

General Regulations  
B. Eligibility  
Rule 102

1. Eligibility Status

- a) The eligibility Rules of the ISU are based upon the principles that:
  - i) a person has the privilege to take part in the activities and competitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU only if such person respects the principles and policies of the ISU as expressed in the ISU Statutes and fulfills those obligations on the basis of which the ISU functions and governs all its activities;
  - ii) the condition of eligibility is made for the adequate protection of the economic and other interests of the ISU, which uses its financial revenues for the administration and development of the ISU sport disciplines and for the support and benefit of the Members and their Skaters.
- b) An eligible person is one who elects to take part only in International Competitions which are:
  - i) sanctioned by the Member and/or the ISU;
  - ii) conducted by ISU recognized and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards and others; and
  - iii) conducted under ISU Regulations.
- c) A Skater wishing to take part in ISU activities should not be placed at a disadvantage by reason of the necessity to prepare for and participate in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and all International Competitions, exhibitions and tours properly sanctioned by the ISU or a Member. Accordingly, a Skater may receive payments for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances and still remain eligible, provided:
  - i) such Skater complies with conditions established by the respective Member of which such Skater is a member concerning such appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances, including all financial arrangements;
  - ii) payments or other benefits to be received by such Skater for any Skating appearance are made through the respective Member of which such Skater is a member or at least with full information on such payments or benefits given by such Skater to the Member;
  - iii) such Skater complies with all other provisions of this Rule 102.
- d) It is the responsibility of each Member to establish the basis for the receipt of payments by such Skater for appearances, endorsements and

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exhibition performances.

Members may share such payments in consideration of past and present support of such persons, but with not more than 10%. Members shall monitor their Skaters to ensure that they do not participate in competitions that would render them **ineligible**.

### 2. Definition of an **ineligible** person

A person becomes **ineligible** to participate in ISU activities and competitions by:

- i) skating or officiating without the prior express authorization of the respective Member, in any capacity in a Skating competition, exhibition or tour in any of the sport disciplines of the ISU;
- ii) skating or officiating in a competition conducted by Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards, etc.) not on the approved list of the respective Member or on the ISU approved list;
- iii) skating or officiating in an event not sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU; or
- iv) otherwise violating this Rule 102.

In addition to the consequences and status of **ineligibility** described in Rule 102, paragraph 7 and Rule 103, paragraph 1, a person specifically declared **ineligible** by the Council, if the Council so states in its decision, may be also declared to be *persona non grata* within the ISU and such person may not take part in ISU activities, stand for or hold any ISU Office, be a delegate to any Congress, be an ISU Official, be granted credentials to any ISU Event, seminar or meeting in any capacity, or otherwise occupy any position, appointed or otherwise, identified in the ISU Statutes as a position of service or responsibility on behalf of the ISU.

### 3. Participation of **eligible** persons

Only **eligible** persons, including Skaters, are permitted to take part in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games and other International Competitions unless another Rule explicitly provides otherwise (See paragraph 4 below and Rule 121, paragraph 3.a). **Eligible** persons may take part in exhibitions and tours which may include **ineligible** Skaters, only if such exhibitions and tours are sanctioned by a Member and/or the ISU.

**Eligible** persons may participate in ISU approved Open International Competitions that include invited **ineligible** Skaters as approved by the Council. Members shall have the obligation to inform the ISU immediately in case that a Skater or Official, who has taken part in international activities as an **eligible** person, becomes **ineligible**.

### 4. Restricted **eligibility**

**Eligibility** rights are restricted as follows:

- a) A person (although not otherwise **ineligible** under other provisions of

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- this Rule) who receives remuneration from ownership or management of an ice show or skating exhibition tour may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Competitors Steward, Judge, OAC member or Starter in ISU Events, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the ISU Council, a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress.
- b) Paid employees of Members and their affiliated clubs, and remunerated Coaches, may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Events or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such persons may not be a member of the Council, an elected member of a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission. However, such persons may attend ISU Congresses subject to Article 29, the Procedural Provision of the Constitution, Part A., paragraph 13, but without the right to vote. Such persons may also act as Technical Specialist, Data & Replay Operator in ISU sanctioned competitions.
  - c) A person may not serve as an appointed member of the Technical Committee or as a leader of an ISU seminar or course if such person participated after July 1, 1998 as an official in the administration of events defined in Rule 102, paragraph 2. ii) and iii).
  - d) **Ineligible** Skaters may serve as Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators.

### 7. Loss of eligibility

- a) The consequence of a breach of the **eligibility** Rules shall be the loss of **eligibility**. The status of a person disqualified or suspended under other applicable Rules, does not affect the **eligible** status of such person, but it limits, according to the terms of the applicable disciplinary sanction, the right of such person to participate in the competitions and activities of the ISU.
- b) The ISU Council, upon the presentation of such evidence as it considers sufficient at its sole discretion, may rule upon an alleged breach of the **eligibility** Rules, whether or not any protest has been made against an individual's eligible status in skating.
- c) Before a ruling is made by the Council, both the Member and the person concerned shall be notified and the person concerned shall be given the opportunity to furnish an explanation of the alleged breach (which may be in writing).  
If the person concerned does not avail himself of such opportunity within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice, his right to furnish an explanation shall be waived.

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8. Matters concerning **eligibility** not otherwise foreseen in the ISU Rules shall be considered by the Member concerned in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the ISU Rules.

### Rule 103

#### 1. Reinstatement as an **eligible** person

A person who is or has been **ineligible**, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 102, may thereafter not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games, the Winter Youth Olympic Games or International Competitions, or a member of the Council, a Technical Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or a delegate to an ISU Congress, unless he has been reinstated as an **eligible** person by the Council.

2. A person who is or has been **ineligible** may apply for reinstatement as a Skater only if such person had not violated Rule 102, paragraph 2. (ii) and (iii).

3. Requests for reinstatement as an **eligible** person by the Council shall be made:

- a) Only by Members.
- b) Only once for the same person.
- c) Only by submitting the completed official ISU form, including all pertinent information.

4. The ISU Council, in approving a reinstatement request, may make such reinstatement effective immediately or after such waiting period as it sees fit, depending upon the circumstances.

5. Reinstatements of **ineligible** persons for all national activities may be made as desired by the Member concerned.

## C. Obligations of Members

### Rule 104

#### 12. Competitions for **ineligible** persons

Members and their affiliated clubs are not allowed to organize, support and assist with or to furnish facilities for skating competitions for **ineligible** persons, unless approved by the Council.

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### 16. Exclusion

- a) The Council may exclude a Member or an affiliated club from:
  - 1) all international skating events that require ISU approval or sanction; and
  - 2) all other ISU activities, including but not limited to, Congresses, seminars, workshops and development programs, based on reasonable evidence that the Member or affiliated club has materially violated the ISU Statutes, including, but not limited to, violations involving misconduct by officials and representatives of the Member or affiliated club thereof.
- b) Any Member entering or cooperating in the entry of a Skater in a skating competition, or permitting a Skater or official of the Member, to participate in a skating competition or exhibition, whether organized by such Member or others, after issuance of an ISU Communication of a decision of the Disciplinary Commission excluding such Skater and/or such Member official from ISU activities or of a decision of the Council declaring such Skater or official ineligible, shall risk exclusion of the skating event involved from the calendar of approved ISU events for such period of time, or forever, as decided by the Council.
- c) The sanctions mentioned in this paragraph 16 are in addition to, and not to the exclusion of, all other sanctions available under the ISU Statutes.
- d) Before exclusion the Member or affiliated club thereof must be informed about the nature of the alleged offence, all facts pertaining to the case and all evidence available, in order to allow a defence to be made. If the Member or affiliated club does not take advantage of this opportunity within 15 days after the information has been received, by written notice to the Secretariat, the right to do so is forfeited.
- e) The Member or affiliated club thereof must be notified in writing of such a decision and the reasons therefore. The Council shall publish its decision, including the reasons or their summary, in an ISU Communication.