

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 15-16, 2006 in Geneva/Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1) ISU Membership status

Puerto Rico (Figure Skating branch)

In the absence of any opposition by the Council, and in accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation became a full Figure Skating ISU member with immediate effect.

India (Speed Skating branch)

In the absence of any opposition by the Council, in accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the Ice Skating Association of India became a full Speed Skating ISU member with immediate effect. This Member thus becomes a full ISU Member for both branches, Figure Skating and Speed Skating.

Brazil (Figure Skating branch)

In accordance with Article 6 of the ISU Constitution the ISU Council decided to extend the Provisional Figure Skating Membership of the Brazilian Ice Sports Federation until the end of the season 2006/2007. The ISU Council will review their status at that time. This Member thus remains a full ISU Member for the Speed Skating branch and a Provisional Member for the Figure Skating branch.

Argentina (Figure Skating branch)

In accordance with Article 6 and Article 17 1.g) of the Constitution the Council decided that the current ISU Member for the Figure Skating branch in Argentina, the Federacion Argentina de Patinaje Sobre Hielo, is suspended with immediate effect and until further notice due to failure to maintain minimum membership requirements, principally lack of confirmation of National Olympic Committee recognition.

2) ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating allotments 2007/2008

The following allotments for the 2007/08 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final were agreed:

1 st event	Pending – to be announced *	September 6-9, 2007
2 nd event	Vienna, Austria	September 12-16, 2007
3 rd event	Miercurea Ciuc, Romania	September 19-23, 2007
4 th event	Tallinn, Estonia*	September 25-29, 2007
5 th event	Zagreb, Croatia	September 27-30, 2007
6 th event	Sheffield, Great Britain *	October 3-7, 2007
7 th event	Sofia, Bulgaria	October 10-14, 2007
8 th event	Chemnitz, Germany *	October 17-21, 2007
Final	Gdansk, Poland	December 6-9, 2007

* Only individual Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events including an asterisk will include a Pair Skating competition.

3) Suspension of Honorary ISU membership - Mr. Katsuichiro Hisanaga (JPN)

The Council decided to suspend the ISU Honorary membership of Mr. Katsuichiro Hisanaga who was ISU Vice President for Figure Skating from 1998-2002 and was elected Honorary Vice President in 2002.

This suspension is pending the outcome of a reported investigation and arrest of Mr. Hisanaga in Japan for the embezzlement of funds directly connected to his international activity in the sport of Figure Skating. The Council will take further action upon receiving the final decision of the Japanese authorities having jurisdiction in the matter.

4) Split Judges Panel Figure Skating

The Nebelhorn Trophy in Oberstdorf (GER), on September 29 - October 1, 2006, served as a platform to test a preliminary concept of split panel judging whereby part of the Judges Panel evaluated the Grade of Execution of elements and the other part evaluated the Components. The test trials provided data for analysis. The Council reviewed this data including the conclusions of the ISU Technical Committee, the Judges and Referees involved in the Oberstdorf test. Based on this information and the recommendations of these Officials, the ISU Council decided that the preliminary concept had been evaluated, did not warrant exploring further and would not be subject to additional testing. The Council reiterated their support of the ISU Judging System and continuation of on-going education.

5) Enforcement of Rule 102, paragraph 6 – Advertising marking/manufacturer trademarks Skaters uniforms/clothing

The ISU Council reiterates that Members are responsible to ensure compliance of their skaters with the ISU Regulations relating to trademarks as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 6. The Council decided that non-compliance with Rule 102 paragraph 6 will engender the following consequences:

- a) If the non compliance is being detected on site of a competition before the start or in between parts of a competition, the concerned skater(s) may start or continue the participation in the competition only if the cause for non-compliance has been removed, for example by covering the relevant advertising markings/manufacturer trademarks with a tape or by changing the uniform/clothing.
- b) In case of evidence for non-compliance, regardless whether the skater was able to compete or not as per sub-paragraph a) above, a warning will be issued to the Member of the concerned skater(s) and a penalty fine of CHF 1'000 per skater concerned will be imposed.
- c) Skaters of Members having been subject to paragraph b) above will not be allowed to participate in subsequent ISU Events or International Competitions until the ISU Representative (for ISU Championships) or the Representative of the Technical Committee (for ISU World Cups) or the Referee for International Competitions in attendance at such subsequent competition(s) ascertains that the skater(s) uniform/clothing is in compliance with the ISU General Regulations.

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