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Mr. Ottavio Chinquanta
President
International Skating Union
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All Members of the International Skating Union

Dear Mr. Chinquanta and Member Federations,

Re: **Changes in Minimum Technical Scores**

I write this letter on behalf of the Israel Ice Skating Federation to register our protest to the recently enacted regulations made by the Consul and Technical Committee after the 2012 Congress regarding the increase of the minimum total technical scores.

As you know, the Consul after the 2012 Congress increased the minimum technical scores to be utilized at the next World Championship. We believe that these increases are excessive and arbitrary and were enacted for the improper purpose of discriminating against skaters for those countries/federations who are not necessarily in what may be considered the "top echelon" of skaters.

The following schedule shows these excessive and dramatic increases:

<u>MEN</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
SP	20.00	35.00
FS	35.00	65.00
<u>WOMEN</u>		
SP	15.00	28.00
FS	25.00	48.00
<u>PAIRS</u>		
SP	17.00	28.00
FS	30.00	45.00
<u>ICE DANCE</u>		
SP	17.00	29.00
FS	27.00	39.00

In an effort to properly analyze these arbitrary increases, we compared these new technical requirements with the skaters' performances in the last World Championship to see what the effect of these technical requirements would be. The analysis is quite dramatic and shows the arbitrary nature of the increases.



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For example, in the men's category, a skater who would be required to score the new requirement of 35.00 for the short program would have placed between 12th and 14th in the last World Championships. With respect to the free program, a skater who would be required to score 65.00 would have finished in about 18th place.

The analysis for the women is similar. A skater now requiring 28 points in the short program would have placed about 14th place in the last World Championship, a skater requiring 48 points in the free program would have placed about 10th place. The pairs analysis is similar - - skaters requiring 28 points in the short program would have placed about 13th place in the last World Championships and requiring 45 points for the free program would have placed about 14th place as well. Similarly for the ice dancers, skaters requiring 29 points for the short program would have placed about 9th place in the last World Championships and requiring 39 points for the free program would have placed about 10th place.

The effect of all of this is quite obvious. This arbitrary increase in the minimum total technical scores is designed to discriminate against and in fact discriminates against those skaters who are not necessarily in the "top tier" of the skating community. This is unacceptable and contrary to the spirit of our rules and regulations which are designed to treat all of our skaters fairly and equally.

We ask that the Council re-evaluate these increases and come up with a more reasonable schedule which will achieve the goal of the Congress to minimize expenses for the various competitions but at the same time protect and respect the rights of all skaters and not just those at the top end of the tier.

Mr. Cinquanta, I would like to ask and I am sure most of the member federations would like to ask you to interfere and stop the unjustifiable discrimination against most of the member federations.

I would be pleased to discuss this with you further in an effort to come to a reasonable accommodation. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Boris Chait
President/Chairman

cc. Mrs. Carol Hasday – General Secretary