

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
WINTER SPORTS**

ALL WINTER SPORTS

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update</p> <p>Update Date at bottom of all rules.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: ALL SPORTS will read VERSION: January 2009</p>

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<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update</p> <p>Update hyperlink to International Federation websites.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: ALL SPORTS will have updated hyperlinks to International Federation websites</p>

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Alpine Skiing Proposed Rule Change

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change (to read)

Alpine Skiing – Section C: Equipment 1.

A helmet appropriate for alpine ski racing shall be required for all forerunners and competitors in official training and competition for all levels. Helmet selection should be made with the help of a knowledgeable alpine coach or ski shop employee. (FIS rule 614, 2, 3 or 627.6).

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Comments:

Modify C.1.

Alpine Skiing Proposed Rule Change

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add New Rule

Alpine Skiing Section C: Equipment (insert at #3 and move others down one)

Sitting skiers –Athletes in bi-skis with stationary outriggers must be tethered. Athletes will be disqualified if their tetherer holds the buckets for more than the first and last gate. All other skiers with physical disabilities will compete according to the rules of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) <http://www.ipc-alpineskiing.org> for sit down, visually impaired and stand-up skiers. They will be divisioned by the Special Olympics Sports Rules for Alpine Skiing.

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Comments:

Add C.3.

Adjust subsequent numbering

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Cross Country Skiing Proposed Rule Change 1

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change</p> <p>Section A- Official Events A.7. – “3 Kilometer Race” to read “2.5 Kilometer Race”</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Update Section A.7. Also Update references in Sections: B.1. and E.1.c.</p>

Cross Country Skiing Proposed Rule Change 3

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change</p> <p>Section G- Disqualifications Add: G.1.f. Falls or leaves the track: that individual has 2 minutes to resume racing, the competitor must also advance forward a minimum of 20 meters within that time. Failing to resume advancement on the track within 2 minutes, and/or receiving unauthorized assistance.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Add Section G.1.f.</p>

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.2. Competition Attire and Skates

- a. Figure Skating blades used during Special Olympics competitions must be sharpened to produce a flat to concave cross section without change to the width of the blade as measured between the two edges. However, a slight tapering or narrowing of the cross section of the blade is permitted.
- b. At all Special Olympic Singles and Pair Figure Skating Competitions, the clothing of the Competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.
 - 1) The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity for athletic sport.
 - 2) Men must wear trousers; no tights are permitted.
 - 3) Accessories and props are not permitted.
 - 4) Clothing not meeting the requirements will be penalized by a deduction of 1.0 point.
- c. At all Special Olympic Ice Dancing and Unified Ice Dancing Competitions, the clothing must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competitions – not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.
 - 1) Ladies must wear a skirt or dress. The Ladies dress must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for an athletic sport.
 - 2) Men must wear full-length trousers: no tights are allowed and the man's costume may not be sleeveless;
 - 3) Accessories and props are not permitted;
 - 4) The decorations on costumes must be non-detachable.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Update Section C. 2.

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 2

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows:</p> <p>E.2.a.1) Eligibility: Skaters participating in this event must be at least a Level II singles skater, but not higher than a Level III singles skater. The skaters do not have to be at the same singles level, but must be in the range of Singles Level II and Level III. Teams shall consist of two Special Olympics Athletes 1 male and 1 female, 2 males or 2 females.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>E.2.b.1) Eligibility: Skaters participating in this event must be at least a Level IV singles skater, but not higher than a Level VI singles skater. The skaters do not have to be at the same singles level, but must be in the range of Singles Level IV, V and Level VI. Teams shall consist of two Special Olympics Athletes 1 male and 1 female, 2 males or 2 females.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Update sections E.2.a.1) and E.2.b.1)</p>

Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 6

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows:</p> <p>Update Sections – E.3.a.4), E.3.b.4), E.3.c.4) and E.3.d.3): Dance Rotation of Ice Dance to include Years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Update Sections – E.3.a.4), E.3.b.4), E.3.c.4) and E.3.d.3)</p>

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 7-19

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change

Multiple Changes in Figure Skating Rules

Final Action:

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Comments:

7. Yes – Add (left or right) to E.1.a.2) c)
8. Yes – Add ‘or moving’ to E.1.a.3)c) ‘Two-foot jump in place’
- 9.
10. Yes – Add ‘Forward spiral (left or right foot)’ to E.1.b.3)c)
11. Yes – Delete ‘Forward skating across rink’ and Add ‘across rink’ to Forward stroking in E.1.a.3)c)
12. Yes – Delete E.1.d.2)e) and adjust subsequent numbering
- 13.
14. Yes – Delete E.1.f.2)d) and adjust subsequent numbering
- 15.
16. Yes – Add E.2.b.1) and adjust subsequent numbering
17. Yes – Update E.3.b.1)
18. Yes – Update New H.4. (Old G.4.)
19. Yes – Update New H.4.c. (Old G.4.c.)

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 20

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new parts to rule

Section E – Rules of competition 3. Ice Dance

Add after the regulations for the Compulsory Dances of each level (I – IV) the following regulation (Level I EXAMPLE):

- 3) Level I Final Round – Second Compulsory Dance
 - a) Skaters will be required to perform the Compulsory Dance, which is required as the Dance for the part “Compulsory Dance” of the next season.
- 4) Dance Rotation
 - a) Skaters will be required to perform the Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, or Rhythm Blues in accordance with the following rotation schedule.

Compulsory Dance	Final Round – Second Compulsory Dance
2010 – Rhythm Blues	and Dutch Waltz
2011 – Dutch Waltz	and Canasta Tango
2012 – Canasta Tango	and Rhythm Blues (World Games qualification year)
2013 – Canasta Tango	and Rhythm Blues (World Games)
2014 – Rhythm Blues	and Dutch Waltz

- ii. Dutch Waltz - 3/4 Waltz - 138 beats per minute; 2 patterns or 1 time around the ice surface. (See Diagram #1)
- iii. Rhythm Blues - 4/4 Blues - 88 beats per minute; 2 patterns or 1 time around the ice surface. (See Diagram #3)
- iv. Canasta Tango - 4/4 Tango - 104 beats per minute; 2 patterns or 1 time around the ice surface. (See Diagram #2)

The second part of the Dance Competitions should get the term “Final Round – Second Compulsory Dance”.

Final Action:

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- NOT APPROVED
- REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Comments:

Update Sections E.3. – Levels I- IV

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 21

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new Rule

SECTION F - STARTING ORDERS

1. Compulsory Element Groups and Compulsory Dance

- a. The draw for the starting order of all Compulsory Events is made by the Referee. If the Referee is not present, the Assistant Referee or the Technical Delegate or a member of the organizing committee made the draw. The draw should take place - if possible - at the latest at the day before the competition will start.

2. Final Rounds (Free Style Program, Final Round - Second Compulsory Dance)

- a. The starting order of competitors is determined from the result of the Compulsory program.
- b. As soon as possible after the determination of the results of the Compulsory program the Referee shall divide the skaters into two groups. If the number of competitors is not equally divisible, the second group must contain one more competitor than the first group.
- c. The lowest placed group must skate first. If two or more competitors are tied for the same place they shall be drawn in the same group.
- d. The order of skating in each group shall be determined by lot and each athlete, Pair, Dance Team shall be drawn in the order of placement in the compulsory event. That is, with the best-placed competitor being drawn first and including those tied. The order of the draw between tied competitors shall first be determined by a separate draw prior to the main draw.

The current SECTION F becomes SECTION G and so on.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Add Section F.

Adjust subsequent lettering of Sections

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Figure Skating Proposed Rule Change 22

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

1. Competition Staff
 - a. Referee
 - b. Assistant Referee
 - c. Chief Accountant
2. Judges
 - a. There will be a minimum of three and a maximum of nine judges, accountants and assistant accountants. In any case, the number of judges must be an odd number.

Remark:

Deleted: under 1.a. "Chief" and under 2.a. "(one of whom will be a head judge)"

Final Action:

- APPROVE AS PROPOSED
- NOT APPROVED
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Comments:

Update Section D.1.a and Section D.2.a

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Floorball Proposed Rule Change

Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD: NEW Recognized Sport
Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Comments: ADD: Complete set of new rules

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
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Snowboarding Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rules

SECTION C – EQUIPMENT

1. A helmet approved (Federation Internationale du Ski, FIS) for alpine ski racing is required on all forerunners and athletes in official training and competition for all ability levels in all events. Helmets are required for all coaches in order to be granted access to the field of play.
2. Athletes are required to wear appropriate snowboard attire (snowboarding or skiing pants, jacket, gloves, etc). The start official has discretion to prevent an Athlete from starting until the appropriate correction(s) have been made.
3. An athlete must use the same attire and equipment for divisioning and finals. Changes in attire (from a jacket to a speed suit for example), or in equipment (from a freestyle board to a race board), will result in disqualification.

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

Final Action:

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Comments:

Add Section C.1, C.2 and C.3

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

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Snowboarding Proposed Rule Change 2

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Section E.4. – Event Modifications

- a. All events – course inspection. At the jury’s discretion, a timed course inspection period may be replaced by having an official forerunner, lead a line of athletes at very slow speed through the course one time.

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

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Comments:

Add Section E.4.a.

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

Snowboarding Proposed Rule Change 3

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new Events and Rules

SECTION A – OFFICIAL EVENTS

1. 10 Meter Skate
2. Glide
3. Super Glide

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

Final Action:

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NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Add Events – Section A.1., A.2. and A.3.

Add Rules – Section E.2.a, E.2.b. and E.2.c.

Adjust Subsequent Numbering

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
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Snowshoeing Proposed Rule Changes

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

Multiple Rule Changes throughout.

Final Action:

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NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

SECTION B – FACILITIES

Update B.1. and B.2.a.

SECTION C – EQUIPMENT

Update C.1 and C.7

SECTION D – PERSONNEL

Add D.1. NOTE: Technical Delegates or other Officials may be added for larger events.

SECTION E – RULES OF COMPETITION

Update E.1

Update E.3.a, E.3.e., E.3.g. and E.3.h.

Delete E.4.b. Update E.4.b and E.4.c. and Add E.4.d.

Update E.5.a. and E.5.b.

Update E.6.a. and E.6.b.

Update E.7.a.1), E.7.a.5) and E.7.a.6)

Update E.8