INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1767

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 5-7, 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. The following were among the decisions taken by the ISU Council during the meeting:

1. Membership Kazakhstan

The ISU Council acknowledged the change in the name and leadership of the ISU Member in Kazakhstan as follows:

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2. Provisional Allotment ISU Championships 2015

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

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, March 2-8, 2015 in Tallinn, Estonia, hosted by the Estonian Skating Union.

3. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating – Calendar Season 2013/14

The ISU Council approved the following calendar for the season 2013/14:

Riga, Latvia August 27-September 1, 2013 (incl. Pair Skating)

Mexico City, Mexico September 4-8, 2013

Kosice, Slovakia September 11-15, 2013 (incl. Pair Skating)

Gdansk, Poland September 18-22, 2013

Minsk, Belarus September 25-29, 2013 (incl. Pair Skating)
Ostrava, Czech Rep. October 2-6, 2013 (incl. Pair Skating)
Tallinn, Estonia October 9-13, 2013 (incl. Pair Skating).

4. Appointment Legal Advisor

The ISU Council appointed with immediate effect Prof. Michael Geistlinger (AUT) as ISU Legal Advisor joining the current Legal Advisor Dr. Béatrice Pfister (SUI) in this function.

5. Kuala Lumpur ISU Congress decision – Article 9 – Election period

The Kuala Lumpur Congress decided that the next ISU Ordinary Congress with elections will be held in 2016 instead of 2014, thereby extending the current election period until 2016 (Art. 9.1.b) of the 2012 ISU Constitution).

However, other provisions of the 2012 Constitution which refer to the original election period of 2010-2014 have not explicitly been modified accordingly, which created unintended and undesirable discrepancies between the respective provisions and Art. 9.1.b).

Based on the powers confirmed upon it by Art. 17.1.r) of the Constitution, the ISU Council interprets Art. 9.1.b) to automatically extend to all other provisions of the Constitution which refer to the original election period of 2010-2014, i.e. all mentions of the year 2014 as the end of the current election period shall be read to mean the year 2016.

6. ISU Congress 2014 – Dublin, Republic of Ireland

Further to the tentative decision taken in Kuala Lumpur to hold the 2014 ISU Congress in Dublin in June 2014 and following a site inspection visit, the ISU Council decided to hold the 55th Ordinary ISU Congress in the Conference Center Dublin (CCD) in Dublin on June 9-13, 2014. The formal notification and information regarding the available hotels will follow in due course.

7. Kuala Lumpur Congress decision concerning the ISU Figure Skating Championships Removal of Preliminary Rounds (Rule 378, paragraph 1)

Further to the above-mentioned Congress decision and subsequent ISU Council decision to adjust the Minimum Total Technical Scores (see ISU Communication 1742, item 7), the ISU Council continued to monitor the situation during the initial part of the ongoing season.

As already pointed out in the Kuala Lumpur ISU Council decision, the ISU Council decided that if it became evident that the number of entries into the ISU Figure Skating Championships 2013 based on the Minimum Total Technical Scores listed in Communication 1742 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 entry numbers in line with the objectives mentioned in Communication 1742. The ISU Council decided that for each Championships such final determination of the Minimum Total Technical Scores shall be made 2 weeks before the entry deadline of each 2013 Figure Skating Championships and Members will be informed accordingly.

8. Allowed manufacturers trademarks, Rule 102, paragraph 6

It has been brought to the attention of the ISU Council that certain Speed Skating skate manufacturers would offer skates exceeding the allowed manufacturer trademark size as per Rule 102, paragraph 6.b)(ii) of the ISU General Regulations which state that:

"No advertising markings other than manufacturer's trademarks as stated below are allowed on the technical equipment such as skates/boots, glasses, gloves, helmets (without covers); One manufacturer's trademark may appear on each piece of equipment and clothing. Skin suits are considered as two pieces; one piece upper body and one piece lower body. Skates are considered as consisting of 4 pieces namely 2 boots and 2 blades. The manufacturer's trademarks shall reflect standard commercial practices and not exceed 20 cm² per piece of equipment;"

The ISU Council reiterated that the above-mentioned Rule shall be enforced and asks the Members to ensure that the skates worn by their Skaters at ISU sanctioned competitions comply with the above provision as otherwise they would not be allowed to start.

For details on how the trademarks are measured, please refer to the ISU Advertising Markings and Manufacturer's Trademark Guidelines that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org under Speed Skating, bottom of page, Advertising Markings and Manufacturer's Trademark).

For the applicable IOC Guidelines regarding Authorized Identifications on clothing, equipment, accessories and footwear applicable for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, please refer also to the ISU website (www.isu.org under Sochi 2014). Members are asked to ensure compliance with these IOC guidelines for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games in cooperation with their National Olympic Committees.

9. ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating – Olympic Winter Games

The ISU Council noted that based on a proposal from the ISU Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee and Ice Dance Technical Committee (Proposal No 177 of the 2012 Congress Agenda), Rule 400, A/B, paragraphs 5 have been amended by the 2012 Congress. The two paragraphs 5 of the 2010 Regulations have been deleted. This means that in case the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance competitors of the ISU Member of the country hosting the Olympic Winter Games do not qualify through the normal qualifying procedure, one competitor per discipline of the host Member shall no longer have the right to participate in the Olympic Winter Games.

For the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the ISU Council, conscious of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games Qualifying System already approved by the IOC Executive Board and therefore prevailing over the ISU Regulations, decided that based on the powers granted to the ISU Council as per the ISU Constitution, Article 17.1.q)ii), Rule 400, A/B, the two paragraphs 5 as stated in the 2010 Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance remain in force. The amendment decided by the 2012 ISU Congress becomes effective for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games only.

10. World Development Trophy

As announced after the Nice ISU Council meeting in March 2012 (ISU Communication 1722), the ISU Council decided to launch the ISU Development Trophy with a first edition to be held during the season 2012/13. This competition will be restricted to Skaters of developing ISU Members of both the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branch.

Based on the proposal submitted in Prague by the Development Coordinator, the ISU Council agreed to proceed with this initiative and the Trophy is planned to be held at different venues and dates, tentatively in January and March 2013 in Poland, the Philippines and Singapore. Full details including the relevant entry procedures, full Announcements etc. are under preparation and will be released in due course.

11. ISU Council meetings

The ISU Council agreed to meet again on June 7-9, 2013 in Vienna/Austria and on October 11 – 13, 2013 in Paris/France.

Milan,

October 16, 2012

Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General