



Minutes Artistic Nations Meeting in Rimini, September 18, 2024

Nations Present:

Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, The Netherlands, Denmark, South Africa, Belgium, China, Chinese Taipei, Italy, Australia, Colombia, USA, Great Britain, Portugal, Japan, Egypt, Israel, Paraguay, New Zealand, Switzerland, Chile, Estonia, Slovenia.

WS Participants: Nicola Genchi, Daniel Ventura, Norio Iwakata, Wendy Gila and Gabriela Otten-Flach.

Genchi opens the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomes all participants.

Using a power point presentation, Genchi is guiding the audience through the various agenda points.

1. Recap on Competitions and Championships in 2024

Genchi mentions that we had an enormous success during the World Cup Series with many different countries participating. Unfortunately, due to the WS calendar being busy, there was no World Cup Final in 2024.

2. World Skate Academy

The last event in Venice was remarkably successful. This year the seminar is open to all nations. Genchi shares the organization and tentative agenda with the audience. The language of the classes is English but translation into Italian or Spanish is available. Genchi reminds all nations to please send the official communication of the seminar to the local clubs as this seminar is open for everybody. Regarding the Athlete Camp, Genchi informs that the organizer of the camp will make sure that every nation has at least a representative present and will distribute the open spots equally among the nations.



3. Ranking

Genchi informs that the WS President was emphasising that a ranking is particularly important for our sport and the skaters so the ranking will be kept under the existing conditions.

4. World Cup Series

The first dates are out:

- Semi Final Buenos Aires 1st -2nd week of April
- Semi Final Triest 2nd - 3rd week of May
- Final in Europe 1st - 2nd week of June

Genchi informs that WS will evaluate during the World Cups a new system of cutting off participants after competition of short program / style dance in all discipline. Only the top fifteen skaters will proceed to the long program/ free dance. But all skaters will get their ranking points (if they are placed accordingly after short program/style dance). For the finals WS will select the skaters according to the process for World Games.

5. World Championships

Genchi informs that the World Championships will be in China, either Beijing or Shanghai.

6. Situation on Judges and Specialists

- Genchi asks the nations to increase the number of judges. There will be a new rule that national federations can only ask for two technical officials maximum for two events per year. Genchi requests all nations to invest and support the development of new specialists and judges.
- Denmark asks if there is a possibility for a dispense for younger judges. Genchi answers that this is already possible, but they cannot judge World or Continental competitions until they are 25.
- South Africa asks if there is a chance to have local tests. Genchi informs that this is unfortunately not possible, but all tests need to be done during the seminars of WS in the continent.

- Genchi also informs about the age of judges that judges can judge WS competitions until they reach the age of 70 but they can judge smaller international competitions until they reach the age of 75.
- Genchi reminds everybody on the new rule that From March 1 to the end of World Championships no judge or specialist may give feedback to skaters or coaches.

7. Entry and exit /Officials/ General

- All skaters must leave and enter the floor within 15 seconds. A penalization of 0.5 will be applied to all skaters infringing this rule. Change of rule for clothes for trainers at the rink. The rule is now open to all genders.
- The content sheet and the music/certificates must be sent 5 days before the competition.
- If a skater is taken out of competition due to illness a certificate of a doctor is needed.
- The time of the cluster is free next year, there is no time limit for the steps in between the two sets of clusters.

8. Costume Rules

- In the future each judge can push a costume button and start a majority vote on this.
- If anything is falling off a costume, a penalization of 1.0 will apply.
- Only stones which are stitched are allowed as of 2025.
- The new rule for costumes is more open and many complicated rules on transparent material etc are deleted, but Genchi asks all nations to make sure that the dresses are appropriate for skating and elegant.
- Genchi warns that if the issue with stones will continue, WS will consider forbidding stones at all.
- WS will inform of the allowed size of the stones.

9. Q&A

- Denmark reminds to please decide early on the dates for next year as the local competitions also need to be organized around this calendar.
- Responding to a question from Great Britain, Genchi informs that it is currently not planned to change the rule for entries and qualification for the upcoming years.
- At the end of the meeting, Francisco from Spain is holding a short speech as he is retiring after 30 years of work in the Spanish Federation. He wants to give space to younger officials and says good-bye to all attendees.

Genchi closes the meeting at 11:43.

