

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1523

DECLARATION FOR COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS ENTERING ISU EVENTS (Rule 131)

The 2008 ISU Congress revised General Regulation Rule 131 covering the forms required to be used by a Member to enter a competitor or official in an ISU Event.

According to the Rule, entries for all ISU Events **must be accompanied by a Declaration** confirming familiarity with and acceptance of ISU statutes governing participation in ISU Events and activities.

As directed by Rule 131, the attached *Declaration for Competitors and Officials Entering ISU Events* has been prepared and approved by the Council for ISU use. **Note that officials appointed by the Member and ISU Officials serving at an ISU Event must each file a Declaration.**

For Synchronized Skating Events, the Declaration shall be signed by the Team Captain on behalf of all members of the Team. It is the responsibility of the Member and Team Captain to make the Team members familiar with the Declaration.

A copy of revised Rule 131 as adopted by the 2008 Congress is attached to this Communication for quick reference.

Attention is invited to Rule 115, paragraph 5 covering the submission of entries. This Rule states that entries “*must be forwarded by letter, fax or electronic mail to the body or person and within the time limit (closing date) designated in the Regulations and/or in the Announcement for the competition. Entries by fax or email must be confirmed by a letter sent out simultaneously to the Organizers.*” (The words “to the Organizers” were added to Rule 115 by the 2008 Congress.)

Original entry (and eventual post entry) forms and the signed Declaration transmitted by fax or email, must be confirmed by a correspondence sent out simultaneously **to the Organizers** by post or courier. Entries by fax or email are valid even if the confirmation letter required by Rule 115 has not been received by the Organizers when the starting order is to be drawn provided that the Declaration with original signatures has been received. If the original Declaration has not been received, then exceptionally, *the competitor or official involved, and the highest-ranking, on-site representative* of the Member, will be requested to complete, sign and deliver the Declaration to the Organizers at the site before the competition.

Please note that Rule 131 and the Declaration form also require compliance with ISU Communication 1514, issued July 15, 2008 and titled “*Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing*”, (an update of Communication 1452).

Milano,
August 7, 2008
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General

Declaration for Competitors and Officials entering ISU Events

(in accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 131)

This Form must be returned before <dd.mm.yyyy>

Please fill in with type or write in capital letters!

I /we, the undersigned

(full name of Competitor or Official)

born on (day, month, year)

Residing at (full address)

entered by (name of ISU Member federation and name and title of the authorized ISU Member Representative such as President, General Secretary, Executive Director, CEO as per Rule 104/4) -
Not applicable for ISU appointed Officials

On the occasion of (name/date of the ISU Event)

hereby make the following declaration and confirm that it is applicable to all of the above-mentioned Competitor's or Official's activities, performances, services, rights and responsibilities in the above-mentioned ISU Event and in all other events and activities conducted under the auspices, sanction or jurisdiction of the ISU. Declarations of Competitors who have not reached the age of 18 (the age of majority in Swiss law which governs ISU matters) must be co-signed by at least one of the Competitor's parents or the Competitor's lawful guardian.

I/we, the undersigned,

- I) *accept the ISU Constitution, which establishes an ISU Disciplinary Commission (Article 24) and recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland as the arbitration tribunal authorized to issue final and binding awards involving the ISU, its Members and all participants in ISU activities, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts (Articles 25 & 26); and*
- II) *accept the inclusion of the ISU Event in the television and other media exhibition arrangements entered into by the ISU pursuant to ISU Rule 105, and that the Competitor's performance(s) and all activity related to the ISU Event, may be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, and otherwise depicted, recorded and further exhibited and distributed worldwide under conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorized by the ISU in relation to promoting the Figure and Speed Skating sports; and*
- III) *confirm that the Competitor or Official entered is eligible to compete/officiate according to ISU Rule 102. (in the case of ineligible skaters entered in Open International Competitions to be crossed out and initialed by the ineligible skater); and*
- IV) *certify and warrant that for Figure Skating ISU Events the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitor in ISU Events or International Competitions have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and television broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind on the part of ISU, the Organizing Member, the Organizing Committee or the relevant television network or broadcaster being required; and*
- V) *declare that I/we understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations, Rule 102 paragraph 6.a) for Figure Skating and respectively Rule 102, paragraph 6.b) for Speed Skating regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during ISU Events, including, but not limited to, prize-giving ceremonies, and recognize that negative consequences as outlined in ISU Communication 1514 titled "Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing" (or any update of this Communication) will result from non-compliance with its requirements.*
- VI) *am familiar with the ISU Anti-Doping Rules (ISU Communication 1447 & 1448 or any update of these Communications) and also with the List of Prohibited Substances and Methods and I declare that I will fully comply with such Rules.*

Competitor or Official:

Date:

Signature:

Competitor's parent or lawful guardian
for Competitors who have not reached the
age of 18:

Date:

Signature:

ISU Member Representative:
(not applicable for ISU appointed Officials)

Date:

Signature:

Please mail or fax to:

**<Address of the OC>
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Fax: XXXXXXXXXXXX**

“Rule 131

Entries

Entries for all ISU Events must be made through the respective Members (for exceptions see Rule 109, paragraph 5) and must be accompanied by the competitor’s, Official’s and the Member’s signed declaration form confirming familiarity with and acceptance of ISU statutes governing participation in ISU Events and activities. Such declaration forms are intended as explicit reminders of certain of the comprehensive provisions of the ISU Constitution, General & Special Regulations, Code of Ethics, Anti-Doping Rules, Technical Rules and other official regulations applicable to and binding upon all participants in ISU competitions and activities. In case of competitors who are not full of age, such Declaration must be co-signed by at least one of the parents or other guardian at law.

The Director General and Sports Directorate shall prepare appropriate declaration forms for review and approval by the Council. Separate forms may be proposed for each of Figure Skating, Speed Skating and ISU Officials. Upon approval, such forms shall be copied into the respective ISU Memorandum, if issued, governing the ISU Events and published in a Communication posted on the ISU website. The declaration forms shall include (but not be limited to) the following subjects:

- a) *All competitors, Officials and Members shall acknowledge acceptance of:*
 - i) *the applicability the ISU Constitution, which establishes an ISU Disciplinary Commission (Article 24) and recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland as the arbitration tribunal authorized to issue final and binding awards involving the ISU, its Members and all participants in ISU activities, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts (Articles 25 & 26).*
 - ii) *inclusion of the ISU Event in the television and other media exhibition arrangements entered into by the ISU pursuant to Rule 105, and that the competitor’s performance(s) and all activity related to the ISU Event, may be filmed, televised, photographed, identified, and otherwise depicted, recorded and further exhibited and distributed worldwide under conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorized by the ISU in relation to promoting the Figure and Speed Skating sports.*

- b) *All Figure Skating competitors and their Members shall:*
 - (i) *certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the competitor have been fully cleared and authorized for public use and television broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind on the part of the ISU, the organizing Member, the Organizing Committee or the relevant television networks or broadcasters being required.*
 - (ii) *declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations, Rule 102 paragraph 6.a) regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, prize-giving ceremonies, and recognize that negative consequences as outlined in ISU Communication 1452, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing or any update of this Communication) will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.*

- c) *All Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating competitors and their Members shall:*
 - (i) *declare that they understand and will comply with ISU Communication 1452, titled “Uniforms/Racing Suits/Clothing” (or any update of this Communication) and recognize that negative consequences will result from non-compliance with the ISU requirements.*
 - (ii) *declare that they understand and will comply with ISU General Regulations Rule 102 paragraph 6.b) regarding the display and non-display of trademarks during Events, including, but not limited to, award ceremonies.”*