

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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It is with profound regret and sorrow that we inform you of the death of our good friend and ISU Honorary Member

### **Mr. John Hurdis**

At the time of his passing he was ISU Honorary Member, a role to which he was elected at the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary ISU Congress held in Davos, Switzerland, in 1992.

Mr. John Hurdis died in Mississauga, Ontario, in Canada on April 21, 2010, at the age of 82.

Born on April 27, 1927, Mr. John Hurdis began his involvement in Speed Skating in 1943 as a competitive speed skater with the Birmingham Dragons Ice Racing Club, England. In 1947 on leave from his Military duties in Northern Rhodesia he skated with the South African Speed Skating Club in Johannesburg.

He went on to take up a long and distinguished career as a Speed Skating official in Great Britain and Canada. He was a member of the Organizing Committee for the ISU Speed Skating Short Track International Competition in Champaign, Illinois held in the USA from April 9-10, 1976. Mr. John Hurdis was a member of the Short Track Technical Committee from 1977-1980 and was elected Chairman of the Committee from 1980-84.

Mr. Hurdis played an instrumental role in the recognition and development of Speed Skating at the international level and was Honorary President of the Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Association (CASSA).

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Kathleen Powell, three children, five grand children and three great grand children.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Hurdis's devoted service to the ISU and the sport of Speed Skating, and asks Members to remember him with affection.

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