

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on March 20, 2006 in Calgary/Canada. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1) ISU Membership status

As to the recently accepted provisional ISU Members, the Council agreed, based on the information available, upon the following situation for the Members concerned:

<u>ISU Member:</u>	<u>Vote at 2006 Congress:</u>
Argentina Figure	1 vote Figure Skating
Brazil	1 vote Speed Skating since no international activity in Figure Skating
India	1 vote Figure Skating but no vote Speed Skating since the Council acceptance of the provisional membership for Speed Skating was less than 2 years before the 2006 Congress as required in the ISU Constitution (Art. 6, paragraph 2.a).
Monaco Figure	1 vote Figure Skating
Philippines Figure	1 vote Figure Skating
Puerto Rico Figure	no vote since the Council acceptance of the provisional membership was less than 2 years before the 2006 Congress as required in the ISU Constitution. (Art. 6, paragraph 2.a).

The ISU Member in Spain, the Real Federacion Espanola Deportes de Invierno (RFEDI) announced the split of this federation and the creation of a **Spanish Ice Sports Federation called Federacion Espanola de Deportes de Hielo (FEDH)** presided by Ms. Maria-Teresa Samaranch. (Avenida de los Madronos, 36° - 28043 Madrid/Spain - Phone: +34 - 91 376 99 30 - Fax: +34 - 91 376 99 31)

Also based on the respective confirmation from the Spanish Olympic Committee, the Council agreed that the FEDH shall with immediate effect replace the RFEDI as ISU Member.

2) World Standing Bonus Single & Pair Skating – Ice Dancing

The Council decided to award skaters who throughout the season consistently and successfully competed at ISU Events with a « WORLD STANDINGS BONUS » based on the following principles:

i) **ISU Events and World Standing points counting towards the World Standing Bonus:**

The World Standings points earned by a skater/couple during the current season in accordance with the currently established criteria for the World Standings as published on the ISU website will be decisive for the awards of such bonus for the season

2006/07. The 3 skaters/couples per discipline (Ladies, Men, Pairs, Ice Dancing) having earned most World Standing points during the season 2006/07 will be awarded with the World Standings Bonus.

ii) Amounts of World Standings Bonus:

The following amounts will be awarded to the concerned skaters/couples:

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
Ladies	US\$ 45'000	US\$ 27'000	US\$ 18'000	
Men	US\$ 45'000	US\$ 27'000	US\$ 18'000	
Pairs	US\$ 67'500	US\$ 40'500	US\$ 27'000	
Ice Dance	US\$ 67'500	US\$ 40'500	US\$ 27'000	
Total	US\$ 225'000	US\$ 135'000	US\$ 90'000	US\$ 450'000

The above amounts are equal to the Prize Money amounts awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Consequently, a skater/couple finishing the season with the highest number of World Standings points earned during the season and at the same time becoming World Champion, will double their Prize Money being awarded at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

The amounts will be paid to the skaters through their respective Member Federation and the ISU will not be responsible for any taxes.

- iii) The Council will review this initiative and procedure at the conclusion of the season 2006/07 and thereafter decide whether to continue and also for possible adjustments.

3) Pair Skating “Tryout”

The ISU Congress in June 2006 will discuss possible changes in the ISU Regulations, which would facilitate the forming of couples (Pair Skating/Ice Dancing) among skaters from two different ISU Members who would represent one of the two Members.

Based on this possibility and upon suggestion of the Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee and the Coaches Commission, the ISU Council in principle agreed to organize a PAIR TRYOUT for skaters from different Members looking for an appropriate partner. This TRYOUT might take place at the end of some ISU Championships or International Competitions during the following seasons. Ice will be provided and paid for by the ISU and world class pair coaches and skaters will be available for assistance.

Travel and accommodation/meal expenses would be borne by the Member sending a skater or the skater him/herself.

To better evaluate whether there is interest for such initiative, Members are asked to send by June 15, 2006 to the ISU Secretariat the names of potential skaters being candidates for this Pair Skating Tryout and to indicate also the preferred dates and venues among the following ISU Championships:

- ISU European Figure Skating Championships, Warsaw/Poland – January 22-28, 2007
- ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, Colorado Springs/USA, February 5-11, 2007
- ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Oberstdorf/Germany – February 26 – March 4, 2007.

4) 2007 Winter Universiade, Torino/Italy – Participation of Synchronized Skating

The ISU, the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and the Organizing Committee of the Winter Universiade 2007 agreed in principle to introduce Synchronized Skating at the 2007 Winter Universiade in Torino/Italy from January 17-27, 2007.

It is foreseen that eight (8) teams from three (3) continents will be invited to participate, namely from the following ISU Members: Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Sweden and the United States.

The teams with the number of skaters as per the ISU Rules would be composed of female skaters only, aged 17 to 28. To participate in this FISU Event, the teams must fulfill the specified FISU regulations for eligibility.

More detailed information will be given to the invited ISU Members once the final agreement and procedures have been finalized with FISU and the local organizers. This will also specify the cost for board and lodging (maintained at a reasonable amount) that will be at the direct charge of the participating teams.

5) Figure Skating Test competition with split Judges Panels for Technical Elements and Program Components

Based on input from the Technical Committees and some Members, the Council agreed to proceed with a test competition during the season 2006/07 at which the Judges Panel will be split into Judges only giving Technical Element scores and other Judges giving only Program Component scores. The venue and dates as well as technical details will be communicated in due course.

Milan,
March 31, 2006
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, General Secretary