



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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To all Members of the IMSSC

Krefeld, 23 Jan 2007

By mail or email

Dear Ladies, dear Sirs,

in the following you find the **Proposals (Applications) we received from the IMSSC Members according to the Invitation** to the

26th Session of the IMSSC in Calgary/Canada

Wednesday, 21 Feb 2007, 10.00 – 14.30 hours

Olympic Oval, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary/Canada , Session Room in the Icehall

(in conjunction with the 16th Masters' International Speed Skating Games in Calgary/Canada, starting one day later)

Proposals (Applications)

(Received till the deadline for proposals 09 Jan 07, see Invitation 22 Nov 2006)

Proposal 1 (NOR):

Proposal concerning IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, last paragraph (of three)

Existing text:

The application of alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations has to be made only by written word until 6 weeks before the winter session of the IMSSC

Proposed text:

The proposals for alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations has to be made only by written word until 4 weeks before the winter session of the IMSSC

Reason:

It is better to use the term “proposals” instead of “applications”.

Furthermore 6 weeks seem to be more than necessary for preparations. It is not logical and not easy to remember. Some proposals may drop out. 4 weeks seems sufficient and is easier to remember.

Proposal 2 (NOR):

Proposal concerning IMSSC Regulations, Rule 2.1.1, last paragraph (of two)

Existing text:

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

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

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

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m (age groups 30 – 65)

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (age groups 70 and higher)

Proposed text:

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

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

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

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m (age groups 30 – 60)

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (age groups 65 and higher)

Reason:

5000 m for the Age Group Men 65 means that skaters up to 69 years must skate the 5000m.

Looking at the achieved times e.g. in Helsinki (up to 10:36 minutes) this seems to be quite hard and may explain the sudden drop in participation between AG 60 and 65 throughout the years (In Helsinki 2006: Age Group 60 = 30 participants, Age Group 65 = 9 participants).

Proposal 3 (NOR):

Proposal concerning IMSSC Regulations, Rule 3.2, Single Distances and Allround Competitions

Existing text:

IMSSC Records will be registered by the IMSSC for the following single distances (times) and three and four distance competitions (grand total number of points).

Single distances: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Ladies)

500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Men)

Three and four distances competitions (sum of points):

Ladies Allround Small 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m

Ladies Allround 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m

Ladies Sprint 500 m, 1000 m, 500 m, 1000 m

Men Allround Small 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m

Men Allround 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m

Men Sprint 500 m, 1000 m, 500 m, 1000 m

Proposed text:

(last paragraph)

Men Allround Big 500 m, 5000 m, 1500 m, 10000 m

Men Allround Small 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m

Men Allround 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m

Men Sprint 500 m, 1000 m, 500 m, 1000 m

Reason:

The distances specified as Allround Big are now part of the IMSSC competition program, and consequently it should be possible to register IMSSC Records.

Proposal 4 (NOR):**Proposal concerning IMSSC Regulations, Rule 3.3, Applications, third paragraph (of five)****Existing text:**

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 only send one 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.

Proposed text:

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 only 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 necessary documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY).

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Reason:

The IMSSC Statistician should be the primary addressee of any record application.

Delayed Proposals (Applications)

(Received 11 Jan 2007, after the deadline for proposals 9 Jan 2007, from the Canadian IMSSC Member Candidate Brett Arnason)

Proposal 1 (CAN):**Proposal concerning the competition program of the Games, IMSSC Rule 2.1.1:**

We would like to see the annual games offer a sprint division at the event in the future.

Reasons:

We feel there are enough skaters that would choose this option that it would reduce the number of skaters in the all around competition to a number that would remove some of the time constraints that result with the 3000 and 5000 m races. This event is the best attended Master Event and we feel it would be fair to all skaters.

Proposal 2 (CAN):

Proposal concerning a New International Masters' Competition:

We would like to approach the Olympic Oval to offer a single distance Master's Competition during the finale. This competition would run under all of our rules. However we do not wish to approach them without the approval of the IMSSC.

Delayed Proposals (Applications)

(Received 23 Jan 2007, after the deadline for proposals 9 Jan 2007, from Bram de Vries, Assistant of the Dutch IMSSC Member Aris Dijkman at the last IMSSC Sessions)

Proposal 1 (NED):

Proposal 1 is the same as Proposal 2 from the Norwegian member and can be incorporated in that proposal.

Proposal 2 (NED):

Concerning New Masters' Sprint Championships:

Proposal 2 is to create a sprint championship with a 500m and 1000m on the first day and a 500m and a 1000m on the second day in the same way as the regular W.C.

The sprint championship can be incorporated in the allround championship and every participant can give his preference. If there are sufficient participants for both championships they can take place otherwise the championship with the majority of preferences can be held.

Reasons:

A lot of skaters don't like the the longer distances and simply do not appear. Besides it saves time and consequently more participants can be accepted.

Proposal 3 (NED):

Concerning the introduction of limit times:

Proposal 3 is to introduc  a maximum time on the 1500m for participation per age group.

Reasons:

Some participants are not able to skate in a way that you can speak about speedskating and that is not the way to promote our activities for the ISU and/or the media.

Proposal 4 (NED):

Proposal concerning the IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, paragraph 2:

Existing text:

The IMSSC can take decisions by vote only at the winter session

Proposed text:

The IMSSC can take decisions at any time that it will be necessary to do so by voting per email and/or regular mail.

Reason:

As it is now you can lose a whole skating season by not taking a decision until the winter session will take place.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Volker Serini

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