

(Extracted from ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules)

## **Officials and their duties**

### **Referee**

1. The Referee shall be the chief executive officer, and shall decide all points of dispute and infringements of rules, which can result in sanctions. His decision shall be final (see Rules 123 and 124 about protests and appeals).

2. The Referee is responsible for:

a) Deciding the program and qualifying procedure in consultation with the Competitors Steward and the Representative of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee;

b) See that all applicable rules be observed for the competition he is conducting;

c) In ISU Championships, to give information as to the preparation of the ice (see the Handbook);

d) Reporting within 30 days to the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee on the officiating at the Competition using the Report for ISU Events or the Report for International Competitions;

e) Conducting a Competition review meeting with all major Officials to evaluate all decisions and activities.

3. The Referee is empowered to:

a) Introduce alteration in the program in agreement with the ISU Representative and the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative, in so far as these do not conflict with the Regulations;

b) Decide whether the conditions of the rink permits the holding of the Competition;

c) Accept, in agreement with the organizing Member or affiliated club, another rink for the holding of the Competition;

d) If necessary, to exclude Skaters, coaches, Team leaders and other Team officials from the competition;

e) Remove the Starter, Competitors Steward or other Officials;

f) Suspend skating until order is restored when the public interrupts the competition or interferes with its orderly conduct;

g) Delegate responsibility to other Officials in order to assist him to carry out his duties;

h) Add a Skater who was in a qualifying position to the next round if he feels that the Skater was prevented from qualifying due to:

- an offense resulting in a sanction;

- any other reason not resulting from any direct or indirect action of the Skater concerned.

The Referee makes any advancement solely at his discretion;

i) The Referee, at his discretion, before a decision is made, decides to view the Video Replay System at full speed, slow motion or still picture, with the exception of matters concerning the starting procedure.

4. The Referee decides upon:

a) All protests made, and other matters in dispute, except those concerning the start (Rule 298), the make-up of races (Rule 296) and the order of finish (paragraphs 12 and 13).

Protests must be made to the Referee. All discussions concerning a protest will be held in private. All applicable paragraphs of Rule 123 shall apply;

b) All matters concerning any breaches of the Constitution and Regulations of the ISU, even though no protest has been made;

c) The Referee shall decide when a touch has been "obvious" in Relay racing and should observe all relaying for this particular purpose, with the assistance of the Assistant Referees.

#### **Assistant Referee**

5. a) The Assistant Referee appointed by the President will substitute in case the Referee is no longer able to do his job due to illness or injury;

b) The Assistant Referee(s) shall perform all duties and tasks as assigned by the Referee;

c) The Assistant Referee(s) must record their observations and must present their notes immediately after each qualifying round to the Referee.

#### **Assistant Referee Video**

6. a) Shall be located off the ice next to the Video Replay Operator;

b) Shall perform all duties and tasks as assigned by the Referee;

c) Shall observe the Video Replay System during all races and report his observations to the Referee;

d) Must record his observations and must present the notes immediately after each qualifying round to the Referee;

#### **Starter**

7. a) For ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games a Starter shall be assigned per category. Changes can only be made by the Referee in consultation with the Representative of the Technical Committee or Technical Delegate.

b) The Starter shall decide all disputes relating to the start. He shall give his starting commands in English;

c) The Starter shall take his position, so that he has a clear view of all Skaters starting in the race;

d) In the Relay race, the Starter having been warned by the lap scorer, will fire the pistol signifying the last three laps;

e) The Starter may designate the Assistant Starter to call the Skaters back in case of a false start.

### **Competitors Steward**

8. a) The Competitors Steward is responsible for the coordination of all administrative matters and shall observe Rule 296 completely;
- b) Checking the eligibility of Officials and Skaters;
- c) Based on the results of the races the Competitors Steward shall, according to the official program, determine the Skaters taking part in the next qualifying round;
- d) The Competitors Steward shall make-up the races for each qualifying round and draw the order of the races;
- e) The Competitors Steward shall inform those Skaters of their qualification and the race in which they shall start.

### **Heat Box Steward**

9. a) The Heat Box Steward shall work in a designated staging area called heat box;
- b) The Heat Box Steward shall call out the names of those about to compete;
- c) Skaters shall report to the Heat Box Steward before the start of each race and he shall be responsible for seeing that the Skaters are wearing their racing numbers and correct equipment (see Rule 291).

### **Photo Finish Judge**

10. a) The Photo Finish Judge shall read the photo finish. He shall report the order of finish and times of each Competitor to the Competitors Steward or electronic equipment recording the results of each race. The results shall be considered official. This official may be the person operating the photo finish equipment described in Rule 280, paragraph 6;
- b) For International Competitions photo finish equipment may be used in determining the order of finish of all Skaters;
- c) The term photo finish equipment denotes a system that records the order of finish in such a way that it can be reproduced immediately after the race concerned. The equipment must be able to reproduce a clear and undistorted photo of the finish of each race;
- d) If the photo finish equipment is able to produce a time scale on the finish photo, the times read of this scale be taken as official times;
- e) If it is not possible to record times with the photo finish equipment then electronic time keeping equipment, according to Rule 251, may be used to record the times of all Skaters.

### **Chief Finish Line Judge and Finish Line Judges**

11. For International Competitions without photo finish equipment:
  - a) The official order of finish is determined by the Chief Finish Line Judge;
  - b) The order of all finishers shall be recorded;

- c) The Chief Line Judge shall assign finish positions to the Finish Line Judges. The Chief Finish Line Judge shall pick first place only;
- d) There shall be four Finish Line Judges: Judge No. 1 picks Skaters 1st and 2nd; Judge No. 2 picks Skaters 2nd and 3rd; Judge No. 3 picks Skaters 3rd and 4th; and Judge No. 4 picks Skaters 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>;
- e) In case of six or more Skaters, the Starter or his Assistant shall act as Judge No. 5 and pick 6th place only;
- f) In the 3000 meters and relay races the Finish Line Judges will be assigned to a Skater or Team and record the number of laps skated and the place on the finish.

### **Chief Timekeeper and Timekeepers**

12. For International Competitions without photo-finish equipment;

- a) The Chief Timekeeper is responsible for the recording of times and shall comply with all sections of Rules 247 and 250 that apply to Short Track Speed Skating;
- b) The Chief Timekeeper will ensure that he and the timekeepers are positioned off the ice and adjacent to the finish line necessary to record the accurate time of the Skaters;
- c) When digital watches are used, the times will be recorded in hundredths of a second;
- d) The Chief Timekeeper must read each watch, record the results, and declare the official time. He will warn the timekeepers not to clear their watches until he has ordered them to do so;
- e) A minimum of 2 Timekeepers plus one reserve on first and second place and one timekeeper on third position is required;
- f) They will also pretest their watches in accordance with standard procedures;
- g) The Timekeepers must not clear their watches until such time as they have been instructed by the Chief Timekeeper;
- h) Timekeepers should not call out their times but if requested by the chief timekeeper show their watch.

### **Lap Scorer**

- 13. a) The Lap Scorer shall visibly show the number of laps still to be skated by the leading Skater at all times and he will turn the lap-board each time the leading Skater passes;
- b) The Lap Scorer will ring the bell to signify the last lap of each race;
- c) In Relay races the Lap Scorer will advise the Starter that the last three laps are coming up;
- d) In Relay races a Lap Scorer shall be assigned to each Team.

### **Lap Recorder**

- 14. a) The Lap Recorder shall complete a lap by lap record in writing of the lap times of the leading Skater with an accuracy of one second or less and keep check on the Lap Scorer at all times;

b) The Lap Recorder shall be positioned off the ice but near the Lap Scorer.

### **Announcer**

15. The announcer will keep the spectators fully informed throughout the competition. In addition, if requested by the Referee, he will announce sanctions specifying where and how the Skater(s) concerned made an infringement and whether there is an advancement. The announcer shall also ensure that all Officials, Team leaders, Coaches and Skaters are kept fully informed by public announcements regarding competition details. All announcements are in English. If applicable the same announcements may be made in a second language.

### **Track Steward**

16. A minimum of two (2) Track Stewards shall work at each end of the track. The Track Stewards must be experienced Skaters and have knowledge of the English language and have an understanding of the Short Track Speed Skating Rules. If possible the Track Steward should be positioned so that he will not interfere with the Skaters and Officials but can readily replace missing blocks.

### **On-ice Officials**

17. a) Only the Referee, Assistant Referee(s) and Track Stewards may be on the ice during the running of the race;

b) On-ice Officials should be appropriately dressed and must wear skates;

c) Only with the permission of the Referee other Officials may be on the ice during a race, i. e. to operate equipment if necessary;

d) At ISU Events and the Olympic Winter Games the Referee and his Assistants shall use radio equipment to communicate provided this equipment is protected against third party intrusion.