

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1562

Cost Savings at ISU Events

Considering the difficult world-wide economical situation that is also affecting sports organizations including the ISU and requiring timely cost saving measures, the ISU Council has evaluated different cost saving measures, in particular related to the organization and conduct of ISU Events. In addition to the decisions already announced in ISU Communication No. 1535, the Council, after consultation with the ISU Legal Advisors, decided based on the powers granted to the Council in the Constitution in Article 17, paragraph 1.q) (i), to amend the Rules 137, 579 and 659 **effective as of the season 2009/10** as follows:

H. Expenses

Rule 137

1. International Competitions

For International Competitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all competitors and as many officials of those Members invited to participate as it desires to invite, but is not required to do so.

2. For competitors and exhibitors in Figure Skating, expenses for travel, room and meals may be reimbursed either through or to such participant's own Member or affiliated club or through the Member or affiliated club organizing the event, but must not be paid directly to such participant.

3. In Speed Skating, at the site of an event, the expenses for room and meals may be provided or paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for the days of the entire event and for one day after it, at hotels designated by it.

4. Members and affiliated clubs are not permitted to demand or to pay for participation in a competition, exhibition or other event more than the actual expenses incurred for travel (economy fare by air) and any necessary expenses during travel, as well as room and meals at the site of the event.

5. Any participant who elects to stay at a hotel other than the one designated by the organizing Member or affiliated club shall be entitled to receive only the per diem amount applied to such other hotel specified by such Member or club. Such participants are responsible for notifying the organizing Member or affiliated club of their local addresses.

6. a) In Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Competitions:
the organizing Member or affiliated club must provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of all Referees, Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists invited to serve;

b) In Short Track Speed Skating World Cups:
the expenses for travel of the Officials assigned by the ISU and/or the expenses for the assigned Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee representative or Technical Committee members attending specifically authorized by the Council shall be the responsibility of the ISU. The Organizing Member or affiliated club must pay room and meal expenses according to paragraphs 10 b) and c) of this Rule.

7. In Figure Skating, for exhibitions, the organizing Member or affiliated club may provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals of the exhibitors concerned and of any invited individuals accompanying them.

8. In Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, for ISU Events, including Series, the Organizing Member must provide or pay the expenses for room and meals of all competitors, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Judges beginning not later than lunch on the day before the competition in

which they compete or officiate and ending with breakfast ~~lunch~~ on the day after the competition for competitors and with lunch on the day after the respective Round Table discussion for Officials.
This rule applies also for Synchronized Skating as far as Officials are concerned.

9. ISU Championships

For ISU Championships, the ISU must pay the travel expenses of:

- a) The President, unless he is acting as the ISU Representative;
- b) The Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), unless he is acting as the ISU Representative;
- c) The Director General and the representative(s) of the Sports Directorate;
- d) In Speed Skating, one member of the applicable Technical Committee;
in Figure Skating including Synchronized Skating, one member of each of the applicable Technical Committees which has no member of the committee present as a Referee, Assistant Referee(s), Technical Controller or Technical Specialist;
- e) The ISU Medical Advisor designated by the President to attend the Championship;
- f) In the Figure Skating branch, all necessary Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators and Replay Operators, Event Coordinator and/or Assistant Event Coordinator and Officials Assessment Commission members appointed by the President and all Judges nominated and participating in the draws for the composition of the panels of Judges pursuant to Rule 582 for Single & Pair Skating, Rule 660 for Ice Dance and Rule 972 for Synchronized Skating. ~~including those Judges not drawn. If a Judge is not drawn and wishes to leave before the Championships begin, the ISU shall pay the extra fare due to any change of flight;~~
- g) In the Speed Skating branch all necessary Referees, Assistant Referees and Starters appointed by the President;
- h) In Short Track Speed Skating for ISU Championships all necessary Competitors Stewards appointed by the President.

10. For ISU Championships the organizing Member must provide or pay:

- a) The expenses for room and meals for the ISU President, Vice President (Figure Skating or Speed Skating, as appropriate), Director General and the representative(s) of the Sports Directorate and Medical Advisor;
- b) The expenses for travel, room and meals of the ISU Representative, two Regional Event Coordination Assistants and the representative of the applicable Technical Committee for Speed Skating or Short Track Speed Skating, for the Event and for one consultation and inspection visit for each, if strictly required;
- c) The expenses for room and meals for the necessary Referees, Assistant Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards for the period defined in paragraph 8 of this Rule for the Figure Skating branch and in paragraph 14 for the Speed Skating branch;
- d) The expenses for room and meals for all Council members, the Event Coordinator and/or Assistant Event Coordinator and ~~members~~ the representative of the applicable Technical Committees for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, respectively, for the Championship concerned, not serving as ISU Representative, Regional Event Coordination Assistant, Referee or Assistant Referee. ~~Technical Controller or Technical Specialist;~~
- e) In Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the expenses for room and meals for ~~one~~ all Judges drawn for the Championships pursuant to Rules 582, 627 and 972 and all alternate Judges who were called to attend during the period defined in paragraph 8 of this Rule. If a Judge present at the Championships is asked to judge in accordance with the Rules an additional competition, the ISU shall pay the extra travel cost if required due to the change of travel plans. in each event in which a Member has competitors (teams), including any Judges present but not drawn;
- f) In Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the expenses for room and meals for all competitors participating, during the period beginning with dinner 2 days before the competition in which they compete and ending with breakfast (lunch if they cannot leave in the morning) on the day after the last day on which they competed.

For Synchronized Skating see paragraph 10 h).

For the Speed Skating branch see paragraph 14.

For Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance for coverage of expenses for Skaters taking part in the final exhibition and their team leaders see paragraph 15. b).

- g) The expenses for room and meals of one team leader for each participating Member during the period for which the Organizer has to pay for room and meals for at least one Skater of the team according to paragraph 10, f) or 15, b) of this Rule (for Synchronized Skating see 10 h) below);

- h) For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, the organizing Member, affiliated club or the ISU is not responsible for paying the room, meal or travel expenses for competitors, team leaders, team managers or other members of participating teams. The participating Member is responsible for and must pay the room, meals and travel expenses.
- i) For any competitor (not participating in the post competition exhibition), official or team leader (with no Skater in the post competition exhibition) who wishes to stay longer than just during the periods specified in paragraph 8 or 10 f) and g) of this Rule (but not longer than until the day after the final exhibition), the Organizer shall be responsible for payment of 30% of expenses for room and meals. The participating Member concerned shall be responsible for payment of the remaining 70%.
- j) It is the responsibility of the participating Members to make the necessary travel plans and arrangements for their Skaters and to cover the respective cost including possible changes in the travel plans.

11. For ISU Championships, except the World Synchronized Skating Championships, not more than two competitors should be accommodated in one room, where possible, but in no event shall more than three competitors be assigned to one room. The accommodation must be of an acceptable standard with facilities for meals at times compatible with the schedule of the skating events. Any participant having special requirements for his or her accommodations must inform the organizing Member or affiliated club in due time and shall pay any difference in cost required in advance.

12. For ISU Championships, single bedrooms should be provided for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Operators, Replay Operators, Starters and Competitors Stewards, members of the Officials Assessment Commission where possible, but in no circumstances shall Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Starters, Competitors Stewards and Judges be required to share accommodations with competitors.

13. An organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship may also provide or pay the expenses for travel, room and meals for as many other officials of those Members participating as it desires to invite.

14. For the Speed Skating branch, expenses shall be paid by the organizing Member or affiliated club for room and meals at the designated hotels for the days of the event, beginning with lunch on the day before the competition and ending with lunch on the day after it, if the participants have to leave in the afternoon.

15. a) In Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses of the ISU Office Holders referred to in paragraphs 10a) and d) above, shall begin with lunch on the day of the ~~first draw~~ Team Leaders meeting and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later;

b) for competitors (except Synchronized Skating) participating in the post competition exhibitions and one team leader concerned, the expenses shall end with ~~lunch~~ breakfast (lunch if they cannot leave in the morning) on the day following the last exhibition.

~~b) for Figure Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, Data Operators, Replay Operators and Judges shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the Judges' meeting and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later.~~

~~For Synchronized Skating, the room and meal expenses for Referees, Assistant Referees Ice and Judges shall begin with lunch on the day preceding the Judges' meeting and end with breakfast on the day after the round table discussions or the closing banquet/Skaters' party whichever is later;~~

~~c) for all ISU Figure Skating Championships the room and meal expenses for all competitors participating, and one team leader, the Technical Controllers and the Technical Specialists shall begin with dinner on the third day prior to the start of the Championships and end with lunch on the day following the last prize giving or the awards banquet or the exhibition, whichever is later. (See paragraph 10 h) above for the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships.);~~

~~For the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships the room and meal expenses for the Technical Controllers, the Technical Specialists and the Data and Replay Operators shall begin with dinner on the day preceding the first official practice until breakfast the day following the round table discussion or Closing Party whichever is later;~~

16. The organizing Member or affiliated club holding an ISU Championship is not permitted to dictate the airlines or flight schedules to be used by those officials, the travel expenses of whom it is obligated to pay, unless travel has been arranged by special charter.

Rule 579
Draws for Competitors ISU Championships Single & Pair Skating

1. All ISU Championships in Single and Pair Skating will consist of the Short Program and the Free Skating independent of the number of entries.

The draw for the Singles and Pairs Short Program will be held according to the latest World Standings in the following way:

- a) the Skaters 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/Pair more than the part “skating earlier”;
 - b) 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”;
 - c) 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;
 - d) there will be a free draw among Competitors with the highest ranking to skate in the last two Groups of the “skating later” part;
 - e) there will be a free draw among all other Competitors of the “skating later” part;
 - f) there will be one more free draw among all Competitors of the “skating earlier” part; for this draw all these Competitors will be divided into two parts: Competitors with and without ranking, so that Competitors with ranking will draw for the later skating starting numbers;
 - g) starting numbers are drawn according to the World Standings with the highest ranked Competitor being drawn first, the next ranked Competitor – second etc;
 - h) 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 border of the parts or of the last 2 Groups) the part and the Groups these Competitors belong to;
 - i) in case of more than thirty six (36) Competitors there will be a break between the two parts of the event specified above.
2. Based on the result of the Short Program, ~~the Competitors placed 1-24 in Single Skating and 1-20 in Pair Skating~~ only the following number of competitors shall qualify for the Free Skating.
- a) In the World Figure Skating Championships and in the World Junior Figure Skating Championships the first 24 Men and Ladies and 16 Pairs,
 - b) in the European Figure Skating Championships the first 20 Men and Ladies and 16 Pairs,
 - c) in the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships the first 20 Men and Ladies and 12 Pairs.

The results of which shall be calculated in the usual manner in accordance with Rule 353.

3. The draw for the Free Skating will be as specified in Rule 548 according to the placements of the Short Program. If such placements are equal, the Competitors concerned are tied and shall be drawn in the same group.
4. a) If such a tie in the Short Program occurs for the 24th place in Single Skating or for the 16th place in Pair Skating in the World Figure Skating Championships and World Junior Figure Skating Championships respectively 20th place in Single Skating and 16th place in Pair Skating in the European Skating Championships respectively 20th place in Single Skating and 12th place in Pair Skating in the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, all the tied Competitors will qualify for the Free Skating for which they will be drawn in the same (first) group which will be divided into two subgroups in cases specified in Rule 549, paragraph 3.
- b) For the World Figure Skating Championships and World Junior Figure Skating Championships the first group with starting order 1–6 in Single Skating and 1- 4 in Pair Skating, for the European Figure Skating Championships the first group with starting order 1-5 in Single Skating and 1- 4 in Pair Skating and for the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships the first group with starting order 1-5 in Single Skating shall skate in a separate afternoon session while the remaining groups shall skate in the main evening session. The calculation of the final results (Rule 353, paragraph 3) remains unchanged.

- ~~5. If two or more Competitors receive an equal total in the final result, the best placement shall be decided on the basis of the best placement of the Free Skating. If such placements are also equal, the placements shall be decided on the basis of the best placement of the Short Program. If such placements are also equal, the Competitors concerned are tied.~~
- ~~6. For the starting order in the Free Skating, when the Host Member's Competitor is placed among the twenty-four (24) best placed Competitors in the Short Program, he will be drawn in the warm up group according to the placing. If no Competitors of the Host Member qualified for the Free Skating, one (best placed in the Short Program) Competitor of the Host Member will have the right to participate in the Free Skating as Competitor twenty five (25) with starting number one (1) and this warm up group will be exceeded with one (1) Competitor.
In the case no pairs of the Host Member qualified for the Free Skating, one (best placed in the Short Program) pair shall have the right to participate as pair number twenty one (21) with starting number one (1). The corresponding warm up group will be divided into two (2) subgroups with a separate warm up for each of them.~~
- ~~7.5. In the publication of the overall results of an event, the eliminated Competitors shall be listed following the Competitors who have successfully finished the competition in order of their placement according to the result of the Short Program.~~

Rule 659

Draws for competitors ISU Championships Ice Dance

1. In all ISU Championships, both Senior and Junior, all Couples entered will skate a Compulsory Dance. The draw for the starting order for the Compulsory Dance will be 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 border 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.
2. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dance, the 30 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 660.
4. a) Based on the results of the Compulsory Dance and the Original Dance combined,

i) the 20 best-placed Couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dance in the World Figure Skating Championships and in the World Junior Figure Skating Championships;

ii) the 16 best-placed Couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dance in the European Figure Skating Championships;

iii) the 12 best-placed Couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dance in the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships;

The result of the Free Dance will be calculated in the usual manner in accordance with Rule 353.

~~the 24 best-placed Couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dance, 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.~~

b) The draw for the starting order for the Free Dance is conducted in accordance with Rule 635, paragraph 5. However, the first group with starting order 1-5 for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships and ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and first group with starting order 1-4 for the European Figure Skating Championships shall skate in a separate afternoon session while the remaining groups shall skate in the main evening session.

The calculation of the final results (Rule 353, paragraph 3) remains unchanged.

~~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. 5.~~ For the publication of the overall results of Ice Dance, 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.

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