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# **Proposals for the 33<sup>rd</sup> IMSSC Session in Krefeld/Germany 29 May 2010**

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## **Proposals GER for the 33<sup>rd</sup> IMSSC Session NN Summer 2010**

### **Proposal 1 (IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2010 as sent to the IMSSC Members by email 5 Mar 2010)**

Confirmation of the “Necessary Corrections”, marked in red.

#### **Reason:**

The corrections are really necessary. There are not introduced new matters with these corrections.

### **Proposal 2 (Lists of Masters’ Competitions) IMSSC Regulations, Introduction, § 2, new wording:**

A List of International Masters’ Speed Skating Competitions, approved by the IMSSC, will be issued every year at the beginning October on the Official Website of the IMSSC [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org) and in the hard copy edition of the Masters’ International Speed Skating News “ICEOVAL”.

#### **Reason:**

It’s important to mention here that there will be a List of International Master Competitions every year, approved by the IMSSC, because only at these competitions and National Masters’ Championships IMSSC Records will be accepted (see Rule 4.3).

### **Proposal 3 (Entry forms to organizer or IMSSC Member) Rule 2.3, sentences 1 and 2:**

Substitution of “organizer” against “organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as required according to the announcement)”.

#### **Reason:**

For the participation in Masters’ SPRINT GAMES or Masters’ ALLROUND GAMES some Nations have National Entry procedures over the National IMSSC Members.

### **Proposal 4 (IMSSC Session in May or June) Article 3: § 1, sentence 1; § 2, sentence 1, 3 4, sentence 1:**

Substitution of “summer” by “May or June”.

**Reason:**

Decisions of the Constitution and Regulations get validity from the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Proposal 5 (joined five year age groups and limitation at the last distance)  
Rule 3.5 Drawing and Ranking; insertion of an additional paragraph  
after paragraph 2)**

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an Allround Competition, joined five year age groups have to be separated before the limitation of participants. The limitation has to be done for every five year age group separately, according to IMSSC Rule 3.7 . Afterwards five year age groups can again be joined for the last distance as described above.

**Reason:**

Combined five year age groups must be separated before a limitation of skaters at the last distance. Otherwise the elder age groups would be restricted too strong. This should be expressed stronger in the rules. Otherwise there could happen easily misunderstandings by a Jury as at the 32nd Allround Games 2010 in Baselga di Piné.

**Proposal 6 (Rule 3.7 Restriction of participants in the last distance;  
age group addition)**

...a minimum number of skaters of every five year age group must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: In the last distance 4 skaters of every five year age group are always allowed to skate. If there are more than 4 skaters in the five year age group, the rest of the skaters .....

**Reason:**

Combined five year age groups must be separated before a limitation of skaters at the last distance. Otherwise the elder age groups would be restricted too strong. This should be expressed stronger in the rules. Otherwise there could happen easily misunderstandings by a Jury as at the 32nd Allround Games 2010 in Baselga di Piné.

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## **Three Proposals from Austria for the IMSSC Session Krefeld Mai, 29th**

### **Proposal 1**

#### **Master – (World-) Records**

Master records are to be differentiated in indoor and outdoor records.

#### **Reasons:**

The importance of an outdoor ice rink is substantially increased and the motivation for competitors to run records too.

### **Proposal 2**

#### **Doping Control by IMSSC**

In order to achieve a higher acceptance rate at the ISU and to be recognized as a master speed skating World Champion race and in a further follow-Masters Speed Skating World Records to be allowed to run, it is certainly necessary to carry out doping controls. And I would have the proposal, the entry-fee for IMSSC race to Euro 5, - increased. Thus would the entry-fee IMSSC race for Euro 13, - less.

If it is considered in all annual events IMSSC of 500 people, would an annual amount of Euro 2.500, - for a doping control come together. A Urine-Dopingcontroll including analysis costs about Euro 300, -. In addition, the physician is on site, must remove the urine samples. It would go out every year about 5 samples. It would make all possible two years at the Masters Games Sprint or Master Games Allround checks.

### **Proposal 3**

Specification of the participation restriction for Allround / last distance at the Masters Games Participation constraints for the fourth distance of an Allround are subject to terms of the notice of each contest.

The selection of eligible competitors made on the basis of two different rankings:

← placement on the accrued longest distance

← after the point results over three distances

Competitors who are on both lists to the number of allowed to compete on the fourth line, are first qualified. Competitors in only one of these lists to qualify on each of them better position. Giving priority in allocation of places at the same position in both rankings is replaced with the placement of the competitors in the allround results of three distances. In this way, the set number is determined.

A competitor lost his right to start on the fourth distance, when he was disqualified in the previous race course over a distance and did not finished a race.

Does a competitor after the draw for the fourth distance its message back, is allowed to start the next competitor, having regard to the above rules on the fourth distance.

Since the introduction of Sprint Games could result from this scheme an appreciation for long-distance skaters! Sprinters have to show pronounced at the Sprint games on the possibility of their qualities.

## **Proposal from Canada.**

Canada proposes that the distances for 60 plus group be changed to 500, 1000, 1500, and 3000. The 5000 m distance will be eliminated.

## **Reasons:**

This is usually a very large group of competitors. Only 2 or 3 skaters are competitive for the distance. Last year in Baselga only three skaters made under 8 minutes, one was at 8 minutes with the next fastest time 25 seconds slower. This is not competitive skating.

Time is always a factor and with the longest distance shortened to 3000 the time saving will be over 36 minutes.

**PROPOSALS FROM THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE IMSSC MEETING AT KREFELD  
ON 29 MAY 2010.**

1. **Rule 3.1.4: Choice of Ice Rink for Masters' Games.**

If there is for the same Games an application with a Ice hall and an application with an outside Ice rink, the Ice hall will be the first choice.

**Reasons:** A lot of participants take Holidays and make substantial Travel/Lodging expenses and it is really a great disappointment to do that for speedskating under very bad weather conditions, which are very bad times and due to that some times only for 3 distances.

2. **Rule 3.1.3b: Masters' International Single Distance Games.**

Upgrading of the Long Distance Day in Heerenveen (The Netherlands) into the 1<sup>st</sup> Single Distance Games of the IMSSC.

The Event will be held during 2 days and both for Ladies and Gentlemen for 100m, 300m, 500m, 1.500m, 5.000m (1<sup>st</sup> day), and 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m, 10.000m.(2<sup>nd</sup> day).

Allround Ladies (500/1.500 + 1.000/3.000)

Allround Small Men (500/1.500 + 1.000/3.000)

Allround Big Men (500/5.000 + 1.500/10.000)

Participants claiming an Allround result cannot participate in other distances.

All other participants can skate the 1<sup>st</sup> day 3 distances including a 5.000m or 4 distances excluding the 5.000m.

All other participants can skate 2 distances on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

**Reasons:** Having the possibility to perform on your strongest distance(s) and to set a record on the Allround Big Men.

3. **Rule 2.3.1 (Addition)**

The Organiser of an International Masters' Games has the right to maintain Limit times according to the IMMSC Time Table (see Rule 2.3.2).

**Rule 2.3.2 (Addition)**

**Maximum Time Table:**

# PROPOSED LIMIT TIMES

## Exhibit Proposal 3 The Netherlands 32th IMSSC Meeting.

AGE GROUP	MAXIMUM TIME	MAXIMUM TIME
	1500M	500M
Ladies 30	2.45.00	48.00
Ladies 35	2.47.50	49.00
Ladies 40	2.50.00	50.00
Ladies 45	2.52.50	51.50
Ladies 50	2.55.00	53.00
Ladies 55	2.57.50	55.00
Ladies 60	3.02.50	57.50
Ladies 65	3.07.50	1.01.00
Ladies 70	3.15.00	1.05.00
Ladies 75	3.22.50	1.10.00
Ladies 80	3.30.00	1.15.00
Ladies 85	3.40.00	1.20.00
Men 30	2.25.00	45.00
Men 35	2.27.50	46.00
Men 40	2.30.00	47.00
Men 45	2.32.50	48.50
Men 50	2.35.00	50.00
Men 55	2.37.50	52.00
Men 60	2.40.00	54.50
Men 65	2.45.00	58.00
Men 70	2.50.00	1.02.00
Men 75	3.00.00	1.07.00
Men 80	3.10.00	1.12.00
Men 85	3.25.00	1.17.00

The Yellow marked times are more realistic than in the first list!

**Reasons:** Already broadly discussed with the addition, that it safe time with the result that more qualified skaters can skate the longest distance!

## **Proposals from Norway**

### **33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld May 29th 2010.**

Norway proposes changes to the following paragraphs of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations.

#### **Proposal 1**

##### **Modification of Article 2: Appointment and Status of IMSSC Members**

Existing Text:

Every nation can only have one member in the IMSSC. Every nation has one vote. Members of the IMSSC are appointed by the IMSSC. All members of the IMSSC have equal rights. Every member of the IMSSC may have an assistant taking part in the Session of the IMSSC.

**Proposed Text:**

Every nation can only have one member in the IMSSC. Members of the IMSSC are appointed by the IMSSC at the yearly Session. All members of the IMSSC have equal rights and one vote. A new Member from a new Country can not start voting until the next session following the appointment. Every member of the IMSSC may have an assistant taking part in the Session of the IMSSC.

**Reason:**

The modified Rule states that the member of a new country can not be appointed and start voting immediately. This is to ensure that a new member has a certain background before taking part in IMSSC decisions. The other changes are done to create a more logical sequence to my opinion.

#### **Proposal 2**

##### **Modification of Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC (paragraph 1 and 2)**

Existing text:

The IMSSC holds one Session a year 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 and about other important matters can only be made at the Session in summer. Such decisions can only be based on Proposals that have to be made by written word in a letter, a fax or an email from the date of the written invitation until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Earlier and later proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC. Late



proposals of great importance may be considered, but only if a 2/3 majority of votes accepts this. Decisions on the Constitution and Regulations get validity from the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Proposed text:**

The IMSSC holds one Session a year in summer before July 1<sup>st</sup>. If a Member of the IMSSC cannot attend 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 and about other important matters can only be made at the Session in summer. Such decisions can only be based on Proposals that have to be made by written word in a letter, a fax or an email from the date of the written invitation until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Earlier and later proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC. Late proposals of great importance may be considered, but only if a 2/3 majority of votes accepts this. Decisions on the Constitution and Regulations get validity from the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Reason:**

Since “Decisions on the Constitution and Regulations get validity from the following July 1<sup>st</sup>”, the Session should be held before July 1<sup>st</sup>, or the decisions will take effect very late. There is now only one session, so it is not necessary to write “Summer Session” and definitely not “Winter Session”.

**Proposal 3:**

**Modification of Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC (paragraph 4)**

Existing text:

Part of the Annual IMSSC Income, according to the decision of the IMSSC at the Session in summer, shall be used for travelling expenses of the IMSSC Members for the IMSSC Session in summer. If the decided Part of the Annual IMSSC Income 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.

**Proposed text:**

Part of the Annual IMSSC Income shall be used to cover travelling expenses for the IMSSC Members to the Session and back. The amount is decided by the IMSSC at the Session. If the decided amount is not sufficient to cover all travelling expenses, the travelling expenses of each IMSSC Member who participated, will be reimbursed partially at the same percentage.

IMSSC Members who get their travelling expenses covered by the IMSSG (ISU Masters' Speed Skating Working Group), will not be affected by this regulation.

**Reason:**

To make the paragraph shorter and clearer.

**Proposal 4:**

**Addition to Rule 3.1.1.** (New paragraph at the end.)

Proposed text:

Distances may be run according to 7 optional programs in a similar way to what is specified in ISU Rule 201. Each Age Group is considered a separate championship, which means that it is not needed to run all Age Groups in a category (e.g.men 30-60) according to the same program. The organizer need acceptance of the IMSSC for the selected programs.

Two-day competitions

Program:	A	B	C
Age Groups:	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+	Ladies 70+
First day:	1. 500m 2. 3000m	1. 500m 2. 1500m	1. 500m 2. 1000m
Second day:	3. 1500m 4. 5000m	3. 1000m 4. 3000m	3. 1500m

Three-day competitions

Program:	D	E	F	G
Age Groups:	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+
First day	1. 500m 2. 3000m	1. 500m 2. 1500m	1. 500m	1. 500m
Second day	3. 1500m	3. 1000m	2. 1500m 3. 3000m	2. 1000m 3. 1500m
Third day	4. 5000m	4. 3000m	4. 5000m	4. 3000m

**Reason:**

The Games in Baselga this winter showed that our existing Rules are not precise enough and may be misunderstood.

**Proposal 5**

**Modification to Rule 3.6 Seeding at Masters' Single Distance Races**

Existing text:

At Masters' Single Distance Races seeding of skaters in their five year age groups is allowed according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times. Generally the five year age groups are seeded separately. If the number of competitors is very small in one or several of the 5 year age groups, neighbored 5 year age groups may be joined together for seeding and speed skating. However final classification must be done separately in 5 year age groups independent of the number of Participants in a 5 year age group.

**Proposed text:**

At Masters' Single Distance Races seeding of skaters ~~in their five year age groups~~ is allowed according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times. Generally the five year age groups are seeded individually. For practical reasons, such as creating equal pairs/quartets and saving time, several age groups may be joined together for seeding, drawing and speed skating. However, final classification....

**Reason:**

Master Speedskating Competitions are growing in popularity. It is necessary to shape our Rules such that competitions can be run smoothly. Making pairs and quartets more equal will save time in racing, and will make lap counting and time keeping simpler. Less rigid rules will avoid need of specialized computer systems or extensive manual efforts to accomplish the races or the results. Also ISU is more flexible with Single Distance Races letting skaters choose their own pair mate, and letting mixed Age Groups (e.g. Seniors and Juniors) race together.

**Proposal 6**

**Modification of Rule 3.7 Restrictions of Participants in the Last Distance**

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an All-round Competition, a minimum number of skaters must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: In the last distance 4 skaters of every class are always allowed to skate. If there are more than 4 skaters in the group, the rest of the skaters are divided by 2, and all full pairs are allowed to skate in addition to the basic 4. This will give the following number of skaters:

Number of skaters	Skaters on last distance
1 – 3	1 – 3
4 – 7	4
8 – 11	6
12 – 15	8
16 – 19	10
20 – 23	12
24 – 27	14
28 – 31	16
etc.	

**Proposed text:**

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an All-round Competition, a minimum number of skaters must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: In the last distance 4 skaters of every Age Group are always allowed to skate. If there are more than 4 skaters in the group, the rest of the skaters are divided by 2, and all full pairs are allowed to skate in addition to the basic 4. This will give the following number of skaters:

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The “Number of skaters” refers to the number of skaters on the final Start List of the first distance for that Age Group.

**Reason:**

The Games in Baselga this winter showed that our existing Rules are not precise enough and may be misunderstood as to what is the basis for the calculations.

**Proposal 7**

**Modification of Rule 4.2 Single Distances and Allround Competitions** (last paragraph)

Existing text:

IMSSC Records for 3 and 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.

**Proposed text:**

IMSSC Records for 3 and 4 Distance 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 IMSSC Rule 3.1.1.

**Reason:**

If proposal 4 is accepted, then we should refer to the IMSSC Rule which is the most relevant.

## **Proposal 8**

### **Modification of Rule 4.4.2**

Existing text:

Result better than at the IMSSC Records' List of the last year of competition, published by the IMSSC in the last issue of the International Seniors' Speed Skating News (IMSS-News) or in another manner. If there is not mentioned a record for a 5 year age group in the IMSSC Records' List, the first of a race in this 5 year age group may make a record application.

**Proposed text:**

Result better than in the IMSSC Records List of the last season as published in the internet under [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org), and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback.  
If there is no previous record registered, the first who achieves a result may apply for a record.

**Reason:**

Rewritten for better understanding and correct names.

## **Proposal 9**

### **Modification of Rules 4.5, 4.5.1 and 4.5.2**

Existing texts:

4.5.1.

The IMSSC decides on the recognition of new IMSSC Records.

4.5.2

The IMSSC Records' List of the last winter season will be published by the IMSSC in the International Masters' Speed Skating News (IMSS-News) or in another manner every year.

**Proposed text:**

Rule 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 are deleted and Rule 4.5 will contain the following:

New IMSSC Records from last season are approved by the IMSSC at the Session, and the updated IMSSC Record List is published yearly in the Internett at [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org), and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback .

**Reason:**

Two Rules not needed. Name corrected.