



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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To all Members of the IMSSC

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By email or mail

Dear Ladies, dear Sirs,

in the following you find the **Proposals we received from the IMSSC Members until the deadline 17 Jan 2008** for the

28th Session of the IMSSC in Erfurt/Germany

Thursday, 28 Feb 2008, 9.00 – 13.30 hours

**Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall, Arnstädter Str. 53, 99096 Erfurt/Germany ,
Session Room in the Icehall**

(in conjunction with the 17th Masters' International Speed Skating Games in Erfurt/Germany, starting one day later)

Proposals

Proposal 1 (GER):

Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games (to insert into Rule 2)

Besides the Masters' International Speed Skating Games, being an Allround Competition (see IMSSC Rules 2.1.1), separate Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games are introduced:

The Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games shall be held every year with rotating country and location. They may be organized by a club or a national Speed Skating Association. The distances for these Sprint Games are:

*Ladies and Men: 500 m, 1000 m (first day)
 500 m, 1000 m (second day)*

Reason:

The interest of Masters in Masters' Sprint Competitions has grown. A lot of Masters are interested not only in Allround Games, but also in Sprint Games.

Proposal 2 (GER):

IMSSC Records at Competitions approved by the IMSSC (to insert into Rule 3.3)

.....reached in International Masters' Competitions “approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Winter Session” which fulfil

Reason:

There must be a rule at which International Masters' Competitions IMSSC Records are possible.

Proposal 3 (GER):**Entries of Foreigners at International Masters' Competitions (to insert into Rule 2)**

At Masters' International Speed Skating Competitions a minimum of 50 % of the possible entries for participants has to be held open for foreigners until the deadline for entries. If this quota for foreigners is not used totally, the remaining free places can be given to skaters on the waiting list from the country in which the Competition is held.

Reason:

If the skaters of the hosting country are very fast with their entries the competition may be held nearly with only national participation.

Proposal 4 (GER):**Distances for Ladies at Allround Games**

The distances for Ladies at the Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games are:

Ladies 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (age groups 30 – 60)

Ladies 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m (age groups 65 and higher)

Reason:

The change to shorter distances for Men was decided by the IMSSC from age group 70 to age group 65 last year by the IMSSC. It seemed not to be clear at the IMSSC Summer Session if the change already from age group 65 should also be valid for Ladies.

Proposal 5 (GER):**Deletion in Rule 3.4.1**

..... " or with other age groups from 30 years for a limited time (because of a small number of expected Master skaters from 30 years)"

Reason:

In the meantime we have only 5 year age groups in the Masters' International Speed Skating Competitions.

Proposal 6 (NOR):

Concerning Part 1, Article 3, paragraph 1, 2 and 3 (of four)

Existing text:

Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC

The IMSSC holds two sessions a year, the first session during the Masters' International Speed Skating Games in winter and the second session in spring or summer. If a Member of the IMSSC cannot take part at an IMSSC Session, the Member can send a deputy, who has the right to vote for the IMSSC Member, but only if the IMSSC Office is informed by the IMSSC Member by written word in a letter, a fax or an email until one week before the session (arrival at the Mailing Address of the IMSSC).

The IMSSC can take decisions by vote only at the winter session (in conjunction with the Masters' International Speed Skating Games), the summer session is only a working session. Decisions of the IMSSC on the Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC get validity from the following 1st July.

The proposals for alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations has to be made only by written word until 6 weeks before the winter session of the IMSSC by letter, fax or email to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (arrival date). Alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations can only be made by decisions of the IMSSC at the winter session.

Proposed text:

Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC

The IMSSC holds two sessions a year, the Winter Session during the Masters' International Speed Skating Games in winter and the Summer Session in summer. If a Member of the IMSSC cannot take part at an IMSSC Session, the Member can send a deputy who has the right to vote for the IMSSC Member, but only if the IMSSC Office is informed by the IMSSC Member by written word in a letter, a fax or an email until one week before the session (arrival at the IMSSC Office).

Decisions by vote about alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations can only be made at the Winter Session. Such decisions can only be based on Proposals that have to be made by written word in a letter, a fax or an email until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Decisions on the Constitution and Regulations get validity from the following July 1.

The Summer Session is a working session and can only make decisions by vote to fulfill the decisions of the Winter Session, e.g. distribution of tasks and work progression.

At the opening of a session a secretary to write the Minutes must be appointed. Within two months after the session the secretary must present a draft of the Minutes to the participants for review and possible corrections. The final Minutes must be distributed by the IMSSC Office to all IMSSC Members and relevant ISU officials within 3 months after the session.

Reason:

The proposed text has a more logic grouping of the paragraphs also avoiding some unnecessary repetitions of text like "...the winter session (in conjunction with the Masters' International Speed Skating Games)" and "Alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations can only be made by decisions of the IMSSC at the winter session." It also adds the possibility to make some practical

decisions by vote at the summer session (but still not to alter the Constitutions and Regulations). It also contains some regulations about the minutes to avoid errors, misunderstanding and late distribution. The proposed time frames may be discussed.

Proposal 7 (NOR):

Concerning Part 1, Article 3, last paragraph (of four)

Existing text:

The IMSSC takes decisions by vote mainly at the winter session (in conjunction with the Masters' International Speed Skating Games), the summer session is only a working session. There is a possibility to vote by email and/or regular mail between the sessions. The initiator must organize the voting by presenting the proposal to the members and ask for an accept of such a vote, allowing 1 months grace time. The initiator must distribute the result of the initial voting. If a minimum of 75 % accepted a voting, the initiator may request the votes for the proposal itself within a specific time at least one month in the future.

Proposal 7A (NOR):

Remove the last paragraph of Article 3 describing the possibility to vote by email and/or regular mail.

Reason:

The possibility of voting by email was immediately used to try to quickly make major alterations of the IMSSC Rules – alterations that normally requires formal proposals, thorough considerations and discussions.

There is another problem about when the decisions are going to take effect. Normally the decisions take effect on July 1. That is when the new season starts, and it is normally problems to make changes in the middle of a season. Since the winter session is held end February/beginning of March, there is a 4 month "window" where this voting can take place. The voting procedure takes two months as an absolute minimum, resulting in a marginal time for use.

There is also a problem about the documentation. Today all decisions are to be found in the minutes of the IMSSC winter sessions. With the possibility to vote by email and/or ordinary mail, the documentation is not so obvious.

Proposal 7B (alternative, NOR):

Proposed text:

There is a possibility to vote by email and/or regular mail between Winter Sessions. This procedure is intended for minor adjustments to existing paragraphs of the Constitution and Regulations e.g. where details prove to be impractical. The initiator must organize the voting by presenting the Proposal to the Members and ask for an accept of such a vote, allowing 1 months grace time. The proposal must also contain the date when the Proposal shall take effect. The initiator must distribute the result by nation of the initial voting. If a minimum of 75 % accepted a voting, the initiator may request the votes for the Proposal itself within a specific time at least one month in the future. The initiator must immediately distribute the result by nation of the voting itself. The votings are not completed until every Member has responded with "Yes", "No" or "Abstention". The Proposal and the result of the voting must be included in the Minutes of the following IMSSC Winter Session.

Reason:

The reasons are the same as for proposal 7A, but this proposal keeps the possibility of voting between winter sessions trying to overcome the objections and make the procedure more precise and secure.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

With best regards

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