

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1742

### Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on June 10, 16 and 17, 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meetings:

#### **1. Full Membership Serbia and Singapore**

During its meeting on June 10, 2012, the Council agreed, subject to the acceptance of the Urgent Proposal no 1 on the 2012 ISU Congress Agenda (ISU Communication No.1729) and based on the membership status information received, to grant full membership for the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branch to the Serbian Skating Association and full membership for the Speed Skating Branch to the Singapore Ice Skating Association (who was already a full Member for the Figure Skating Branch).

Since Urgent Proposal No. 1 was subsequently accepted by the Congress during the first Congress day, both the Serbian Skating Association and the Singapore Ice Skating Association became full ISU Member for both Branches on June 11, 2012.

#### **2. 55<sup>th</sup> Ordinary ISU Congress 2014 – Dublin/Ireland**

Based on the applications received, the ISU Council decided in principle to hold the 55<sup>th</sup> Ordinary ISU Congress in Dublin/Ireland. The tentative dates of June 9-13, 2014, as well as the venue remain to be confirmed and will be communicated as soon as possible.

#### **3. Appointment Medical Advisor to the ISU Medical Commission**

The Council appointed Dr. Hannu Koivu (FIN) as an additional ISU Medical Commission member with immediate effect.

#### **4. Definite Allotment of 2013 ISU Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2013 as follows:

Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond to be held in Heerenveen, the Netherlands on January 11-13, 2013.

Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

US Speedskating to be held in Salt Lake City, USA on January 26-27, 2013.

Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Norges Skøyteforbund to be held in Hamar, Norway on February 16-17, 2013.

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships  
Italian Ice Sports Federation to be held in Collalbo, Italy on February 22-24, 2013.

Essent ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships  
Russian Skating Union to be held in Sochi, Russia on March 21-24, 2013.

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships  
Swedish Speed Skating Association to be held in Malmö, Sweden on January 18-20, 2013.

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships  
Polish Speed Skating Association to be held in Warsaw, Poland on February 22-24, 2013.

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships  
Hungarian National Skating Federation to be held in Debrecen, Hungary on March 8-10, 2013.

### **Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships  
Croatian Skating Federation to be held in Zagreb, Croatia on January 21-27, 2013.

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships  
Japan Skating Federation to be held in Osaka, Japan on February 6-11, 2013.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships  
Italian Ice Sports Federation to be held in Milano, Italy on February 25- March 3, 2013.

ISU World Figure Skating Championships  
Skate Canada to be held in London (Ontario), Canada on March 10-17, 2013.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships  
Finnish Figure Skating Association to be held in Helsinki, Finland on March 8-9, 2013.

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships  
United States Figure Skating Association to be held in Boston, USA on April 2-6, 2013.

## **5. Provisional Allotments 2014 ISU Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations the Council has maintained the previous provisional allotments as follows:

### **Speed Skating**

Essent ISU European Speed Skating Championships

Norges Skøyteforbund to be held in Hamar, Norway on January 10-12, 2014.

Essent ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

Japan Skating Federation to be held in Nagano, Japan on January 18-19, 2014.

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Norges Skøyteforbund to be held in Bjugn, Norway on March 14-16, 2014.

Essent ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond to be held in Heerenveen, the Netherlands on March 21-23, 2014.

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Deutsche Eisschnellauf-Gemeinschaft to be held in Dresden, Germany on January 17-19, 2014.

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Turkish Skating Federation to be held in Erzurum, Turkey on March 7-9, 2014.

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Speed Skating Canada to be held in Montreal, Canada on March 14-16, 2014.

### **Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships,

Hungarian National Skating Federation to be held in Budapest, Hungary on January 13-19, 2014.

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

Chinese Taipei Skating Union to be held in Taipei City, Taipei on January 20-26, 2014.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships,

Bulgaria Skating Federation to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 10-16, 2014.

ISU World Figure Skating Championships,

Japan Skating Federation to be held in Tokyo or Saitama, Japan on March 24-30, 2014.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships

Italian Ice Sports Federation to be held in Courmayeur, Italy on April 4-5, 2014.

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships – not held in 2014.

## **6. New Provisional Allotments 2015 Championships**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2015 Championships:

### **Speed Skating**

*The Dates of the 2015 Speed Skating Championships listed below are in accordance with the current ISU Standardized Calendar and might be subject to adjustments pending a review of the Speed Skating part of this Calendar.*

ISU European Speed Skating Championships

Russian Skating Union to be held in Chelyabinsk, Russia on January 10-11, 2015.

ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championships

Kazakhstan Skating Federation to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on January 31–February 1, 2015.

ISU World Allround Speed Skating Championships

Speed Skating Canada to be held in Calgary, Canada on February 20-22, 2015.

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships

Polish Speed Skating Association to be held in Warsaw, Poland on February 26-March 1, 2015.

ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond to be held in Heerenveen, the Netherlands on March 19-22, 2015.

### **Short Track Speed Skating**

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond to be held in Dordrecht, the Netherlands on January 23-25, 2015.

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Japan Skating Federation to be held in Osaka City, Japan on February 27-March 1, 2015.

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Russian Skating Union to be held in Moscow, Russia on March 13-15, 2015.

### **Single & Pair Skating**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships

Swedish Figure Skating Association to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on January 26- February 1, 2015.

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

Korea Skating Union to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on February 9-15, 2015.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships – pending

ISU World Figure Skating Championships

Chinese Skating Association to be held in Shanghai, China on March 23-29, 2015.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships – pending

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships – pending

## **7. Congress Decision concerning the Figure Skating Championships**

### **Removal of Preliminary Rounds (Rule 378, paragraph 1)**

In view of the decision of the Figure Skating Branch of the 2012 Congress to discontinue Preliminary Rounds (Rejection of Congress Proposal 173 concerning ISU Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance Rule 378, paragraph 1) the Council carefully evaluated the consequences of this Congress decision. In particular, the Council took into account

- the expected number of entries into the Short Program/Short Dance at the ISU Figure Skating Championships for the season 2012/13 and the related time schedules;
- Officials officiating in the different panels and the related time schedules and reasonable length of time Officials can be expected to be effective in their judgments;
- Limits in the number of participants and workload an Organizing Committee can be expected to handle physically and financially;
- existing contracts with hotels, venues and other service suppliers;
- existing contracts with commercial partners, in particular for television;
- financial implications and the ISU Budget 2012-2014 adopted by the 2012 Congress.

Taking into account the above-mentioned aspects, the Council concluded that in order to achieve an Event Schedule manageable for the respective Organizing Committees, the Skaters and Officials as well as respecting engagements with host and commercial partners, the Minimum Total Technical Scores as per the 2010 Special Regulations, Rule 378, paragraph 3 must be adjusted as listed below. In the case of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships for which normally no Minimum Total Technical Scores are in place, the Council introduces such Minimum Total Technical Scores based on the powers granted to the Council through the ISU Constitution, Article 17.1.q).

Based on the experience of the past season, the Minimum Total Technical Scores listed below should result in the above-mentioned goal of achieving a number of competitor entries that allow to have an Event Schedule manageable for the respective Organizing Committees, the Skaters and Officials as well as respecting engagements with host and commercial partners. However, if it became evident that the number of entries based on the Minimum Total Technical Scores listed below would be significantly higher or lower than expected, the ISU Council reserves the right to subsequently slightly re-adjust the Minimum Total Technical Scores in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective.

Even with these Minimum Total Technical Scores which limit the entries to the necessary reasonable level as described above, the abolishment of the Preliminary Rounds will most likely result in higher expenses for the organizers. The ISU will evaluate these financial aspects on a

case by case basis with each organizing Member in order to find a reasonable and satisfactory solution fair to all parties and respecting as much as possible the 2012-2014 ISU Budget.

For the season 2013/14 the same entry principles will apply, subject to a review of the specific Minimum Total Technical Scores data by taking into account and reviewing the experience gained during the season 2012/13.

As to Rule 378, paragraph 2.b) & c) of the ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance relating to competitors entries and the Judges Draw for ISU Championships (Rule 582, paragraph 4.a), the Council, in line with Article 17, paragraph 1.r) agreed that the removal of Preliminary Rounds concerns only future Championships and related Regulations. Since for the 2011/12 Championships the Preliminary Rounds were in place, the Council concluded that the competitors rankings and the Judges activity related to Championships with Preliminary Rounds in the previous season 2011/12 shall continue to be taken into account for the calculation of entries (Rule 378, paragraph 2.b) & c)) as well as the Judges Draw (Rule 582, paragraph 4.a)) for the season 2012/13.

The Minimum Total Technical Scores for the season 2012/13 decided by the Council after consultation with the respective Technical Committees and the Sports Directorate are as follows: (SP = Short Program – SD = Short Dance – FS = Free Skating – FD = Free Dance)

ISU European and ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2013:

MEN	SP	25,00	FS	45,00
LADIES	SP	20,00	FS	36,00
PAIR SKATING	SP	20,00	FS	36,00
ICE DANCE	SD	18,00	FD	28,00

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2013:

MEN	SP	20,00	FS	40,00
LADIES	SP	20,00	FS	35,00
PAIR SKATING	SP	20,00	FS	30,00
ICE DANCE	SD	17,00	FD	27,00

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013:

MEN	SP	35,00	FS	65,00
LADIES	SP	28,00	FS	48,00
PAIR SKATING	SP	28,00	FS	45,00
ICE DANCE	SD	29,00	FD	39,00

The Minimum Total Technical Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 38, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance 2010, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Total Technical Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Total Technical Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

### **8. Judges Draw – ISU Figure Skating Championships 2013**

The annual Judges Draw for the 2013 Figure Skating Championships shall be held on October 3, 2012 in Zurich, Switzerland.

### **9. Congress decision concerning Short Track Speed Skating – ISU Congress 2012 - Proposal 137, Rule 285, paragraph 2.b)**

The Speed Skating Branch of the 2012 ISU Congress adopted the following Rule 285 (European Short Track Speed Skating Championships):

*“2. a) Each European Member has the right to enter one (1) Competitor in each category. If a European Member had one Skater amongst the best 32 Competitors in the final classification of the same preceding Championships that Member may enter two (2) Competitors in total in the respective category.*

*If a European Member had one or more Skaters among the best 8 Competitors in the final classification in the same preceding Championships that Member may enter three(3) competitors in total in the respective category;*

*Minimum qualifying times are required for entry in this ISU Championship. The required qualifying times, the qualifying period, the category of competitions and other conditions under which the times must have been achieved, are decided by the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee and will be announced in an ISU Communication. The ISU Members are responsible to submit verification of the best qualifying time achieved by each Competitor entered for the ISU Championship. If sufficient verification is missing, the entry will not be accepted.*

*b) Only the 12 highest ranked European Members in a special Relay Classification over the 2 most recent World Cups held in Europe can enter a Relay Team Ladies/Men in the respective category in the Relay competition.*

*If the host country is not ranked amongst the top 12 Teams of the World Cup Relay Classification they will replace the lowest ranked Team. If a Member forfeits its right to participate then the next ranked European Member will be invited to participate.”*

Relating to paragraph 2.b) above, due to the fact the European World Cups for the upcoming season will be held in February 2013 after the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2013 (January 18-20, 2013 in Malmö/SWE), the Rule as passed is unfair to the European Members who did not participate in the European World Cups during the past season 2011/12. As a matter of fact, they did not know that these European World Cups would be used as qualification to the Relay competitions of the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2013.

Therefore, based on Article 17, paragraph 1.q)ii) of the Constitution, it is the decision of the Council to make paragraph 2.b) of Rule 285 effective as of the 2013/14 season, allowing all European Members to compete in the Short Track World Cups to be held in Europe in the fall of 2013 and therefore having the opportunity to qualify for the Relay competitions at the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2014.

## 10. Recognition of new World Records Speed Skating

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 5. j) of the ISU Constitution, the Council homologates the following World Records:

### Men Sprint Combination (500-1000-500-1000 meters)

**136,810 p.** Stefan Groothuis NED Calgary, 28-29.01.2012  
(34,84 / 1.07,50 / 34,74 / 1.06,96)

### Ladies 500 meters

**36,94** Jing Yu CHN Calgary, 29.01.2012

### Ladies 1000 meters

**1.12,68** Christine Nesbitt CAN Calgary, 28.01.2012

### Ladies Sprint Combination (500-1000-500-1000 meters)

**148,610 p.** Jing Yu CHN Calgary, 28-29.01.2012  
(37,72 / 1.14,43 / 36,94 / 1.13,47)

### Junior Men 500 meters

**34,66** Laurent Dubreuil CAN Salt Lake City, 22.01.2012

### Junior Men Team Pursuit

**3.47,45** Norway NOR Chelyabinsk, 20.11.2011  
(Kristian R. Fredriksen, Håvard H. Lorentzen, Sverre L. Pedersen)

### Junior Ladies 1000 meters

**1.15,40** Miho Takagi JPN Salt Lake City, 21.01.2012

### Junior Ladies Sprint Combination (500-1000-500-1000 meters)

**152,470 p.** Karolina Erbanova CZE Calgary, 28-29.01.2012  
(38,17 / 1.16,97 / 38,11 / 1.15,41)





**b) Ice Dance:**

Assessment 1:	21	Assessments
Assessment 2:	3	Assessments
Assessment 3:	3	Assessments
Total season 2011/12:	27	Assessments
Out of which	9	concerning Program Components
	16	concerning Technical Elements
	1	concerning non-attendance at Initial Judges meeting
	1	concerning late submittal of Referee report
Previous Seasons Assessments:		
Total season 2010/11:	13	Assessments
Total season 2009/10:	17	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	11	Assessments
Total season 2007/08:	21	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	20	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	25	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	56	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	9	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	4	Assessments

**c) Synchronized Skating:**

Assessment 1:	3	Assessments
Total season 2011/12:	3	Assessments
Out of which	2	concerning Technical Elements
	1	concerning Program Components
Previous Seasons Assessments:		
Total season 2010/11:	5	Assessments
Total season 2009/10:	2	Assessments
Total season 2008/09:	2	Assessments
Total season 2007/08:	3	Assessments
Total season 2006/07:	1	Assessments
Total season 2005/06:	0	Assessments
Total season 2004/05**:	0	Assessments
Total season 2003/04**:	1	Assessments
Total season 2002/03*:	2	Assessments

\* = Assessments based on the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

\*\* = Assessments based partly on the ISU Judging System, partly on the previous 6.0 based Judging System.

The concerned Officials have been notified about the Assessments by letter and through their Members.

**13. ISU Council meeting**

The Council agreed to meet again on October 5-7, 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Milan,

June 27, 2012

Lausanne,

**Ottavio Cinquanta**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General