

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council held meetings on June 6 -9, 2007 in San Francisco, USA. The following were among decisions taken by the Council during these meetings:

1. ISU Membership status decisions

a) Brazil

In accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the Brazilian Ice Sports Federation was granted full Membership in the Figure Skating branch. Thus Brazil is now a full Figure and Speed Skating Member.

b) Argentina

In accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution following the presentation of documentation proving National Olympic Committee recognition the Federacion Argentina de Patinaje Sobre Hielo was reinstated as a Figure Skating Member with immediate effect.

c) Australia

In accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the Council approved a name change for the Australian Speed Skating Member which is now known as "Australian Ice Racing Inc." and abbreviated as A.I.R.

2. Council meetings

The Council reconfirmed the autumn ISU Council meeting will be held on 24-28 October 2007 in New Delhi, India. The spring meeting will be held on March 22-24, 2008 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

3. Allotment of ISU Championships

ISU Championships 2008

In accordance with Rule 127 paragraph 3.a) of the ISU General Regulations the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2008 as follows:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships, January 12 - 13, 2008
The Russian Skating Union: Kolomna/Russia

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, January 19 – 20, 2008
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: Heerenveen, Netherlands

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships, February 8 - 10, 2008
Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft: Berlin/Germany

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, February 22 - 24, 2008
Chinese Skating Association: Changchun/China

ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships, March 6 - 9, 2008
Japan Skating Federation: Nagano/Japan

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 11 - 13, 2008
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Bolzano/Italy/

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 18 – 20, 2008
The Latvian Skating Association: Ventspils/Latvia

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 7 - 9, 2008
Korea Skating Union: Gangneung City, Republic of Korea

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 15 - 16, 2008
Chinese Skating Association: Harbin/China.

Figure Skating

ISU European Figure Skating Championships, January 21 - 27, 2008
Croatian Skating Federation: Zagreb/Croatia

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, February 4 - 10, 2008 or February 11-17, 2008 (dates to be confirmed)
Korea Skating Union: Seoul/Republic of Korea

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, February 25 – March 2, 2008
Bulgarian Skating Federation: Sofia/ Bulgaria

ISU World Figure Skating Championships, March 17 – 23, 2008
Svenska Konståkningsförbundet: Gothenburg/ Sweden

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, March 28 – 30, 2008
Hungarian National Skating Federation: Budapest/ Hungary

4. Provisional allotment of pending 2009 and 2010 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127, paragraph 3.b) of the ISU General Regulations the Council has provisionally allotted the following Championships:

Provisional allotment of pending 2009 ISU Championships

Figure Skating

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2009, February 2 – 8, 2009
Pending

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, March 26 - 28, 2009
Croatian Skating Federation: Zagreb/Croatia

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 6-8, 2009
Osterreichischer Eisschnellauf Verband: Vienna/Austria (replacing Innsbruck)

Provisional Allotments of 2010 Championships

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships, January 8 - 10, 2010
Norges Skøyteforbund: Hamar/Norway

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, January 23 - 24, 2010
Suomen Luisteluliitto: Helsinki/Finland

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, March 12 - 14, 2010
The Russian Skating Union: Moscow/Russia

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships, March 19 - 21, 2010
Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond: Heerenveen/Netherlands

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 8 - 10, 2010
Chinese Taipei Skating Union: Taipei City/Chinese Taipei

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 22 - 24, 2010
Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft: Dresden/Germany

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 19 - 21, 2010
Bulgarian Skating Federation: Sofia/ Bulgaria

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 27 – 28, 2010
Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio: Bormio/Italy

Figure Skating

ISU European Figure Skating Championships, January 18 - 24, 2010
The Estonian Skating Union: Tallinn/Estonia

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, January 25 - 31, 2010
Pending

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, March 8 - 14, 2010
Pending

ISU World Figure Skating Championships, March 22 - 28, 2010
Pending

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, April 9 - 10, 2010
Pending

5. Summary Figure Skating Officials Evaluation 2006/2007

During the 2006/2007 season the Assessments (warnings) were determined jointly by the assigned Officials Assessment Commission members and by the Technical Committees. The Council reviewed and ratified the following Assessments:

a) Single and Pair Skating:

Assessment 1:	8 Assessments
Assessment 2:	5 Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	13 Assessments
Out of which	7 concerning Program Components 5 concerning Technical Elements

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2005/06:	29 Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	42 Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	20 Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	11 Assessments

b) Ice Dancing:

Assessment 1:	11 Assessments
Assessment 2:	6 Assessments
Assessment 3:	3 Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	20 Assessments
Out of which	3 concerning Program Components 16 concerning Technical Elements 1 concerning both Program Components and Technical Elements

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2005/06:	25 Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	56 Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	9 Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	4 Assessments

c) Synchronized Skating:

Assessment 1

Total season 2006/07: 1 Assessments

Out of which 1 concerning both Program Components and Technical Elements

Previous Seasons Assessments:

Total season 2005/06:	0 assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	0 assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	1 assessment
Total season 2002/03*:	2 assessments

* = Assessment based on the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

**= Assessments based on partly the ISU Judging System, partly the previous 6.0 based Judging System

The concerned Officials have been notified about the Assessments through their Members.

6. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating calendar season 2007/08

The Council ratified the following ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating schedule:

Skate America, October 25-28, 2007 Reading, United States

HomeSense Skate Canada International, November 1-4, 2007, Quebec City, Canada

Cup of China, November 8-11, 2007, Beijing, China

Trophée Eric Bompard Cachemire, November 15-18, 2007, Paris, France

Cup of Russia, November 22-25, 2007, Moscow, Russia

NHK Trophy, November 29-December 2, 2007, Sendai, Japan

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, December 13-16, 2007, Torino, Italy

7. Recognition of new World Records Speed Skating

Upon the ratification of the Sports Directorate, the Council has acknowledged the following new World Records in Speed Skating:

World Records 2006/2007

Men 500 meters

34,25	Kang-Seok Lee	KOR	Salt Lake City, 09.03.2007
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Men 2 x 500 meters

68,69	Kang-Seok Lee	KOR	Salt Lake City, 09.03.2007
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Men 1500 meters

1.42,32	Shani Davis	USA	Calgary, 04.03.2007
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Men 5000 meters

6.07,48	Sven Kramer	NED	Calgary, 03.03.2007
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Men 10 000 meters

12.49,88	Sven Kramer	NED	Heerenveen, 11.02.2007
12.41,69	Sven Kramer	NED	Salt Lake City, 10.03.2007

Men Team Pursuit

3.37,80	Netherlands (Sven Kramer, Carl Verheijen, Erben Wennemars)	NED	Salt Lake City, 11.03.2007
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Ladies 500 meters

37,04	Jenny Wolf	GER	Salt Lake City, 10.03.2007
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Ladies 2 x 500 meters

74,42	Jenny Wolf	GER	Salt Lake City, 10.03.2007
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Ladies 5000 meters

6.45,61	Martina Sáblíková	CZE	Salt Lake City, 11.03.2007
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Junior World Records 2006/20067

Men 1500 meters

1.45,54	Sjoerd de Vries	NED	Calgary, 15.03.2007
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Men 3000 meters

3.42,98	Sjoerd de Vries	NED	Calgary, 13.03.2007
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Ladies 500 meters

37,81	Sang-Hwa Lee	KOR	Salt Lake City, 10.03.2007
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Ladies 1000 meters

1.15,53	Laurine van Riessen	NED	Calgary, 16.03.2007
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8. Recognition of new World Records Short Track Speed Skating

There were no Short Track Speed Skating World Records achieved in the 2006/2007 season.

9. ISU Gold Award of Merit

The ISU Council decided to award Mrs Susan Johnson (USA) former ISU Judge and Mrs. Lucy Brennan (USA) former ISU Judge and ISU Referee with an ISU Gold Award of Merit in recognition of their valuable contribution to skating over the years.

10. Mr. Katsuichiro Hisanaga

The Council, having been informed that Mr. Katsuichiro Hisanaga had been found guilty by a Japanese criminal court of embezzlement funds belonging to the Japanese Skating Federation and sentenced to 3 years in prison suspended for 5 years, and that no explanation and/or apology has been received from him although such opportunity had been granted to him, unanimously agreed to withdraw Katsuichiro Hisanaga's Degree of ISU Honorary Vice President in accordance with article 15, paragraph 8 a) of the ISU Constitution

11. Judges Draw for 2008 ISU Figure Skating Championships

In accordance with Rules 582/660/972 of the ISU Technical Rules for Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating the Council decided to hold the Judges Draw on October 22, 2007 in Zurich/Switzerland. Detailed information including the exact time and venue as well as the applicable draw procedure will be sent to Figure Skating Members in due time.

12. Proposals to the 2008 ISU Congress

The Council decided to remind Members of the applicable deadlines for the submission of proposals to be included in the 2008 Congress Agenda in accordance with VII Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Paragraph 2 of the ISU Constitution as copied below. The Council points out in particular that proposals for changes in the Technical Rules, for the consideration of the Technical Committees, must be sent by September 1, 2007 to the ISU Secretariat.

The VII Procedural Provisions to the Constitution, A. Congress, Paragraph 2 reads as follows:

1. Invitations

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

2. Proposals to Congress

- a) **Members and Technical Committees must send all proposals for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations** for inclusion in the agenda to the ISU Secretariat **by December 1** preceding the Congress. A summary of proposals from Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and Technical Committees for changes in the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations shall then be sent to all Members, the Council, the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees by January 31. Members and Technical Committees may submit amendments to their own previous proposals to the ISU Secretariat by March 30. An updated agenda including such amendments, as well as amendments to Council and Sports Directorate proposals, will be sent through an ISU Communication to all Members and Office Holders by April 30 of the same year;

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

Milan,
June 29, 2007
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President
Fredi Schmid, Director General