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**Subject: contribution to the 24th IMSSC session (source Italy)**

Please find in the following the Italian contribution to the 26th IMSSC session:

- 1. Master competition proposal in Baselga di Pine' - Italy:** the Ice Rink Pine', on behalf of Mr.Sergio Rivolti, and the local skating club (C.P.Pine') would like to host a Master competition during the next season 2006-2007. The competition should run in two days anytime between November 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> as IMSSC would like to fix. The competition will be based on four distances according to IMSSC rules for both women and men.
- 2. IMSSC World Criterium (or other denomination tbd):** in order to increase and develop the participation to all the IMSSC events along the season, we propose to consider, at the end of each season, a classification that takes into account:
  - 2.1. number of official competition where each skater has been present:** for each competition a skater will participate, he will receive a fixed number of points only for the presence (proposal: 5 points) also if he has been disqualified.
  - 2.2. official results for each skater:** according to the official classification in each age group, each skater will receive a number of points according to the following table:

Result	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> place	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	3
4 <sup>th</sup> place	2
5 <sup>th</sup> place	1

A diploma or equivalent will be given to the first five skaters each age group, each gender.

**3. Lap counters for quartet starts:** we recognize, after several experience and considering the continuous development of quartet starts, that it is very important to highlight the figure of the lap counter. In the past we recognized the cases of early last lap bell or no bell at all (see for example Baselga or Erfurt). In particular we would like to propose for the following:

**3.1. mandatory presence of two lap counters:** in case of quartet starts the presence of two lap counters shall be mandatory;

**3.2. availability of counter signs in four colours:** in case of quartet starts, the availability of counter signs (remaining lap numbers) in four colours (red, white or black, yellow and blue as per the arm bends) is highly recommended.

**3.3. availability of experienced and well trained lap counters:** in case of quartet starts, the availability of experienced lap counters is highly recommended; they also should be well trained to deal with quartet.