

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1382

### ISU Judging System – Figure Skating

#### Nomination and Appointment of Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators

Frankfurt Seminar – July 18 – 22, 2006

#### 1. Nomination of Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators and related Frankfurt Seminar

The current Special Regulations in Single and Pairs Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating do not include the necessary provisions for the nominations and appointment of Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators. During the implementation phase of the ISU Judging System, this process has been monitored through ISU Council decisions published in ISU Communications (see Communication No. 1299, 1314).

In the meantime, the ISU Council and the Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees have prepared the relevant rule proposals that are included in the provisory 2006 Congress agenda sent to Members on January 31, 2006.

Since the preparation of the seminar, scheduled for July 18-22, 2006 in Frankfurt/Germany, for the above-mentioned positions needs to be planned ahead of time, this nomination and appointment process shall be based on the Congress proposals as per the attached excerpt of the provisory Congress Agenda. It is understood that any action to be performed according to these provisions by the Sports Directorate will be handled, pending the appointment of the Sports Directorate after the 2006 Congress, by the ISU Council. Furthermore, the time limit for the submission of the nominations for the positions of Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data Operator and Replay Operator and participation in the Frankfurt Seminar is extended from April 15 to May 1, 2006 (For other Officials' positions such as Referees and Judges please refer to ISU Communication No. 1361 for which the April 15 deadlines remains valid).

Members are requested to complete the attached application form (Appendix A & B) confirming that the established criteria have been and will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat **no later than May 1, 2006**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For organizational and budgeting reasons, the maximum number of participants in the Frankfurt Seminar is limited to:

- 6 Technical Controllers for Single Skating
- 3 Technical Controllers for Pairs Skating
- 5 Technical Controllers for Ice Dancing
- 3 Technical Controllers for Synchronized Skating

- 15 Technical Specialists for Single Skating
- 5 Technical Specialists for Pairs Skating
- 8 Technical Specialists for Ice Dancing
- 5 Technical Specialists for Synchronized Skating

The acceptance for participation in the Frankfurt Seminar and the examination among persons nominated by the Members will be decided by the ISU Council in consultation with the respective Technical Committees.

Based on the ISU Council decisions, the number of persons to be accepted at ISU cost is limited. However, recognition exists that individual Members may wish to enter candidates at their own expense to participate and qualify as Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists. Subject to acceptance of the nominated candidates by the Council in consultation with the respective Technical Committees, the ISU may accept applications for such individuals on a limited basis, subject to available hotel and seminar space. In such case the Member shall be responsible for the full costs (travel, accommodation and food) and shall certify in advance their agreement to support such expenses. The applications in this case shall be submitted by the Member to the ISU Secretariat no later than **May 1, 2006** including a cover letter signed by the applying Member indicating if and up to how many candidates for Technical Controller and Technical Specialist would be requested to be entered at the Member's expense.

Members are advised that all candidates for Technical Specialist and Technical Controller as proposed and possibly accepted at the Member expense to the Seminar are expected to complete the full seminar program including their agreement to sit the final examination.

Late applications will not be accepted. The ISU reserves the right to make the determination of the final list of candidates formally accepted based on available space.

***Data and Replay Operators:***

In the present circumstances, the ISU has trained a sufficient number of Data and Replay Operators to service the needs of ISU Events. This seminar will not be training additional Data/Replay Operators.

It is recognized that Member Federations may have a need for trained Data and Replay Operators to service the needs of their domestic activity. The ISU is prepared to train Data and Replay Operators for domestic use. Such persons may be entered to the Frankfurt seminar with full expenses (travel, accommodation, food) undertaken by the Member Federation concerned.

## **2. Pair Seminar**

A one-day seminar in the discipline of Pair Skating will form part of the full program in Frankfurt in July 2006.

This seminar will be an inter-active program designed to analyze and appreciate all pair elements (Lifts, spins, throws etc). Floor demonstrations by recognized international pairs and monitored by a World Pair coach will provide illustrations of all pair elements.

Specific guidance and discussion related to the judging of pair skating will complete the program.

Each ISU Member may nominate one (1) person for this seminar. The nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be on the current listing of ISU Championship Judges or Referees.
- Must be trained in the ISU Judging System.
- Must have participated as a pair judge in at least one (1) International competition and one (1) ISU Championship conducted under the ISU Judging System.
- Accept to remain at the seminar and participate fully in the Program Components seminar to be offered concurrently in Frankfurt.
- Willingness to conduct follow up seminars within the National Federation or Region in Pair skating.

Members are requested to complete the attached application form (Appendix C) confirming that the established criteria have been and will be met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat **no later than May 1, 2006**. Late applications will not be accepted.

This seminar will be limited in the number of participants. The ISU reserves the right to make the determination to the final list of the candidates finally accepted. There will be strict application of the proposed criteria.

### **3. Program Component Seminar**

A seminar will be organized by the ISU provide intensive training in the Program Component marking in the ISU Judging System. This seminar will focus on an in-depth analysis of the individual criteria, use of up-dated resources, and in-depth discussion on application.

All candidates accepted to the Pair Seminar program are automatically enrolled as participants in the Program Components Seminar. The remaining number will be determined based on the total number of applications.

Each Member may nominate **one (1) candidate** for this seminar. The nominated candidate may be from any of the disciplines (Single, Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating).

The nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must be on the current listing of ISU Championship Judges or Referees
- Must be trained in the ISU Judging System.
- Must have participated in at least one (1) International Competition and one (1) ISU Championships conducted with the ISU Judging System.
- Potential candidates must not have been accepted and participated in the Program Component Seminar given in July 2005. (Pair seminar candidates may be an exception).

Members are requested to complete the attached application (Appendix D) confirming that the established criteria have been met. The application shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat **no later than May 1, 2006**. Late applications will not be accepted.

This seminar will be limited in the number of participants. The ISU reserves the right to make the determination to the final list of candidates accepted for this seminar also taking into account the need for a balanced allocation per discipline and specific geographic needs. There will be strict application of the proposed criteria.

### **4. Related Programs and Inter-active Attendance**

A brief seminar on the role of the Referee will be offered to persons attending the Technical Controllers, Program Component, and Pair Seminar. Attendance at such seminar will count towards the Referee seminar attendance requirement for appointment as International or ISU Referee. To enroll in this seminar (on site), a person must be admitted as a candidate to one of the other recognized seminars being offered in Frankfurt.

There will be inter-linking between the disciplines. Therefore multi-discipline Judges can participate in several disciplines seminar activity.

It will be possible for candidates accepted in one of the above-mentioned individual seminars to participate in some parts of another individual seminar. For example candidates accepted to either the Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, will have the opportunity to participate in the Program Component Seminar.

## **5. Travel Information**

Technical Controller/Technical Specialist Seminars:

Arrival by 18:00 July 17, 2006; Departure, after 17:00 July 22, 2006

Pair Seminar/Program Component Seminar:

Arrival by 09:00 July 19, 2006; Departure after 17:00 July 22, 2006

Program Component Seminar:

Arrival by 09:00 July 20, 2006; Departure after 17:00 July 22, 2006

## **6. Expenses**

The ISU will cover hotel accommodation and full board for all participants for the duration of the seminar on the days as indicated above.

The ISU will participate towards the travel cost (economy class flight ticket, train or car) as follows after the attendance of the seminars and upon receipt of an expense reimbursement request including supporting vouchers:

- Participants from Germany, up to a maximum of CHF 200 per person
- Participants from Europe, up to a maximum of CHF 500 per person
- Participants from North America, up to a maximum of CHF 800 per person
- Participants from Asia, Oceania and South Africa, up to a maximum of CHF 1'000 per person

The above does not apply to Data and Video Replay Operators as well as additional Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists requested to be entered by Members at their own expense (see paragraph 1 above).

Milano,  
April 10, 2006  
Lausanne,

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, General Secretary

**EXCERPT PROVISORY CONGRESS AGENDA JANUARY 31, 2006**  
**Proposals relating to the nomination and appointment of Officials**

**ISU Council**

**Rule 121**

Insert new paragraph 1 as follows and renumber the following paragraphs. Parts underlined are new. Parts not underlined are transferred from the respective Special Regulations, i.e. Rules 336/523 paragraph 2 – 409/580, paragraph 2 – 584 - 413/585 - 414/586 - 428/591 – 719 - 811 – 812 – 823.

When drafting the Special Regulations and/or Technical Rules any reference in relation to the designation and qualifications described below shall be amended and only refer to this Rule 121 in order to avoid any kind of inconsistency or ambiguity:

Officials

**1. Officials categories**

**a) Figure Skating branch**

Officials are classified in two categories: “ISU” and “International” as follows:

- i) ISU: ISU Referee, ISU Technical Controller, ISU Technical Specialist, ISU Judge, ISU Data Operator, ISU Replay Operator
- ii) International: International Referee, International Technical Controller, International Technical Specialist, International Data Operator, International Replay Operator

The procedures for nomination and appointment of the above-mentioned Officials are stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

Depending on the qualification “ISU” or “International” the officials are qualified to officiate in the respective function in the competitions according to the chart below:

	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Technical Controller</u> <u>Technical</u>
<u>Specialist</u>			<u>Data Operator</u> <u>Replay Operator</u>
<u>Olympic Winter Games</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Championships</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>International Competitions other than above</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>
<u>Synchronized World Challenge Cup for Juniors</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>

**b) Speed Skating branch**

The following Officials categories apply divided into 2 qualification groups “ISU” and “International” as follows:

- i) ISU Referee, ISU Starter, ISU Competitor Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only)
- ii) International Referee, International Starter, International Competitor Steward (Short Track Speed Skating only)

The nomination and appointment to the above-mentioned functions is stated in Rule 122 and the respective Special Regulations.

Depending on the qualification “ISU” or “International” the officials are qualified to officiate in the respective function in the competitions according to the chart below:

	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Starter</u>	<u>Competitor Steward</u>
<u>Olympic Winter Games</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>ISU Championships</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
<u>World Cup Speed Skating</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>
<u>World Cup Short Track Speed Skating</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>ISU</u>
	<u>For Assistant Referees, Assistant Starters and Assistant Competitor Stewards refer to Special Regulations, Rule 288, paragraph 2</u>		
<u>International Competitions other than above</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>International</u>

2. Unchanged current paragraph 1.

**3. Restrictions applying to appointed Officials:**

a) All Officials, except the Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators must be eligible persons.

b) Council members and Sports Directorate members shall not and ISU Advisors if possible should not act as Referees, Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards in competitions specified in Rule 107.

c) Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Starters and Competitor Stewards may not compete in ISU Events and International Competitions of the respective discipline.

d) Council members, members of the Sports Directorate and ISU Advisors who are on the list of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards at the time of their election or appointment to such office shall remain on such list during the entire term of their office even if they, as consequence of paragraph 3 of this Rule do not satisfy the requirements of the respective Rules included in Special Regulations for various ISU disciplines. After their term of office expires they must satisfy such requirements within the next twelve (12) months.

e) Members of the Technical Committees, although they are approved as Judges according to the provisions of the relevant Rules in the respective Special Regulations should not, if possible, act as Judges in competitions of their appropriate branch. They may act as Referees and Technical Controllers, however, provided that they are approved as such, according to the provisions in the respective Special Regulations.

f) Technical Controllers

i) should not act as Referee and/or Judge in the same competition in another category (ladies, men, pairs, ice dance);

ii) cannot act as Technical Specialist in the same season independent of the discipline

g) Technical Specialists

i) cannot act as Referee and/or Technical Controller and/or Judges in the same season independent of the discipline;

ii) cannot be a full time journalist or TV Commentator;

iii) cannot be full time employee of a Member Federation;

h) Referees

If possible, a Referee of an ISU Championship should not act as a Judge in another event of the same Championship.

i) Family relations:

i) A member of the immediate family of a competitor shall not be permitted to serve as an official (Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and Judge) in the same event at an ISU Championship or International Competition in which such competitor is entered.

ii) Members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and/or Judges in the same event at any ISU Championship or International Competition, even if they represent different Members.

iii) A member of the immediate family of an ineligible person (as defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2) shall not be permitted to serve as an official (Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and/or Judge) at the same event of any ISU Championship or International Competition in which a pupil of such ineligible person is entered.

iv) A member of the immediate family of a remunerated coach shall not be permitted to serve as an official (Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and/or Judge) at the same event of any ISU Championship or International Competition in which a pupil of the said coach is entered.

Reason: To clarify existing Officials categories and their respective qualification and restrictions and indication for which events they apply.

Note: If this proposal is accepted by Congress, the respective Special Regulations and/or Technical Rules shall be amended and make, if necessary, only reference to this Rule 121 without repeating the provision. In particular, Rules 336/523 paragraph 2 – 409/580, paragraph 2 – 584 - 413/585 - 414/586 - 428/591 – 719 - 811 – 812 - 823 shall be deleted.

## ISU Council

### Rule 122

Amend as follows :

1. Nomination and appointment of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards

Every ISU Member of the ISU must, annually before April 15th, announce to the ISU Secretariat the names and pertinent contact details of those individuals:

a) whose services as International ~~(for International Competitions)~~ Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards are recommended.

For Short Track Speed Skating, this applies only for individuals not listed on the previous list published in an ISU Communication (see Rule 291, paragraph 1 c).;

b) who are recommended for the first time as ISU ~~(for Championships)~~ Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards respectively, and who are recommended for the respective required examinations (Figure Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating only).

c) who were on the previous list of ISU ~~(for Championships)~~ Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters, Competitor Stewards and who, due to the facts known to the ISU Member should be deleted from the respective ISU list (e.g. age limit, resignation by the individual, death, sanctions imposed by the ISU Member, etc).

d) all nominated individuals must fulfill the specific requirements for the respective position as stated in the corresponding Special Regulations.

~~2. For the nomination of the newly required Officials (Technical Specialist, Technical Controller) the relevant provisions in the respective Special Regulations of Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating as well as ad hoc ISU Communications approved by the ISU Sports Directorate apply.~~

~~3. 2. Two separate Communications of Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators for Figure Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating with the names in alphabetical order and of Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, are sent every year by August 1st.~~

~~Reason: to adapt the Rule to the newly established procedure also including Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators. See also the respective proposal for the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating.~~

## **ISU Council, Single & Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees**

New Rule (numbering in Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dancing respectively Synchronized Skating to be decided during drafting)

### **Nomination and Appointment of Technical Controllers**

1. In accordance with Rules 121 and 122, every Member of the ISU must annually before April 15<sup>th</sup>, announce to the ISU Director General the names of those individuals whose service as Technical Controllers is recommended in the individual disciplines (Single, Pairs, Ice Dancing) as follows (with no limitation in numbers):
  - a) for examination to become an ISU Technical Controller (appointment after passing the examination and following annual re-appointments will be done by the ISU Sports Directorate);
  - b) for examination to become an International Technical Controller (appointment after passing the examination)
  - c) for the annual re-nomination of International Technical Controllers (confirmation of appointment by the ISU Sports Directorate)
2. Nominations must be submitted separately for the different groups and the different disciplines.
3. Technical Controllers nominated by the Members shall have the citizenship of the country of the nominating Member.
4. If a Member nominates a Technical Controller of foreign citizenship, the Technical Controller must reside at least permanently in the country of that Member during the preceding 12 months prior to the nomination or re-nomination. For interpretation of terms “citizenship” and “residence” as well as documents by which citizenship and residence can be proved, reference is made to relevant Communications issued by the Council.
5. a) To be eligible for appointment as an ISU Technical Controller the candidate recommended
  - i) must have been included as ISU Referee, ISU Judge or International Referee in the two consecutive annual ISU Communications listing such Officials positions immediately preceding the nomination;
  - ii) must have been nominated by the Member or the respective ISU Technical Committee;
  - iii) must have been recognized as International Technical Controller in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - iv) must have acted as a Technical Controller at least twice in National Championships and/or international competitions in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - v) must have the highest knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing) with regards to the technical aspects;
  - vi) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
  - vii) must possess good communication skills;
  - viii) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
  - ix) must complete an ISU Seminar for Technical Controller in the discipline concerned;
  - x) must pass successfully the ISU examination for ISU Technical Controller.
  - xi) must not have reached the age of 65 in the calendar year of nomination/re-nomination.
- b) To be eligible for the annual re-appointment as ISU Technical Controller to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the ISU Technical Controller
  - i) must have served at least once in an ISU Event (ISU Championships or ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event (Junior or Senior)) or at the Olympic Winter Games as Technical Controller during the 24 months preceding each annual re-nomination.
  - ii) must have participated in an ISU Seminar for Technical Controllers in the discipline concerned during the 36 months preceding each annual re-nomination. A one (1) year exemption will be allowed only once, in the case of medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirement of seminar attendance.
- c) Any ISU Technical Controller not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be transferred to the list of International Technical Controllers. The concerned Technical Controller then must fulfil the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> the following year in order to be eligible for reinstatement as ISU Technical Controller, without the requirement to pass an examination conducted by the ISU. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the Technical Controller remains on the list of International Technical Controllers provided the requirements of this qualification be fulfilled.



6. a) To be eligible for appointment as an International Technical Controller the candidate recommended
    - i) must have been included at least as International Judge in the two consecutive annual ISU Communications listing such Officials positions immediately preceding the nomination;
    - ii) must have been nominated by the Member or the respective ISU Technical Committee;
    - iii) must have been recognized as a national Technical Controller in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
    - iv) must have acted as a Technical Controller at least twice in National Championships and/or international competitions in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
    - v) must have the highest knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing) with regards to the technical aspects;
    - vi) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
    - vii) must possess good communication skills;
    - viii) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
    - ix) must complete an ISU Seminar for Technical Controller in the discipline concerned;
    - x) must pass successful the ISU examination for International Technical Controller;
  - b) To be eligible for the annual re-nomination and re-appointment as International Technical Controller to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the International Technical Controller:
    - i) must have served at least twice in a national or international competition as Technical Controller during the 24 months preceding each annual re-nomination.
    - ii) must have participated in an ISU recognized or sponsored seminar for Technical Controllers in the discipline concerned or have served as a Technical Controller in an ISU recognized or sponsored seminar for Judges, Technical Controller and/or Technical Specialists during the 36 months preceding each annual re-nomination. A one (1) year exemption will be allowed only once, in the case of medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirement of seminar attendance.
  - c) Any International Technical Controller not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be removed from the ISU Communication listing International Technical Controllers. The Technical Controller then must have served satisfactorily once in national Championships/competitions within 12 months preceding the re-nomination and fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> the year following the removal in order to be eligible for reinstatement to the position held, without the requirement to pass an examination conducted by the ISU. After July 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the removal, the candidate must again fulfill the requirements as per Paragraph 6.a) above. The Member must request the re-nomination
7. The ISU Examination for Technical Controllers will result in a final notification scale between 1.0 and 6.0. The candidates for the examination to become eligible as ISU Technical Controller must have passed the examination in a notification range between 1.00 (excellent) and 2.50 (good). The candidates for the examination to become eligible as International Technical Controller must have passed the examination in a notification 2.51 (average) and 4.50 (satisfactorily). A notification of 4.51 or higher is considered to have failed the examination.
  8. The appointment of Technical Controllers for participation in an ISU seminar and the examination among persons nominated by the Members as aforesaid requires the initial confirmation of the individual Technical Committee which needs to be presented to the Sports Directorate for final decision.

Reason: To provide for a Rule for the nomination/appointment of Technical Controllers.

## **ISU Council, Single & Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees**

New Rule (numbering in Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dancing respectively Synchronized Skating to be decided during drafting)

### **Nomination and Appointment of Technical Specialists:**

1. In accordance with Rules 121 and 122, every Member of the ISU must annually before April 15<sup>th</sup>, announce to the ISU Director General the names of those individuals whose service as Technical Specialists is recommended in the individual disciplines (Single, Pairs, Ice Dancing) as follows (with no limitation in numbers):
    - a) for examination to become an ISU Technical Specialist (appointment after passing the examination and following annual re-appointments will be done by the ISU Sports Directorate);
    - b) for examination to become an International Technical Specialist (appointment after passing the examination)
    - c) for the annual re-nomination of International Technical Specialist (confirmation of appointment by the ISU Sports Directorate)
  2. Nomination must be submitted separately for the different groups and the different disciplines.
  3. Technical Specialists nominated by the Members shall have either the citizenship of the country of the nominating Member or must reside in the country of the Member for at least a period of 12 months.
  4. a) To be eligible for appointment as an ISU Technical Specialists the candidate recommended
    - i) must have been nominated by the Member or the Sports Directorate;
    - ii) are recruited from the group of Coaches, ISU/International Judges, former competitive skaters having at least National or International participation or ISU/International Referees;
    - iii) are involved on at least a weekly basis for the discipline concerned on site;
    - iv) must have been a former high level skater (as a minimum at national level);
    - v) must have been recognized as International Technical Specialists in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
    - vi) have acted as a Technical Specialist at least twice in National Championships and/or international competitions in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
    - vii) have the highest knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing) with regards to the technical aspects;
    - viii) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
    - ix) must possess good communication skills;
    - x) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
    - xi) must complete an ISU Seminar for Technical Specialists in the discipline concerned;
    - xii) must pass successful the ISU examination for ISU Technical Specialist;
    - xiii) must have reached the age of 24 but not the age of 65 in the calendar year of nomination/re-nomination
    - xiv) a minimum of two (2) season waiting period must be given between the end of the competitive skating career and the first nomination as Technical Specialist.
  - b) To be eligible for the annual re-appointment as ISU Technical Specialist to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the ISU Technical Specialist:
    - i) Must have served at least once in an ISU Event (ISU Championships or ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event (Junior or Senior)) or at the Olympic Winter Games as Technical Specialist during the 12 months preceding each annual re-nomination.
    - ii) Must have participated in an ISU Seminar for Technical Specialists in the discipline concerned during the 36 months preceding each annual re-nomination. A one (1) year exemption will be allowed only once, in the case of medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirement of seminar attendance.
  - c) Any ISU Technical Specialist not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be transferred to the list of International Technical Specialists. The concerned Technical Specialist then must fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> the following year in order to be eligible for reinstatement as ISU Technical Specialist, without the requirement to pass an examination conducted by the ISU. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the Technical Specialist remains on the list of International Technical Specialists provided the requirements of this qualification be fulfilled.
5. a) To be eligible for appointment as an International Technical Specialist the candidate recommended:

- i) must have been nominated by the Member or the Sports Directorate;
  - ii) are recruited from the Group of Coaches, ISU/International Judges or ISU/International Referees;
  - iii) are involved on at least a weekly basis for the discipline concerned on site;
  - iv) must have been a former high level skater (as a minimum at national level);
  - v) must have been recognized as Technical Specialists for National events in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - vi) must have acted as a Technical Specialist at least twice in National Championships and/or international competitions in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - vii) must have the highest knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing) with regards to the technical aspects;
  - viii) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
  - ix) must possess good communication skills;
  - x) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
  - xi) must complete an ISU Seminar for Technical Specialists in the discipline concerned;
  - xii) must pass successful the ISU examination for International Technical Specialists.
- b) To be eligible for the annual re-nomination and re-appointment as International Technical Specialist to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the International Technical Specialist
- a. must have served at least twice in a national or international competition as Technical Specialist during the 24 months preceding each annual re-nomination.
  - b. must have participated in an ISU recognized or sponsored seminar for Technical Specialists in the discipline concerned or have served as a Technical Specialist in an ISU recognized or sponsored seminar for Judges, Technical Controller and/or Technical Specialists during the 36 months preceding each annual re-nomination. A one (1) year exemption will be allowed only once, in the case of medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirement of seminar attendance.
- c) Any International Technical Specialist not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be removed from the ISU Communication listing International Technical Specialists. The Technical Specialist then must have served satisfactorily once in national Championships/competitions within 12 months preceding the re-nomination and fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> the year following the removal in order to be eligible for reinstatement to the position held, without the requirement to pass an examination conducted by the ISU. After July 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the removal, the candidate must again fulfill the requirements as per Paragraph 5.a) above. The Member must request the re-nomination.
6. ISU Examination for Technical Specialists will result in a final notification scale between 1.0 and 6.0. The candidates for the examination to become eligible as ISU Technical Specialist must have passed the examination in a notification range between 1.00 (excellent) and 2.50 (good). The candidates for the examination to become eligible as International Technical Specialist must have passed the examination in a notification 2.51 (average) and 4.50 (satisfactorily). A notification of 4.51 or higher is considered to have failed the examination.
7. The appointment of Technical Specialists for participation in an ISU seminar and the examination among persons nominated by the Members as aforesaid requires the initial confirmation of the individual Technical Committee which needs to be presented to the Sports Directorate for final decision.

Reason: To provide for a Rule for the nomination/appointment of Technical Specialists.

## **ISU Council, Single & Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Technical Committees**

New Rule (numbering in Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dancing respectively Synchronized Skating to be decided during drafting)

### **Nomination and Appointment of Data Operator and Replay Operator:**

1. accordance with Rules 121 and 122, every Member of the ISU must annually before April 15<sup>th</sup>, announce to the ISU Director General the names of those individuals whose service as Data Operators and Replay Operators is recommended as follows (with no limitation in numbers):
  - a) for participation in an ISU seminar to become an ISU Data Operator or ISU Replay Operator (the annual re-appointments will be done by the ISU Sports Directorate);
  - b) for participation in an ISU seminar to become an International Data Operator or International Replay Operator.
  - c) for the annual re-nomination of International Data Operator or International Replay Operator (confirmation of appointment by the ISU Sports Directorate).
2. Nomination must be submitted separately for the different groups (Data Operator and Replay Operator).
3. a) To be eligible for appointment as an ISU Data Operator or ISU Replay Operator the candidate recommended
  - i) must have been nominated by the Member or the Sports Directorate;
  - ii) are recruited from the group of Coaches, ISU/International Judges, former competitive skaters, persons involved in Figure Skating in any capacity with a good knowledge of Data operations and video system.
  - iii) have acted in such capacity on national Level in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - iv) have a good knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing, Synchronized Skating) with regards to the technical aspects;
  - v) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
  - vi) must possess good communication skills;
  - vii) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
  - viii) must complete an ISU Seminar for Data Operators and Replay Operators and must be recommended from the ISU Sports Directorate for this “ISU” qualification
  - b) To be eligible for the annual re-appointment as ISU Data Operator or ISU Replay Operator to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the ISU Data Operator and ISU Replay Operator must have served at least once in an ISU Event (ISU Championships or ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Event (Junior or Senior)) or at the Olympic Winter Games as Data Operator respectively ISU Replay Operator during the 24 months preceding each annual re-nomination (each function qualifies separately).
  - c) Any ISU Data Operator or ISU replay Operator not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be transferred to the list of International Data Operator or International Replay Operator. The concerned Data Operator or Replay Operator then must fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> the following year in order to be eligible for reinstatement as ISU Data Operator and ISU Replay Operator. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the Data Operator or ISU Replay Operator remains on the list of International Data Operator or Replay Operator provided the requirements of this qualification be fulfilled.
4. a) To be eligible for appointment as an International Data Operator or International Replay Operator the candidate recommended
  - i) must have been nominated by the Member or the Sports Directorate;
  - ii) are recruited from the group of Coaches, ISU/International Judges,
  - iii) former competitive skaters, persons involved in Figure Skating in any capacity with a good knowledge of Data operations and video system.
  - iv) have acted in such capacity on national Level in the 24 months preceding the nomination;
  - v) have a good knowledge of the discipline concerned (Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing, Synchronized Skating) with regards to the technical aspects;
  - vi) must have a good knowledge of spoken English language;
  - vii) must possess good communication skills;
  - viii) must be able to take directions and work within a team environment;
  - ix) viii) must complete an ISU Seminar for Data Operators and Replay Operators and must be recommended from the ISU Sports Directorate for this “International” qualification.

b) To be eligible for the annual re-appointment as International Data Operator or International Replay Operator to be included in the annual ISU Communication, the International Data Operator and International Replay Operator must have served at least once in International Competitions as Data Operator respectively Replay Operator during the 24 months preceding each annual re-nomination (each function qualifies separately).

c) Any International Data Operator or International Replay Operator not fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be transferred to the list of National Data Operator or National Replay Operator. The concerned Data Operator or Replay Operator then must participate again in an ISU seminar and fulfill the criteria mentioned under 3 a) or 4 a).

Reason: to provide for a Rule for the nomination/appointment of Data and Replay Operators.