

2003 OFFICIAL WINTER SPORTS RULES CHANGES

ARTICLE 1

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
Cover	Date	<i>Change</i>	2003 – 2006 Revised Edition
I.1	Article I Section A	<i>Add</i>	The issue of terminology is currently under review by the Special Olympics Inc. Board of Directors as of publication of these rules.
I.6	Article I Section K	<i>Replace</i>	The previous schedule is replaced with an annual process is spelled out that repeats itself each year. The new process will provide for annual Rules updates in December of each year.
I.6	Article I Section K	<i>Change</i>	Beginning 2003, the Winter and Summer Sports Rules will be published every four years as one Special Olympics Sports Rules Book. Any Rule changes approved during those four years will be published as addenda in December of each year.
I.10	Section M.1.b.	<i>Change</i>	The term “Nationally Popular Sport” has been changed to “Recognized Sport”.
I.11	Section M. 3	<i>Change</i>	“Nationally Popular Sport” becomes “Recognized Sport”.
	Old Section M.4	<i>Moved</i>	Unified Sports is now found in Section AB (The last section of Article I)
I.11	Section M.5	<i>Change</i>	The responsibility for maintaining documentation on level of sport recognition is the responsibility of the SO-HQ Sports and Competition Department. The position of SOI Sport Advisor no longer exists for this purpose.
I.27	Section V. 8.a.	<i>Added</i>	Clarification on which Sports require qualifying scores for divisioning, and extends the percentage to 20% for ‘lower ability’ events.
I.30	Section Z. 1.d	<i>Clarified</i>	The example given for handling ties is clearer.
I.33	Section AB	<i>Added</i>	Unified Sports is more fully explained and a table is provided to explain where the similar ability and equal number of players rules apply.

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ARTICLE II - ALPINE SKIING

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
II.	Introduction	<i>Changed</i>	Introduction to state that competitions are governed by FIS rules except when these rules have been modified for the benefit of Special Olympics athletes.
II.1	Section A – Official Events	<i>Deleted</i>	Unified Sports™ events from the official event programme.

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ARTICLE III - CROSS COUNTRY

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
III	Introduction	<i>Changed</i>	Introduction to state that competitions are governed by FIS rules except when these rules have been modified for the benefit of Special Olympics athletes.
III.1	Section A – Official Events	<i>Deleted</i>	Glide Open Event
III.4	Section E.2.c.2)	<i>Changed</i>	Formatting reduced from points (a-f) to (a-b).
III.4	Section E.2.c.2)a)-f)	<i>Changed</i>	Mark the start and finish gates 10 meters apart, setting the track on the terrain.
III.4	Section E.2.c.	<i>Added</i>	25 Meter Ski Race rules of competition information.
III.4	Section E.2.d.3)	<i>Changed</i>	Formatting reduced from points (a-e) to (a-c).
III.4	Section E.2.d.3)a)	<i>Deleted</i>	Athlete starting with feet behind line.
III.4	Section E.2.d.3)b)-c)	<i>Clarified</i>	Start commands and official start of clock.
III.4-5	Section E.2.d.3)b)-c)	<i>Added</i>	Athletes will ski “without poles”
III.5	Section F – Unified Sports™	<i>Changed</i>	Formatting reduced from points (a-c) to (a-b).
III.5	Section F.1.a)	<i>Clarified</i>	Team number and member composition.
III.5	Section F.1.b)	<i>Added</i>	Statement of preferred age and ability matching for team composition.

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ARTICLE IV – FIGURE SKATING

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
IV Cover	Cover	<i>Change</i>	The introduction now states that competitions are governed by ISU rules except where these rules specifically amend.
IV.3	Section E.1.c.11	<i>Added</i>	New element in compulsory routine
IV.3	Section E.1.d.9	<i>Added</i>	New restriction with deductions
IV.4	Section E.1.e.3.c	<i>Added</i>	New element in compulsory routine
IV.4	Section E.1.g.2	<i>Change</i>	Replace previous requirement with new option
IV.4	Section E.1.g.3.a	<i>Change</i>	Replace previous sequence with new sequence
IV.5	Section E.1.i.7&8	<i>Added</i>	New elements in compulsory elements group.
IV.5	Section E.1.j.3	<i>Change</i>	New restrictions
IV.5	Section E.1.k	<i>Added</i>	New Level VI added
IV.6	Section E.2	<i>Change</i>	New requirements for Pairs teams
IV.6	Section E.2.c.3.e	<i>Added</i>	New compulsory requirement for level II
IV.7	Section E.3	<i>Changed</i>	New Restriction on who can skate solo
IV.7	Section E.3.a.2	<i>Changed</i>	New Dances for 2003-2005
IV.8	Section E.3.b.2	<i>Changed</i>	New Restriction on who can skate Level II dance
IV.8	Section E.3.b.2	<i>Changed</i>	New Dances for 2003-2005
IV.8	Section E.3.c.2	<i>Changed</i>	New Restriction on who can skate Level III dance
IV.8	Section E.3.c.2	<i>Changed</i>	New Dances for 2003-2005
IV.8	Section E.3.d	<i>Added</i>	New Level IV Ice Dance
IV.9	Section E.4.f	<i>Added</i>	New clarification: added level IV
IV.10	Section F.1	<i>Added</i>	New restriction on age and ability matching for Unified Sports

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ARTICLE V – FLOOR HOCKEY

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
V.1	Section B.1.c.	<i>Changed</i>	Stated preferred and alternative boundary boards specifications that may be used.
V.2	Section C.4.	<i>Clarified</i>	Goalkeeper equipment to include that helmets must be worn and deleted running shoes must be worn.
V.3	Section E.1.a.4)	<i>Clarified</i>	Number of lines a goalkeeper can play.
V.4	Section E.1.a.5)e)	<i>Added</i>	Substitute players will not be listed on the current game roster.
V.4	Section E.1.c.4)	<i>Added</i>	Teams have option of remaining on starting side of surface after play periods.
V.5	Section E.1.d.2)	<i>Clarified</i>	Face-off positions and only two players participate in a face-off.
V.5	Section E.1.d.3)	<i>Clarified</i>	Face-off players must be in circle and on-sides.
V.6	Section E.1.f.1)a)	<i>Clarified</i>	Where the puck can be thrown.
V.6	Section E.1.f.1)g)	<i>Clarified</i>	Goal crease violations
V.6	Section E.1.g.1)	<i>Changed</i>	The penalty time for a minor violation is reduced from two minutes to one minute.
V.6	Section E.1.g.1)g)	<i>Changed</i>	Sticking is now called if the stick is raised above the shoulder – in the past it was the waist.
V.7	Section E.1.g.3)	<i>Added</i>	Note clarifying term short handed.
V.7	Section E.1.g.6)	<i>Added</i>	Statement regarding team conduct during game.
V.12	Section F – Unified Sports™	<i>Changed</i>	Formatting increased from three to four points.
V.12	Section F.a.1)	<i>Clarified</i>	Team number and member composition.
V.12	Section F.a.2)	<i>Clarified</i>	Team composition and equal play rules.
V.12	Section F.a.4)	<i>Added</i>	Statement of required age and ability matching for team composition.

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ARTICLE VI – SPEED SKATING

Page	Section	Action	Statement of Change
VI	Introduction	<i>Changed</i>	Introduction to state that competitions are governed by ISU rules except when these rules have been modified for the benefit of Special Olympics athletes.
VI.1	Section A – Official Events	<i>Clarified</i>	Event listing, denoting both the 100M and 111M Oval events.
VI.1	Section A – Official Events	<i>Deleted</i>	Unified Team Sprint and Long Track Relay events.
VI.1	Section A – Official Events	<i>Added</i>	50 Meter Half Lap Race
VI.3	Section C.2.	<i>Added</i>	Klap style skates may not be worn.
VI.5	Section F – Unified Sports™	<i>Changed</i>	Formatting increased from nine points to ten. Please note that content in points 3-10 did not change, only the numbering.
VI.5	Section F.a.1)	<i>Clarified</i>	Team number and member composition.
VI.5	Section F.a.2)	<i>Added</i>	Statement of required age and ability matching for team composition.

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ARTICLE VII – SNOWBOARDING

Added the complete set of Special Olympics Snowboarding rules to the Official Winter Sports Programme

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ARTICLE VIII – SNOWSHOEING

Added the complete set of Special Olympics Snowshoeing rules to the Official Winter Sports Programme