



# ISU Masters Speed Skating Group (IMSSG)

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## **Proposal for the Incorporation of International Masters' Speed Skating Rules in the ISU Special Regulations Speed Skating**

(according to the decisions of the ISU Masters' Speed Skating Group at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in Baselga di Pinè/ITA, 23 Feb 2005)

### **M. Masters**

### **Rule No. 277**

#### **1 Masters' Definition**

Masters are non-professional speed skaters (members of National teams and National selections excluded) from 30 years, the age being defined as age reached during the competition year 1st July till 30th June, competing in 5-year age groups 30-34 (30), 35-39 (35), 40-44 (40), 45-49 (45), 50-54 (50), 55-59 (55), 60-64 (60), 65-69 (65), 70-74 (70), 75-79 (75), 80-84 (80), 85-89 (85), 90-94 (90) and higher (as high as necessary).

#### **2 Masters' International Competitions**

##### **2.1 Masters' World Championships and other Masters' International Competitions**

###### **2.1.1 Masters' Allround World Championships**

The Masters' Allround World Championships shall be held every year with rotating country and location. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association.

The distances for Masters' Allround World Championships are:

Ladies 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (age groups 30 – 65)

Ladies 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m (age groups 70 and higher)

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m (age groups 30 – 65)

Men 500 m, 3000 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (age groups 70 and higher)

###### **2.1.2 Other Masters' International Competitions**

Other Masters' International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association.

## **2.2 Entry**

The official entry form of the competition has to be filled in and sent to the organizer by the competitor or by the club or association to which the skater belongs. Every competing skater must be licensed in his own country.

## **2.3 Drawing and Ranking**

Drawing at International Masters' Competitions, including Masters' Allround World Championships, must be done according to ISU Rule 228 for International Competitions and Rule 226, paragraph 3, for International Sprint Competitions.

Generally the age groups are drawn separately. If the number of competitors is very small in one or several of the five year age groups, neighbored 5-year age groups may be joined together for drawing and speed skating. However, final classification must be done separately in 5-year age groups independent of the number of participants in an age group.

To be able to recognize in the competition protocol the ranking of every 5-year age group in joined age groups also before the final classification, the name of the competitor has to be supplemented by the age group, for instance "Otto Meier 55".

## **2.4 Restrictions of Participants in the Longest Distance**

In races over several distances a restriction of the number of participants in an age group to fewer than four participants in the last distance is not allowed. If there are fewer than four participants in an age group, all participants have to be allowed to skate the last distance.

## **3 Masters' World Records**

### **3.1 Listing**

Masters' World Records are listed by the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) for the age groups defined in Rule 1.

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