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I Urgent Matters

According to Section VII Procedural Provisions to the Constitution Part A Congress, paragraph 5, if a proposal for the Constitution, its Procedural Provisions or for the General Regulations and Special Regulations is submitted later than December 1, it can be discussed and voted upon at Congress, provided the proposal has reached the ISU Secretariat in English for distribution to all Members, not later than three weeks before the Congress and shall be certified as urgent business by a four-fifths majority of Members present and voting.

The following urgent matters have been submitted:

Urgent Proposal No. 1
AUSTRIA, Speed
Article 20, paragraphs 1 and 2 a) & e)
Amend to read:
paragraph 1:
Change line five (5) as follows:
… two additional experts as full members, ~~of which one shall be skater and one a coach,~~

paragraph 2:
2 a)
Change line two (2) as follows:
… and ISU Members except for the ~~Skater and/or coach~~ additional experts appointed who

2 e)
Change line one (1) as follows:
An appointed expert to a Technical Committee shall not be subject to

Deletion of paragraph 2 c) and 2 d) and renumber.
Reason: To extend the scope and the possibilities of the Council. The Council should have the full flexibility in appointing the additional TC Members in order to meet the current requirements of our sport branches.

Urgent Proposal No. 2
Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 284
Add a B-Finale to the program of these Championships in which the teams ranked fourth in the Qualifying Brackets and the teams ranked third and fourth in the Repechage Bracket will participate.
Reason: The current program has proven to be uninteresting for those teams who have a small change to qualify for either the Repechage or the Final.

Urgent Proposal No. 3
Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 285, paragraph 2
Add new sub-paragraph c):
c) Members participating in the Relay Competition must use those skaters who are entered for the individual Competition.
Reason: Clarification. The Relay Competition has been accepted as there were no additional costs for organizers. If more then the 3 participants present are being used then additional costs will occur.

Urgent Proposal No. 4
Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee
Rule 286, paragraph 2,
The proposal for that Rule in the Agenda is to be deleted and replaced with the following:
Change "Disqualification" into "Penalty" throughout all rules for Short Track Speed Skating.
Reason: to be inline with recent Communications regarding the Olympic Winter Games. In order to have an equal approach between all competitions a penalty is being introduced.

Urgent Proposal No. 5
Single & Pair and Ice Dance Technical Committees
Rules 425/589
Nomination and Appointment of Judges

1. Each Member shall guarantee that the Judges nominated by it, for appointment as International Judges and/or nominated for the examination to become ISU Judges in the respective discipline, are eligible persons in accordance with Rule 102. In cases of violation of the foregoing, the Member concerned shall lose the right to nominate Judges for the immediately succeeding year and the Judge in question shall be removed from the lists.
2. Every Member of the ISU must, annually before April 15th, announce to the ISU Director General the names of those individuals whose employment as Judges is recommended as follows (with no limitations on numbers):
   a) candidates for examination to become ISU Judges (appointment after passing the examination and following annual re-nominations will be done by the respective Technical Committee in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 3.c) of the Constitution.)
   b) International Judges;
   c) ISU Tests Judges.

   Nominations must be submitted separately for the different groups and disciplines. ISU Judges may also Judge International Competitions. It is not necessary to include their names in the list of International Judges.
3. Judges nominated by a Member shall have the citizenship of the country of the nominating Member.
4. If a Member nominates a Judge of foreign citizenship, the Judge must have had a permanent residence in the country of that Member for at least twelve (12) months preceding the nomination. In addition, the Member in the country of which the Judge is a citizen, must give its approval. The name of the Judge shall be entered in the list of the nominating Member.
5. a) A Judge who has already been on the list of any Member, can be nominated by another Member only under the following conditions:
      i) the Judge has acquired the citizenship of the nominating Member and has also taken up permanent residence in the country of such Member, or
      ii) the Judge has had dual citizenship and has taken up permanent residence in the country of the nominating Member of which he is also a citizen,
      iii) the Member on whose list the Judge was entered before gives its approval.
   b) If a Judge who has already been on the list of any Member,
      i) acquires a new citizenship without changing the country of his permanent residence, or
      ii) has had a dual citizenship and agrees to be nominated by the Member in the country of his second citizenship, but does not change the country of his permanent residence, or
      iii) if the Member on whose list the Judge was entered before does not give its approval, he can be nominated by another Member only after expiration of twelve (12) months following April 15th, of the year during which he was entered on the list of the original Member.

6. Exceptions to paragraph 5 of this Rule may be granted by the Sports Directorate if insisting on satisfying all stated requirements would result in a serious hardship to the Judge concerned due to special circumstances of his case.

7. For interpretation of terms "citizenship" and "residence" as well as documents by which citizenship and residence can be proved, reference is made to relevant ISU Communications issued by the Council.

8. ISU Members are responsible for the training and knowledge of their Judges and should exercise the utmost care to nominate as Judges only competent, reliable, tested and impartial individuals, who are able and willing to act both at home and abroad and who possess a working knowledge of English. The Members are urged to require their Judges to attend properly authorized Judges' seminars and to test the Judges' knowledge of the Rules and the methods of judging. Members are therefore required to apply for and to organize an ISU Recognized seminar, either alone or in conjunction with another Member or Members, when necessary. The application for organizing Sponsored or Recognized seminars must be made by the organizing Member to the ISU Director General with a copy to the Chair of the respective Technical Committee not later than January 1st.

9. Present Judges:

   a) Present International Judges must have:

      i) acted as a Judge, Referee or a Technical Controller in the respective discipline at least once in an International Competition (Senior or Junior) conducted in accordance with Rule 107, paragraphs 5-7, and a National Championship during the thirty-six (36) months preceding each annual re-nomination;

      ii) participated in a Judges seminar in the respective discipline recognized by the ISU during the forty-eight (48) months preceding each annual re-nomination. The application for seminar participation should be made for International Judges in the respective discipline by the concerned Members. A one-time, one-year exemption will be allowed, in the case of a medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirements of seminar attendance. Such a person shall remain on the list of Judges but shall not act as a Judge until having attended a seminar.

   b) Present ISU Judges must have:

      i) acted as a Judge, Referee or a Technical Controller in the respective discipline at least once in an ISU Championship or International Competition (Senior or Junior) conducted in accordance with Rule 107, paragraphs 5-7 during the thirty-six (36) months preceding each annual re-nomination and

      ii) participated in a Judges seminar in the respective discipline recognized by the ISU during the forty-eight (48) months preceding each annual nomination. The application for seminar participation should be made for ISU Judges by the concerned Member or by the Judges themselves. A one-time, one-year exemption will be allowed, in the case of a medically verified life-threatening illness, to the requirements of seminar attendance. Such a person shall remain on the list of Judges but shall not act as a Judge until having attended a seminar.

      iii) Judges who have not been able to meet the requirements of acting at least once during the said thirty-six (36) months in an ISU Championship or International Competition because, although nominated to serve, have not been drawn, shall not be disqualified from re-nomination. (in Ice Dancing only: there is an additional provision that in the case of an ISU Championship, such Judges must have fulfilled the Trial Judging requirements (referred to in sub-paragraph iv) below)

      iv) In Ice Dancing only: Judges not drawn to officiate at any part(s) of ISU Dance Championships, shall be invited to trial judge for credit for activity or promotion. In addition, such Trial Judging is obligatory unless the Judge has already officiated at another Championship in Ice Dancing in the given year. The trial judging will be under the direction of a member of the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee or their nominee. The person shall submit a report on the trial judging of the supernumerary panel to the Ice Dancing Technical Committee. Such Trial Judges may attend, but not participate in the Round Table Discussion held by the Referee at the conclusion of the event.

c) Any International Judge:

i) who has been inactive for more than thirty-six (36) months shall be removed from the list in the respective discipline until they have attended a seminar sponsored or recognized by the ISU. After attending the Seminar such Judges will be included in the next published list.

ii) who has not fulfilled the requirements of subparagraph a) ii) above shall be dropped from the lists by the respective Technical Committee or transferred to the lists of Judges for ISU Tests.

iii) who has been dropped by the Member or has been demoted for incompetence by the ISU must fulfill the provisions of paragraphs 10 a) to d) of this Rule in order to be eligible for reinstatement to the position formerly held.

d) Any ISU Judge:

i) who has not fulfilled the requirements of subparagraph b) above shall be transferred either to the list of International Judges in the respective discipline, if eligible, or to the lists of Judges for ISU Tests. When transferred to the lists of International Judges, the Judge must fulfill the lacking requirement(s) prior to April 15th the following year. If these requirements are not fulfilled, the Judge will be removed entirely from the lists by the respective Technical Committee.

ii) who has been dropped or demoted for incompetence by the ISU must fulfill the provisions of paragraph 11 b) to e) of this Rule and have passed the ISU Judges Examination in the respective discipline in order to be eligible for reinstatement to the position formerly held.

e) A Judge who has reached or will reach the age of 70 in the calendar year of the nomination shall not be eligible for re-nomination that year or thereafter in accordance with paragraph 2 above, but may otherwise be nominated for appointment as a Judge for ISU Tests in accordance with paragraph 13 below.

10. To be eligible for first appointment as an International Judge the candidate nominated must:

a) have reached the age of twenty-four (24) but not the age of fifty (50) in the calendar year of the nomination;

b) have judged during the thirty-six (36) months preceding the nomination:

i) in Single & Pair skating – three (3) times in national, divisional or sectional championships. The events judged must have included the ISU Senior or Junior Championships Short Program and Free Skating and at least one of the events must be single event.

ii) in Ice Dancing – have two times (2) in national, divisional or sectional championships. The events judged must have included the ISU Senior and/or Junior Championships Compulsory Dances, Original and Free Dances.

iii) The judging of the candidate must have been satisfactory during the thirty-six (36) months preceding the nomination. The Member must submit with the applications the respective documents confirming these activities, such as a copy of the classification list (which includes the names of the Judges) or a statement of the Member or the Referee.

c) have attended an ISU Judges' Seminar in the twenty-four (24) months preceding the nomination. The dates and locations of such seminars will be announced annually, and prospective candidates must apply to the ISU Secretariat, with copies to the Host Member and the Chair of the respective Technical Committee.

i) In Ice Dancing only: the seminar will include Trial Judging and the judging of the candidate must have been acceptable.

d) have been nominated by the Member;

e) must possess a working knowledge of English;

11. To be eligible to take the practical and written examination for promotion to the class of ISU Judge in the respective discipline the candidate nominated by the Member must:

a) have been recognized as an International Judge in the respective discipline in the three (3) consecutive lists immediately preceding the nomination; (a one (1) year interruption due to not having attended a seminar is not to be taken into consideration, provided the candidate had a judging activity in a national, sectional or divisional championship in the year of the interruption);

b) have judged satisfactorily in all parts of International Competitions during the thirty-six (36) months preceding the nomination:

i) in Single and Pair skating – at least three (3) International Competitions in total, one (1) of

which must be Senior and one (1) must be Junior and all must be conducted in accordance with Rule 107, paragraphs 4-6 and in which at least 4 Members have participated. The events must have included the ISU Short Program and Free Skating and one of the events should be a Single event and one should be a Pair event (the alternative could be all three events in Single skating only, but the applicant in this case must have participated in a separate ISU Pair seminar held in association with an International Competition);

ii) in Ice Dancing – at least two (2) International Competitions in total, one (1) of which may be International Junior Competition, conducted in accordance with Rule 520 paragraphs 2 and 4 and in which at least four (4) Members have participated, in which the panels consisted of at least five (5) Judges.

iii) The respective Technical Committee shall decide the competence of the candidate.

c) have attended during the forty-eight (48) months preceding the nomination at least one (1) ISU Recognized or Sponsored Judges' Seminar for the respective discipline(s) – Single & Pair or Ice Dance.

d) possess a good working knowledge of English;

e) have been nominated by the Member; (Members may not nominate candidates until they have complied with the conditions of paragraphs a) - d) above);

f) any failed part of the Judge's examination must be retaken by the candidate concerned at the next year examination, otherwise the application must be resubmitted.

12. To be eligible for promotion the class of ISU Judge in the respective discipline the candidate recommended must:

a) fulfill the requirements specified in paragraph 11 a) to e) of this Rule;

b) have passed the ISU Judge's Examination for the respective discipline(s);

c) candidates having passed the examination will immediately be appointed by the respective Technical Committee and be added to the current list of ISU Judges of the Member concerned.

13. For appointment as a Judge for ISU Tests in the respective discipline a Judge:

a) must have been either an ISU Judge or an International Judge;

b) the respective Technical Committee shall decide upon the competence of the candidate;

14. The Member must verify in accordance with paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of this Rule the qualifications of the individual recommended as a Judge by attesting to his participation in the required competitions. In addition the Member must guarantee his qualifications for the class of International Judge applied for.

15. Each nomination of an International Judge made for the first time, and each re-nomination after an interruption of his appointment, must be accompanied by the completed official form for the respective discipline.

16. The appointment of Judges from among persons nominated as aforesaid requires the initial approval of the respective Technical Committee which prepares a list of the individuals it recommends for appointment and submits that list to the Sports Directorate. The appointment of the individuals on that list to the position of Judge is subject to the further approval of the Sports Directorate (see Article 20 paragraph 3.c) of the Constitution); If a nominated person is not included on the Technical Committee's approved list, an appeal may be made by the nominating Member to the Sports Directorate whose decision shall be final. Only Judges finally approved by the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directorate will be recognized as such. When a nominated person is not approved by the ISU, the reason for such non-approval will be communicated to the nominating Member.

17. The Sports Directorate may, after consultation with the respective Technical Committee, add a maximum of six (6) names to the list of Judges. Persons added by the Sports Directorate must satisfy all qualification requirements of this Rule.

18. ISU Judges in the respective discipline(s) (Single & Pair or Ice Dance) are automatically entitled to act as International Judges in the respective disciplines at all International events.

19. The full list of Judges who have been approved by the respective Technical Committee and the Sports Directorate must be communicated to the Members by the Secretariat by August 1st of each year. The list will be published together with the list of approved Referees and the appointments shall be effective August 1st of each year through July 31st of the following year.

20. Members must check the list of Judges as soon as they receive it. Any request for correction must be made within two (2) months. After that period the list is deemed to be correct. Objections to any such list must be

lodged by Members within two (2) months, with the Sports Directorate, whose decision, after consideration of any such objection, shall be final

21. Events which do not follow the normal format for ISU Championships and International Competitions will not count for the purposes of activity credits.

Reason: harmonization between Single & Pair and Ice Dance Rules.

Milan, June 2, 2006

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