

**SSC POLICY RE: AMATEUR STATUS**

(Approved by the Executive Committee - August 10th, 1980 and amended by the Board of Directors on December 8th, 1991)

**PREAMBLE**

1. These rules made pursuant to I.S.U. Rule 102, are intended to be complementary to I.S.U. rules and are not to be interpreted as superseding them.
2. The SSC policy and rules preempt any rule which may have been or may, in the future, be established by affiliated members. In particular, the provisions in the SSC rules affecting the allocation of monies, shall always prevail.
3. For the purpose of this document the definition of "National Speed Skating teams", shall encompass the broadest meaning given to those terms, from time to time, in the High Performance Committee Bulletins; and, without limiting the generality of the above, shall include - the National Training Squad, the National Team, the Junior Team, etc.
4. This policy applies only to benefits and monies obtained or received by members of the National Speed Skating team as a result of their direct or indirect association with the sport of speed skating.
5. The policy does not affect earnings derived from the exercise of one's profession or trade. Earnings from employment are not affected as long as employment is not for the purpose of promoting a product or a service by using or making implicit or explicit reference to the accomplishments of the athlete in the sport of speed skating.
6. Prizes exclude medals, trophies and other benefits awarded for accomplishments in sanctioned meets as provided under I.S.U. and/or SSC rules.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

7. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to ensure that his amateur status is maintained. If the Athlete is or should be aware that action on his/her part would or could violate the Athlete's Amateur Status, the Athlete shall obtain advice from the National Office of SSC.

**EXEMPTIONS**

8. Without affecting his status as an amateur, a member of the National Team may accept from any one organization:
  - a) reimbursement of all legitimate traveling expenses incurred by reason of his participation in an event related to the practice or development of speed skating or of any other related sport;

- b) goods and benefits, the value of which in any given four year cycle shall not exceed \$1,000.00 offered by a bona fide community, social or athletic group, but not by a commercial enterprise, in appreciation for the honor which the achievements in speed skating have brought to such groups;
- c) bursaries or scholarships awarded by a recognized institution of learning for the purpose of pursuing an approved course of study;
- d) prizes or benefits the value of which in any given four year cycle shall not exceed \$1,000.00 as a result of being invited by reason of his achievements in speed skating and participating in skill contest, a promotional or an entertainment event, live or for future broadcast.

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

- 9. In accordance with I.S.U. Rule 102(7) only SSC may make advertising and sponsorship contracts. Requests received by skaters to advertise or sponsor a commercial product, a service or an enterprise or to participate in an activity which would result in the payment of monies or the receipt of benefits the values of which would exceed amounts stipulated above, shall be immediately referred to the Director General of the Association who shall pursue negotiations with the potential sponsor. The terms and conditions of the contract shall be subject to the approval of the speed skater concerned.
- 10. The participating athlete shall be entitled to the reimbursement of all the legitimate traveling and living expenses incurred by him fulfilling the terms of the contract, including loss of salary.
- 11. 100% of net proceeds of the contract shall be deposited in a special account for the use for the personal development of the athlete as approved by the Board of Directors.
- 12. Should the sponsorship be derived from direct marketing effort on behalf of the SSC, the SSC shall have the right to 15% of the net proceeds of the contract. The SSC may dispose of these proceeds for any purpose related to the pursuit of its objective as a sport governing body.

#### **SANCTIONS**

- 13. A member of the National Team who enters into:
  - a) a sponsorship contract;
  - b) a participation contract;

an endeavor from which he would receive prizes, benefits or monies in excess of the amount permitted by the I.S.U. rates and or in violation of the PROCEDURES AND

- c) I.S.U. rates shall be suspended from the Association by the President and so informed in writing immediately; the skater may choose to explain his actions in writing to the Board of Directors which upon review of the circumstances at its meeting immediately following the suspension, shall confirm or otherwise reject the decision of the President and its decision shall be transmitted to the skater by registered mail within 7 days of it being taken; the skater shall have a maximum of 30 days to lodge an appeal by writing to the Board of Directors.

#### **APPEALS**

14. The Appeal Committee shall be composed of three representatives one of whom is to be nominated by each of the following organizations: Sport Canada, Sports Federation of Canada, Canadian Olympic Association.
15. The Appeal Committee shall hold its hearing session as soon as possible but not more than 60 days after the Director General has received from the skater concerned a written request for an appeal.
16. Both parties shall have the right to submit written briefs as well as make a personal appearance before the Appeal Committee. The skater may chose to be represented by a third party.
17. The decision of the Appeal Committee may be further appealed in accordance with I.S.U. Rule 124.