only);
 - iv) Any violation of the ISU Code of Ethics (for cases of (national) bias see paragraph 2 above)
- b) Any serious disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials shall immediately be submitted to the ISU Disciplinary Commission.
- b) In case of a less serious disciplinary/ethical violation by any Official who has never been subject to any disciplinary sanctions and/or any Letter of Warning before, the respective Technical Committee and/or Sports Technical Director shall issue a Letter of Warning, making mention of the violation in question and informing the Official that any further disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials might lead to a Complaint to the Disciplinary Commission.

Any further disciplinary/ethical violation of the Duties of Officials shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission, except for particularly minor cases for which the imposing of any disciplinary sanction would obviously be disproportionate; in such cases (a) further Letter(s) of Warning shall be issued.

- d) Statements of Complaint regarding disciplinary/ethical violations of the Duties of Officials and/or ethical offenses shall be filed with the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the DC Rules of Procedure by the respective Technical Committee, and/or the respective Sports Technical Director and/or the Vice President for the Figure Skating Branch and/or by the ISU Council. If the concerned Official is a member of the respective Technical Committee the Statement of Complaint shall be filed by the Council.
- e) Statements of Complaint shall be based on the own observations of the filing body and/or reports received from any third person, in particular but not limited to reports received from Referees, members of Panel of Judges, members of Technical Panels.

Reason: To restructure the Rule in order to make it easier to read and to clearly separate technical mistakes and disciplinary violations.

F. TECHNICAL RULES SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

299. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 951 Clothing

Amend paragraph 1 as follows:

1. At ISU Championships and International Competitions, the clothing and makeup of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition not garish or theatrical in design. Costumes may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.
The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline. Men must wear full-length trousers; ~~no tights are permitted~~. Accessories, feathers, props and rhinestones adhered to the face are not permitted. Costumes that transform in appearance will be considered as props.
Clothing and makeup that does not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 843, paragraph 1.n).

Reason: To be in line with other FS disciplines and add restrictions to the transforming costumes and makeup.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

300. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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301. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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302. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 954, paragraph 2.a) (ii)

Amend as follows:

(ii) Transition:

The varied and purposeful use of intricate footwork, positions, movements, holds and formations within the Elements and that link all Elements.

Reason: To add the statement "transitions within an element" which Judges for SyS must also consider when assessing the Program Component score for Transitions.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

303. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 963 Draws for Starting Orders paragraph 2.d)

Amend as follows:

- d) If two (2) or more Teams are tied for the same place at the end of the Short Program, the Teams concerned shall be placed in the same group, if necessary, the immediately preceding group shall be smaller by the number of Teams added to that particular group.
The maximum number of Teams to be placed in the same group is six (6); ~~When tied Teams are placed in the same group, if necessary, the immediately preceding group to skate will be smaller by the number of Teams so added to the following group.~~

Reason: Repetition to delete.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

304. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 963 Draws for Starting Orders for International Competitions paragraph 2.e)

Amend as follows:

- e) The order of skating in each group shall be determined by lot and each Team shall be drawn in the order of placement in the preceding part of the competition, that is, with the best placed Team being drawn first and including those tied. The order of the draw between tied Teams shall first be determined by a separate draw prior to the main draw.

~~For ISU Synchronized Skating Championships and Olympic Winter Games:~~

- ~~f) The order of skating for the final two (2) groups (i.e. with the best places Teams) will be drawn in four (4) subgroups.~~

- ~~(i) The top three finishers in the Short Program will be the last to skate in the final group and will be drawn from the first subgroup.~~
- ~~(ii) The fourth and fifth place finishers in the Short Program will be the first to skate in the final group and will be drawn from the second subgroup.~~
- ~~(iii) The sixth, seventh and eighth place finishers in the Short Program will be the last to skate in the second to last group and will be drawn from the third subgroup.~~
- ~~(iv) The ninth and tenth place finishers in the Short Program will be the first to skate in the second to last group and will be drawn from the fourth subgroup.~~
- ~~(v) If the size of the subgroup is smaller than the maximum, the subgroups will be adjusted accordingly: in case of an even number of entries the subgroups are equal in size, in case of an odd number of entries the later skating subgroup is larger by one (1) entry than the previous skating subgroup.~~

~~For other~~ At International Competitions the Organizers have the option of determining the order of skating according to sub-paragraphs a) to e) ~~to f)~~ of this Rule or using the reverse order of places in the Short Program. The method used should be mentioned in the Announcement of the competition.

Reason: To place the draw of ISU Championships must be inside the ISU Championships Rules.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

305. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 965 Interruptions, Music Deficiencies, Adverse Conditions and Incomplete Programs

Amend as follow:

1. An Interruption is defined as the period of time starting immediately when a Skater/Team stops performing the program or is ordered to do so by the Referee, whichever is earlier, and ending when the Skater/Team resumes his/their performance.

The Referee shall decide where the point of interruption is and communicates this to the Team Captain, the Judges and the Technical Controller. The Skater/Team shall resume the program according to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 below.

The Technical Panel decides if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during the element. The Technical Controller shall inform the Referee accordingly

2. Music Deficiencies.

If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient or if for any reason there is an interruption or stop in the music, the Competitor must stop skating when he becomes aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier.

- a) If any of these problems with music occurs within the twenty (20) seconds after the start of the program, it is the choice of the Competitor whether to continue from the point of the interruption of music or restart the program. If the Competitor decides to restart the program, the Judges and Technical Panel evaluate the program from the beginning, disregarding previous evaluation. If the Competitor decides to continue from the point of the interruption of music, the Judges and Technical Panel continue evaluating the program from the moment the Competitor starts to resume the program and the prior evaluation remains.

- b) If any of these problems occurs more than twenty (20) seconds after the start of the program, the Competitor shall resume the program from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. If this element was identified and called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, the Technical Panel has to deleted it from the list of the performed elements. The Competitor is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program

No deductions apply for interruptions due to music deficiencies.

3. Adverse conditions unrelated to a Skater/Team and/or his/their equipment.

2.If an interruption or stop in the music or any other adverse condition unrelated to a Skater/Team or his/their equipment, such as lighting, ice-condition, item thrown onto the ice etc. occurs at any time during the program, the Team Captain and/or the Team may stop skating and report to the Referee when he/they become aware of the problem and must stop Skating at the acoustic signal of the Referee. The Team Captain should inform the Referee about any music deficiencies the problem (even if happening after thirty (30) seconds). The rest of the Team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an acoustic signal of the Referee. No penalty will be applied to the Captain leaving the Team to consult the Referee or the Referee then stopping the program. When the problem is solved, the Team shall continue from the point of interruption or if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an Element, at the point immediately preceding this Element. If this element was identified and called by the Technical Panel

before the interruption, the Technical Panel shall delete it from the list of the performed elements. The Team is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program ~~after the interruption after the problem has been solved~~. If, however, the interruption lasts longer than ten (10) minutes, there shall be a second warm-up period according to Rule 964, paragraph 2. After the second warm-up, the Team shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element.

No deductions apply for interruptions unrelated to the Skater/Team and/or his/their equipment.

4. Adverse conditions related to a Skater/Team and/or his/their equipment occurring during the program:

~~3-~~ If a Skater gets is injured during the program or another adverse condition related to him or his equipment (such as but not limited to health problems, nose bleeding, lace undone, damage to clothing or skates) ~~unexpected damage to his clothing or equipment) impedes~~ occurs their skating, the Skater must stop skating when he becomes aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the Referee, whichever is earlier. The music shall be stopped only if the Referee instructs the music technician to do so according to section b) below.

Duration of Interruptions:

a) Up to 40 seconds.

If the adverse conditions can be remedied without delay, the Skater does not need to report to the Referee, and the rest of the Team has continued to skate their program and the affected Skater(s) resumes skating their program within forty (40) seconds ~~without reporting to the Referee~~, the Referee will apply a deduction for interruption as per Rule 843, paragraph 1.n) ~~depending on the duration of the interruption. This time period commences immediately after the Skater stops performing the program or the Team is ordered to do so by the Referee, whichever is earlier.~~

b) Up to 3 minutes.

~~If the adverse conditions cannot be remedied without delay and the Team Captain (or affected Skater) reports to the Referee within forty (40) seconds, the Referee will order the rest of the Team to stop skating by an acoustic signal and allow an additional up to three (3) minutes period and/or will permit the Team to solve the problem in order for the Team to resume skating. The Team will resume skating as close as possible to the time that the Team Captain reported to the Referee. This additional time period commences at the moment the Team Captain reports to the Referee. The Referee will apply a deduction as per Rule 843 paragraph 1 n) of 5.0 points for the whole interruption.~~

~~(i) If either the whole Team stops skating without being ordered to do so by the Referee or the Referee ordered the Team to stop skating and the Team Captain does not report to the Referee within forty (40) seconds or if the Team does not resume skating their program within the additional three (3) minutes period, they shall be considered withdrawn.~~

~~(ii) The Judges and Technical Panel continue to evaluate the Teams performance until the Referee orders the Team to stop skating with an acoustical signal. The point from where the Team must continue the program shall be decided and communicated to the Team.~~

~~(iii) The Referee in consultation with the Technical Controller will determine whether the interruption has occurred before or during an element. If the interruption occurred during any part of an Element, the Team will begin on the transition following that Element. If the interruption occurred during a transition then the Team will begin after that point and continue into the next Element. The Referee will inform the Judges and Technical Panel where to continue the evaluation of the program.~~

If a Skater/Team does not resume skating within forty (40) seconds, the Referee shall instruct the music technician to stop the music, and allow the Skater/Team 3 additional minutes. If the Skater/Team resumes skating within this additional period, the Referee will apply a deduction of 5.0 points as per Rule 843, paragraph 1.n). This deduction also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding the allowance of 3 additional minutes.

When the problem is solved, the Skater/Team shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element which was called by the Technical Panel before the interruption, at the point immediately following this element. The call made prior the interruption shall stay.

The Referee may allow 3 additional minutes for resumption of skating after an interruption.

If there is an interruption up to 30 seconds immediately followed by a break of up to 3 minutes to remedy the situation, the total deduction applied will be 5.0 points as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

Only one resumption per program is allowed upon an allowance of additional 3 minutes. If there is a second interruption of more than 30 seconds due to an adverse condition related to the Skater/Team or his/their equipment, the Team shall be considered withdrawn.

4. 5. Medical attention.

If medical attention is required, the Referee must stop the performance by an acoustic signal, follow the Medical Protocol (Communication 2267 or any update thereof) and instruct the music technician to stop the music.

If, in the opinion of the Referee, medical attention is required, the Referee must stop the performance. After consulting with the respective Team Physician, or, if not present, the medical doctor provided by the Organizer, the Referee shall decide if the Skater is allowed back to compete. If the Referee does not allow the Skater to resume within 3 minutes since the Skater stopped skating his program, another Skater may be substituted per Rule 965, paragraph 6.9. If the Referee allows the Skater to continue skating his program, ~~Rule 965, paragraph 4.b)~~ no deduction will apply.

When the problem is resolved, the Skater shall continue from the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately following this element, which is called by the Technical Panel and the call remains.

The Referee, after consulting with medical personnel, if available, will decide if the Skater is fit to continue the program with no further risk to themselves or their teammates. There will be a maximum of a three (3) minutes allowance for evaluation before the Referee will be required to make a decision. If it is determined that the Skater is not fit to continue, another Skater may be substituted per Rule 965, paragraph 6.7. If it is determined that the Skater is fit to continue, ~~Rule 965, paragraph 3.4 b)~~ will apply.

- a) In case of Skater's injury, which requires Skater's evacuation by the medical personal from the ice surface and/or new ice resurfacing is needed after the accident, this three (3) minutes period is not in place.
- b) If a substitute Skater is available but not used, and the Team chooses to finish their program with less than sixteen (16) Skaters, Rule 800, paragraph 2.f will apply.
- c) If a Team initially starts to compete with less than sixteen (16) Skaters, Rule 800, paragraph 2.f. will apply. If an injury or adverse condition occurs, Rule 965, paragraph 3.4 will also apply.

5. 6. Adverse condition occurring prior the beginning of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes.

i) If any adverse condition related to a Skater/Team or his/their equipment occurs between the call to the start and taking the starting position, which cannot be remedied within sixty (60) seconds (Rule 838), ~~entering the ice and being called to the start is/are injured or any other adverse condition related to him/them or his/their equipment impeding his/their skating occurs and time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy the adverse condition,~~ the Referee shall allow the Skater/Team three (3) additional minutes and apply a deduction of 5.0 points ~~before he/they is called to the start. The Referee will apply a deduction as per paragraph 3.4 b) above.~~

ii) If any adverse condition related to the Skater/Team or his/their equipment occurs after he/they take the ice but before the call to the start and the time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy such condition, the Referee shall allow the Competitor three (3) additional minutes before being called to the start and apply a deduction of 5.0 points as per paragraph 4b) above.

7. Adverse condition occurring during the warm up:

If an adverse condition related to a Skater/Team with the first starting number in the warm up group or his/their equipment occurs during the warm-up, and time before the call to the start is not sufficient to remedy such condition the Referee shall allow the Skater/Team three (3) additional minutes before being called to the start without applying any deductions. For the purposes paragraph 4, section b) above of this situation is not considered as resumption of the program.

8. Limit of the interruptions allowed.

Only one interruption, up to 3 minutes, is allowed whenever it takes place (prior or during the program). If there is a second interruption of more than 40 seconds due to an adverse condition related to a Skater/Team (including medical problems) or his equipment the Team shall be considered withdrawn.

8.9. Incomplete Programs

If a Team does not complete the program, no marks will be awarded and the Team shall be considered withdrawn.

6.10. Substitution of Skaters.

Once a Short Program or Free Skating has started, no substitution of a Skater will be permitted (if there is no visible reason i.e. injury/equipment failure, etc.). However, registered Team alternates may be substituted if the Team's program is stopped by the Referee due to injury or equipment problems. If a Team substitutes a Skater without the authorization of the Referee ~~first stopping the program~~, the Team will be disqualified.

7. Restart of the Program.

~~With respect to adverse conditions related to a Skater or his equipment, only one (1) restart per program is allowed. In case of a second stop of the performance due to an adverse condition related to the Skater/s or his/their equipment, the Team concerned shall be considered withdrawn.~~

8. Incomplete Programs.

~~If a Team does not complete their program, no marks are awarded and the Team is withdrawn.~~

Reason: To be in line with the other disciplines. Clarification and simplification of the current procedure.

Council Recommendation:

The same changes as in Rule 515 for other Figure Skating disciplines; Council supports for the reasons given.

306. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule C. ISU Championships – Special Technical Rules

Rule 970

Amend as follows:

Draws for Teams Starting orders

2. The draw for the Free Skating

~~The starting order for the Free Skating will be held according to Rule 963, paragraph 2f.~~

- a) The starting order of Teams in Free Skating is determined from the result of the Short Program;
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are tied for the same place at the end of the Short Program, the Teams concerned shall be placed in the same group, if necessary the immediately preceding group shall be smaller by the number of Teams added to that particular group. The maximum number of Teams to be placed in the same group is six (6);
- c) The order of skating in each group shall be determined by lot and each Team shall be drawn in the order of placement in the preceding part of the competition, that is, with the best placed Team being drawn first and including those tied. The order of the draw between tied Teams shall first be determined by a separate draw prior to the main draw.
- d) The order of skating for the final two (2) groups (i.e. with the best places Teams) will be drawn in four (4) subgroups.
 - (i) The top three finishers in the Short Program will be the last to skate in the final group and will be drawn from the first subgroup.
 - (ii) The fourth and fifth place finishers in the Short Program will be the first to skate in the final group and will be drawn from the second subgroup.
 - (iii) The sixth, seventh and eighth place finishers in the Short Program will be the last to skate in the second-to-last group and will be drawn from the third subgroup.
 - (iv) The ninth and tenth place finishers in the Short Program will be the first to skate in the second-to-last group and will be drawn from the fourth subgroup.
 - (v) If the size of the subgroup is smaller than the maximum, the subgroups will be adjusted accordingly: in case of an even number of entries the subgroups are equal in size, in case of an odd number of entries the later skating subgroup is larger by one (1) entry than the previous skating subgroup.

Reason: Place the Rule for the FS Draw for ISU Championships in the ISU Rule C. for ISU Championships – Special Technical Rules.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

307. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule D. Technical Definitions

Rule 990, paragraph 1. General Terms

Add New paragraph d) f) (Moved from Rule 990 paragraph 4a. (iii), o) q) and r) and renumber existing

Amend and renumber existing i) o) and t)

Delete paragraph l), n) (Move from Rule 990 paragraph 1 to Rule 990 paragraph 5), d) u) new number 4)

Rule 990

1. GENERAL TERMS

~~d) Change of Configuration~~

~~When the number of lines, spokes or circles changes during an Element.~~

~~d) Dance Jump~~

~~A small jump of not more than one (1) revolution~~

~~i) Free Skating Elements (See Rule 990 4a.)~~

~~A general term used for describing free skating movements such as jumps, spins, lifts, pair and other movements.~~

~~j) Free Skating Moves (see Rule 990 4b.)~~

~~d) e) Configuration~~

~~e) f) Difficulty Groups of Elements~~

~~f) g) Element~~

~~g) h) Features~~

~~h) j) Highlighting~~

~~i) k) Holds~~

~~l) Interlocking~~

~~Wheel: A spoke of a wheel must pass in between at least two (2) spokes of the other wheel(s)~~

~~Circle: A Skater in a circle must pass in between at least two (2) Skaters of the other circle~~

~~jm) Interaction between Skaters~~

~~The different Skaters cross paths, intersect, circle, mirror, pass by or are connected to each other etc.~~

~~n) Mirror Image Pattern~~

~~A Mirror Image Pattern is shown when one half (1/2) of the Team uses a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction and the other half (1/2) of the Team uses the opposite direction at the same time (anti-clockwise or clockwise).~~

~~k) o) Point of Intersection (see Rule 990 paragraph 4c.)~~

~~The Point of Intersection is an Additional Feature for the Intersection Element.~~

~~l) p) Skating direction~~

~~m) Sub-Grouping~~

~~n) Syncopated Choreography~~

~~o) Series/Combination of Turns; consists of at least two (2) different types of turns executed on one (1) foot where the exit edge of one (1) turn is the entry edge of the next turn.~~

~~p) s) Sustained~~

~~q) Stationary: Skaters are on one (1) spot and their blade(s) are moving (either gliding or by using the toe picks)~~

~~r) Stopping: Skaters are standing in one (1) place without movement of the blade(s)~~

~~s) t) Transitions~~

~~A term used to describe sections of the program that occurs within Elements, during entrances and exits of Elements, and as connecting Elements (see paragraph below for Short Program and Free Skating criteria) and executed in-between the required/optional Elements (See Rule 991 for Short Program and Free Skating).~~

~~u) In the Short Program, transitions may be comprised of varied and/or complex footwork, linking steps, formations and other movements to link the required Elements, which also include the entrances and exits of Elements. No other connecting Elements are allowed to link the required Elements of a Short Program other than basic Element shapes (level base). Creative Elements or Artistic Elements.~~

~~v) Whip Action~~

~~An action that occurs when the lead Skaters in one (1) line, apply a force (commonly by curving sharply) causing the end Skaters of their line to increase their speed.~~

Reason: Reorganization, addition of new definitions and deletion of those no longer in use.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

308. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 990, paragraph 2.c) v)
TURNS/STEPS/LINKING STEPS
Amend paragraph 2. c

2. c) Linking Steps

- v) **Dance Jump** - A small jump of not more than one (1) revolution ~~used to change foot or skating direction;~~

Reason: Simplification of the definition.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

309. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 990, paragraph 2.d) iii)
Amend as follows:

d) Terms used describing turns, steps and linking steps

- (iii) Difficult turns – consists of Rocker, Counter, Bracket, Loop, Twizzles with 1½ or more rotation;

Reason: To include a loop so that it can be used also in a series of difficult turns for the Step Sequence Additional Feature.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

310. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 990, paragraph 3

Renumber the paragraph 3. DEFINITION OF ELEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS. New number - 5

Amend a), c) d), f), i), j), k), l)

~~5. 3-~~ DEFINITION OF ELEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

a) ARTISTIC ELEMENT

An ~~Artistic Element~~ Artistic Circle/Artistic Wheel AC/AW begins once the configuration is recognized and starts ~~traveling~~ to rotate with all Skaters participating.

The Artistic Block/Artistic Line AB/AL begins once the configuration is recognized and is progressing along/across the ice with all Skaters participating.

The Artistic Element should be used to match the music in order to enhance the composition of the program.

- (i) Artistic Block: A Block configuration with a minimum of three (3) lines.
(ii) Artistic Circle: A Circle or multiple Circles configuration with a maximum a minimum of four (4) Skaters in each circle. ~~of three (3) Circles executed at the same time.~~
(iii) Artistic Line: A Line configuration with one (1) or two (2) Lines that may be straight or curved.
(iv) Artistic Wheel: A Wheel or multiple Wheels configuration with a maximum a minimum of three (3) Skaters in each spoke ~~Wheels executed at the same time.~~

c) GROUP LIFT ELEMENT

~~Ice Coverage/Pattern Requirements~~

~~The Group Lifts must remain approximately within half (½) of the ice surface from each other.~~

d) INTERSECTION ELEMENT

- (i) **Angled Intersection:** an Intersection where two (2) ~~or more~~ lines are skating towards each other and the Axis of Intersection, from opposite sides/ends of the ice surface while remaining parallel to each other.
(ii) **Collapsing Intersection:** an Intersection where Skaters pass each other at different times using at least two (2) different axis. Examples of a collapsing type of Intersection are box, ~~and~~ triangle or "L" Intersection.
(v) **"V" Intersection:** an Intersection where two (2) or more straight lines are pivoting and skating towards each other and the Axis of Intersection from two (2) opposite sides/ends. Skaters pass each other at the same or different times.
(vi)(v) Whip intersection: an intersection where ~~there is a whip action before the two (lines) pass each other~~ the two lines approach each other starting from a half (1/2) circle curve ~~whereby the Skaters on one end of a line are skating with more speed than Skaters on the opposite end of the same line~~

till the lead Skaters of each line ~~are~~ become back to back with the axis of intersection and then start to straighten before intersecting ~~all Skaters at the same time~~.

The Intersection Element may include an Additional Feature (Point of Intersection).

f) MOVES ELEMENT:

Add after (v):

The Move Element may include an Additional Feature (Free Skating Moves)

~~Ice coverage /Pattern Requirements : the fm's must remain approximately within half (1/2) of the ice surface from each other.~~

i) PIVOTING AND LINEAR ELEMENTS

(i) BLOCK ELEMENT

The Block Element must meet the following criteria:

- The Block Element begins once the shape configuration is recognized and is progressing along/across the ice with all Skaters-participating are lined up in the configuration.
- A block configuration must have a minimum of three (3) straight lines.
- ~~— must be a closed block formation with parallel lines (lined up or staggered)~~

(ii) LINE ELEMENT

The Line Element must meet the following criteria:

- The Line Element begins once the shape configuration is recognized and is progressing along/across the ice with all Skaters are participating in the configuration.
- There may be one (1) line or two (2) straight lines.

j) SYNCHRONIZED SPIN ELEMENT

(ii) any solo spin, or pair or group spin can be used

(iv) The rotation of the Skater may ~~be the in use the~~ same or different rotational directions

k) TRAVELLING AND ROTATING ELEMENTS

(i) CIRCLE ELEMENT

The Circle Element must meet the following criteria:

The Circle Element begins once the circle is recognized and starts to rotate with all Skaters participating in the configuration.

~~— there may be a maximum of three (3) Circle executed at the same time~~

- ~~Each A~~ Each A circle must have a minimum of four (4) Skaters

The Circle Element ends when the configuration is broken, stops rotating and begins a transition into a different Element of transitional Element

(ii) WHEEL ELEMENT

The Wheel Element must meet the following criteria:

The Wheel Element begins once the configuration is recognized and starts to rotate with all Skaters participating in the configuration.

~~— There may be a maximum of three (3) separate Wheels executed at the same time.~~

l) TWIZZLE ELEMENT

(i) The Element begins once the closed block configuration has been established with the entry of the first twizzle

(iii) The Element ends when ~~the configuration breaks apart and begins a transition into a different Element or transitional Element.~~ all Skaters complete the last twizzle.

Reason: To complete the definitions, to delete some restrictions from the Rule book and for consistency in wording for all Elements containing an Additional Feature.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

311. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 990, paragraph 4. DEFINITION OF ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Renumber the paragraph 4. DEFINITION OF ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS.

New number 3.

Amend existing 4 a., 4 a. paragraph iv), 4 a. paragraph vii d) 1, 4 a. paragraph ix, 4 a. paragraph ix e), 4 a. paragraph xi, 4 b., 4 c., 4 d. Turn Requirements

Delete paragraph 4 a. (iii) and move to Rule 990 paragraph 1 d) and renumber existing

Delete paragraph 4 d. iv) and renumber existing

Add new under Turn Requirement i) and renumber existing

3. 4. DEFINITION OF ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS

a. FREE SKATING ELEMENTS

Free skating elements such as jumps, jump combinations, jump sequences, assisted jumps, spins, lifts, death spirals, pair pivot, vaults are examples and are permitted in Synchronized Skating.

Free skating elements are allowed in Elements such as Creative Element, Group Lift Element and Pair Element etc. or as a transitional move between Elements to increase the difficulty of transitions and add variety/complexity to the program.

~~(iii) Dance Jump~~

~~— See Rule 990 paragraph 2c. iv.~~

~~(iii) (iv) Jump~~

~~A rotational type of movement of at least one (1) revolution during which both feet leave the ice. For Junior and Senior Free Skating, jumps of any revolutions are permitted.~~

~~The list of jumps consist of split jump, euler (1/2 loop), waltz jump, flip, loop, toe loop, salchow, lutz, axel and any jump of any revolution.~~

~~(vi) Lifts d) Types of Lifts (Pair Lift or Group Lift)~~

1. Stationary Lift

~~- Stationary Lift is a lift that is executed on the spot (stationary location) by the lifting Skater(s) who may or may not be rotating.~~

~~— A lift that remains stationary may also rotate.~~

~~— If the lift rotates, the lifting Skater(s) may glide without turning or may turn from forwards to backwards or vice versa using a two (2) footed three (3) turn or two (2) footed mohawk-like steps.~~

~~(viii) (ix) Spins~~

~~A spinning movement, with a minimum of three (3) revolutions, without interruption performed on one (1) foot on the spot (except a cross foot spin) and in the correct position.~~

e) Flying Spins

This spin must “fly” during the entry of the spin. No previous rotation on the ice before take-off is permitted. The “flying position” may be executed in any position but all Skaters must be in the same flying position at the same time. A three (3) turn executed before the flight does not demonstrate a flying spin. After landing, all Skaters must be in the same and correct spinning position for three (3) revolutions for the spin to be counted

~~(x) (xi) Vault~~

~~A vault of not more than one (1) revolution, in which a Skater(s) provides passive assistance to another Skater(s) who turns/revolves, head over heels (or vice versa) in a cartwheel or somersault action. In this action there is a continuous ascending and descending movement, where the vaulting Skater rotates/revolves. The hands of a Skater(s) providing the passive assistance may rise higher than shoulder level height. Vaults are allowed in Junior and Senior Free Skating only.~~

b) FREE SKATING MOVES

Free Skating Moves such as lunges, spirals, Ina Bauers, spread eagles, hydroblading, Biellmann spiral, Charlotte, shoot the duck etc. are examples of Free Skating Moves permitted in Synchronized Skating. Free Skating Moves are allowed in Elements such as Creative Element, Move Element, or as transitional moves between Elements, or within an Element, to increase the difficulty of transitions and add variety/complexity to the program.

i) A “type” of free skating moves (fms) is a term that refers to each of the listed free skating moves in the ISU Communication with Difficulty Groups of Elements. Biellmann is considered a different type of fm than a Spread Eagle. Biellmann RFI is considered the same type as Biellmann RFO.

ii) “Different free skating moves” is a term that refers to the same type of free skating moves executed using at least two (2) of the eight (8) different methods of execution. A Free Skating Move executed with an outside edge is considered different than the same type of Free Skating Move executed with an inside edge. A Free Skating Move executed forward is considered different than the same type of Free Skating Move executed backward. A Free Skating Move executed on the right foot is considered different than the same type of Free Skating Move executed on the left foot.

iii) “Same free skating move” is a term that includes one “type” of free skating move executed in the same position, on the same edge, on the same foot and in the same skating direction

To get credit for performing free skating move(s), each move must be held in the correct position and on the correct edge for at least three (3) seconds.

Renumber i), ii), iii), iv), v), vi), a), b), c), d), e)

(i)-a) Biellmann

To be called as Biellmann position, the Skater's free foot is pulled from behind to a position higher than the head and towards the top of the head close to the central axis of the Skater.

(ii) b) Charlotte

A Charlotte is a glide either forwards or backwards on an edge or a flat. The Skaters' body must bend forward (minimum of 135°) from upright so that the head and chest is "close" to the supporting leg. The free leg and supporting leg should be straight with the free leg extended behind and held at a minimum of 135°. The free leg may be supported or unsupported.

(iii)-(i) Hydroblading

The Skaters must show a low sit-like position that is counter balanced, where the supporting leg is bent to at least 90° (parallel to the ice) and the free leg and hands are not resting on the ice surface. The Skaters' torso, including the shoulders, are leaning far in towards the center of the circle and the free leg is placed to the outside of that circle. The move must be executed on an edge and on one (1) foot.

(iv) (iii) Ina Bauer

An Ina Bauer is a two (2) footed movement in which the Skater travels along the ice with one (1) foot on a forward edge/tracing and the other on a matching backward edge on a different but parallel edge/tracing.

(v)-(iii) Lunge

A Lunge is a movement either forward or backward on an edge or a flat in which the Skater travels along the ice with one (1) supporting leg bent (with at least 90° between the thigh and shin of the skating leg) and other leg directly behind with the boot/blade touching the ice. The Skater's torso may be upright, bent forward, leaning backwards or to the side. The free leg may be straight or bent and may be held to the back or side. The free foot may be in any position.

(vi) (iv) Shoot the Duck

The Skaters must show a low position, where the supporting leg is bent to at least 90° (parallel to the ice) and the free leg is not resting on the ice surface. The Skaters' torso may be upright, bent forward. The free leg may be straight or bent and may be held to the front or to the side. The move must be skated on an edge and on one (1) foot.

(vii)-(v) Spirals

A Spiral is a glide on a forward or backward, inside or outside edge in arabesque position. To be counted as a Spiral, the free leg (including the knee and foot) must be held higher than hip level. The position of free leg may be backward, forward or sideways.

a)-c) Spiral with a Change of Edge and Free leg position

A Spiral with a change of edge and free leg position, the free leg must remain at least at hip level or higher as it changes position. The free leg position may change from front, to side, or to the back, or any combination thereof.

b)-e) Spiral Variation

A Spiral position either to the front, side or to the back where the free leg is bent and supported (either by the same or another Skater) or unsupported. The free leg must be held higher than hip level (including the knee and foot).

(viii) (vi) Spread Eagle

A Spread Eagle is a two (2) footed movement in which the Skater skates with one (1) foot on a forward edge and the other on a matching backward edge on the same track (e.g. outside and outside).

(viii) d) Upright Extension

An Upright Extension is a glide on a forward or backward inside or outside edge. The Skaters' body remains upright with the free leg supported (either by the same or another Skater) at least at a 135° angle to the skating leg. The free leg may be held to the back, front or to the side.

c) POINT OF INTERSECTION

The Point of Intersection is defined as the type of movement/rotation that the Skaters are executing at the Axis of Intersection.

All Skaters must either execute the same turns/linking steps at the Point of Intersection OR if one half (1/2) of the Team executes the same turns/linking steps at the Point of Intersection then the other half (1/2) of the Team may execute a different turn/linking steps.

d) STEP SEQUENCE

A combination/series of different turning methods such as three (3) turn, bracket, choctaw, counter, loop, mohawk, rocker, twizzle, linking steps (see Rule 990 paragraph 2) and short Free Skating Moves (see Rule 990 paragraph 4c) used as part of an Element such as the No Hold Element/NHE.....

.... (iii) Linking steps, Free Skating Moves etc. may be different.

~~(iv) A mirror image pattern is permitted during a Step Sequence Additional Feature. The turns executed during the mirror image pattern will not end a Step Sequence Additional Feature nor be counted towards the level of a Step Sequence Additional Feature.~~

~~(iv)-(v) Short free skating moves are allowed within Step Sequence Additional Feature but must be held for less than three (3) seconds.~~

Turn Requirements

~~To receive a Step Sequence Additional Feature/Level, †~~The requirements for turns are as follows:

~~i) Steps and turns must be skated on, recognizable edges and lobes.~~

Reason: Reorganization, addition of new definitions and deletion of those no longer in use.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

312. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 990 paragraph 5

Renumber the paragraph 5. DEFINITION OF FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS. New number - 4

Add new title b)

Add new definitions d), j), l), m), n) and o) (moved from Rule 990 Paragraph 1.q) and renumber existing

Delete k) (i) and (ii)

4. 5. DEFINITION OF FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS

b) Balancing Position (Lift)

The position of the lifted Skater is stabilized mostly by their own strength. The lifted Skater's position becomes precarious and influences (affects) their balance.

d) Change of Position:

An action where the spokes/lines/Skaters change their order when compared to the start or when Skaters within a spoke/line change position with each other

j) Different Configuration

Different Configuration is shown when the number of lines, spokes or circles changes during an Element. Skaters have to move to form a new configuration.

k) Flexible Position (Lift)

Flexible positions include but are not limited to: front split, side split, 135°, backward arch in a semi-circle or full circle

l) Intersecting: Is a movement which occurs when there are only individual/solo Skaters involved. The movement refers to an individual/solo Skater passing in-between two (2) other individual/solo Skaters

m) Interlocking

Circle: At least two (2) circles rotating in opposite directions are linked together when individual Skaters in one circle pass in-between at least two (2) consecutive individual Skaters of the other circle

Wheel: At least two (2) wheels rotating in opposite directions where a spoke of each wheel passes in-between two (2) consecutive spokes of the other wheel(s)

n) Mirror Image Pattern

A Mirror Image Pattern is shown when one half (½) of the Team uses a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction and the other half (½) of the Team uses the opposite direction at the same time (anti-clockwise or clockwise).

o) Passing through: Is a movement which occurs when there is a pair(s) or group(s) of Skaters involved. The movement refers to; (i) A Skater (individual/solo, pair(s) or group(s)) passing in-between two (2) other pair(s) and/or group(s) of Skaters and/or (ii) A pair(s) or group(s) of Skaters passing in-between two (2) individual/solo Skaters

p) Pivoting

g) ~~k~~ Travel

An action where a rotating Element such as a Circle or Wheel is caused to move in a given direction or path for a required distance. The rotation and travel must occur at the same time. The path may be curved or straight.

~~(i) Change of Position (Wheel Element):~~

~~— An action where the spokes change their order when compared to the start or when all Skaters within each spoke change position with each other. In the case that a spoke is comprised of an uneven number of Skaters (example: five (5) Skaters), the middle Skater will stay in the same place.~~

~~(ii) Weaving during travel (Circle Element):~~

~~— If starting on the outside Circle they must change into the center Circle.~~

r) Weaving

An action when Skaters pass each other by moving side to side. For example: changing from ~~the~~ an outer circle into ~~the~~ a center circle and then back to the outer circle OR vice versa depending on where they start

Reason: Reorganization, addition of new definitions and deletion of those no longer in use.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

313. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

Rule 991, paragraph 3.a) and b)

Amend as follows:

- a) Un-prescribed or additional Elements or repetitions of Elements which have failed, are not allowed and will not be marked and a deduction must be made ~~from~~ if any of those Elements are included (see Rule 843, paragraph 1 n). Basic element shapes (~~Level Base~~) up to and including Level 1, Creative Elements and/or Artistic Elements (any level) will not be considered as an un-prescribed or additional Element(s).
- b) Some Features and Additional Features will be prescribed for each Element in a Short Program. Features and Additional Features other than those required for each Element in Short Program may not be taken into consideration when determining the level of an Element. Features and/or Additional Features that are not permitted will receive a deduction for Not According to Requirements (NAR) if included (see Rule 843, paragraph 1 n). This deduction will be taken from the Total Program Score ~~Element score~~. (See current ISU Communication).

Reason: To clarify permitted elements and to avoid taking any deductions from the Element score.

Council Recommendation:

Council supports for the reasons given.

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