

SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Proposals for the ISU 50th Ordinary Congress 2004
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V. SELECTED PROPOSALS FOR THE FIGURE SKATING SPECIAL REGULATIONS

No(s).	Proposer / Rule	Observations / Comments / Recommendation(s)
331 & 353	AUS Figure Rules 316 & 322	<p>The system described in these Proposals presents an alternative to the New Judging System. It provides a mechanism for greater specificity in judging while maintaining both the current 6.0 system and the current concepts of a “well-balanced programme”. As such, it could serve as the basis for creating a modernised form of the 6.0 system, preserving the historical value unique to figure skating <u>and making use of sophisticated technology without</u> being so expensive as to prevent uniform use of it. Any new system must include a simple manual method of calculating results for use in <u>all</u> competitions at <u>all</u> levels, regardless of the size of the competition or the financial resources of the organisers.</p> <p>The Members should <u>SERIOUSLY CONSIDER</u> these Proposals. Using this system as the basis for further development and testing <u>would be superior to adoption of the New Judging System</u>. If these Proposals are adopted, the Members should instruct the three Technical Committees to work together to develop corresponding provisions for Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating.</p>
354, 366, 368 & 369 368	AUS Figure Rule 336 para 3.i) c) Rule 354 paras 2, 3 & 4 Rule 355 Rule 356 paras 1, 3 & 5 RUS Figure Rule 355	<p>These Proposals are based on the same principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>no secret judging</u> -- Transparency and accountability are necessary to restore credibility to the sport and to bring back the interest of the audience and the public. b) <u>no random draw of the judges</u> -- The system has proven to be mathematically incorrect. Better results can be achieved by enlarging the panels of judges and using <u>all</u> of their marks. c) <u>use of total points</u> -- This will permit competitors to move up and down in the final, based on the actual difference in quality of performances in the short programme and in the free skating. d) <u>to delete the highest and the lowest marks</u> -- This will minimise possible deals or influence among the judges. <p>The proposed systems are simple, clear, easily understandable by all -- which is what the public and the media seek. The superiority of one competitor over the other is clearly expressed by the highest total of points. Other Proposals which would eliminate secret judging include <u>361</u> (AUS Figure Member); <u>362 and 373</u> (USA Figure Member) and <u>367</u> (RUS Figure Member).</p>

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406, 407 & 413	The Technical Committees Rules 410 paras 10 & 13 Rule 425 para 2.c) Rule 581 paras 11 & 14 Rule 582 para 3.c) Rule 807 paras 10 & 19 Rule 818 para 2.c)	No Member has submitted <u>any</u> proposal which would change the current provisions regarding Honorary ISU Referees and Honorary ISU Judges. The Proposals submitted by the Technical Committees would eliminate those positions completely. The “Reason” given in each is an assertion that those positions “no longer exist.” That is a <u>false statement</u> in each case. Even if the Members approve Proposal No. 34, the persons holding those appointments do so <u>for life</u> . The Council decided after the Kyoto Congress not to appoint any new Honorary ISU Referees or Honorary ISU Judges. That is short-sighted and disrespectful, but that was their choice. Whatever the Congress may decide on Proposal No. 34, the new rule cannot be retroactive without violating fundamental principles of law. The Members have already determined that the current Honorary ISU Referees and Honorary ISU Judges have the right to retain that appointment as long as they are alive. These Proposals should be <u>REJECTED</u> .