

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1500

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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:

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Urgent Proposal No. 1

##### ISU Council

Article 4, add new paragraph 2. a) through f):

##### 2. Development Program

The ISU Development Program makes financing available, within a budget set by the ISU Council, to:

- a) further the principles of the ISU, including those related to fair and effective distribution of ISU financial support to and for the benefit of ISU Members and participants ;
- b) improve the quality and numbers of participants (including officials) in competitive international Figure and Speed Skating;
- c) aid Member development programs that meet ISU criteria;
- d) aid young, talented skaters in need of support;
- e) provide experienced coaches and sport administrators on a temporary basis to assist Members; and
- f) support development initiatives identified by ISU Members, Technical Committees, Commissions and the Council.

All ISU Members may propose projects and activities and are encouraged to accept responsibility to carry-out: (1) specific initiatives decided by the ISU, or (2) Member-suggested activities approved by the ISU, with the universal purpose of stimulating regional and global development of the ISU sports.

ISU Development Program funds must be expended carefully, seeking measurable results for evaluation. Expenditures and the results achieved must be reported to the ISU in writing by the Member/sponsor of the activity. Such reports shall be submitted in the form, and at such times, as specified in the authorizing ISU document.

**Reason:** to emphasize the importance and objectives of this ISU activity

##### Urgent Proposal No. 2

##### ISU Council

Add new Article 23 (Articles following to be re-numbered)

##### H. Development Coordinator/Development Commission

##### Article 23

1. The Council shall appoint a Development Coordinator. In case of need the Council may appoint two or a maximum of three Coordinators and in such case form a Development Commission. References in this Article to the Coordinator shall include the Commission, if formed.
2. The Coordinator reports to and is supervised by the Vice-Presidents, each in the respective branch. The Vice-Presidents shall collaborate with each other in decisions taken to assure consistent implementation of the ISU Development Program.
3. The Coordinator shall closely cooperate with the Vice-Presidents, the Sports Directorate and the Technical Committees in implementation of the Development Program.

- 4.** The Coordinator shall:
- a) collaborate with the Sport Directorate and Technical Committees in preparing an annual proposal of activities considered in general categories, e.g. training camps, scholarships, seminars, etc., with related budgets that, in total, are within the ISU budget;
  - b) receive and organize requests for development aid from Members, and from within the ISU and prepare tentative proposal and budget of each Development Project;
  - c) evaluate, on a timely basis, plans and programs submitted for consistency with Development Program objectives and the current budget allocations;
  - d) establish various performance indicators for each approved project or activity and to identify successes and failures in meeting such indicators;
  - e) prepare quarterly a plan of the Coordinators' business trips and a corresponding budget of expected expenses ;
  - f) properly check the use of the financial contributions to Members for individual Projects;
  - g) report periodically to the Vice- Presidents and Council on the work and progress of the Program with emphasis on the performance results.
- 5.a)** The annual proposal of activities and the related budget prepared in accordance with paragraph 4, a) above is subject to joint decision of the Vice-Presidents who shall approve or disapprove such proposal.
- b) All other proposals and plans prepared by the Coordinator under paragraph 4 must be submitted, prior to implementation, to the respective Vice President who decides upon approval or disapproval (See article 16, paragraph 3, c), (i)).
- 6.** Any change in an approved proposal, or a proposal for a business trip not included in the plan, shall be submitted before implementation for approval of the Vice President of the branch involved.
- 7.** The Council may, from time to time, specify in greater detail the functions and duties of the Development Coordinator and establish a timetable for Development Program submissions, review actions and related activities.
- Reason:** To identify the basic responsibilities and relationships of the ISU Officials implementing the ISU Development Program

## GENERAL REGULATIONS/SPECIAL REGULATIONS

### Urgent Proposal No. 3 Ice Dance Technical Committee

*(Since this Urgent Proposal consists of a concept involving many Rules, it has been grouped together as one Urgent Proposal only. See also the related amendments to the Ice Dance Technical Rules at the end of this Communication)*

#### INTRODUCTION

##### General

Following the request by the ISU Council to standardize the format of competition for Ice Dance events with other Figure Skating disciplines the IDTC would like to propose the following new format for ALL categories in Ice Dance and plan for its implementation for 2009/2010 and completion by 2010/2011 season.

It will be achieved by reducing the parts of Ice Dance competition from 3 to 2 in the following manner. The International Competitions/Championships will consist of:

1. **Combination Dance (New)**
2. **Free Dance**

The competition in the above mentioned “**Combination Dance**” will replace the competitions in the Compulsory Dance and Original Dance. This new concept will allow to keep the full range of the existing compulsory dances through a rotation in the Combination Dance as one of the most important principles of the Ice Dance discipline, and its combination with the criteria of the original dance will make the competition more attractive for skaters, spectators and TV viewers.

The new concept and plan for its implementation was presented by the IDTC at its annual meeting with Ice Dance coaches and skaters which was held on occasion of the Worlds 2008 in Gothenburg and was well received.

#### Composition of the Combination Dance

The Combination Dance will be based on a specified rhythm(s). The dance will have a duration of up to 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less (the same as for the Short Programs in Singles and Pairs), and will consist of two parts A and B:

**Part A** – approximately one (1) minute of a specified dance (former Compulsory Dance) skated as laid down in the Ice Dance manual (the duration may slightly vary depending on the dance selected and number of sequences of the dance to be skated). The specified dance may be skated at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of the program.

**Part B** – approximately 1 minute and 50 seconds of the program originally choreographed to the rhythm of the same specified dance skated in part A or to the rhythm announced by the Ice Dance Technical Committee and will contain three (3) Required Elements.

The music for the Combination Dance can be selected by the skaters; however, the official ISU music can be used. The tempo for the specified dance (part A) must be within a determined range, but for the original choreography (part B) the tempo and tune may be changed. Vocal music is permitted for both parts of the dance.

The marking of the Combination Dance will be based on the current rules for the Compulsory Dances and Original Dance, but the complete new Rule 610 for the Combination Dance is included in the Urgent proposal below.

#### Implementation plan

The IDTC plans to test the new format as quickly as possible but realizes that there are very serious reasons why some care should be taken to assist the couples entitled in all ISU Events and OWG.

Therefore, the IDTC proposes the following implementation plan for the next 2 seasons:

##### **2008-2009**

- The IDTC submits to the ISU Congress 2008 its Urgent Proposal regarding the new format of competition in Ice Dance with the goal to implement it starting with all Junior events in season 2009/2010. *(The Urgent Proposal will replace the IDTC proposal regarding “rotation” of Compulsory Dances published in the Congress Agenda).*
- All required educational material including the Video which demonstrates the new Combination Dance will be prepared by the IDTC to be made available as early as possible, but at the start of the new season, to all ISU Members.
- The format for all senior and Junior Ice Dance Championships and International Competitions for the season 2008/2009 will maintain the 3 traditional segments (Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance and Free Dance).

##### **2009/2010 – the Olympic season**

- If agreed by Congress the new format will be implemented for all Junior Ice Dance Championships and International Competitions and will consist of 2 segments: Combination Dance and Free Dance.

- The format for (senior) Ice Dance Championships and International Competitions and the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will consist of three segments – Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance and Free Dance.
- Based on the result of the test of the new format at the Junior events in 2009/2010, the IDTC could submit proposals to the ISU Congress 2010 for the proper conduct of the events in **ALL** categories, starting with season 2010/2011.

**Rule 112 paragraph 4 b)**

- b) the technical details of the Compulsory Dance, Short Program, Original Dance, Combination Dance, Free Skating, Free Dance including the duration and special conditions;

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 123 paragraph 3. “Time limits for filing protests”, sub-paragraph c)**

Amend sub-paragraph c) as follows:

- c) Any other protests, except cases covered by subparagraph d) below, must be filed with the Referee immediately, however, not later than 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned. Completion of a competition (for this purpose only) means end of the last race of all races for a single distance in Speed Skating, end of the last heat/qualifying round or of the last of a series of heats/qualifying rounds, or all four quarter finals or of the last of both semi-finals or of the final for a single distance in Short Track Speed Skating, and end of any single segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Compulsory Dance / Original Dance / Combination Dance/ Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition;

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 134 paragraph 3. “Award of medals”, sub-paragraph g)**

Revise sub-paragraph g) to read:

- g) In Figure Skating the Referee shall present after the completion of each event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men, Pairs and in Synchronized Skating and Compulsory Dance/Original Dance combined and Free Dance or Combination Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dancing) a small ISU gold medal to the winner of each event and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in each category, but no anthem shall be played or flags hoisted. The ceremony cannot be held on the ice and/or in the kiss and cry area.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 303 paragraph a) new iii) – Content of Ice Dancing – correction to the existing IDTC proposal # 140**

Change Rule 303 as follows:

1. Ice Dancing consists of:

- a) Compulsory Dance(s) – skating of prescribed dances;
- b) Original Dance – with prescribed rhythm(s);
- c) Combination Dance (skating of specified dance – part A and a program with specified rhythm – part B).
- d) Free Dance.

2. The composition of an Ice Dancing couple must be one Lady and one Man.

Reason: For uniformity with Single and Pair Skating rules and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 306 paragraph 2 – Behavior of Skaters, Officials and others**

Revise the first sentence of paragraph 2 to read:

- 2. Before skating the Short Program, Free Skating Program, Compulsory Dance, Original Dance, Combination Dance or Free Dance in an International Competitions or ISU Championships, Competitors are not allowed to bow to the spectators.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 335 B. – correction to the existing IDTC proposal # 147**

**B. Composition of Events Ice Dancing**

Amend part B as follows, delete paragraphs 3-5 and add new paragraph 3:

- 1 ISU Championships (Senior and Junior) and Olympic Winter Games in Ice Dancing shall consist of:
  - a) Compulsory Dance - from the dances announced for the season for the category concerned;
  - b) Original Dance;
  - c) Free Dance.
2. International Competitions in Ice Dancing (Senior and Junior) shall consist of:
  - a) Compulsory Dance - from the dances announced for the season for the category concerned;

- b) Original Dance;
  - c) Free Dance.
- ~~3. Junior ISU Championships in Ice Dancing shall consist of:~~
- ~~a) one Compulsory Dance;~~
  - ~~b) Original Dance;~~
  - ~~c) Free Dance.~~
- ~~4. Junior International Competitions in Ice Dancing shall consist of:~~
- ~~a) at least one Compulsory Dance;~~
  - ~~b) Original Dance;~~
  - ~~c) Free Dance.~~
- ~~5. Open International Competitions in Ice Dancing shall be run in accordance with ISU Special Regulations Ice Dancing 2002.~~
3. (New) Junior ISU Championships and Junior International Competitions starting with season 2009/2010 shall consist of:
- a) Combination Dance;
  - b) Free Dance

Reason: The composition of Senior and Junior Events is the same and it is not necessary to repeat it in paragraphs 3 and 4. Also, Interpretive Ice Dancing is not conducted in the ISU Judging System. And to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments for season 2009/2010.

**Rule 342 paragraph 1**

Amend first sentence of paragraph 1 as follows:

1. The available skating area for the Short Program and Free Skating respectively Compulsory Dance/Original Dance/Combination Dance/Free Dance must be rectangular and....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 343 paragraph 1 b)**

Amend paragraph b) as follows,

- b) Each program (Short/Free/Interpretive Free) (Original Dance/Combination Dance/Free Dance/Interpretive Dance) must be recorded on one track and on a separate disc or cassette.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 350 paragraph 2 – correction to the existing S&PSTC & ITDC proposal # 161**

Rule 350, paragraph 2

Amend as follows:

2. Every Competitor/Pair/Dance Couple must begin each part of the competition (Short Program and Free Skating respectively Compulsory Dances(s), Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance) at the latest ~~two~~ one (1) minutes after his/their name has been announced, failing which the Competitor shall be considered as withdrawn.

Reason: To save time and make competitions more dynamic and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 353 paragraph 1), a)**

Revise paragraph a) to read:

- 1) Basic Principles of Calculation

- a) Every “section” of a Compulsory Dance and every Required Element of the Short Program, Free Skating, Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance has a certain base value....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 353 paragraph 1) m) i)**

Add new list of factors for Program Components for Combination Dance:

m) In Ice Dancing:

- i) The panel’s points for each Program Component are then multiplied by factors which are as follows:  
 Compulsory Dance – not changed  
 Original Dance – not changed  
Combination Dance

<u>Skating Skills</u>	<u>0.80</u>
<u>Transitions/Linking Footwork/Movements</u>	<u>0.70</u>

<u>Performance/Execution</u>	<u>0.70</u>
<u>Composition/Choreography</u>	<u>0.80</u>
<u>Interpretation/Timing</u>	<u>1.00</u>

Free Dance – not changed

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 353 paragraph 1) m) ii)**

Revise the last part of paragraph ii) to read:

For Compulsory Dance skated separately and not as a part A of the Combination Dance; if a fall occurs during the introductory and/or concluding steps/movements only the Technical Panel makes the appropriate deduction.

For the Combination Dance: if a fall occurs in any part of the dance (Part A and Part B) including the introductory and/or concluding and/or intermediate (between Part A and Part B) steps and movements, the Technical Panel and Judges make the appropriate deduction.

For the Original Dance skated separately or as a part B of the Combination Dance and for the Free Dance only: if a stumble or fall causes interruption of the program.....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 353 paragraph 2) a) and d)**

Revise paragraphs a) and d) to read:

2) Determination of Results in each part of the Competition

- a) The Total Segment Score for each Skater/Couple in each part of a competition (Short Program, Free Skating, Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance) is calculated by....
- d) if two or more Skaters/Couples will have the same result, the Total Technical Score will break the tie in the Short Program, Compulsory Dance(s) or Combination Dance. The Program Components Score will break the tie in the Free Skating, Original Dance and Free Dance. ....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 353 paragraph 3) a)**

Revise paragraphs a) to read:

- a) The Total Segment Score of the Short Program and Free Skating respectively the Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance and Free Dance or Combination Dance and Free Dance are added and the result constitutes the Final Score of a Skater/Couple in an event. The Skater/Couple with the highest Final Score is first etc.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 366 paragraph 2) q)**

Revise paragraphs q) to read:

- q) for Ice Dancing, the rhythm(s) of the Original Dance or compulsory dance and rhythm(s) of the Combination Dance.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 376 paragraph 5 – correction to the existing IDTC proposal # 174**

Amend paragraph 5 as follows:

5. If possible, ISU Ice Dance Championships should be completed within a maximum period of four (4) consecutive days when the Competition consists of Compulsory Dance, Original Dance and Free Dance and within a maximum period of three (3) consecutive days when the Competition consists of Combination Dance and Free Dance.

Reason: to reflect specifics of Ice Dance events and the current practice to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 378 paragraphs 2. b) and 4.**

Revise the third sentence of paragraph b) to read:

... Competitors who did not qualify for the Original Dance in Ice Dancing will be awarded 20 points; Competitors who were entered for the Short Program, were entered for the Combination Dance or qualified for Original Dance in Ice Dancing,) but did not qualify for the Free Skating (Free Dance in Ice Dancing) will be awarded 18 points; .....

For Ice Dancing:

Revise sub-paragraphs i), iii) to read:

- i) Couples that did not start the ~~first~~ Compulsory Dance of the Championships or the Combination Dance;

- ii) - not changed
- iii) Couples that did not start or finished the Free Dance, but were among the top ten (10) in the Combination Dance or among top ten (10) in the result of the Compulsory Dance and Original Dance combined.

Amend the first sentence of paragraph 4 as follows:

4. The title of the music of the Short and Free Skating programs respectively the Original, Combination and Free Dance and names of the composers.....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 393 paragraph 2**

Revise paragraphs 2 to read:

2. The Referee shall present after the completion of each segment of every event (Short Program and Free Skating for Ladies, Men, Pairs, Compulsory plus Original Dance and Free Dance or Combination Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dancing) a small ISU gold medal to the winner of this part and small silver and bronze medals to the second and third in this part (see also Rule 134 paragraph 3 g).

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 409 paragraph 1 – Duties and powers of the Referee**

Revise the 14<sup>th</sup> item of paragraph 1 to read:

- instructs the second Timekeeper (volunteer) to take the time of all lifts in the Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance, to verify possible extended lifts (Ice Dancing only);

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 410 - Nomination and appointment of Referees – paragraph 13 b) and c)**

Amend the second sentence of sub-paragraph b) as follows:

- b) .....The events refereed must be at different competitions and must have included the ISU Short Program and Free Skating for Single and Pair Skating, respectively Compulsory Dance(s), Original Dance and Free Dance or Combination Dance and Free Dance for Ice Dancing;

Amend paragraph c) as follows:

- c) have served as a Judge (or as a Trial Judge in Ice Dance), (as a Technical Controller for Technical Committee Members only) at least twice in ISU Championships (twice Short Program and twice Free Skating in Single and Pair Skating), (Compulsory Dance, Original and Free Dance or Combination Dance and Free Dance in Ice Dancing) and/or the Olympic Winter Games during the 48 months preceding the nomination.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 425 - Nomination and appointment of Judges – paragraph 10 b) ii)**

Amend sub-paragraph ii) as follows:

- ii) in Ice Dancing – 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 or Combination Dance and Free Dance.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 430 paragraph 1a)**

Revise sub-paragraphs a) to read:

- a) After each segment (i.e. Short Program, Free Skating, Compulsory Dance, Combination Dance, Original Dance, Free Dance) of an event (discipline), each Judge will receive a printout (Judges' Details for each Skater) that shows the "Grade of Execution" (GOE) of every element and the points for the Program Components from all Judges in a random sequence.....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Urgent Proposal No. 4**

**Sports Directorate, Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing Technical Committees**

Rule 121, Officials, 1. Officials categories

Amend sub-paragraph a) as follows:

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 Judge, 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:

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

Reason: to add the Qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Winter Games to the Chart in this Rule and to update the necessary qualification for the combined ISU Grand Prix Finals (Senior and Junior).

**Urgent Proposal No. 5**

**USA, Figure**

Rule 121, paragraph 3 j) ii)

Add the following two new examples presented for guidance as paragraphs 1) and 2) and then renumber existing paragraphs to follow as 3), 4), 5), 6).

1) At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games, ISU Office Holders, elected or appointed, shall not act as members of any national team, or act as team leaders, assistant team leaders, chaperons, team doctors or team coaches, or wear national team uniforms (except Coaches serving on an ISU Technical Committee, may coach individually their students who are entered in an ISU Event or an international competition).

2) ISU Officials (Referees, Judges, Controllers, Specialists, Starters, etc.), when at an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games where they are not serving as an ISU Official, may act as a member of a national team, team leader, assistant team leader, chaperon, team doctor or team coach, and may wear national team uniforms.

3) At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games, a person of the family of a competing Skater is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which such Skater is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest;

4) At an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games, a person of the family of an ineligible person, or of the family of a remunerated Coach, is not permitted to serve as an Official of the competition in which a competing pupil of the



ineligible person or remunerated Coach is entered, but such person may serve at other competitions of such ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games unless such service may reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest;

5) The term "family" as used in this Rule shall be understood as including all persons who, due to their relationships, may reasonably appear to be in a conflict of interest position regarding a competing Skater, ineligible person or remunerated Coach;

6) For purposes of staffing at an event, the Referee shall decide any issues raised at the event concerning conflicts of interest or other matters involving the applicability of the ISU Code of Ethics to assigned ISU Officials.

Reason: To provide examples in the rules for acceptable and unacceptable actions of ISU Office Holders and ISU Officials at an ISU Event or Winter Olympic Games. Clarifies ISU Communication 1481.

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

### **Urgent Proposal No. 6**

#### **Sports Directorate/Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee**

Rule 284

Add at the end a new unnumbered sub-heading and new paragraphs 18 through 24:

#### Medals and Diploma Awards

18. For the Olympic Winter Games only, Finals A and B will take place for the 500, 1000 and 1500 meter individual final races, and for the Ladies 3000 meter relay and Men's 5000 meter relay final races.

19. The Finals A and B are created so that, to the extent possible, the three IOC medals with accompanying diplomas and the five additional IOC diplomas (together referred to as the "IOC Awards") available for each race are actually awarded to eight skaters or eight relay teams.

20. The eight IOC Awards are conferred on skaters or teams in the order of finish (from first to last), starting with the Final A, and thereafter, as necessary to fill the IOC Award positions, continuing with skaters or teams (from first to last) finishing the Final B.

21. Vacancies in the eight IOC Award positions may be created in the Final A or B race by: (i) skater or team disqualification (DQ), (ii) skater or team did not start (DNS) or (iii) skater or team did not finish (DNF).

22. A DQ, DNS or DNF skater or team in the Final A or Final B is excluded from the ranking and the next finishing skater or team, and the succeeding finishing skaters or teams, whether in the Final A or the Final B, considered in their respective finishing sequence (from first to last), move up. Finishing time established by any skater or team is not a qualifying factor.

23. For the avoidance of doubt, vacancies in the eight IOC Award positions due to DQ, DNS or DNF shall be filled as follows:

a.) If a DQ, DNS or DNF occurs in the Final A creating a vacancy in the IOC Award positions, the next-ranking skater or team who finished the Final A race, moves up to fill the vacancy. This advancement procedure is followed in like manner for additional vacancies in IOC Award positions until no finishing skaters or teams from the Final A remain available to be advanced.

b.) If one or more of the IOC Award positions remains vacant after the above procedure for filling IOC Award vacancies with Final A finishers is completed, the next-ranking skater or team (or skaters or teams as the case may be) finishing the Final B moves up to fill the IOC award vacancy or vacancies.

24. Any skater or team not finishing the Final A or Final B is not eligible for an IOC Award, and if this results in less than eight skaters or teams being available for an IOC Award, the vacant IOC Award position(s) shall not be filled and the award(s) shall not be conferred.

Reason: To formalize within the ISU Regulations (now covered only in ISU Communication 1363) the concept of Finals A & B in the OWG and to specify how, to the extent possible, the eight IOC Award positions are filled.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 7**

#### **Hungary**

Rule 284

Revise entirely to read:

#### 1. Distances

For the Olympic Winter Games the distances are:

- a) 500, 1000 and 1500 meters individual distances for Ladies and Men;
- b) 3000 meters relay for Ladies;
- c) 5000 meters relay for Men;

#### 2. Entry quotas

For each edition of the Olympic Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stipulates an overall maximum number of Skaters to be entered into Short Track Speed Skating events (IOC Quota), with a target number for each gender. If for either Ladies or Men the respective IOC quota would not be reached according to the Qualifying System described in the ISU Regulations, the respective unused number of quota places would be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.

a) The total overall number of entered Short Track Speed Skaters per ISU Member, respectively National Olympic Committee (NOC quota) will be maximum 10 Skaters; maximum 5 Ladies, respectively 5 Men (for ISU Member/NOC qualified for the relay event) and maximum 3 Ladies, respectively 3 Men (for ISU Member/NOC not qualified for the relay event).

#### 3. Qualification system

##### a) *General*

Quota places are earned by the ISU Members (by IOC called "NFs") respectively National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the ISU Members at the four Special Olympic Qualification Classifications

(SOQC) resulting from the two (2) ISU World Cup Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during October – December prior to the Olympic Winter Games. The four (4) SOQCs will be for 500, 1000 and 1500 meters each for Ladies and Men, 3000 meters relay Ladies and 5000 meters relay Men. As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions. Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent entries by name to the Olympic Winter Games to be made within the applicable deadlines are at the discretion of the respective ISU Member/NOC subject to the entered Skaters being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

These SOQCs will be calculated as of the total added result of the 2 events, in a way that the results are not added skater by skater but country by country. In the case of a tie in the SOQC, the following tie breaking system will be used:

- i) World Cup points;
- ii) Best place in one of the designated World Cups;
- iii) Best time on the distance;
- iv) Second (or if needed third, fourth etc) best times on the distance.

*b) Host ISU Member/NOC*

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host ISU Member/NOC will be entitled to enter 10 Skaters (5 Ladies and 5 Men) in all events together, as follows:

- Ladies and Men relay;
- 1 Skater in each individual event/distance both Ladies and Men.

If the host ISU Member/NOC forfeits its right to participate in the relay event(s), the host ISU Member/NOC may nevertheless enter one (1) Skater in each of the individual distances.

*c) Relay*

The ISU Members/NOCs with the top 8 placed relay teams in the SOQC for relay qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games relay events. If the host ISU Member/NOC of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the relay SOQC, the respective relay team of the host ISU Member/NOC will replace the ISU Member/NOC ranked 8th in the SOQC for the relay.

*d) Individual distances*

ISU Members/NOCs qualified for the relay events may enter a maximum of 5 Skaters in total. The Skaters competing in the individual events must be among the Skaters in the relay team.

For the individual distances, besides the above-mentioned ramification from the relay qualification which will have priority, the quota places are assigned to ISU Members/NOCs in the order of the respective SOQC. All ISU Members/NOCs having Skaters ranked first over the distances 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one starting place on the respective distance. Following that the ISU Members/NOCs having Skaters ranked 2nd get one starting place, etc. until the following criteria as listed in chronological order are met:

- i. First is the relay to qualify (top 7+ host x 5 persons) then the number of quotes should be determined that has been reached by them on the individual distances.
- ii. Next individual skaters ranked Men/Ladies outside the relay skaters
- iii. Max number of skater per individual distance per Member
  - a. is 3, if all 3 skaters in Qualifying event Ranked in Top 8,
  - b. is 2, if 2 skaters in top 32/36,
  - c. is 1, if 1 skater in top 32/36.
- iv. Until the number of Skaters on the respective distances has reached the maximum number of Skaters for that distance (i.e. the maximum number of Skaters over 500 and 1000 meters will be 32. The maximum number of Skaters over 1500 meters will be 36) and the total number of Skaters per category (Ladies/Men) has reached the maximum number of Skaters set by the IOC.
- v. If according to sub-paragraph i), ii), iii) above the number of actually entered Skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) then the ISU Member/NOCs having Skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), and iii) above, will be allowed to enter the same Skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of 2 Skaters per distance. Consequently this will not affect the total number of entered Skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.

#### 4. Process of confirmation of places

After the designated ISU World Cup Competitions will be completed and based on the resulting SOQC, the ISU will inform the ISU Members/NOCs of their respective total number of quota places and the number of Skaters each ISU Member/NOC can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places within a specific deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.

#### 5. Reallocation of unused quota positions

Unused quota places will be redistributed to ISU Members/NOCs based on the different SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 3 days whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest within the deadline to be announced through an ISU Communication.

Unused relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed team based on the results of the relay SOQC.

6. Qualifying Timeline

Qualifying timelines will be defined and communicated through a specific ISU Communication.

7. During World Cup Competitions designated for the determination of participation in the Olympic Winter Games the ISU shall be represented by the Technical Delegates appointed for the Olympic Winter Games.

8. Medal assignments at Olympic Winter Games

For individual events 500, 1000 and 1500 meters Ladies and Men, and Relay events over 3000 meters for Ladies and over 5000 meters for Men, A and B finals will be conducted. Medals will be awarded in the order of finish starting with the A final. If all medals are not awarded from the A final, the order of finish in the B final will determine the remaining medal winners.

- Qualifying Points at World Cup Events( 90% rule )

1 =	1 000	21 =	122	41 =	20
2 =	900	22 =	109	42 =	19
3 =	810	23 =	98	43 =	18
4 =	729	24 =	89	44 =	17
5 =	656	25 =	80	45 =	16
6 =	590	26 =	72	46 =	15
7 =	531	27 =	65	47 =	14
8 =	478	28 =	58	48 =	13
9 =	430	29 =	52	49 =	12
10 =	387	30 =	47	50 =	11
11 =	349	31 =	42	51 =	10
12 =	314	32 =	38	52 =	9
13 =	282	33 =	34	53 =	8
14 =	254	34 =	31	54 =	7
15 =	229	35 =	28	55 =	6
16 =	206	36 =	25	56 =	5
17 =	185	37 =	24	57 =	4
18 =	167	38 =	23	58 =	3
19 =	150	39 =	22	59 =	2
20 =	135	39 =	21	60 =	1
				61 =	1

And so on

- Possible time table for Olympic Qualification Events:

Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> Competition)/Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> Competition):

P.M. 1500m Heats Qualify to Top 48 1or 2 Rounds

P.M. 500m Heats Qualify to Top 40 2 Rounds  
 1000m Heats Qualify to Top 40 2 Rounds

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Thursday/Friday:

A.M. Relays Heats Qualify to Top 12 1or2 Rounds  
 1500m Heats  $48 = 8 \times 6 = 1+2+3=24$  1 Round

P.M. 1500m  $\frac{1}{4}$  (all) Finals  $24 = 4 \times 6 = 1+2+3=24=12SA + 12SB$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$  (all) Finals  $24 = 4 \times 6 = 1+2+3= 24=6A + 6B + 6C + 6D$   
 FINALS  $A + B + C + D= 4 \times 6$  3 Rounds

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Friday/Saturday:

A.M. 500m Pre Heats  $40 = 10 \times 4 = 1+2+4*3^{rd}= 24$  1 Round  
 Relays  $\frac{1}{4}$  Finals  $12 = 3 \times 4 = 1+2+2*3^{rd} = 8$  1 Round

P.M. 500m Heats  $24 = 6 \times 4 = 1+2+4*3^{rd}=16$   
 $\frac{1}{4}$  (all) Finals  $16 = 4 \times 4 = 1+2= 16=8SA + 8SB$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$  (all) Finals  $16 = 4 \times 4 = 1+2= 16=4A + 4B + 4C + 4D$   
 FINALS  $A + B + C + D= 4 \times 4$  4 Rounds

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Saturday/Sunday:

A.M. 1000m Pre Heats  $40 = 10 \times 4 = 1+2+4*3^{rd} = 24$   
 Heats  $24 = 6 \times 4 = 1+2+4*3^{rd} = 16$  2 Rounds  
 Relay  $\frac{1}{2}$  Finals  $8 = 2 \times 4 = 1+2 = 4A + 4B$  1 Round

P.M. 1000m  $\frac{1}{4}$  (all) Finals  $16 = 4 \times 4 = 1+2= 16=8SA + 8SB$   
 $\frac{1}{2}$  (all) Finals  $16 = 4 \times 4 = 1+2= 16=4A + 4B + 4C + 4D$   
 FINALS  $A + B + C + D= 4 \times 4$  3 Rounds  
 Relays FINALS  $A + B= 2 \times 4$  1 Round

**Reason:** To simplify the procedure, to use all the start positions on each distance, to be in line with IOC requirements and to provide a better balanced selection system.  
 (For more details see the attachments!)

## SPCECIAL REGULATIONS SINGLE & PAIR SKATING/ICE DANCE

### **Urgent Proposal No. 8**

#### **RUSSIA, Figure**

I. Special Regulations and Technical Rules, Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dancing.

ISU Judging System – General

Add at the end of sub-paragraph f) (i) the following:

At the end of the season the Council will check that the counting judges correspond to the random draw.

Reason: to increase the level of credibility to the random draw procedure.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 9**

#### **Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee**

Rule 353, sub-paragraph 1 l) i)

Delete two last lines.

Reason: already mentioned in the sub-paragraph 1 k) of the same Rule.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 10**

#### **Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee**

Rule 353, paragraph 1) Basic principles of calculation

Add at the end of sub-paragraph 1) ii) the following:

- deduction of – 2.0 will be applied when appropriate in case of a fresh start (see Rule 551).

Reason: A fresh start gives a skater a possibility to rest before the continuation of the program and perform difficult elements in the later part.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 11**

#### **Sports Directorate, Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing Technical Committees**

Rule 378, paragraph 3

Amend as follows:

3. Each Member may enter for each category one substitute in the case of one entry and no more than two substitutes in the case of two or more entries. The substitute may compete only if his Member has withdrawn the name of its Competitor entered for the competition at least one hour before the draw begins. ~~or, in case of injury or illness of the Competitor entered for the competition, before the competition begins. The fact the Competitor entered cannot compete because of injury or illness must be certified by the ISU Medical Advisor if present or, by a doctor appointed by the ISU Representative or, in his absence, by the Technical Delegate in ISU Championships and in International Competitions by the Referee concerned.~~

Reason: with the current draw procedure which uses the World Standings a substitute cannot just skate using the drawn starting number of the original competitor.

### **Urgent Proposal No. 12**

#### **Sports Directorate, Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing Technical Committees**

Rule 400 - Entries to the Olympic Winter Games, paragraphs A.1 and B.1

Amend as follows:

#### **A. Entries Single & Pair Skating**

1. The maximum number of entries for the Olympic Winter Games is thirty (30) for Ladies and Men and twenty (20) Pairs. In the two singles events the best placed twenty (20) Competitors and in the pairs event the best sixteen (16) pairs in the Short Program will qualify for the final Free Skating.

#### **B. Entries Ice Dancing**

1. The maximum number of entries for the Olympic Winter Games is twenty-four (24) for Ice Dancing and all 24 couples will skate Compulsory Dance and Original Dance. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dance and the Original Dance combined, the 20 best-placed couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dancing.

Reason: In consequence of the SD, S&PTC and IDTC proposal to reduce the number of skaters/couples which are qualified to skate the Free Skating/Dance at the ISU Championships (Congress proposals No. 308 and 346). The reduction of competitors for the final Free Skating is a “must” to keep the interest of the public and Media in the sport (short final event, more competitive).

### **Urgent Proposal No. 13**

#### **Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee**

Rule 409, paragraph 1. Duties and powers of the Referee

Amend part of it as follows:

– decides upon all the deductions according to Rule 353 paragraph 1 l) and m), which come under the responsibility

of the Referee, namely: costume and prop violations, time violations, interruptions of the program, fresh start (Single & Pair Skating) and lifts in excess of permitted time in Ice Dancing;

Reason: A consequence of the proposed change in Rule 353, sub-paragraph 1 l) ii).

#### **Urgent Proposal No. 14**

##### **RUSSIA, Figure**

I. Special Regulations and Technical Rules, Synchronized Skating.

ISU Judging System – General

Add at the end of sub-paragraph f) (i) the following:

At the end of the season the Council will check that the counting judges correspond to the random draw.

Reason: to increase the level of credibility to the random draw procedure.

#### **Urgent Proposal No. 15**

##### **Synchronized Skating Technical Committee**

Rule 818, paragraph 10 c) clarification 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> row text; adding text regarding Trial Judging to the end.

Appointment International Judge

c) The candidate must have Judged twice at two (2) different national Synchronized Skating championships or qualifying national competitions in which more than five (5) teams have participated (each event judged must have at least five (5) teams) and as well as served as a Trial Judge in accordance with Rule 818 paragraph 9 a) (i) during the 36 months preceding the nomination and the judging must have been acceptable. The events Judged must have included the ISU Senior or Junior Synchronized Skating Short Program and Free Skating. The Member must submit the respective documents with the applications confirming these activities, such as either a copy of the classification list of the Senior and/or Junior events Judged which includes the names of the Judges or the list of the panel verified by the Member.

In case that there is not enough teams at national Synchronized Skating championships or qualifying national competitions, the candidate may participate in two (2) different Trial Judging events which will be counted as the national activities.

Reason: Clarification and using Trial Judging more for the appointment of International Judges.

## ICE DANCE TECHNICAL RULES

**NOTE: If the Urgent Proposal No. 3 from the Ice Dance Technical Committee regarding the new format of the Ice Dance event including implementation of the Combination Dance (which will replace the Compulsory and Original Dance) is passed by the Congress, the following Ice Dance Technical Rules should be corrected/amended accordingly.**

**These Technical Rule amendments are subject to the procedure as outlined in the Procedural Provisions to the Constitution. In particular they would have to be discussed during the workshop (see "D. Figure Skating Section Meeting Procedure", paragraph 9.iv) and accepted by the Figure Skating Section in line with the Figure Skating Section Meeting Procedure, paragraph 10:**

### **D. Combination Dance - NEW**

Add new Rule 610 and renumber the existing Rules 610, 611 and 612 consequently:

#### **1. General Requirements for the Combination Dance**

The Combination Dance is composed of two (2) parts A and B:

**Part A** - is skating by the couple of a specified dance (former Compulsory Dance). The number of sequences to be performed depends on the dance selected and it may be designated by the Technical Committee and announced in Communication.

**Part B** – is a program originally choreographed to the rhythm of specified dance skated in part A or to the rhythm announced by the Ice Dance Technical Committee.

Both parts A and B should be linked by the connecting steps and movements and may include a full stop which should not exceed 5 seconds.

Part A (specified dance) may be skated at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of the program as long as the specified number of sequences is performed (unless otherwise specified and announced by the Technical Committee).

The total duration of the Combination Dance is up to 2 min. and 50 sec. maximum.

The guidelines for the Combination Dance and any changes to the requirements will be published by the Ice Dance Technical Committee in an ISU Communication.

#### **a) Music**

The music for Combination Dance will be selected by the skaters. For part A (specified dance) a couple may use the ISU official music for compulsory dances or they may prepare their own music provided that its tempo is within the range designated for the respective specified dance.

For part B a couple may choose another tune which may have a different tempo but must be selected for designated rhythm. Variations in tempo within this selection of music are permitted.

Vocal music is permitted for both parts A and B.

#### **2. Composition**

##### **b) Part A**

During the skating of the specified dance Rule 608 (Compulsory Dance) paragraphs 1 and 2 must be observed.

##### **c) Part B**

The program must reflect the character of the designated dance rhythm and be translated to the ice by demonstrating technical skill with steps and movements along with flow and the use of edges.

The requirements and restrictions mentioned in Rule 609 paragraph 1, d) – h) must be applied.

The number and list of Required Elements to be included into the program of part B and specific requirements for these elements will be announced in an ISU communication annually.

The following are options that may be included as Required Elements:

- Dance Lift(s) – see Rule 604, paragraph 16;
- Dance Spin(s) – see Rule 604, paragraph 14 e;
- Step Sequence(s)– see Rule 603, paragraph 3;
- Set of Sequential Twizzles – see Rule 604, paragraph b) ii).

#### **3. Illegal Elements/Movements**

The following Elements and Movements are not permitted in Part B of the combination Dance unless otherwise stated in an ISU Communication:

- Movements and/or poses in the Lifts:
  - Lifting hand(s) of the lifting partner sustained higher than his head\*;
  - Lying or sitting on the partner's head;
  - Sitting or standing on the partner's shoulder, back;
  - Lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around by holding the skate(s)/boot(s) or leg(s) only with fully extended arm(s) or by holding the hand(s) with full arm extension by both partners;
  - Lifted partner in upside down split pose (with angle between thighs more than 45 degrees)\*\*;



*\*It is NOT considered as an illegal lift if:*

- the point of contact of the lifting hand/arm of the lifting partner with any part of the body of the lifted partner is not higher than the lifting partner's head;
- the lifting hand/arm which is used for support or balancing only or which touches any part of the body of the lifted partner is not sustained by the lifting partner higher than his head for more than 2 seconds.

*\*\* A brief movement through an upside down split pose (with any angle between thighs) will be permitted if it is not established (sustained) or if it is used only to change pose.*

- Jumps of more than one (1) revolution or jumps of one (1) revolution skated at the same time by both partners;
- Kneeling on two knees;
- Lying on the ice.

#### **4. Marking Combination Dance**

##### **a) Technical Score**

###### **i) Scale of Values**

A Table with the Scale of Values of the sections of the specified dances (Compulsory Dances) and of the Required Elements is published in a Communication. This Scale of Values (SOV) contains Base Values of all the sections of each specified dance as well as Base Values of all the required elements (mentioned in paragraph 2 above) and adjustments for the correctness and quality of their execution;

The Base Values are measured in points and increase with the increasing difficulty of the sections in the specified dance, which is determined by the difficulty of steps and movements included in the section;

The Base Values of the required elements depend on their difficulty.

The difficulty of the Required Elements is determined by their Levels of Difficulty;

###### **ii) Levels of Elements Difficulty**

Technical Panel determine the name and the Level of every Required Element in the Combination Dances.

All elements are divided into at least four (4) Levels depending on their difficulty. The description of characteristics that give an element a certain Level of difficulty is published and updated in ISU Communications;

###### **iii) Grade of Execution (GOE)**

Every Judge will mark the Accuracy of skating and Placement of every section of the specified dance in the Part A of the Combination Dance and quality of edges and quality of execution of steps, turns and movements of this section depending on the positive features of the execution (e.g. correctness, depth and quality of edges, cleanness and sureness) and errors on the seven grades of execution scale: +3, +2, +1, Base Value, -1, -2, -3. Each + or - grade has its own + or - numerical value indicated in the SOV Table. This value is added to the Base Value of the section or deducted from it;

Also every Judge will mark the quality of execution of each Required Element in the Part B of the Combination Dance depending on the positive features of the execution and errors.

The guidelines for marking are published and updated in ISU Communications;

###### **iv) Illegal Elements/Movements**

There must be a 2.0 point deduction for every illegal element/movement included in the program of Combination Dance. For the list of Illegal Elements/Movements see paragraph 3 above;

###### **v) Scale of Value Tables**

The Scale of Values of the specified dances and of the Required Elements may be updated and will be published in ISU Communications.

##### **b) Components Score**

###### **i) Definition of Components**

In addition to the Technical Score each of the Judges will evaluate the Couple's whole performance in Part A and Part B of the Combination Dance which is divided into five (5) Components (Skating Skills, Transitions/Linking Footwork/Movements, Performance/Execution, Composition/Choreography, Interpretation/Timing);

## **SKATING SKILLS**

### Definition:

Overall Skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed;

### Criteria:

- Balance, rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
- Flow and effortless glide
- Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
- Speed and power
- Mastery of multi-directional skating
- Mastery of one foot skating
- Balance of technique and skating ability of partners.

## **TRANSITIONS/LINKING FOOTWORK /MOVEMENTS (applies for Part B only)**

### Definition:

The varied and or intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements and constitute the distinct technical content of the dance;

### Criteria:

- Variety
- Difficulty
- Intricacy
- Quality;
- Balance of workload between partners
- Variety of Dance holds (not excessive side by side and hand in hand)
- Conformity to pattern and stop requirements

## **PERFORMANCE/EXECUTION**

### Definition:

The ability of the partners to demonstrate unison, body alignment, carriage, style and balance of performance while executing Combination Dance.

The involvement of the Couple physically, emotionally and intellectually as they translate the intent of the music and the choreography.

### Criteria:

- Unison and body alignment
- Distance between partners
- Carriage and Style
- Projection
- Balance in performance between partners

## **COMPOSITION/CHOREOGRAPHY (applies for Part B in addition to the purposeful placement of the specified dance into the program)**

### Definition:

An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

### Criteria:

- Purpose (idea, concept, vision)
- Proportion (equal weight of the parts)
- Unity (purposeful threading)
- Utilization of personal and public space
- Pattern and ice coverage
- Phrasing and form (movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music)
- Originality of purpose, movement and design
- Shared responsibility in achieving purpose by both

## INTERPRETATION/TIMING

### Definition:

**Interpretation:** The ability of the Couple to express the mood, emotions, and character of the Combination Dance rhythm(s) by using the body moves, steps and holds of the dance to reflect the structure and character of the music.

The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

**Timing:** The ability of the Couple to skate strictly in time with the music and to correctly reflect the rhythm patterns of the dance;

### Criteria:

- Effortless movement in time to the music (Timing)
- Skating on the strong beat (specified dance)
- Skating the prescribed beat values for each step (specified dance)
- Expression of the music's style, character and rhythm
- Use of finesse<sup>1</sup> to reflect the nuances of the music
- Relationship between the partners reflecting the character of the music
- Correctness of the rhythm(s) of the music chosen
- Appropriateness of the Music
- Skating to the rhythmic beat

Note: If the music does not have a rhythmic beat, the Judges must take a deduction from the Component for Timing/Interpretation:

<sup>1</sup>Finesse is the Skaters' refined, artful manipulation of nuances. Nuances are the personal artistic ways of bringing variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of the music made by the composer and/or musicians.

### ii) Marking of Program Components

Program Components are evaluated by Judges, after the completion of a program, on a scale from 0.25 to 10 with increments of 0.25. Points given by the Judges correspond to the following degrees of the Components: <1 - very poor, 1 - poor, 2 - weak, 3 - fair, 4 - average, 5 - above average, 6 - good, 7 - very good, 8 - superior, 9-10 - outstanding. Increments are used for evaluation of performances containing some features of one degree and some of the next degree; Guidelines for judging are published and updated in ISU Communications.

### iii) Deductions

Deductions are applied for each violation according to the Regulations (see Rule 353 - Calculations).

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

## **Rule 603, paragraph 3 – correction to the existing IDTC proposal # 322**

Amend paragraph 3 as follows:

3. Step Sequence – The prescribed order of the steps that compose one pattern of a Compulsory Dance or any portion thereof, or a series of prescribed or un-prescribed steps, turns and movements in an Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance.

There are the following ~~four (4) different~~ types of Step Sequences for Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dances ~~and~~ which may be skated either in **hold** or **not-touching** as it is specified by the Ice Dance Technical Committee for the season.

Step Sequences in hold must be skated in any known dance holds or variation thereof (unless otherwise specified by the Technical Committee). Any separation to change a hold must not exceed one measure of music.

Not Touching Step Sequence must incorporate mirror and/or matching footwork. Both partners may cross each other's tracing(s) and may switch from matching footwork to mirror and vice versa. The partners should remain as close together as possible, but they must not touch. The distance between the skaters should generally not be more than 2 arms length apart, except for short distances when the skaters are performing required edges and turns in opposite directions

All Step Sequences are divided into two (2) following categories groups A and B:

### **Group A. Straight Line Step Sequences:**

- a) **Midline in Hold:** skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
- b) **Diagonal in Hold:** skated as fully corner to corner as possible.

### **Group B. Curved Step Sequence (may be skated in anticlockwise or clockwise direction):**

- c) **Circular:** utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink

- d) **Serpentine:** commences in either direction at the center (long) axis at one end of the rink and progresses in **three bold curves or in two bold curves (S-Shaped)** and ends at the center (long) axis of the opposite end of the rink; pattern utilizing the full width of the ice surface.

Reason: To add definition of new type of Step Sequences – Serpentine “with two bold curves” and clarification of types of Step Sequences and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 605 – Holds (paragraph 1 a) & b)**

Revise the second sentences of sub-paragraphs a) and b) to read:

- a) ...Use of this hold in Original Dance, Combination Dance and/or Free Dance is not encouraged. A variation of this is the arm-in-arm side by side hold which is acceptable;
- b) ...Use of this hold in the Original Dance, Combination Dance and/or Free Dance with arms fully extended toward each other is usually not permitted.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 629 - Competition Schedules and Practices – replaces the existing IDTC proposals # 333 & 334**

Amend paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6 as follows and add new paragraph 7:

2. If possible, the Ice Dance event should be completed within a maximum period of three (3) consecutive days when the Competition consists of Compulsory Dance, Original Dance and Free Dance.  
The Compulsory Dance(s) must be skated first; the Original Dance must be skated after the Compulsory Dance(s) and before the Free Dance. If there are 2 days of Competition only, at the option of the Organizers the Original Dance can be skated either on the same day as the Compulsory Dance(s) or of the Free Dance. However, between the end of the Original Dance of all Competitors and at the beginning of the Free Dance, there must be an interval of four hours. ~~The Free Dance must be skated last.~~
3. If possible, the Ice Dance event should be completed within a maximum period of two (2) consecutive days when the Competition consists of Combination Dance and Free Dance.  
The Combination Dance must be skated before the Free Dance. If there is 1 day of Competition only, the Combination Dance can be skated on the same day as the Free Dance provided there is an interval of at least four (4) hours after the ending of the Combination Dance.
4. – not changed
5. All practices for each segment (Compulsory Dance, Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance) will be in accordance with the starting order group after the draw for starting order for the respective segment of the event if possible.
6. The maximum number of Couples on a practice group for Compulsory Dance, Original Dance, Combination Dance and Free Dance should be five (5) if possible.
7. After registering at accreditation for an event, couples may not practice at a rink other than the official rink or rinks except in the case of the Olympic Winter Games.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance and add new paragraph referred to “practices”.

#### **Rule 635 - Draws for Starting Order Ice Dancing – replaces the existing IDTC proposal # 336**

Add new paragraph 5 and amend sub-paragraphs a) and b) of the next paragraph (which becomes 6) as follows:

5. (new) Combination Dance
- a) i) select a Couple to draw for the country to start the draw;  
ii) draw the starting order of the Couples proceeding in alphabetical order by country from the country drawn to start;
- b) The Couple with starting number one is first to skate the Combination Dance, followed by all other Couples in the order of their drawn starting numbers;
- e) At the completion of the draw for starting order, the Couples will be divided into warm-up groups according to the number of entries.
6. Free Dance
- a) Drawn on the basis of the result of the Compulsory Dance(s) and the Original Dance combined or ~~in the case of Open/International Competitions,~~ on the result of Compulsory Dance(s) if no Original Dance was skated or on the result of Original Dance if no Compulsory Dance(s) was/were skated) or on the result of Combination Dance;

- b) If two or more Couples are tied for the same place at the end of the Original Dance or Combination Dance, the placements shall be decided on the basis of the best placement for the Dance skated (Original Dance or Combination Dance). If such placements are also equal, the Couples concerned are tied and shall be drawn in the same group. A separate draw will be made prior to the main draw to determine the order of the draw between the tied Couples;

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 636 – Warm-up Periods**

Add to paragraph 2 new sub-paragraph c) and renumber the next sub-paragraph:

- c) Combination Dance – five (5) minutes: one (1) minute without music followed by two (2) minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> (last) tune of the ISU Compulsory Dance music and then two (2) minutes without music or with soft background music. Maximum five (5) Couples;
- d) Free Dance – five (5) minutes .....

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 638 – Interruption of a Program**

Revise paragraphs 2 and first sentence of paragraph 5 to read:

2. In the case of a Compulsory Dance, Original Dance, Combination Dance, Free Dance and Interpretive Dance, if there is an interruption or stop in the music, or if circumstances arise, which jeopardize the safety of the Competitor(s) ..
5. If a Couple is unable to complete the Compulsory Dance, the Original Dance, Combination Dance the Free Dance, or Interpretive Dance no marks are to be awarded.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 639 – Announcement of Compulsory Dances, Original Dance and Combination Dance Rhythms - replaces the IDTC proposals # 341 & 342**

Amend paragraphs 1 to read:

1. For ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games and International Competitions, the lists of Compulsory Dances and/or the rhythm(s) of the specified dance(s) for Part A of the Combination Dance (for Senior and Junior) must be decided annually by the Ice Dancing Technical Committee for the second following year, and announced at the Senior World Figure Skating Championships, and communicated by the ISU not later than May 1st, to become effective on July 1st of the year following the announcement.

Add the following new sentences in the beginning of paragraph 2 and amend paragraph 3 as follows:

2. The Compulsory Dances will be skated as follows (unless otherwise announced by the Technical Committee):
- a) – not changed;
- b) – not changed;
- c) – not changed;
- d) – not changed.

Amend paragraph 3 as follows:

3. a) The rhythm(s) and beats per minute for the Original Dance and/or for part B of the Combination Dance (Senior and Junior) for the second following year must be decided annually by the Ice Dancing Technical Committee and announced as outlined in paragraph 1 above;
- b) The rhythm(s) selected for the Original Dance and/or for part B of the Combination Dance must be used by all at the Senior and Junior ISU Championships and International Competitions respectively during the year, from July 1st to June 30th, for which it is announced.
4. – not changed.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

#### **Rule 641 – Duration of Program**

Add new paragraph 2, renumber the rest paragraphs accordingly and revise paragraph 5 as follows

1. - not changed;
2. (new) Combination Dance
- Senior and Junior, up to two (2) minutes and fifty (50) second maximum (but may be less)
    - a) Any required element started after two (2) minutes and fifty (50) seconds will be considered by the Technical Panel as omitted;

- b) If a Couple fail to finish the Combination Dance within the time limit, there should be a 1.0 deduction for every five (5) seconds in excess.
3. – not changed;
4. – not changed;
5. Each Couple must skate the Original Dance, Combination Dance, Free Dance and Interpretive Dance alone on the ice surface.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 659 – Draw for Starting Order at ISU Championships paragraph 1 – replaces IDTC proposal # 344 and combined with Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 345**

Amend paragraphs 1 as follows:

1. In all ISU Championships, both Senior and Junior, all Couples entered will skate a Compulsory Dance or Combination Dance. The draw for the starting order for the Compulsory Dance or for the Combination Dance will be in accordance ~~with Rule 635, paragraph 1.~~ according to the latest World Standings in the following way:
  - (i) the couples will be divided into two approximately equal parts with the higher ranked competitors being drawn in the second part (thereafter called the part “skating later”) and the lower ranked competitors and competitors with no ranking being drawn in the first part (thereafter called the part “skating earlier”); if the number of skaters can not be divided equally by two, the part “skating later” will include one skater/couple more than the part “skating earlier”;
  - (ii) if the number of competitors with no ranking is bigger than the number of places in the first part, some of these skaters (decided by draw) will be in the part “skating later”. For this draw all competitors with no ranking will participate to draw for as many positions as necessary for the part “skating later”;
  - (iii) the number of Skating Groups in each part (“skating earlier” and “skating later”) and the number of competitors in each Group will be determined according to Rule 548;
  - (iv) there will be a free draw among competitors with the highest ranking to skate in the last two Groups of the “skating later” part;
  - (v) there will be a free draw among all other competitors of the “skating later” part;
  - (vi) there will be one more free draw among all competitors of the “skating earlier” part;
  - (vii) starting numbers are drawn according to the World Standings with the highest ranked competitor being drawn first, the next ranked competitor – second etc;
  - (viii) in cases of ties in the World Standings there will be a separate draw between tied competitors to decide the order of the main draw and (in cases of ties on the boarder of the parts or of the last 2 Groups) the part and the Groups these competitors belong to;
  - (ix) in case of more than thirty six (36) competitors there will be a break between the two parts of the event specified above.

Reason: to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance and to harmonize the existing rule for starting order between Figure Skating and Ice Dancing.

**Rule 659 – Draw for Starting Order at ISU Championships - paragraphs 2-6 - combined with the Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 346**

Delete paragraphs 3 & 5 and amend existing paragraphs 2 & 4 as follows:

2. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dance, the 24 best-placed couples will skate the Original Dance. The draw for starting order for the Original Dance is conducted according to Rule 635, paragraph 4.
- ~~3. A new panel of Judges will be drawn for the Original Dance at the conclusion of the Compulsory Dance, and a new panel of Judges will be drawn for the Free Dance, at the conclusion of the Original Dance both in accordance with Rule 627.~~
- 4.3. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dance and the Original Dance combined or based on the result of the Combination Dance, the 20 best-placed couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dancing, the results of which shall be calculated in the usual manner in accordance with Rule 353. The draw for starting order for the Free Dance is conducted according to Rule 635, paragraph 5.
- ~~5. However, in case the Host Member’s couple did not qualify for the Original Dance and/or the Free Dance, at least one couple of the Host Member shall have the right to participate in the Original Dance and/or Free Dance.~~
- 6.4 For the publication of the overall results of Ice Dancing, the couples eliminated after the Original Dance shall be listed in order of their placement after the Original Dance, followed by those eliminated after the Compulsory Dance in the order of their placing following the couples who successfully finished the competition. The couples eliminated after the Combination Dance shall be listed in order of their placement after the Combination Dance and following the couples who skated the Free Dance.

Reason: The reduction of competitors for the final Free Skating is a “must” to keep the interest of the public and Media in the sport (short final event, more competitive). The reason is that one additional skater/couple, who did not qualify for the Final would contradict the idea of “cutting down the event time and to increase the quality of the event. In many

cases in the past it was not to the host Members skaters' advantage to be added to the Final Free Skating/Free Dance. And to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 660 – Judges Draws paragraph 5 - combined with Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 347**

Revise sub-paragraph d) to read and add the following new sub-paragraph g):

- d) There will be a separate draw for the panel of Judges for each part of each Championships (Short Program, Compulsory Dance, Original Dance or Combination Dance, Free Skating and Free Dance), either at the main draw as to paragraph 5 a) or on site of the Championships concerned.
- g) A secret random Judges draw procedure as per the Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing, "A. General, paragraph f) (i)" applies. This secret random will be conducted as follows:
  - i) Forty-five (45) minutes (which is the time necessary to program the technology input information and data) prior to the commencement of the competition, a manual draw will take place in the Judges room in the presence of the Judging Panel to select the sequence that the computer will use to select counted Judges.
  - ii) Following the Random Draw, the seating order of the Judging Panel shall be conducted manually by the Referee of the event in the Judges room for each segment of the event.

Reason: to follow the decision of the ISU Council and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 660 – Judges Draws paragraph 6 - combined with Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 348**

Amend paragraph 6 as follows:

Revise the second sentence to read and add the following new sentence in the end of sub-paragraph c):

- c) 12 ISU Members are drawn amongst all ISU Members, who have entered a judge by number for this particular discipline and who have participated with a competitor/couple in the same discipline of the European Figure Skating Championships of the immediate preceding year, provided that this competitor/couple had finished at least one segment.

The judges of the drawn ISU Members will serve in the first segment of the discipline (Short Program, Compulsory Dance or Combination Dance).

If there are not enough ISU Members available, there will be an additional draw amongst all ISU Members available and willing to serve but not yet represented in the panel concerned, to complete the panel of Judges with up to 12 Judges.

Amend sub-paragraph d) as follows:

- d) 4 additional ISU Members are drawn amongst the remainder of ISU Members for the second segment of the discipline (Original Dance, Free Skating or Free Dance) for which they are seeded to serve. The judges of the ISU Members so drawn might serve also as substitutes for the first segment (6. c), in case that an ISU Member had to withdraw a judge, who was drawn. In this case a separate draw on site will be made.
  - (i) If there are less than the required number of ISU Members available for this draw, only these available number of ISU Members will be seeded for the second segment.
  - (ii) If there is no ISU Member available to draw for the second and/or third segment, the ISU Members drawn for the first segment will all serve also in the second segment. An additional draw for the seating order of the panel of Judges for the second and/or third segment will be made on site.
  - (iii) If a Judge drawn for the segment has to serve in the first segment (substitute solution) this Judge will not be seeded anymore in the second segment.

Revised sub-paragraph e) as follows:

- e) A random draw on site will be made to complete the panel of Judges with up to twelve (12) judges for the second segment of the Championships. For this procedure, the judges of the four additionally drawn Members (respectively the called alternate Judges) are seeded and all other judges, serving already in the first segment, will participate in this draw to complete the panel. The remainder of the judges not drawn will serve as substitute judges if necessary. In this case a separate draw will be made.

Replace sub-paragraph h) with new one as follows:

- h) If there still not enough ISU Members available to draw up to 4 Judges for the second segment, as to paragraph 6.d), 4 alternate Judges are drawn in a priority order amongst all ISU Members, which are entered and eligible for the discipline in question and which are not yet represented in the panel in question. Those alternate Judges must be called on site if needed with a 7 days benchmark of notice. If, however, on site not enough Judges as drawn are available to serve in the designated panel and the alternate Judge(s) cannot be anymore called, a draw must be made amongst all present Judges of Members not represented in the panel, willing, qualified and available to serve, who are already drawn in another panel of the Championships.

Reason: to clarify/improve the Rule which describes the procedure and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 660 – Judges Draws paragraph 7 - combined with Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 349**

Amend sub-paragraphs c) and f) as follows:

- c) 12 ISU Members are drawn amongst all the ISU Members of the Four Continents, who has entered a Judge by number for this particular discipline and who have participated with a Competitor/Couple in the same discipline of the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships of the immediate preceding year, provided that this Competitor/Couple had finished at least one segment  
The Judges of the drawn ISU Members will serve in the first segment of the discipline (Short Program, Compulsory Dance or Combination Dance).
- f) The procedure described under paragraph 7 d) and e) will be followed for all draws for each first segment of the Championships.  
If there still not enough ISU Members available to draw up to 4 Judges for the second segment, as to paragraph 6.d), 4 alternate Judges are drawn in a priority order amongst all ISU Members, which are entered and eligible for the discipline in question and which are not yet represented in the panel in question.  
Those alternate Judges must be called on site if needed with a 7 days benchmark of notice.  
If, however, on site not enough Judges as drawn are available to serve in the designated panel and the alternate Judge(s) cannot be anymore called, a draw must be made amongst all present Judges of Members not represented in the panel, willing, qualified and available to serve, who are already drawn in another panel of the Championships.

Reason: to clarify/improve the Rule which describes the procedure and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

**Rule 660 – Judges Draws paragraph 8 - combined with Sports Directorate and IDTC proposal # 350**

Amend sub-paragraphs c), d), e) and h):

Revise the second sentence to read and add the following new sentence in the end of sub-paragraph c):

- c) 12 ISU Members are drawn amongst all ISU Members, who have entered a judge by number for this particular discipline and who have participated with a competitor/couple in the same discipline of the European Figure Skating Championships of the immediate preceding year, provided that this competitor/couple had finished at least one segment.  
The judges of the drawn ISU Members will serve in the first segment of the discipline (Short Program, Compulsory Dance or Combination Dance).  
If there are not enough ISU Members available, there will be an additional draw amongst all ISU Members available and willing to serve but not yet represented in the panel concerned, to complete the panel of Judges with up to 12 Judges.

Amend sub-paragraph d) as follows:

- d) 4 additional ISU Members are drawn amongst the remainder of ISU Members for the second segment of the discipline (Original Dance, Free Skating) for which they are seeded to serve. The judges of the ISU Members so drawn might serve also as substitutes for the first segment (6. c), in case that an ISU Member had to withdraw a judge, who was drawn. In this case a separate draw on site will be made.  
(i) If there are less than the required number of ISU Members available for this draw, only these available number of ISU Members will be seeded for the second segment.  
(ii) If there is no ISU Member available to draw for the second and/or third segment, the ISU Members drawn for the first segment will all serve also in the second segment.  
An additional draw for the seating order of the panel of Judges for the second and/or third segment will be made on site.  
(iii) If a Judge drawn for the second segment has to serve in the first segment (substitute solution) this Judge will not be seeded anymore in the second segment.

Revise sub-paragraph e) to read:

- e) A random draw on site will be made to complete the panel of Judges with up to twelve (12) judges for the second segment of the Championships. For this procedure, the judges of the four additionally drawn Members (respectively the called alternate Judge) are seeded and all other judges, serving already in the first segment, will participate in this draw to complete the panel. The remainder of the judges not drawn will serve as substitute judges if necessary. In this case a separate draw will be made.

Replace sub-paragraph h) with new one as follows:

- h) If there still not enough ISU Members available to draw up to 4 Judges for the second segment, as to paragraph 6.d), 4 alternate Judges are drawn in a priority order amongst all ISU Members, which are entered and eligible for the discipline in question and which are not yet represented in the panel in question.  
Those alternate Judges must be called on site if needed with a 7 days benchmark of notice.



If, however, on site not enough Judges as drawn are available to serve in the designated panel and the alternate Judge(s) cannot be anymore called, a draw must be made amongst all present Judges of Members not represented in the panel, willing, qualified and available to serve, who are already drawn in another panel of the Championships.

Reason: to improve the rule for the judges draws procedure and to introduce the new format of competition in ice dancing which consists of two parts/segments – the Combination Dance and Free Dance.

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