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INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

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1. Proposals GERMANY

15.02.2012

Proposal 1: IMSSC Office

Alteration Constitution, Article 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.11:

Proposal 1.1: IMSSC Office Secretary

Voting for a new Secretary of the IMSSC Office, including the tasks as Editor of the IMSS-News ICEOVAL, as Webmaster of the IMSSC and as Contact Person to other International Sport Federations.

Proposal 1.2: Two IMSSC Office Secretaries, alternative to Proposal 1.1,

Voting for two new Secretaries, for IMSSC Office I and IMSSC Office II:

Secretary IMSSC Office I:

Session Organization and IMSSC Session Chairman, Session Minutes, IMSSC Constitution and Rules, Editor ICEOVAL, Contacts to other International Sport Federations.

Secretary IMSSC Office II:

Webmaster, Competition Organization and Control, Announcement Drafts and Control, Electronic Competition Entry System, IMSSC Session Vice Chairman

Proposal 1.2.1 : Secretary IMSSC Office II

If proposal 1.2 would be accepted (Office I and Office II), **Paolo Gemme/ITA** would be proposed as **Secretary IMSSC Office II**. He is ready to overtake this task.

Reason:

Dr. Volker Serini/GER resigns at the 35th IMSSC Session on 02 Jun 2012 from his tasks as Secretary of the IMSSC Office, as Editor of the IMSS-News ICEOVAL, as Webmaster of the IMSSC Website and as Contact Person to other International Sport Federations. The IMSSC has to delegate these tasks to another IMSSC Member or co-worker. These tasks may also be delegated to two or more Members/co-workers.

Proposal 2: Travelling expenses of IMSSG Members

Alteration Article 3, last sentence:

The last sentence ~~“IMSSC Members ... be effected by this regulation.”~~ will be deleted.

Reason:

The IMSSG does no longer receive a budget from the ISU so that IMSSG Members cannot receive a reimbursement of travelling expenses by the IMSSG.

Proposal 3: IMSSC Sessions every second year

Alteration Constitution, Article 3, sentence 1:

“IMSSC Sessions are held every second year from 2013 in May or June (at odd year numbers because at even year numbers the ISU Congress is held).” (Instead of ~~“The IMSSC holds one Session a year in May or June.”~~)

Reason:

The IMSSG Members in the IMSSC do not longer receive a reimbursement for travelling expenses by the IMSSG, so that their travelling expenses additionally must be reimbursed by the

IMSSC. So a reimbursement of 100 % of these costs does not be sure. The reimbursement of travelling expenses of the Members would be much easier for the IMSSC if the IMSSC Sessions would not be held every year but every second year. Then the percentage of the reimbursement of travelling expenses could be 100 %. In the Session free year an IMSSC Council may hold a Working Session.

Proposal 4: Appointment of an IMSSC Council, only if Proposal 3 would be accepted
Constitution, Article 3, addition as last paragraph:

The IMSSC Office Secretary (respectively the IMSSC Office I and IMSSC Office II Secretaries), the IMSSC Treasurer and the IMSSC Statistician form an IMSSC Council. Every Council Member has the same rights. Coordinator of the Council is the IMSSC Office Secretary (respectively Coordinator of the Council the Secretary IMSSC Office I and Vice Coordinator of the Council the Secretary IMSSC Office II). The Council holds a Working Session every IMSSC Session free year in May or June. The Council has the right to decide in a Council Working Session in IMSSC Session free years about the following matters:

Approval of the IMSSC Records List.

Decision about Applications of Allround and Sprint Games.

Nations Quota for the coming Allround and Sprint Games.

Approval of the International Master Competitions of the coming season.

Reason:

A Council is necessary if there is only one IMSSC Session every second year, because there must be decided some matters in the IMSSC Session free year by an appointed body.

Proposal 5: IMSSC Session every year in conjunction with Masters Games,
Alternative Proposal to Proposal 2

Alteration Constitution, Article 3, sentence 1:

The IMSSC holds one Session a year in ~~May or June~~ conjunction with one of the Masters International Games.

Reason:

The IMSSC cannot guarantee that the participants of the IMSSC Session in summer receive their total travelling expenses. It is easier for them to come to the session without full payment of the travelling expenses if they can compete at the Masters International Games.

Proposal 6: Official Contacts of the IMSSC to the ISU

Alteration Constitution, Article 5.8:

“IMSSC Office Secretary (respectively Secretary Office I and Secretary Office II), IMSSC Treasurer, IMSSC Statistician.” (instead of “~~Dr. Volker Serini/GER, Jae-Seok Choi/KOR, Sven-Aage Svensson/NOR, Andrew Love/USA~~”).

Reason: The ISU Council wishes contacts directly to the IMSSC.

Proposal 7: (Voting out of IMSSC Members)

Addition to the IMSSC Constitution, Article 2, sentence 1:

.....are appointed or voted out by the IMSSC at the yearly Session. Voting out must be done by secret ballot and needs a 3/4 majority.

Reason:

Sometimes a voting out of IMSSC Members is necessary if the IMSSC Members do not take part for years in IMSSC Sessions and do not show activities in promoting Masters International Speed Skating in their country.

IMSSC MEMBER GERMANY

Volker Serini

2. Proposals AUSTRIA

09.04.2012

I. Doping Control

I had a long conversation with the NADA in Austria (Mr. Michael Mader). Below is my result.

1. Doping – Cost

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|----|---|--------------------------|
| a. | Urine test | Euro 175,- (without VAT) |
| b. | Epo test (blood) | Euro 405,- (without VAT) |
| c. | Shipping costs | Euro 25,- (once) |
| d. | Material costs | Euro 11,- per test |
| e. | Travel expenses for two people (doping control team). | |

For example: If the doping control team comes from Munich, and the competition is in Inzell, we will have to pay the travel expenses from Munich to Inzell and back.

2. Doping Control

The tests are removed by certified persons (Doping Control Team) of the NADA. These persons may be requested from each national NADA. For example: if the competition is in Erfurt, the NADA will try to find the closest person for the control team, and the time for testing is booked. Mostly we must pay only the travel costs, because normally the time needed for the tests (two hours as an example) is included.

3. Athletes and doping controls

Basically all participants in a competition of a national sports association (in Austria this would be ASSA), have to act according to the relevant anti-doping rules. For Speed Skating (including the IMSSC) the ISU Rule 139 is the basic rule. It states, however, that the detailed rules and procedures are defined by the Council and published as ISU Communications. Every athlete who is licensed by a National Skating Association must comply with these anti-doping rules.

4. Disclosure of positive tests

The WADA Laboratory will inform the WADA of any positive tests, because they have the coding of the anonymous test. Subsequently, the ISU, the buyer (IMSSC) and the athlete will be informed. The ISU will inform the National Skating Association about a positive sample. The national Association has the task to initiate sanctions against the athlete, if the athlete accepts the positive test. When the athlete is not accepting the positive test, he can demand to open his B-Test. If also the B-Test should be positive, the national association can impose sanctions. If the consequences of the national association are not sufficient, could subsequently WADA, NADA or ISU penalize the athlete.

5. Complaint of an athlete

NADA Austria told me, that the first complaints are normally about the measurement. Then the WADA Laboratory has to be sued. WADA or NADA are very relaxed about complaints, because decades of laboratory tests and approved methods leave no doubt. If blood or urine samples are positive, a manipulation is ruled out.

The case Claudia Pechstein is different, because her sanction was based on evidence. Here the problem is quite different. No athlete has previously been sanctioned due to evidence.

I think the situation is such that doping controls can be carried out, and that the costs are manageable.

II. Information for Athletes for prevention doping

We provide a platform that is open to the public for information about important points in the prevention of doping. This should also be referred to in the announcements of events. The main points:

1. Each nation has a NADA (National Anti Doping Agency)

Examples:

Austria www.nada.at

Germany www.nada-bonn.de

USA www.usada.org

RUS www.rusada.ru

NOR www.antidoping.no

NED www.dopingautoriteit.nl

WADA www.wada-ama.org

Every athlete has the possibility to find information in his own language about doping, doping control, doping control process, etc.

2. Permitted and prohibited drugs

It is possible to obtain information about this via online medication query in each National Anti-Doping Agency or WADA International <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/Science-Medicine/Prohibited-List/h>

3. What can the athlete do in case of illness / injury

Skaters with a documented medical condition requiring the use of illegal drugs or the use of prohibited methods must apply for and obtain a so-called Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to be presented at the time of the doping control.

4. Cough syrup, dietary supplements and food supplements

Beware of cough syrup (ephedrine), dietary supplements (steroids) and Homeopathic Medicines (strychnine).

5. Doping control during competition

- a. Compulsory ID Card (passport)
- b. Confidant person
- c. If necessary: the publication of the drugs you have taken
- d. If necessary, the medical findings and medical documentation

IMSSC MEMBER AUSTRIA

Hubert Kreutz

3. Proposals THE NETHERLANDS

17.04.2012

1. Appointment of Tjeerd Smies as member of the IMSSC Board instead of Bram de Vries.

2. Appointment of Joke Wittenberg as assistant for Tjeerd Smies.

3. **Rule 3.1.1.** Ladies 500m,1500m,1000m, 3000m (age groups 30 – 60)

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

Two-day competitions:

Program B: Ladies 30-60 and Program C Ladies 65+:	1 st day	1. 500m
		2. 1000m
	2 nd day	3. 1000m
		4. 1500m

Three-day competitions:

Program E: Ladies 30-60

Program G: Ladies 30-60

Program K: Ladies 30-60

Program L: Ladies 65+	1 st day	1. 500m
		2. 1000m
	2 nd day	3. 1000m
	3 rd day	4. 1500m

Reason: To be in line with the age groups of the men.

4. **Rule 3.3:**

Add:

Every participant has to meet a reasonable time qualification. The national IMSSC member is responsible for acceptance of a participant.

5. **Article 5:** 5.22 and 5.23 MCLN instead of Bram de Vries.

6. **Rule 3.7** add:

If there is a limitation on the last distance all non-qualified skaters will be invited for a 6 laps mass start (ladies) or a 8 laps mass start (men). There are 2 age groups: 30-60 and 65+.

Reason: The organiser has to be aware of this suggestion/decision, which was made in Amsterdam in 2011.

7. **Article 2:**

To avoid that too many Members have to resign in the same year we need to make a Schedule of resignation. For example:

2012	Netherlands, Russia, Romania, Estonia, Belgium and Italy
2013	Latvia, Finland, Austria and Canada and Czech Republic
2014	Germany, Spain, Australia, Korea and USA
2015	Norway, Korea, Sweden, Kazakhstan and Japan

8. Limitation of participants (In the Announcements)

Considerations:

Every year the organiser calculates a loss of 15% participants between the closing date and the competition date and for that reason he will not accept any substitutes after the closing date from any country.

The MCLN(Neth)organise more than 25 competitions every season and of course face the same problem of cancellations, but we use the system of limitation **without** the 15% but allow substitutes till the very last moment.

All qualified participants pay the entrance fee in advance with 50% re-imbusement at a timely (at the last 2 weeks before competition date and if later there will be no reimbursement) cancellation, if they ask for and if they provide the organiser with their full bank account details.

Proposal to change the Announcement:

The substitute of the same country as the cancellation participant will be added on the list of participants after the prompt payment of the entry fee. If there is no substitute from the same country, the organiser can request a substitute from another country.

Reason: There is always a maximum amount of participants

IMSSC MEMBER THE NETHERLANDS

Bram de Vries

4. Proposals RUSSIA

19.04.2012

1. The fact of organization the Masters' World Games more than 20 years by the rules of the ISU, gives to the IMSSC moral right to rename title our events in the Masters' World Championships. I suggest this proposals to the vote.
2. I suggest to consider the proposal from Andrew Love in Baselga 2010- to hold IMSSC Meeting by SKYPE, to make proposals and conduct discussions on them during the whole year by e-mail.
The reason: The Summer Meeting is very expensive for IMSSC budget. The flights for Members USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, Korea is very long and hard.
The best variant - IMSSC budget to forward for the World Games, for example: reducing entry fee, anti-doping tests, medals.....

IMSSC MEMBER RUSSIA

Vladimir Tkachenko

5. Proposals SPAIN

18.04.2012

1- IMSSC Budget revision

- The general budgetary restraints our Committee is currently suffering are largely due to expenses that can be easily avoided. The costlier item in the annual budget has to be the “summer session” meeting, a motion that we opposed in Baselga 2010. It was stated back then that the main reason to justify such proposal was that “many” of the members were competing in the events that brought us together, and would not sacrifice training or resting hours in order to participate in our meetings... Now the question is: how many IMSSC members are ACTUALLY contending for a podium in our World Games nowadays? As the answer does not appear to be of great significance, the next question is logical: is it really worth it to spend thousands of Euros for overnight flight/hotel stay/meals for us to greet each other, and little more? We are under the impression that during the last couple of years most “hot” issues were resolved through e-mails between active members prior to such “summer sessions”. In fact, modern technology allows us to utilize live chats and even video conference for a fraction of the total cost of a summer session, or be even free. Proposals can be presented, treated, discussed and modified through electronic means for months, then after a certain deadline, approved or not at a much shorter session than the current one, during Sprint or All-Round games (whichever suits us better, chosen with as much anticipation as necessary).

- We are being informed that another important budgetary concern derives from ISU’s denegation to accept skaters older than a certain age (for no apparent reason) and subsequent funds cutting for our organization, due to our declination to comply. In choosing a new representative/secretary, we should opt for a person with a better relationship with Mr. Cinquanta and the executive board... or even to consider the idea of becoming an INDEPENDENT organization, if ISU continues ignoring and arbitrarily waiving off our simple and rational demands.

- A printed and widely distributed version of ICEOval, although a nice PR initiative, is obsolete and debatably useful. We propose to abolish it, since anybody has the means to download it from our website, if interested.

- A final consideration about budget: it is our understanding that ISU contributes towards the Masters' Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG) travelling expenses for annual sessions... We asked this before, and ask again: can we all know what their WORK is? Is it possible to have a report of their latest activities representing us all at ISU’s meetings or such?

2- New Office Secretary

We are deeply grateful to Mr Serini for his work during all these years, and we are ready to fully support a new Secretary. As mentioned above, the appointed individual should preferably know personally Mr Cinquanta and/or the majority of the “movers and shakers” at ISU, in order for us to count on the necessary political influence to get our demands granted... or at least negotiate reasonable terms with them.

As for the “double office” proposed by Mr Serini, we fail to see its objective usefulness. It is, in

our opinion, more practical to have a Secretary/President or whatever designation we choose, as well as several “officers” with different tasks... Much like it is now, but with more specific duties divided into more persons; i.e. we already have a statistician and a financial manager, but we definitely need a webmaster! So this is our proposal:

- President (organizer and chairman of sessions, ISU direct contact)
- Secretary (in charge of session minutes, paperworks, administrative tasks)
- Treasurer (financial manager)
- Statistician (records, classification lists, etc)
- Webmaster
- IceOval Editor (if we choose to keep it)
- PR manager (in charge of relationships with other organizations, clubs, ice rinks, sponsors, etc)

It is important to note that all members should maintain the current status of equal vote, in spite of their title/duties.

3- IMSSC Website

A few years ago we offered Mr Serini to update our official website (free of charge, of course). His answer was: “*not possible, because I would not be able to modify it at my leisure*”... just like he’s still doing. Obviously he’s not aware of modern content management technology!

We strongly believe it is time to refurbish IMSSC’s static and tired looking website into a functional and truly interactive portal, with multilingual capabilities and the chance for all members to add/edit text and multimedia content.* Obviously the electronic entry forms must be integrated (which is no problem at all) and directly accessible to organizers.

Spain’s deputy volunteers for the job, if there is no other candidate interested.

* *To get a better grasp of the idea, please check the official Italian Master Group’s website:*
<http://www.icespeedmasteritalia.com/>

4- All-Round Games, 4th race

At the 34^o session in Amsterdam a motion was approved in regards of this matter (see related minutes). Then, surprisingly, in Erfurt we found out it was initially deemed “impossible” (in Mr Serini’s words) by the organizers. Luckily, after a chat with the race director during our informal meeting prior to the event, the decision to have ALL participants race the fourth distance was taken. It really has to be noted that it was out of kindness and goodwill from the organizers and referees to allow something that should have been already in the event’s program, based on what was approved last year... What’s the point in voting and modifying our regulations, to later find that they’re just dismissed?

So we recommend that approved proposals like this be enforced to organizers of future events, and if refused an alternative be offered.

IMSSC MEMBER SPAIN

Marcello Bresin

6. Proposals NORWAY

20.04.2012 13:07

Proposed changes to Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC.

Proposal 1

Modification of the Introduction.

Existing text (at the end of the Introduction):

It is the intention of the IMSSC that these Rules will be incorporated into the ISU Rules, for example as ISU Rule 277 of the Special Regulations Speed Skating.

Proposal:

The text is deleted.

Reason:

A similar and updated text is contained in the proposed modification of Rule 1 in proposal 2.

Proposal 2

Modification of Rule 1: Priority of IMSSC Rules

Proposed new heading:

Rule 1: Relations to ISU Rules.

Existing Text:

IMSSC Rules have priority to ISU Rules in International Master Competitions, if they are conflicting.

Proposed text:

Generally Masters' Activities and Masters' Competitions follow ISU Regulations and ISU Rules for Speed Skating except where they are specific to juniors/seniors or to International Championships, Olympic Games and World Cups. IMSSC Rules supplement the ISU Rules where the latter are not relevant to Masters or where Master Rules are missing. In such cases the IMSSC Rules takes precedence.

It is the intention of the IMSSC that corresponding rules in the course of time shall be incorporated into the ISU Rule 107, paragraph 11 of the Constitution and General Rules, and into some of the paragraphs of the Special Regulations and Technical Rules.

The mentioned ISU Rules in this document refer to the 2010 Edition of the ISU Constitution and General Rules and also the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules. If the numbering of the ISU Rules is altered in updates of the above mentioned books, the references shall apply to the corresponding new Rules.

Reason:

It is necessary to emphasize that Masters are a part of the ISU (which is the governing body for Speed Skating in the World), but also to state the purpose of having additional Rules for Masters.

Proposal 3

Modification of Rule 3.1.1 Masters' International Allround Games

Proposal:

Existing combinations F and G for Three-day competitions are deleted. Existing combinations H and K become new combinations F and G respectively.

Reason:

The all-round combinations in the ISU Rule 201 that correspond to the IMSSC Combinations F and G have been removed from the 2010 Edition of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules. All ISU combinations now have a sequence of shortest distance, second longest, second shortest and longest distance.

Proposal 4:

Modification of Rule 3.1.3 Masters' International Competitions

Existing text:

Masters' International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association.

Proposed text:

Masters' International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a club, cooperating clubs or a National Speed Skating Association. The valid combinations of distances for Sprint and Allround Competitions are the same as in paragraph 3.1.1 but without regard to Age Groups. The competition program may also contain Team Pursuit and Relay Races according to the relevant ISU Rules.

Reason:

The term "cooperating clubs" will cover also other possible organizers but just a club, for instance a regional organization. It may also be wise to have some guidelines for the combinations of distances at other Masters' International Competitions.

Proposal 5:

Modification of Rule 3.3 Restriction of Participants

Existing text:

If the number of participants in a competition must be restricted, certain decisions will be made to handle selection process. Entries received earlier shall have priority of the participation. If quota are needed for Nations as determined by the IMSSC or the hosting country, each nation is to follow in principle to these practices

Proposed text:

If the number of participants in a competition must be restricted, certain decisions will be made to handle selection process. Entries received earlier shall have priority of the participation. If quota are needed for Nations as determined by the IMSSC, or the hosting country in extraordinary situations, each nation is to follow in principle to these practices

Reason:

The option that the hosting nation can determine the quotas was defined as a back up solution in case the IMSSC should have forgotten to do so - which happened once. It is necessary to emphasize that this is not the normal case.

Proposal 6:

Modification of Rule 4.1 Age Groups

Existing text:

IMSSC Records are listed by the IMSSC for the age groups defined in Rule 1.

Proposed text:

IMSSC Records are listed by the IMSSC for the age groups defined in Rule 2.

Reason:

Updated reference.

Proposal 7:

Modification of Rule 4.3 Applications

Existing text:

IMSSC Records (International Masters“ Records) are recognized only for times and points reached in International Masters“ Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Session in May or June, 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, SebastianKneipp-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. One set of the necessary documents comprises the following documents: Official Announcement (if not issued in the IMSS-News), Official Competition Program (timetable), Official Protocol of the Competition, and birthdates of the competitors who have lowered IMSSC Records.

If there is no IMSSC Member or Organizer of the Competition who makes an IMSSC Record Application, the competitor who has lowered an IMSSC Record may make an application for an IMSSC Record also by himself. The competitor must send one set of the following documents to the IMSSC Statistician (Sven-Åge Svensson, Simensbraatveien 23 B, N-1182 Oslo, NORWAY) and one further set of the following documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY): Official announcement (if not issued in the IMSS-News), Official Competition Program (timetable), Official Protocol of the results and a filled in Official IMSSC Record Application Form.

Applications of IMSSC Records are possible for competitions in the competition year (1 July - 30 Juni of the next year). Latest application date for IMSSC Records of every competition is 6 weeks after the competition date (arrival of the application at the IMSSC).

The official protocol must contain:

- a) the starting list for each distance;
(ISU Rule 273 § 1 a)
- b) the times of automatic timekeeping, recorded in hundredth of a second;
(ISU Rule 273 § 1 b)
- c) the times of manual timekeeping:
 - accumulated lap times in tenth of a second (see ISU Rule 252)
 - final times in hundredth of a second (see ISU Rule 250, § 5 and § 6).

Proposed text:

IMSSC Records (International Masters“ Records) are recognized only for times and points reached in International Masters“ Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding
.... the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.
(Last sentence is moved further down)

Applications of IMSSC Records are possible for competitions in the competition year (July 1. - June 30. of the next year). Latest application date for IMSSC Records of every competition is 6 weeks after the competition date (arrival of the application at the IMSSC).

One set of the necessary documents comprises the following documents:

- Official Announcement (if not published in the IMSSC web-site)
- Official Competition Program (timetable)
- Official Protocol of the Competition
- Birthdates of the competitors who have lowered IMSSC Records.

The official protocol must contain:

- a) the complete list of officials (observe ISU Rules 210 and 213)
- b) the starting list for each distance;
(ISU Rule 273 § 1 a)
- c) the times of automatic timekeeping, recorded in hundredth of a second;
(ISU Rule 273 § 1 b)
- d) the times of manual timekeeping:
 - accumulated lap times in hundredths of a second (see ISU Rule 252)
 - final times in hundredth of a second (see ISU Rule 250, § 5 and § 6).

The times of automatic timekeeping should show the rank of the skaters. If they additionally show the starting order in pairs and possible quartets, the starting lists may be omitted.

The IMSSC Statistician may demand additional documentation to be able to verify the provisions in Rule 4.4.

If there is no IMSSC Member or Organizer of the Competition who makes an IMSSC Record Application, the competitor who has lowered an IMSSC Record, may make an application by himself following the description above. However, the documents must in addition include a filled in Official IMSSC Record Application Form.

Reason:

The changes are meant to clarify the procedure of making record applications and clearly specify the required documents. Unnecessary repetitions are omitted.

Proposal 8:

Modification of Rule 4.4.1

Existing text:

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

Proposed text:

Result reached at a national or international announced Master Competition (See Rule 4.3) with 5 year age groups from 30 years (see Rule 2) by a speed skater with a

Reason

Corrected references

Proposal 9:

Modification of Rule 4.4.3

Existing text:

IMSSC Records over all distances may be recognized also for times achieved in quartet starts (see ISU Rule 221 § 1 c and f).

Proposed text:

IMSSC Records over all distances may be recognized also for times achieved in quartet starts (see ISU Rule 278 § 1a, §2b, § 3a-e, §4 and §5).

Reason: Updated references.

Proposal 10:

Modifications to several of the minor rules in 4.4 Provisions. These modifications are connected to each other – therefore they are contained in one proposal.

Modification of Rules 4.4.5, 4.4.6 and 4.4.7

These Rules specify the track, the watches and the timekeeping with reference to the corresponding ISU Rules.

Proposal:

The rules are combined into one new rule: 4.4.5 with mainly brief references to the ISU Rules.

Proposed text of Rule 4.4.5:

The conditions of ISU Rules 228 (track), 248 (watches), 250 (manual time keeping), 251

(automatic time keeping) and 252 (split times and times for individual laps) must be observed. Automatic timekeeping must have been used (see ISU Rule 221 § 4 b) – but not necessarily with a photo finishing system.

Reason:

Simplification. It is not necessary to duplicate the text of all ISU Rules.

Modification of Rules 4.4.8, 4.4.9 and 4.4.10.

Proposal:

The Rules 4.4.8, 4.4.9 and 4.4.10 will become 4.4.6, 4.4.7, and 4.4.8, respectively.

Modification of Rules 4.4.11 and 4.4.12.

Proposal:

The Rules 4.4.11 and 4.4.12 are combined into one new Rule 4.4.9 with the following text:

Any competitor who makes a record or equals an existing IMSSC Record shall have his name entered in the IMSSC Record List and receive a diploma from the IMSSC.

Reason:

Simplification. The terms for having the record entered and for obtaining a diploma are the same. References to ISU Rules are not relevant.

Proposal 11:

Modification of Rule 4.5 Decision about IMSSC Records, Issue of the IMSSC Records' List

Existing text:

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, and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback.

Proposed text:

Based on recommendations from the IMSSC Statistician new IMSSC Records from last season are approved by the IMSSC at the Session. The updated IMSSC Record List is published yearly in the IMSSC web-site and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback.

Reason:

Will also point out the role of the IMSSC Statistician in connection with the record recognition process - plus small corrections.

IMSSC MEMBER NORWAY

Sven-Åge Svensson

7. Proposals USA

20.04.2012

FIRST PROPOSAL ON MEETING AGENDA,
(only if by IMSSC committee voted consent at very beginning of meeting)

1. Chairman of the 2012 spring meeting

To open this meeting, our first act shall be to elect a Chairman to administer the meeting itself. This must be a NON-VOTING individual. So an ideal chairman would be a deputy attending the meeting, or an honorary member of the IMSSC. This gives deputies important responsibilities & duties during our meetings.

The Chairman shall have the following responsibilities- select the secretary to take meeting minutes, examine the complete agenda; decide how much time is available for each part of it during the meeting day, & manage our proceedings during the day.

This includes total time on each topic, and length of time available for discussion.

Most importantly, the Chairman shall read each proposal, and then organize discussion upon it, giving every IMSSC member proper space to comment if they wish to.

The Chair may NOT comment upon the discussion, unless their opinion is directly asked during the discussion.

The Chair may time total discussion on each topic, or ask that comments be limited to a certain time if necessary. The chair may also request of the committee that certain proposals of a similar topic shall be combined for discussion.

The Chair shall also collaborate with the secretary immediately after the meeting, and ensure rapid production of the meeting minutes, collaborating on draft & final versions & records of voting.

(my other proposals shall return to traditional ordering for agenda placement)

2. Communications Structure

All IMSSC reps and deputies shall be included on all of our email communications. All IMSSC reps and deputies shall be invited to all meetings & conferences we hold.

3. Updated Meeting Location & Organization

The annual Spring IMSSC meeting shall be replaced with 2 voice conference calls, using tested technology agreed upon by all members & equally viable for a worldwide meeting.

The first shall be in spring, May or early June, the second 1 week before our schedule is announced & entries open. This has traditionally been late September.

If a quorum of participation is reached, then the voice meetings will have full voting & rules modification powers. Voice conferences shall be run by an elected Chairman, who shall distribute agenda, make sure people have a chance to speak, & monitor email every during the call for those who are more comfortable in written English than spoken.

For the 2012 year, we shall hold a conference call in September, with full voting & rules modification powers. Invitations and proposals to voice meetings must adhere to the same lead-times & announcements as previous meetings.

The IMSSC committee face-to-face gathering shall be held previous to a mutually agreed upon winter event as 2, 4 hour meetings on 2 days preceding the event, or 1, 8 hour meeting AFTER the competition, as per the will of the committee.

Meeting location will be selected by the committee at the spring discussion outlining the schedule, and may be changed by vote at the fall voice discussion as well. Cost considerations & and number of members planning to travel shall guide meeting location selection.

The voice calls must achieve a quorum requirement to be empowered to officially vote. Face-to-Face meetings are always binding, even if a quorum is not reached.

4. IMSSC Voice meetings Quorum requirements

For voice conference to be considered a voting meeting where proposals can be acted upon, a quorum of participation must be reached. The Quorum requirements are via region. Every region specified must reach its quorum for a whole meeting to become valid.

North America & Australia (2 of 3)

USA, CAN, AUS

Asia/Eastern Europe (2 of 4)

KAZ, KOR, JPN, RUS,

Major European Nations (3 of 5)

ITA, NED, NOR, GER, FIN,

Smaller European (No quorum required)

ESP, ROM, AUT, CZE, SUI, LAT, SWE, BEL, UKR

(note: I value everyone on the “smaller” list, and I deeply want your participation in calls & you have much to give to the sport, but if we are to institute quorum requirements, this is a realistic appraisal of the participation levels we currently have.)

5. Committee roles

Note: With Volker’s pending retirement as secretary, we need to IMMEDIATELY understand his regular efforts on behalf of the organization, distribute the work, ensure key things are done, honor his time, and possibly take an opportunity to re-imagine key aspects of our organization.

To maintain a nation’s good standing, a Member or their Deputy of the IMSSC must serve on a committee and be an active participant within the organization.

Each committee shall have multiple members; the members of the committee elect a chair. An IMSSC member may serve on multiple committees if they wish.

Here are the suggested committees:

Chairman/Secretary

Website-Technology-Entries

Treasurer

Publications-Media

Scheduling, Records & L.O.C communication

Recognition

IMSSG

Here are their specific roles:

Chairman/Secretary

Running meetings, distributing announcements & meeting minutes, tallying votes, testing & solving technical issues with voice conferences. Final decision power on where & when meetings are held, making all efforts to ensure quorum & participation.

Website-Technology-Entries

IMSSC website, design & updates, manages all online entries & chooses/tests the online entry management system. Main point of contact for master's games entries/quotas. Manages Social media.

Treasurer

Keeps the books for the IMSSC, Responsible for requesting & receiving payments from online entry management systems. & Transferring funds to rinks from accounts.

Publications-Media-Video:

Creation of timely press releases after each competition. Writes content & takes pictures/video for the Masters website. Needed: 1 for North America, 1 for Europe, 1 for Asia. Creation of press releases to each national federation at the end of the season, highlighting their skater's accomplishments. .

Scheduling, Records & L.O.C communication:

takes care of communication with all ovals, discusses schedule & plans the seasons races, share our best practices document with all LOC's, receives invites for Masters Games, approves & recommends our records list to the IMSSC committee as a whole. If ISU insists on checking masters License numbers with national federations, this would be the responsibility of this committee.

Recognition

Creation of certificates / trophies for all IMSSC records skated in a year & distribution of them, certificates for fastest times in the world (pending latter proposal). Discussion of the masters skater of the year award (Call it the Serini Award?) Masters Event of the year to OC/rink, Masters organizer of the year. Keeping of a list of all national federations, and developing points of contact within them. Creation of press releases to each national federation at the end of the season, highlighting their skater's accomplishments.

IMSSG

This is a sub committee already voted on by the ISU to be their liaisons with the IMSSC

Short Track

Continual evaluation of the creation of a Masters Short track games. Rules/location/hosting club. Much to do.

6. Travel reimbursement qualifications

To receive ANY travel reimbursement to the Winter meeting. A member must have attended one of the spring voice calls, & served on the committee to the satisfaction of their chair & the IMSSC as a whole.

7. Masters Single Distance award/Fastest Master.

The ISU will not permit us to name a “World Single Distance” champion, and creating a competition for that has often been argued, will dilute our very successful sprint and allaround games

However we may use already available international databases (speedskatingresults.com) to simply create an award, naming the fastest time in each age group per year, as the winner.

If there are only 3 skaters or less who have raced a distance, then recognition shall only be to top 1, 6 skaters or less, top 2, 10 skaters or more are required for a top 3 recognition.

This does create an award outside of our “system” of races, and there could be issues with results being challenged, or not every country in the world being represented, but it also offers a huge opportunity to reach out to masters all over the world, who have never attended our events, and national federations.

Here are two things to decide upon when it comes to AG30-35, and 35-40

The IMSSC rule for no world cup competing athletes shall NOT apply

The IMSSC rule for no times set by world cup athletes SHALL apply.

Or we could simply disqualify performances during the world cups themselves, but accept others.

Honorarium shall be paid to Speedskating results.com for providing this service;

Honorarium shall include a page on their site, showing the “season masters leaders” & linking to our schedule & games. This will encourage international competition & awareness of the Masters Speedskating movement worldwide.

8. International Masters Skater of the year

Criteria for nomination shall include performance at the 2 masters games and ranking in the internationally recognized timetables for the preceding season. The recognition committee shall present candidates first, then any IMSSC member shall also nominate.

Once all candidates are nominated, a majority vote of the IMSSC of the whole shall decide on one man & one woman who have earned this honor. If 3 or more candidates, each round of voting eliminates only the bottom vote recipient.

The IMSSC shall mail a very nice trophy to the receiving skater. The national rep shall provide the address of the skater.

9. Press releases

The IMSSC shall take it upon themselves, as one of the summer tasks, to craft press releases to each national federations, congratulating them on outstanding performances of their masters athletes the previous winter.

10. Nomination of Dr Volker Serini as an Honorary Member of the IMSSC

IMSSC MEMBER USA

Andrew Love

8. Proposals ITALY

20.04.2012

Proposal 1 (ITA): ISU-IMSSC relationship

Considering the constraints that ISU would like to apply to IMSSC and the limited financial support proposed and conditioned to the above mentioned constraints, we believe that IMSSC can walk alone by itself.

Please note that the ratio between the skaters' presences in ISU competition against those in IMSSC ones is of 1 to 100. That volume needs also some necessities, considerations and problems that ISU is not able to take into account or even understand.

We propose, in case ISU will not accept our proposals, the evaluation of a greater autonomy either from the financial side (sponsoring) or the competition management that just now we are doing well by ourselves.

Proposal 2 (ITA): IMSSC organization

From the IMSSC organizational point of view we propose the following structure:

- President (relationship with ISU, other International Sport Organization and National Federation, chairman of the session);
- Vice President;
- Secretary (session organization, session minutes, archive, paperwork and administrative tasks);
- Other tasks:
 - o Financial issue (adm, account, financial support);
 - o Statistical issue (results, records, certificates);
 - o Web site issue (web master, editing & publishing of news, competition announcements and results);
 - o PR issue (sponsor, clubs, ice rinks);
- Representatives of each nations (members, deputies and/or assistants).

Just in case that Volker's proposal (Office I and II) is accepted by the majority, we propose for Office Secretary I one the following members: Andrew Love, Brett Arnason, Bram de Vries, Sven-Age Svensson and for Office Secretary II: Andrew Love, Marcelo Bresin.

In addition we warmly suggest to organize session meetings via web using a suitable and reliable tool (for example Webex from Cisco or equivalent) in order to spare travelling costs or to restore winter session meeting during Master Games where the majority of the members is available.

Proposal 3 (ITA):

IMSSC Constitution and Regulation, Article 3.1.3, Masters' International Competitions

It is applied for the insertion of the following modifications in IMSSC Rule 3.1.3: the modifications are shown by underlined (adding) or strikethrough (deleting) words here below.

3.1.3 Masters' International Competitions

Masters' International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association. According to the Regulations of the hosting National Federation, the age groups specified under Rule 2 could be lower in age definition i.e. including age groups 20-24 (20) and/or 25-29 (25).

Reasons:

1. Skating Juries are sometimes very restrictive with regard to IMSSC rules and their interpretation: they do not allow skaters less than 30 years to skate also if National Federation allows it !!!
2. In Italy the National Skating Federation allows to skate Masters starting since 20 years old (AG20 and AG25) but during last IMSSC competition in December (Master Revival) the Jury didn't allow to compete Masters with less than 30 years old according to IMSSC rules.
3. Please note that in Italy for the National Skating Federation you are a Master skater **OR** you are a Senior skater, that means that if you begin the season as Master you are not allow to skate as Senior during that season and vice versa. So it is no possible to bypass the problem in Italy stating in the announcement that the competition is for Masters and for Senior 20...29 years old !!!

IMSSC MEMBER ITALY

Antonio Nitto

1. Proposal AUSTRIA (postponed)

27.03.2011

Proposal 1

In Erfurt, at the Master Games, would be perfect opportunity to carry out tests and we could first experience. When we make 5 urin tests. I had a long conversation with the NADA in Austria (Mr Michael Mader). Below is my result.

2. Doping – Cost

- e. Urine test Euro 175,- (without VAT)
- f. Epo test (blood) Euro 405,- (without VAT)
- g. Shipping costs Euro 25,- (once)
- h. Material costs Euro 11,- per test

Travel expenses for two people (doping control team).

For example: If the doping control team is from Berlin, and the competition is in Erfurt, we will payed the travel expenses.

6. Doping Control

The tests are removed by certified persons (Doping Control Team) of the NADA. These persons will be request of each national NADA. For example: if the competition in Erfurt and the NADA will be look for persons in this city, therefore it's important to look at an early stage of doping control tests at the National NADA. In most cases, only the travel costs of the two people are paid because of the decrease normally ranges from a window of two hours.

7. Athletes and doping controls

Basically, all athletes who would be in an official competition of a national association (in Austria is this the ASSA), they must comply to the anti-doping rules. The ISU is indeed all other members, this includes also the IMSSG, the provisions for anti-doping, and so we must abide by these terms. Every athlete have a license of national association (ice speed skating or Inline speedskating), and all must comply the anti-doping rules.

8. Disclosure of positive tests

The WADA Laboratory will be informed the WADA, because they has the coding of the anonymous test. Subsequently, the ISU and the buyer (IMSSG) and the athlete will be informed. About the ISU should be informed the National Association of positive athlete. The national Association has the task to the athletes about locks, if the athlete accepts the positive test. The athlete who has the ability to have open his B-Test. It should be also tested positive, the national associaton can impose sanctions. If the consequences of the national association is not sufficient, could subsequently WADA, NADA or ISU act.

5. Complaint of an athlete

NADA Austria had told me, that is disputed as the first measurement. This has to be sued WADA Laboratory. WADA or NADA is very relaxed about complaints, because decades of the laboratory tests and procedures us to be a recognized. If blood or urine sample tested positive, then without doubt, a manipulation will be accepted. When the case was blocked Claudia Pechstein pronounced due to circumstantial evidence and not because of positive doping Control values! Here the problem is quite different, because no athlete has been discussed on the basis of circumstantial guilt.

I think the situation for make doping controls are not difficult and the costs manageable limits.

We would have done at least 500% more than in recent years! On the implementation or who should be tested, we can discuss you.

My proposal for five tests:

The fastest woman and the fastest man of the Overall-points. First places each of women and men of the Overall-Points. At fifth a competitor of dissolved from entry starting field of the Overall-Points.

We can use a total of Euro 1.500,- expect the doping tests, for 5 urine tests.

IMSSC Member AUSTRIA

Hubert Kreutz

2. Proposals RUSSIA (postponed)

06.04.2011

1. Rule 2: Competitions

2.1.1. Masters' International Allround Games

My suggestion is to make change and supplements to the Men's program the Masters' International Allround Games.

The distances for the Masters' International All-round Games are:

Ladies 500m, 1500m, 1000m, 3000m (age groups 30-65)

Ladies 500m, 1000m, 1500m (age groups 70 and higher)

Men 500m, 1500m, 1000m, 3000m (age groups 30 and higher)

Men 500m, 3000m, 1500m, 5000m, (age groups 30 and higher)

Men 500m, 5000m, 1500m, 10000m (age groups 30 and higher)

Provide skaters the right to choose any type allround independent from age

Reason: A large number of skaters abilities to sprint likes a small allround.

Long distances are very popular in Netherlands, Norway, Russia, USA and other countries where competitions are held on a Big Allround and Long Distance Races on 5k. and 10k.

Then IMSSC Record List has Allround Small Men, Allround Men, Allround Big Men and we can see skaters from age groups 65,70,75.

2. Masters' International Long Distance Games

The distances for the Masters' International Long Distance Games are:

Ladies and Men: 3000m, 5000m (first day), 5000m, 10000m (second day)

Team's races (pursuit) : Men-8 laps, Ladies-5 laps. Marathon (mass start):

Men-80 laps, Ladies-50 laps (third day)

The Organiser of Masters' International Long Distance Games has the right to maintain Limit Times.

Reason: There are many skaters likes long distances in Netherlands Norway, Russia, USA and other countries.

The presence of the three typ World Games-Sprint,Allround,Long Distances that will be very democratic and fair and will give a large number of skaters to fully express themselves.

3. I propose to look again at the proposal of Bram de Vries-Limit Time.

From my point of view, his proposals is real sports principle.

Skaters must to have good enough preparation and it is natural to have some results for participate in the World Games (World Championship).

There are many other competitions in calendar IMSSC.

If we accept the position of the Limit Time, then the existence of quotas will be meaningless, availability of quota kind of discrimination.

IMSSC Member RUSSIA

Vladimir Tkachenko

3. Proposals GERMANY (postponed)

11.04.2011

Proposal 6 (Games Organizer: Club/Regional or National Association) **Rule 3.1.1 and Rule 3.1.2, sentences 2, Additions**

“They may be organized by a speed skating club or a regional or national speed skating association.”

Reason: The organizer may also be a regional speed skating association, e.g. the Thuringian Ice Federation for the next Masters' Allround Games in Erfurt/GER.

IMSSC Member GERMANY

Dr. Volker Serini

4. Proposals NORWAY (postponed)

15.04.2011

Proposal 1–7 concerns the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations.
Proposal 8 concerns the standard model Announcement for Games.

Proposal 7

Modification of Rule 4.4.11

Existing text:

Any competitor who equals an existing IMSSC Record shall have his name entered in the IMSSC Records' List (see ISU Rule 221 § 6).

Proposed addition at the end of the paragraph:

If records should be broken on the same day in different time zones of the world, the local time shall be used to determine who broke the record first.

Reason:

We had this discussion once when a record was broken in Hamar and in Calgary on the same day: should the skater in Calgary appear in the record list although the record in Hamar was better and made several hours earlier? I think it is fair to consider the local time, or the skaters in North America will always have a disadvantage (although it is not very likely to happen again).

IMSSC Member NORWAY

Sven-Åge Svensson

5. Proposals **THE NETHERLANDS** (postponed)

16.04.2011

Proposal 1:

To add to ART. 2: The maximum age for a (candidate) member is 75 year. An elected member who reaches the age of 75 during his current term of membership is not disqualified by such fact from continuing to serve the current term.

Reason: To protect the board and the members and according ISU rule 14.3

Proposal 2:

To add to ART.2, 3rd line: for a term of four successive years. All elected members may not serve for more than 3 successive four year terms. As of the 2011 meeting every current member will be considered as serving the second year of his second term.

There will be a member list with beginning- and ending dates of the term.

Reason: To renew the Board from time to time and according ISU rule 14.2.

Proposal 5:

To add to ART. 2: Voting about persons has to be done in writing, about other matters can be decided in the meeting.

IMSSC Member **THE NETHERLANDS**

Bram de Vries

6. Proposals USA (postponed)

17.04.2011 (delayed)

1. Replacing IMSSC representatives

Proposal:

If an IMSSC member does not attend 2 sessions in a row. Then their seat may be declared open by a majority vote of the members. At this time, other individuals may be suggested & voted on by the new members. This new member would be able to vote immediately if they are in attendance, or an invitation may be offered.

Here is the additional text, *in red italics*, that should be inserted, in Article 2 in the regulations.

Members are expected to be active participants within an IMSSC committee, if a member misses 2 years worth of meetings in a row, and provides no satisfactory explanation, then a majority vote may be called at the beginning of next meeting, and the seat may be declared "open".

Replacements may be considered immediately.

The replacement may vote immediately upon appointment, and does not need the 1 year period that new nations require before voting.

IMSSC Member USA

Andrew Love