



# **International Masters' Speed Skating Committee**

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***To all Members of the IMSSC***

Krefeld, 17 Jan 2009

**By email or mail**

Dear Ladies, dear Sirs,

in the following you find the **Proposals we received from the IMSSC Members until the deadline 14 Jan 2009** for the

***30<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMSSC in Bjugn/Norway***

***Thursday, 26 Feb 2009, 9.00 – 14.30 hours (break 11:30 – 12:30)***

***Information about the session room see entrance desk at Fosenhallen***

*(in conjunction with the 18th Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games in Bjugn/Norway, starting one day later)*

## **Proposals**

### **Proposal 1 (GER):**

#### **IMSSC Constitution, Article 2.3, Restriction of Participants**

It is applied for the insertion of the following sentence as last sentence in IMSSC Rule 2.3:  
IMSSC Members have priority in the Entry procedure for the participation in Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and for Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games.

#### **Reasons:**

It is important for IMSSC decisions that the IMSSC Members themselves know the Masters' Sprint and Allround Games from their own experience. IMSSC Members do a lot honorary work for the Master skaters of their countries and so should have this advantage also from this reason.

### **Proposal 2 (GER):**

#### **IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC, § 1, sentence 2**

.....in a letter, a fax or an email from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Earlier and later proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC.

#### **Reason:**

For clarification and easier handling of the proposals by the IMSSC Office.

### **Proposal 3 (GER):**

#### **IMSSC Constitution, Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC, § 2, sentence 1:**

Decisions by vote about alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and IMSSC Regulations and about other matters can only be made at the Winter Session.

#### **Reason:**

Decisions by vote are not only necessary about the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations, but also about other matters, e.g. about the Cash Report, the Places for the Sprint Games and Allround Games, the Quota of Games Participants of the Different Nations, etc.

### **Proposal 4 (GER):**

#### **IMSSC Rules, Introduction, § 1, sentence 2:**

The outstanding annual events are the Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games and the Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games, the unofficial Masters' Allround World Championships and the unofficial Masters' Sprint World Championships.

#### **IMSSC Rules, Introduction , § 1, sentence 3:**

Determination of the host countries is .....

#### **IMSSC Rule 2.1.1, sentence 1:**

The Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games ....

#### **IMSSC Rule 2.1.1, § 2:**

The distances for the Masters' International Masters' Allround Games are:

#### **IMSSC Rule 2.1.2, § 2:**

The distances for the Masters' International Masters Sprint Games are:

#### **IMSSC Rule 2.4, § 1, Drawing and Ranking:**

Drawing at International Speed Skating Competitions, including Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and Masters' International Speed Skating Games, must be done .....,

#### **IMSSC Rule 2.7, Restriction of Participants in the last Distance, sentence 1:**

If the time schedule .....in the last distance of an Allround Competition, a minimum number ....

#### **Reasons:**

Necessary alterations of the text of the Regulations because of the introduction of Masters' Sprint Games and Masters' Allround Games:

### **Proposal 5 (GER):**

#### **Masters' Games, IMSSC Records, Change in the Names**

#### **Proposal 5.1**

It is applied for a change of the names of the Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and the Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games into Masters' Global Speed Skating Sprint Games and Masters' Global Speed Skating Allround Games.

## **Proposal 5.2**

It is additionally applied for a change of the name Masters' International Records (IMSSC Records) into Masters' Global Records.

### **Reason:**

To emphasize the significance of the Masters' Games and the Masters' Records.

## **Proposal 6 (GER and ITA):**

### **Alteration of "IMSSC Rule 1: Master Definitions"**

Masters are non professional speedskaters .....competing in 5year age groups 20 - 24 (20), 25 - 29 (25), 30 - 35 (30), .....

### **Reasons:**

Seniors from 20 – 29 years, not being in National Teams or National Selections, often stop speed skating, because they don't have the possibility to take part in interesting International Competitions. We want to win these skaters for the Masters.

With regard to our relationship with the ISU it would be of advantage if the Masters would clasp all non professional senior skaters.

## **Proposal 7 (GER):**

### **IMSSC Rule 3.3, Insertion as § 2:**

IMSSC Records for 3 or 4 Distances Competitions (in points) at Masters' Single Distance Competitions will be recognized if the distances have been skated in the right order and at consecutive days according to the ISU Rules.

### **Reasons:**

For clarification. In the moment we recognize such records, but the ISU Rules seem not to be clear for allowing such a handling.

## **Proposal 8 (GER):**

### **Cancellation of an IMSSC Record**

It is applied for the cancellation of the following IMSSC Record:  
10000 Men AG 30, Asier Peña Iturria ESP 15:33,86, 14.01.2007 Hamar/NOR.

### **Reasons:**

Asier Peña Iturria took part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Worldcup at the Olympic Oval Lingotto in Turino/ITA three weeks later at 03. – 04.02.2007 at 1500 m Men B-Group (2:06,59) and 5000 m Men B-Group (7:28,03) for Spain. Also if he was the only skater for Spain he must be regarded as Member of the Spanish National Team in 2006/2007 and not as Master speed skater (see IMSSC Rule 1, Masters Definition). In the following season 2007/2008 he competed in further World Cups and in the European Championships.

## **Proposal 9 (GER):**

### **Reimbursement of Travelling Expenses of IMSSC Members for IMSSC Sessions**

It is applied for the following decision:

“The annual surplus of the IMSSC Account shall be used for travelling expenses of the IMSSC Members for the IMSSC Winter Session and the IMSSC Summer Session. 2/3 of this surplus shall be used for these travelling expenses of the IMSSC Winter Session and 1/3 of this surplus shall be used for these travelling expenses of the IMSSC Summer Session. If the surplus is not sufficient for the reimbursement of all travelling expenses the travelling expenses will be reimbursed partially. The reimbursement shall be made at the same percentage for all IMSSC Members, who participated in the IMSSC Session, to take the different individual travelling expenses into consideration. IMSSC Members who get reimbursed their travelling expenses by the IMSSG (ISU Masters’ Speed Skating Working Group) will not be taken into consideration by this regulation.”

#### **Reasons:**

The IMSSC Members do a lot of honorary work for the International Masters that the reimbursement or partially reimbursement of their travelling expenses to the IMSSC Sessions seems to be justified.

## **Proposal 10 (NOR):**

### **Rule 3: International Masters’ Records (IMSSC Records)**

#### **Existing text of rule 3.3 Applications, first paragraph:**

IMSSC Records (International Masters’ Records) are recognized only for times and points reached in International Masters’ Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Winter Session, which fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules, and for National Masters Championships, which fulfil also the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules. Applications for IMSSC Records must be made by the IMSSC Member of the Country, where the Competition has taken place, or by the Organizer of this Competition by sending one set of the necessary documents to the IMSSC Statistician (Sven-Åge Svensson, Simensbraatveien 23 B, N-1182 Oslo, NORWAY) and one further set of the necessary documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY). If the documents are not written in English, the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.

#### **Proposed new text of Rule 3.3 Applications, first paragraph:**

IMSSC Records (International Masters’ Records) are recognized for times and points reached in International Masters’ Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Winter Session, in National Masters Championships, and in International Competitions where skaters from at least 2 IMSSC Member Countries participate. The competitions must fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules. Applications for IMSSC Records must be made by the IMSSC Member of the Country where the Competition has taken place, or by the Organizer of this Competition, by sending one set of the necessary documents to the IMSSC Statistician (Sven-Åge Svensson, Simensbraatveien 23 B, N-1182 Oslo, NORWAY) and one further set of the necessary documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY). If the documents are not written in English, the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.

### **Existing text of Rule 3.4.1:**

Result reached at a national or international announced competition with 5 year age groups from 30 years (see above Rule 1) by a speed skater with a competition license of his national speed skating association, being member of the International Skating Union (ISU). If other speed skaters start in a speed skating event besides one or several age groups of Master Speed Skaters from 30 years, each Master Speed Skater must be clearly marked with Age Group in the starting lists, results and standings during the competition and in the final results.

### **Proposed new text of Rule 3.4.1:**

Result reached at an international or national announced competition (see definition under Rule 3.3) by a speed skater with a competition license of his national speed skating association, being member of the International Skating Union (ISU). If other speed skaters start in a Masters' Speed Skating Event besides one or several age groups of Master Speed Skaters from 30 years, each Master Speed Skater must be clearly marked with Age Group in the starting lists, results and standings during the competition and in the final results.

### **Reason:**

Masters participate in other competitions than International Masters' Competitions and National Masters' Championships. I especially mention the Olympic Oval Final in Calgary where there normally are excellent conditions and possibilities of making new IMSSC Records. Last year Brynjulf Måkestad of Norway skated better than the IMSSC Records on 500m and 1000m in AG55, but his times could not be recognized as new Records according to the IMSSC Rules. At the same competition Denny Morrison of Canada skated a new World Record on the 1500m, and this record was recognized by the ISU. It is quite absurd that you can make an ordinary World Record while IMSSC Records made in the same competition are refused. It should be an objective that the IMSSC Record List reflects the best times skated by Master Skaters, and not becomes a "paper" of little reality.

### **Proposal 11 (NOR):**

#### **Rule 2.10: IMSSC Fee.**

#### **Existing text of rule 2.10**

At Masters' International Games and Masters' International Competitions, promoted by the IMSSC, the competitor has to pay the IMSSC fee for the work of the IMSSC besides the starting fee. The amount of the fee will be decided by the IMSSC.

#### **Proposed new text of rule 2.10**

Participators in any of the Masters' International Games or Masters' International Competitions promoted by the IMSSC must pay an IMSSC Fee for the work of the IMSSC. The IMSSC Fee is paid once per season and is collected by the organizer of the first competition where the competitor participates in the new season, in addition to the starting fee. The organizer will issue a receipt for the competitor, transfer the money to the IMSSC Account and report the Name and Date of Birth to the IMSSC Office. The amount of the fee will be decided by the IMSSC.

### **Reason:**

If today competitors participate in several competitions during the season, they have to pay the IMSSC Fee again and again. This may seem unfair to the competitors.

## **Provisions:**

The receipt form can be standardized and emailed to the organizers ahead of the competition. Competitors must show their receipt at the next competitions not to be charged again. The IMSSC office maintains a file of competitors who have paid. This is for queries or for substitution of possible lost receipts.

## **Proposal 12 (NED):**

### **Limit times for Masters' International Sprint Games and Masters' International Allround Games**

#### **Addition of a Rule 2.3.1**

Every participant has to inform the national IMSSC member of his (her) most recent time on the 500 m and 1.500 m. It is the responsibility of the IMSSC member to accept the times. If the applicable time (500 m for the Sprint Games and 1500 m for the Allround Games) does not meet the Maximum Time as laid down in Rule 2.3.2 (Maximum Time Table) the participant cannot take part in the Sprint respectively Allround Games unless the national IMSSC member decides otherwise in a written consent.

#### **Addition of a Rule 2.3.2**

Maximum time table (see attachment Proposed Limit Times (NED))

## **Proposal 13 (ITA):**

### **Connections between IMSSC and IMSSG**

According to the two Master Speed Skating Associations, IMSSC and IMSSG, we would like to submit to all IMSSC and IMSSG Members the following issues:

1. Real functions, meaning and mandate of IMSSG;
2. Relationship between IMSSC and IMSSG;
3. Different economic treatment between IMSSG and IMSSC Members;
4. Different ISU founding between Adult figure skating and Master speed skating;
5. Verification of the real ISU interest in our Master activity.

(This proposal will be discussed as **Item 6 a** of the agenda of the 30th IMSSC Session).

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

With best regards

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**Attachment:** Proposed Limit Times (NED)

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