International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

Minutes of IMSSC Session 49B, virtual
May 3, 2026

Minute Taker: Mark Nolan, Secretary (USA)

Attendance:

Members:	**Voting Attendees**
CAN - Randy Plett (RP)	V
FIN - Seppo Saarinen (SS)	V
GBR - Peter Carr (PC)	V
ITA - Silvia Tassara (ST)	V
JPN - Kenji Takai (KT) President	V
KAZ - Leila Utegulova (LU)	V
NED - Kevin van Kleeft (KK)	V
NOR - Ragnvald Naess (RN)	V
SPN - Marcello Bresin (MB) Statistician	V
SUI - Hans-Peter Ambass (HA)	V
SWE - Nils Larsson (NL)	V
USA - Mark Nolan (MN) Secretary	V

Non-Members:

GBR - Keith Wright, VP - ST (KW)	
GER - Reinhold Marsollek, Deputy	V
NED - Azamat Ismailov, Treasurer (AI)	
NED - Leen van den Heuvel, Technical Delegate - LT (LH)	
NOR - Per Gunnar Stensvaag, Deputy	
RUS - Andrey Neverov, Deputy	V
USA - Andrew Love VP - LT (AL)	
USA - Kathy Feinberg, Deputy	

Applicable votes 14

ISU Representative
Alexander Kibalko (AK)

Apologies:

FRA - Olivier Chailloux (OC)	V
GER - Thomas Rumpf (TR)	V
NED - Tjeerd Smies (TS)	
NOR - Sven-Åge Svensson	
RUS - Boris Repnin (BR)	

Absent:

AUS - Frank Anderson	V
AUT - Hubert Kreutz	V
BLR - Konstantin Lukashevich	V
BEL - Willy Caboor	V
MON - Nanjid Oyuntsetseg	V

The Session Agenda

1) Approval of the Minutes IMSSC Session 49A held January 27, 2026 (see attached)
2) Review of Action Items from Session 49A(see below)
3) Alterations of Members in the IMSSC
4) Election of new TD-ST of the IMSSC
    a) Candidate: Andi Thornton
5) Future Events
    a) Applications for 2027/28 Allround Games, Sprint Games, and MIST Games
        i) no applications received; Netherlands is considering hosting MSG
    b) confirm dates for 2026/27 events
        i) MSG: Gothenburg, Sweden 7 - 8 February 2027
        ii) MAG: Salt Lake City, Utah 12 - 14 March 2027
        iii) MIST: Lyon, France 9 - 11 April 2027
    c) quotas for 2026/27 events
    d) discuss WWMG 2028 LT site concerns
6) Determine date and location of Session 50 in 2027
7) Certify 2025-26 Records (Bresin)
8) ISU update - A. Kibalko
9) Financial Update 2025/26 (Ismailov)
10) New Proposals for changing IMSSC governing documents (none received)
11) Miscellaneous Items

Meeting convened by Kenji Takai at 16:06 hours CET

Minutes of the Session

1) Approval of the Minutes IMSSC Session 49A in person & online, Feb. 2026

a. A motion and second to approve the Minutes as circulated was unanimously approved.

2) Review of Action Items from Session 49A and previous

a. Completed - several items will carry over to Action items from this Session
b. KT gave overview of Country reports and asked some questions
c. Collection of 10euro fee: after discussion, it was agreed that the fee will be collected annually at MAG, MSG and MIST. Funding will support IMSSC costs and potentially an onsite Session every 4 years.AI will provide a process document for review and vote at the next Session.

d. New Action/Open item list is included below

ACTION ITEM 1: KT, KW & AL to prepare a template for annual Country report
ACTION ITEM 2: AI to provide process for collection of 10 euro fee

3) Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

a. Boris Repnin announced his retirement via email as Russia Member. In his email, Boris recommended Andrey Neverov as his replacement.

4) Election of new TD-ST of the IMSSC

a. The only candidate for the position was Andi Thornton. Andi's qualifications had been previously distributed to all Members. After a short discussion, Andi was confirmed as VP-ST by unanimous vote.
b. AK stated that ISU has changed "Sport Expert" to "Sport Coordinator"

ACTION ITEM 3: Issue letter announcing election of A. Thornton as TD-ST

5) Future Events

a. Applications for 2027/28 Allround Games, Sprint Games, and MIST Games
   i. MSG2028: Application received from Netherlands to host at Heerenveen. Date expected to be one week prior to the Masters Record event.
   NOTE: **this application was voted on and approved. LH to advise OC**
   ii. MAG2028: no applications received; RP has contacted Quebec City with no response. LH may have a candidate in Europe. Italy and Poland were also discussed but venue repairs at Baselga and Zakopane are still in progress
   iii. MIST2028: no applications received; KW to pursue candidates

b. confirm dates for 2026/27 events: **ALL DATES CONFIRMED**
   i. MSG2027: Gothenburg, Sweden 7-8 February 2027
   ii. MAG2027: Salt Lake City, Utah USA 12-14 March 2027
   iii. MIST2027: Lyon, France 9-11 April 2027
c. quotas for 2026/27 events
   i. NL will discuss MSG maximum capacity with OC. NL also asked for time schedule from MSG2026 in Innsbruck. KT to provide
   ii. KW advised that MIST has instituted a 9 hour limit. Events have run long and is taxing on volunteers
   iii. Much discussion took place regarding quotas for MSG and MAG. It was decided that the 28 June meeting will be to discuss quotas
d. discuss WWMG 2028 LT site concerns
   i. The current plan for LT is to create ice on a soccer field with an oval size less than 300m. IMSSC does not believe this is acceptable and attendance will be minimal. IMSSC to send letter to OC.
   ii. ST plans are unknown at this time. KW to pursue

ACTION ITEM 4: LH advise Netherlands OC of MSG2028 approval
ACTION ITEM 5: KW recruit venues for MIST 2027/28
ACTION ITEM 6: KT send info to NL regarding MSG2026 time schedule
ACTION ITEM 7: KT with LH(LT) & KW(ST) send letter to WWMG regarding 2028 LT/ST

6) **Determine date and location of Session 50A in 2026**
   a. Session 50A will be a virtual meeting Sunday 28 June 2026 at 16:00 CET (GMT +1)

7) **Certify 2025-26 records**
   a. MB discussed Records that had been attained in 2025-26. There had been some open questions from Leen regarding a few records. These concerns were clarified during the meeting.
   b. 2025-26 records were unanimously approved.
   c. 2025-26 records need to be distributed
   d. Discussion took place regarding the certificates that get distributed recognizing new records. The number of signatures and flags was discussed. KT volunteered to update the certificate design

ACTION ITEM 8: KT to work with MB to establish new W/R certificate with both signatures but no flags.

8) **ISU update**
   a. AK commented on the 2026 Olympics and the 7 records set on temporary ice.
   b. ISU elections will take place in June 2026 at Council meeting in Tenerife
      i. nominees will be posted 12 May on the ISU web site
   c. New skating rules will be published in the near future; there are not many.
      i. Mass Start elimination format will be implemented this upcoming season.
   d. there was also discussion of the no warm up rule right before races to be implemented at the ISU level and if the IMSSC needs to consider implementing the same. (Main reason is safety and more fair competitions)
   e. KT asked if LH could attend the ISU Congress
   f. KT asked AK the status of IAR participation in events, including IMSSC. AK advised that a determination has not yet been made

9) **Financial Preview/Budget 2025/26 (Ismailov)**
   Note: Brought forward out of sequence; presented before item 1 of the agenda.
   a. Final payments for 2025/26 events were made directly to Organizing Committee's by ISU
   b. MAG2023, hosted by Quebec, 5,000euro reimbursement is pending
   c. Audit of IMSSC accounts and financial transactions has been suspended
   d. Current cash on hand = 10,272euros

e. MN reminded the Group that IMSSC had committed to a 200euro donation to SpeedSkatingresults.com and asked if that had been sent. AI advises that it has not been done. This remains on the Open Item/Action list.

NOTE: check to speedskatingresults.com was issued 5 May

10) New Proposals for Changing IMSSC governing documents

a. None received

11) Miscellaneous

a. LH described the updated Anti Doping policy
b. KW to distribute a review of MIST 2026
c. Next meeting scheduled for 28 June 2026 16:00
d. RN stated that C&R regulation 3.1.3 should be clarified to read "during current and previous two seasons."

ACTION ITEM 9: KW to distribute MIST presentation
ACTION ITEM 10: Update C&R 3.1.3. RN and MN to discuss creation of proposal

The IMSSC Session 49B closed at 1912 hours CET (UTC-5) 03/05/2026.

OPEN/ACTION ITEMS
Session 49B
3 May 2026
Virtual

OI#	Description	Action by	Due Date	Status	Notes
1	Prepare Template for annual Country report	KT, KW, AL	15 Jan 27	Open	
2	Provide process for collection of 10 euro fee at IMSSC events	AI	15 Sept 26	Open	
3	Announcement letter for A. Thornton TD-ST	?		Open	
4	Advice Netherlands OC of MSG2028 approval	LH	15 Sept 26	Open	

5	Recruit venues for MIST 2027/28	KW	15 Jan 27	Open	
6	Send MSG2026 time schedule to NL	KT	15 June 26	Open	
7	Send letter to WWMG re: 2028 LT/ST	KT, LH, KW	15 June 26	Open	
8	Create new World Record certificate	KT, MB	15 Sept 26	Open	
9	Distribute 2025/26 MIST presentation	KW	15 June 26	Open	
10	Update C&R 3.1.3	RN, MN	15 Sept 26	Open	
S49A-1	All members encouraged to recruit candidates for VP-LT	All	1 Sept 26	Open	
S49A-2	Recruit venues for 2027/28	All	1 Sept 26	Open	
S48-2	Remit donation to Speed Skating Results	AI	15 May 26	**Closed**	**Agreed to send 200 euros; Sent 4 May**
S48-5	Acquire signed applications for MIST2026 &MIST2027	KW	3 May 26	Open	Need signed application for 2027
S48-6	Create C&R proposal to change MIST from every 2 years to annual	KW	2027	Open	
S48-10	Create process for collection of 10 euro fee at IMSSC events	AI	15 Oct 25	Open	
S48-12	Committee to review 1500m time standard for older skaters	AL/RN/LH	3 May 26	On going	Leen to take lead
S48-13	Committee to update “Advice to Organizers” document	MN/LH/NL	3 May 26	On going	Mark to take lead
S47-4	Discuss ISU increase for G&A expenses	AI/KT	3 May 26	On going	

NOTES:
Open/ Action items with the prefix “SXX” are carried over from prior Sessions