

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1563

Panels of Judges for the Olympic Winter Games - Rule 402

The ISU Council decided to adjust the provisions regarding the panels of Judges for the Olympic Winter Games to bring them in line with the provisions applicable for the ISU Figure Skating Championships (Rules 582, 660 and 972 as well as ISU Communication No 1535, point 3).

The Council decided based on the powers granted to the Council in the Constitution in Article 17, paragraph 1.q) (i), to amend the Rule 402 **effective as of the season 2009/10 (2010 Olympic Winter Games, Vancouver)** as follows:

Rule 402

1. For the Olympic Winter Games Single and Pair Skating as well as Ice Dance competitions,
 - a) The panel of Judges shall consist of nine (9) Judges per segment.
For each discipline nine (9) Judges shall be drawn from those Members having Skaters/Couples placed in the top twenty-four (24) in the singles events, the top sixteen (16) in the Pairs event and the top nineteen (19) in the Ice Dance event in the World Championships of the preceding year. The Judges of the drawn ISU Members will serve in the first segment of the discipline (Short Program/Compulsory Dance).
 - b) For the second segment of the discipline (Original Dance/Free Skating) four (4) additional ISU Members are drawn out of a pool of ISU Members having been included in the respective draw as per paragraph a) above and not yet drawn. The Judges of these four (4) drawn Members will be seeded to serve in the second segment.
The Judges of these four (4) ISU Members drawn will also be designated as Alternate Judges for the respective discipline and might serve as Alternate Judges for the first segment in case that ISU Members having been drawn for one of the nine Judges spots in the first segment had to withdraw Judges after the repechage draw at the European Championships mentioned under paragraph e) below. In such case a separate draw among these 4 Alternate Judges will be made on site of the Olympic Winter Games. For the naming of the Judges and substitutions by Substitute Judges until 2 days before the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games refer to paragraph g) below;
 - c) If the number of Members to draw Judges based on the procedure as per paragraph a) and b) above is insufficient for any discipline to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges for the first segment plus the four (4) additional Judges for the second segment, the additional Members having the right to send Judges to the Olympic Winter Games will be drawn out of a pool of Members having qualified Skaters/Couples in the respective discipline based on the result of the Olympic Qualifying Competition;
 - d) If the number of Members to draw Judges based on the procedure as per paragraphs a) through c) above is insufficient for any discipline to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges for the first segment plus the four (4) additional Judges for the second segment, the additional Members having the right to send Judges to the Olympic Winter Games will be drawn out of all remaining Members (other than those included in the draw as per paragraph a) above) having Skaters/Couples in the respective event in the World Championships of the preceding year.
 - e) A repechage draw might be necessary during the European Figure Skating Championships preceding the Olympic Winter Games if at the beginning of the European Figure Skating Championships there is

an insufficient number of named Judges for any discipline of the Olympic Winter Games to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges for the first segment plus the four (4) additional Judges for the second segment. Such insufficient number of Judges might be the result of the draws as per paragraphs a) through d) above and/or due to Members having been drawn for Judges spots as per paragraph a) through d) above who were subsequently unable to name the respective Judges or had to withdraw the named Judges before the beginning of the European Figure Skating Championships.

The Judges for each discipline to be drawn to complete the panel of nine (9) Judges for the first segment plus the four (4) additional Judges for the second segment will be drawn out of a pool of Members, already drawn and having named Judges in any of the other disciplines for the Olympic Winter Games and willing to serve in the discipline in question as their second event, provided such a Member is not yet represented with a Judge in the respective discipline. Such repechage draw requiring the identity of the named Judges concerned, will be made if necessary on the occasion of the European Figure Skating Championships preceding the Olympic Winter Games.

- f) A random draw on site of the Olympic Winter Games will be made to complete the panel of Judges for up to nine (9) Judges for the second segment of the discipline. For this purpose, the Judges of the four (4) additionally drawn Members as per paragraph b) above are seeded for the second segment and all other Judges serving already in the first segment will participate in the draw in order to complete the panel to nine (9) Judges. The remainder of the Judges not drawn for the second segment will serve as Alternate Judges to replace if necessary one of the drawn Judges. In such case as separate draw among these Alternate Judges not drawn for the second segment will be made. For the third segment in Ice Dance (Free Dance), the panel of Judges will be drawn on site amongst all thirteen (13) Judges present and available for this discipline who have officiated either in the first or the second segment or both.
- g) In accordance with Rule 138, paragraph 1.c), drawn Members may name one Judge and one Substitute Judge in the disciplines they have been drawn. A named Substitute Judge may replace the named Judge if notice of such substitution has reached the ISU Secretariat latest 2 days before the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games;
- h) If the procedure as per sub-paragraphs a) through f) above results in the fact that due to exceptional circumstances one day before the beginning of an event (Pairs, Ladies, Men, Ice Dance) of the Olympic Winter Games less than the necessary 9 Judges on each panel/segment plus at least one Alternate Judge are drawn and present, the additional number of Judges for the concerned discipline(s) are drawn from a pool of Judges who are already drawn and named in another discipline, who are present at the site of the Olympic Winter Games and who are from a Member not yet having drawn a Judge's spot in the discipline concerned;
- i) If a Judge officiating on a panel becomes incapacitated while the skating of a segment is ongoing, no Alternate Judge will take his place and the procedure as per Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance, A. General, paragraph f) (i) applies;
- j) The basic draw will be conducted after the Olympic Qualifying Competition on site of the Qualifying Competition; the repechage draw as per paragraph e) above will be held if necessary on site of the European Figure Skating Championships preceding the Olympic Winter Games. The result of these draws will be published by the ISU in a Communication;
- k) In case no Skater/Couple of a Member drawn for Judges spots competes in the Olympic Winter Games, a drawn Judge of the respective Member remains on the Judges panel;
- l) For the Olympic Winter Games and any ISU Qualifying Competitions for those Games, the panel of Judges shall consist only of Judges on the current lists of ISU Referees or ISU Judges for the respective discipline. The inclusion of a Member in any Judges draw is subject to such Member having a qualified ISU Judge for the respective discipline.
2. For the naming of the Judges and possible Substitute Judges by the Members having been drawn, ISU General Regulations, Rule 138, paragraph 1. c) apply.

3. The names of the Judges proposed by the Members must be announced not later than 10 days after publication of the draw results to:
 - a) their own National Olympic Committee;
 - b) the Member holding the Olympic Winter Games Figure Skating competitions;
 - c) the ISU Director General;
 - d) the Sports Director Figure Skating.
4. The Organizing Committee of the skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games is responsible for providing suitable accommodation for the Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators and Judges.
5. The secret random Judges draw procedure as per the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, "A. General, paragraph f) (i)" applies. This secret random Judges Draw will be conducted as follows:
 - i) Forty-five minutes (which is the time necessary to program the technology input information and data) prior to the commencement of the competition, a manual draw will take place in the Judges room in the presence of the Judging Panel to select the sequence that the computer will use to select scoring Judges.
 - ii) Following the Random Draw, the seating order of the Judging Panel shall be conducted manually by the Referee of the event in the Judges room for each segment of the event.

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