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Figure Skating – Field of Play decisions ISU General Regulations –Rule 123, paragraph 4

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A recent incident has brought up the need for certain clarifications relating to the above-mentioned provision. Such need for clarification refers in particular to the allowed nature of possible corrections to Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating) competition scores and results and to the allowed time frame to apply such corrections.

During its meeting in Helsinki on March 25-27, 2017, the ISU Council agreed to remind ISU Figure Skating Officials to strictly apply Rule 123, paragraph 4 which states:

- “4. *Protest restrictions*
- A. *Figure Skating*
- a) *No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operator) of Skaters’ performances are allowed;*
- b) *Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A **wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score, is a human error and not an incorrect mathematical calculation;***
- c) *However, if the Referee learns:*
- i) *Prior to the beginning of the award ceremony or prior to the official announcement of results if there is no award ceremony, that a human error relating to a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was an error;*
- ii) *Within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation even without a*

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protest provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction requires corrections of the final placements of the Skaters, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be changed accordingly; iii) If the situation under paragraph a) and b) arises the Referee shall make a short record in writing which has to be signed by all the Officials concerned.”

Only corrections as outlined above (wrong data input by Data Operator and/or incorrect mathematical calculation) can be accepted within the said timelines.

Referring to sub-paragraph 4.c) i) & ii) of Rule 123/4, it is herewith also clarified that the award ceremony of the small medals (Short Program/Short Dance) is considered as an award ceremony for the purpose of this Rule.

Consequently, corrections of Technical Panel calls and/or Judges scores which are not in line with the above-mentioned Rule cannot be made once the score of a Competitor has been announced by the official speaker and/or displayed on the score board or video screen of the competition.

The above-mentioned clarification is in line with the generally accepted international sports principles of applying “Field of Play” decisions.

Kindly forward this information to all your Figure Skating Officials.

We thank you for your cooperation.

With regards



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