

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1371

APPLICATIONS FOR ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. Applications for the following 2007 ISU Championships

Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2007:

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships (March 3-4 or March 10-11, 2007, see Rule 128.5)

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (February 5-11, 2007)

II. Applications for the 2008 ISU Championships

Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2008:

World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 1-2 or March 8-9, 2008

World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, March 14 - 16, 2008

Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, February 4 - 10, 2008

III. Applications for the 2009 ISU Championships

Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2009:

ISU European Speed Skating Championships (January 9-11, 2009)

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships (January 17-18, 2009)

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships (February 7-8, 2009)

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (February 20-22, 2009)

ISU World Single Distance Speed Skating Championships (March 6-8, 2009)

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 9-11, 2009)

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 16-18, 2009)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships (February 28 – March 1 or March 7-8, 2009 see Rule 128.5)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 13-15, 2009)

ISU European Figure Skating Championships (January 19-25, 2009)

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (February 2-8, 2009)

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships (February 23-March 1, 2009)

ISU World Figure Skating Championships (March 16-22, 2009)

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (March 26- 28, 2009)

Members are invited to send applications for the above-mentioned Championships to be received at the ISU Secretariat **not later than April 15, 2006**.

Before submitting an application, Members should ensure that the above-mentioned dates, which are in line with the ISU Standardized Calendar, can be respected. In particular, please check that no other conflicting events will be held during the period of the Championships which might affect the Championships in any way (e.g. sufficient hotel accommodation for spectators).

We draw your attention to the ISU Regulations, Rules 127 and 128, according to which:

1. Applications for Championships must be made to the ISU Council before April 15 accompanied by a statement of the above mentioned dates and place, and must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the ISU Member concerned.
2. The ISU Council, at its meeting held not later than June 30, must decide definitively when and where the Championships of the following year shall take place and provisionally when and in which country they shall be held in the subsequent two years. (The June 30 deadline is obviously subject to conditions that permit the allotments of the Championships in the interest of the ISU and, in particular for definite allotments, is subject to compliance with Rule 127, paragraph 5).

For the pending provisional allotment of 2007 and 2008 ISU Championships, the Council reserves the right, if appropriate applications are received before the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, to already decide upon the respective provisional allotments during the Council meetings to be held during the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

3. The applicant must ask the ISU General Secretary for the respective **questionnaire**. The questionnaire must be completed and sent with the application.

4. Television arrangements (See Rule 105)

All arrangements for television coverage of ISU Events (including ISU Championships), including the sale of the broadcasting rights for the country of the organizing Member, shall be made solely by the ISU in accordance with the ISU General Regulations 2004, Rule 105, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

The TV production/signal, as specified in the latest Memorandum for guidance in hosting ISU Championships, is required for all ISU Championships *except the World Junior Speed Skating Championships, the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships and the World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships.*

Members applying for the remaining 2007 and/or 2008 Championships are kindly requested to contact the ISU General Secretary before preparing their application(s) in order to receive an update regarding the TV and hostbroadcasting agreements for the respective Championships in the respective territory. If no TV agreement is in

place for the respective Championships with mandatory TV coverage in the respective territory, applying Members must provide the same confirmation(s) as outlined below for 2009 Championships.

As for the 2009 Championships, at time of release of this Communication, no license agreements between TV companies and the ISU have been concluded for 2009 Championships. Members interested in applying to host ISU Championships are therefore requested to provide the following statement produced and duly signed by the television company concerned.

Quote

We hereby confirm that if an agreement is reached between us and the ISU on TV transmission of the..... Championships, a live signal of international standard, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the ISU, of the entire event will be produced by our Company and that free access to the signal to all TV partners of the ISU will be provided and available on-site. The ISU shall declare in writing the names of its TV partners. All relevant costs related to the production of this TV signal will be our responsibility. Considering that there is presently no license agreement for the transmission of the above mentioned Championships between our Company and the ISU, we agree to negotiate in good faith with the ISU a fair license fee to be paid to the ISU for the transmission of the above mentioned Championships in the territory of We acknowledge that the ISU at its discretion may negotiate with other TV networks at any time without liability towards us to secure the host broadcasting and transmission of the event within the territory of

Unquote

In the case the Host Broadcaster for the respective Championships is a member of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), such Host Broadcaster must confirm in writing that it will fully comply with the terms of an EBU/ISU agreement in the case that such agreement would be in force at the time of the Championships.

No allotment of any ISU Championships shall become definite until an agreement with a host broadcaster in the country of the organizing Member is signed and becomes effective. If, for whatsoever reason, an organizer fails to provide the required television coverage, the ISU at its sole discretion may decide to have the event covered by television through the TV network the ISU decides and the relevant costs will be debited and/or withheld from the ISU Contribution/s to the concerned Member.

5. Advertising arrangements

- a) The ISU will in due time sign contracts with third parties for the marketing of the rinkboard and other local advertising rights at ISU Championships.
- b) Any such contracts signed by the ISU are binding on each organizer of the ISU Championships and must be observed. Each prospective organizer will receive upon request from the ISU Secretariat a copy of the most current Memorandum which includes, if available, the relevant parts of those contracts. The Championships will not be awarded to a Member which cannot agree to fully comply with the respective Memorandum. In addition, if the rink is not owned and/or managed by the Member, the rink owner(s) and manager(s) must agree in writing that they will observe the respective Memorandum, before the award of the Championships by the ISU Council.
- c) In accordance with Rule 105, para 2., “the rink area” must be free of any advertising. No advertising may be placed in the “rink area” without the approval of the ISU

General Secretary. However, the names of the companies providing the timing and results service systems may be placed on the display board and the computing system, if so approved by the ISU General Secretary. The “rink area” means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

The following statement duly signed by an authorized officer from the arena company/organization must be provided:

Quote

We hereby confirm that except for the advertising allowed by the ISU the arena will be free from all advertising during the.....Championships. The arena means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink, that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

Unquote

6. Financial contributions from the ISU in favor of the sport activity of the organizing Member (Rule 106)

Rule 106 states that, *for all ISU Events, the contributions to Members (which include any contributions towards prize money) are based on the budget prepared by the Council and approved by the Congress, but the Council must respect criteria to ensure that the interest of all ISU Members is observed and respected.* Consequently, within the limits of the Congress’ accepted overall budget for contributions to the sport activity of the organizing Member, the ISU Council decides upon the allocation of the financial contribution to each Event.

Members applying for any ISU Championships will, upon request, receive an indication from the ISU General Secretary of the provisory ISU financial contribution allocated to the corresponding Championships.

However, taking into account the decreasing amount of financial support available for sport, including the ISU sports, from TV and rink board sponsors, the Council considers it appropriate to give notice to the Members that in considering applications for ISU Championships, the Council will welcome applications that guarantee the maintenance of high ISU standards for the event and at the same time offer savings to the ISU in the contribution amounts customarily paid, the sharing of revenues between the Member and the ISU, or other creative financial proposals that assist the ISU in maintaining a sound financial position for the long term benefit of the ISU sports. At time of the provisional allotments, such financial proposals made by Members applying for ISU Championships will be taken into account among other pertinent criteria such as a geographical rotation of the respective Championships, the applying Members history as organizer of International competitions and international involvement in the respective ISU discipline as well as the available infrastructure (ice rink, hotels). It is understood that the respective proposal for such savings and/or revenue sharing and/or other creative financial proposals must be backed up by a specific budget and appropriate and verifiable guarantees.

The ISU Council will indicate the consequent ISU contribution when deciding the provisional allotments and endeavor to confirm at the time of the final allotment the amount in line with the provisory indication.

The ISU Council reserves however the right to reduce the indicated financial contribution if required by economic or other pertinent reasons, in particular but not limited to the case that the financial situation of the ISU should substantially deteriorate as a result of reduced revenues for TV and sponsorship contracts from the relevant markets.

The ISU General Secretary will inform the organizing Member of the final financial ISU contribution as well as the schedule/date of payment(s) after the ISU June Council Meeting preceding the Championships.

The ISU Council would further reserve the right to reduce the ISU financial contribution to the organizers in the case that the organizers do not fully comply with all obligations assumed by the organizers under the ISU Regulations (Rule 106, paragraph 2), the respective ISU Memorandum and this Communication.

7. For the expenses of ISU Officials, competitors etc. please consult Rule 137, as well as the respective Memorandum

8. Prize money

Prize money must be awarded in accordance with the current ISU Communication, i.e. currently Communication No. 1286 or any later updating of this Communication.

9. Insurance of ISU Championships

The ISU maintains cancellation insurance in case of the cancellation, abandonment, postponement, interruption or relocation of the insured Championships due to any cause beyond the control of the ISU or the Organizers, but not including terrorism risk, nor communicable diseases such as SARS or bird-flue. The Championships are presently insured for actually incurred expenses up to the amount of the ISU contribution (excluding Prize Money). The insured sums will be communicated to the respective organizing Member in due time.

The premiums will be paid by the ISU in advance and is taken into account in the determination of the ISU financial contribution.

Every organizer should fill out a form with the budget details and send it to Aon Group Limited. The form can be obtained from the ISU or from:

Mr. Gary Flynn, Aon Group Ltd.,
8 Devonshire Square,
London EC2M 4PL, Great Britain.
Tel.+ 44 20 7623 5500 Fax + 44 20 7668 9699

Every organizer can, at its own choice and cost, insure for a higher sum at the same premium rate as the ISU.

10. Information regarding the Championships Hotels

Detailed information regarding the hotels is needed, so that the ISU can better compare the different applications. Please state the prices in US\$ equivalent as well as the location of all hotels and the distance to the stadium. A brochure of the hotel should also be enclosed.

11. Press conferences and promotion campaigns

When a Member has been provisionally or definitely allotted ISU Championships, they must organize press conferences and promotion campaigns. These obligations must be confirmed in the application.

12. Memorandum for Guidance in holding ISU Championships

The Member applying for a Championship must confirm in writing that it will observe and follow the most recent edition of the respective Memorandum and any subsequent updating. Memorandums are available upon request from the ISU Secretariat. Any substantial financial implications resulting from changes between the Memorandums in force at time of application and at the time of the Championships will be resolved in due time.

Milano,
January 23, 2006
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, General Secretary