

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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

The following urgent matters have been submitted:

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Urgent Proposal No. 1

FRANCE

Rule 128

Cancel the European and Four Continents ISU Championships in an Olympic year.

Replace them by the World ISU Championships at the same time (i.e. just before the Olympic Games).

Reason: Olympics after Olympics, the statistics show very clearly that since 1994 the number of Olympic medalists present at the World ISU championships just after the Games is continuously decreasing.

After both the 1998 Olympics in Nagano and the 2006 Olympics in Turin the four Olympic winners of the 4 gold medals did not compete in the ISU World Championships (in Minneapolis in 1998 and in Calgary in 2006).

Out of the twelve Olympic medalists since 1998, at least half of them did not participate in the World Championships a month later. Therefore, revenge becomes impossible.

The Olympic Winter Games should logically be the summit of the Olympic season and the ISU World Championships, if held just before the Games, would become the theater of a much greater enthusiasm due to the increase in top level participation.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

Urgent Proposal No. 2

Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee

Rule 291, paragraph 7

Add new paragraph

A system using signals from a transmitter or similar equipment, worn by the Skaters may be used at ISU Events to record information for the public, media and officials.

The equipment must be worn as instructed. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification.

Reason: To allow for new technical equipment.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING/ICE DANCE

Urgent Proposal No. 3

Japan

Rule 353, paragraph 1) h) iv)

change

Extraordinary and the most difficult executed elements of the day will receive a Bonus of 2.0 points. The Bonus will be awarded for maximum two for each program. These special elements will be decided by the Technical Committee and specified in the ISU Communication prior to the season.

<Related item> Rule 522, paragraph 1, e) Bonus

Reason: We have not seen any Bonus points given to unique, special and innovative movements so far.

Challenging more difficult elements imaginable for its time must be ordinary idea for skaters as far as the figure skating is recognized as a competitive sport. Considering the development of figure skating, the regulation must support the spirit and give an appropriate credit for the success of difficult challenge.

Urgent Proposal No. 4

ISU Council

Rule 400

Add new paragraph C. as follows:

If in the program of the Olympic Winter Games a Team Event involving Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance is adopted by the IOC in addition to the existing number of events, the Council in consultation with the IOC shall determine all relevant conditions (number of teams and participants, qualifying/participation/entry criteria, technical format, starting order, result determination, Officials participation and other relevant technical and organizational details).

Reason: To clarify how the details of a Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance Team Event within the Olympic Winter Games will be determined if accepted by the IOC.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Urgent Proposal No. 5

Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Rule 768

Amend paragraph 6 to read:

6. Each Member, may enter one (1) substitute Team in the case of one (1) entry but not more than two (2) substitute Teams in the case of two (2) entries. The substitute Team may compete only if its Member has withdrawn the name of its Team entered for the competition two (2) weeks before the first draw. However, the names of all Teams' skaters (including alternates) may be finally submitted at the time of registration. For post entries see Rule 115 paragraph 6.

Reason: To be consistent with S&PSTC and IDTC proposals regarding the substitute skaters (Rule 378)

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