



CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER SKATING

ROLLER SKATING EUROPEAN EVENTS REGULATION

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CHAPTER I**ORGANIZATION OF CERS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS****ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL FRAMING OF “PRINCIPLES” AND “PROCEDURES”**

1. All European Championships must consist, at least, of 5 (*five*) different Federations and it is preferred that the dates and places of European Championships shall be determined two calendar years in advance.
 - 1.1 The National Federations should not organize championships or other events or activities that may interfere with the European Championships or other activities organized by CERS in regards to sites and dates.
 - 1.2 The same caution must be exercised with regard to other European events in which CERS is participating or supporting.
2. The skaters of a National Federation participating in an European Championship shall only be allowed to participation if they have the nationality of the respective country as evidenced by possession of valid national passports., with the exception established in the point 2.1 of this Article.
 - 2.1 As concerns Andorra, all skaters must either present a valid passport or an official ID-Card from their respective enclave of Andorra, depicting 3 (*three*) years of continuous residency prior to the European Championship being entered.
3. Only international Referees, Judges, Timekeepers and Calculators duly registered – *and in order with its annual contributions* – will be designated for the European Championships/events under the jurisdiction of CERS.
4. Smoking is prohibited during official functions in sports events that took place in covered precincts.
5. Members of the European Technical Committees are not allowed to act as managers or officials of their national teams during the respective European event.
 - 5.1 If they decide to accept the position of manager of their national team, they are to be temporarily suspended from the European Technical Committee for the duration of the European competition in question.
 - 5.2 The members of the various bodies of the CERS shall wear the official CERS dress during the official part of all CERS European events.
6. The procedures of application and allocation of the organization of international events under the jurisdiction of CERS – *specifically, the European Championships in roller sports (Speed Skating, Artistic Skating, Roller Hockey and Roller In-Line Hockey)* – shall obey the principles of transparency and total impartiality, in accordance with the provisions set out hereafter in this Regulation, because of the financial implications of such decisions.
7. Each European Technical Committee will submit to the approval of the Executive Committee a specific “dossier” for the organization of any European Championship of the discipline, where should be included:
 - 7.1 The financial revenues to be considered – *including the amounts in Euros (€) and the respective terms of payment* – in what concerns the fees to be pay by the National Federations and by the teams/skaters participants, as established in Article 2 of this Regulation.
 - 7.2 The program and calendar of the event, with all the required specifications (*beginning hours and duration of the daily competitions and of the opening and closing ceremonies, etc.*)
 - 7.3 The necessary requirements with regard to the precinct used for the event
 - 7.4 The proposed procedures that need to be established for the application and allocation of the organization of that specific event that should include the following steps/phases:
 - 7.4.1 **PHASE 1:** The definition of the financial and the other conditions to be met by the applications for the organization of an European Championship.
 - 7.4.2 **PHASE 2:** Reception and evaluation of the applications received, followed by a confirmation of the precincts proposed by the National Federation to be awarded with the organization of the event.
 - 7.4.3 **PHASE 3:** Definition by the President of the European Technical Committee of a written recommendation – *to be ratified by the CERS Executive Committee and submitted to the formal approval of the General Assembly of the European Technical Committee* – concerning the allocation of the organization of the event, followed – *if it is the case* – by the signing of the correspondent contract with the awarded National Federation.
8. The public disclosure of the information concerning an European Championship must take place at the following time:
 - 8.1 Whenever possible, in the previous edition of the same CERS European event.
 - 8.2 Whenever the above is not possible – *as is, specifically, the case of the final phases of the European Rink-Hockey club competitions* – the public disclosure must occur at least one month before the date of the event concerned.

ARTICLE 2 – FEES RELATED WITH CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS

The specific fees related with the European championships and other sporting events of roller skating are clearly established in the CERS Finance Regulation, defining the amounts, the terms of payment and its approval procedures in what concerns:

1. The “event organization fee” that is applied to the National Federation awarded with the organization of an European championship/event, as ruled by Article 12 of the Finance Regulation
2. The “event participation fees” that are applied to the teams and/or skaters participating in an European championships/events, as ruled by Article 13 of the Finance Regulation

ARTICLE 3 – CONDITIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS FOR ORGANIZING CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS

1. Each European Technical Committee shall send to the National Federations and information/questionnaire that shall contain all necessary details that need to be attached to the applications for the organization of each European Championship of the discipline, namely:
 - 1.1 The information about the organizational fees – *in Euros (€)* – and the respective terms of payment to be considered
 - 1.2 All the other conditions requested for the organization of the international event, which can include – *concerning the particularities of each discipline and the specific options made by each European Technical Committee* – the following provisions:
 - 1.2.1 The program and calendar of the event, with all the required specifications (*opening and closing ceremonies, scheduled competitions, etc.*)
 - 1.2.2 The necessary requirements with regard to the precinct used for the event, namely:
 - a) Number of seats available for the public
 - b) Size and type of the rink
 - c) Number available of dressing rooms (*Teams/Athletes and Referees/Judges*)
 - d) Communications (*network lines, telephone, internet access, etc.*) and support logistics (*meeting rooms, press room, room for press conferences and interviewing coaches and skaters, VIP area, etc.*)
 - e) Existing conditions for medical assistance and anti-doping control, as well as security and fire prevention
 - f) Existence or not of:
 - Electronic “scoreboards” to inform the public of results and other aspects of the specific competition
 - Conditions of access and car parking
 - g) Other relevant aspects, such as:
 - Conditions and space available for media coverage (*TV, internet, radio and written press*)
 - The existence of commercial zones for the promotion and sale of sport retail articles and/or other commercial products
2. Applications from National Federations for the organization of an European Championships in roller sports – *speed skating, artistic skating, roller hockey and roller in-line hockey* – have to be submitted to the corresponding European Technical Committee.
 - 2.1 Only applications from National Federations members of CERS, which are active and entirely in order with their financial obligations, shall be considered for the allocation of any international events under the jurisdiction of CERS.
 - 2.2 A National Federation applying to the organization of an European championship may establish a cooperation agreement and/or partnership with another institution – *public or private* – but this will be subject to the following conditions:
 - 2.2.1 A previous and formal approval by the CERS Executive Committee
 - 2.2.2 The applicant National Federation will always take full responsibility before CERS and its European Technical Committee involved for the organization of the European international event into consideration.
 - 2.3 The applications from National Federations must be sent to the European Technical Committee concerned by registered mail and/or by e-mail, in order to prove if its deadlines were or were not complied with.
3. A National Federation applying for an European Championship shall guarantee that:
 - 3.1 A smooth procedure with respect to the entry permit for the countries involved and the timely issue of visas for all skaters, officials and sports journalists, if such is necessary.
 - 3.2 No racial, religious or political reasons shall hinder any of the above persons or groups to enter into the country. However, possible sanctions of the International Olympic Committee (*IOC*) must be observed.
 - 3.3 Accept, without reservations, and comply with:
 - 3.3.1 The Roller Skating European Events Regulations of CERS
 - 3.3.2 The special regulations of the European Technical Committee of the discipline
 - 3.3.3 All other regulations of CERS, such as the Medical Regulations
 - 3.4 Assumes full responsibility for the payment or refund of the travel and accommodation expenses of the CERS President – *or of any other member of the Central Committee designated to represent him* – related to his presence in the European Championship.
 - 3.5 Liability insurance is contracted for the protection of CERS, the European Technical Committee involved, and the organizing Federation.
 - 3.6 European Championships and other European events are subject to telecast for the international benefit of the sport and all technically required lighting and spot lights can be used.
 - 3.7 A written agreement with the CERS shall be signed, governing terms and conditions under which the European Championships will be allotted to the particular applicant.

ARTICLE 4 – EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR ORGANIZING CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS

1. After the ending day for the reception of the applications from the National Federations, the European Technical Committee of the discipline involved should develop the following actions:
 - 1.1 To verify if any of the applications received should be excluded due to the existence of irregularities or to the non fulfillment of some of the conditions that were required.
 - 1.2 To make an evaluation of all the accepted applications, in order to make a judgement about the strengths and weaknesses of each one and producing a correspondent order of their “classification” concerning the award of the Championship, after taking into consideration not only the due consideration of all relevant matters, but also – *if it is the case, when similar evaluations have been produced* – that a priority should be given to:
 - 1.2.1 In first place, a National Federation that have never hosted a Championship
 - 1.2.2 In second place, a National Federation that have not hosted a Championship for the longest period of time
2. After this evaluation, the President of the European Technical Committee should provide the confirmation of the precincts proposed by the National Federation.
 - 2.1. When the results of that confirmation are not satisfactory and/or the necessary requirements for the performance of an European Championship cannot be fulfilled at any of the proposed places, the discipline’s European Technical Committee must contact other suitable member Federation, providing the confirmation of the precincts proposed.
 - 2.2. If possible, the European Technical Committee can undertake the responsibility to organizing of an European Championship in a place to be determined.

ARTICLE 5 – ALLOCATION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS

1. The respective European Technical Committee shall always take full responsibility for the conduct of an European Championship, supporting and controlling all preparations and diligences related to its organization by the awarded National Federation.
2. The President of the European Technical Committee should make a written recommendation – *to be ratified by the CERS Executive Committee and submitted to the formal approval of the General Assembly of the European Technical Committee* – concerning:
 - 2.1 The National Federation that should be awarded with the organization of the European Championship in question
 - 2.2 The definition of dates, locations and other relevant conditions for the organization of the event.
 - 2.3 The “draft” of the contract to be signed with the awarded National Federation – *after the approval of the discipline’s General Assembly* – and that should insure the provisions established in points 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Article
3. Based on the written recommendation of the President of European Technical Committee, the CERS Executive Committee shall determine one of the following decisions:
 - 3.1 The re–analysis of that recommendation, which should be sent to the consideration of the European Technical Committee; or
 - 3.2 The ratification of the referred recommendation, which should be sent to the consideration of the discipline’s General Assembly
4. After the ratification from the CERS Executive Committee, all candidatures received will be communicated by the President of the European Technical Committee to the next Assembly, as an inclusion on that agenda.
5. Based on the applications received – *and upon the recommendation of the European Technical Committee and the ratification of the CERS Executive Commission* – the discipline’s General Assembly shall determine one of the following decisions:
 - 5.1 The refusal of that recommendation that should be supported by a decision concerning the additional actions that should be undertaken by the discipline’s European Technical Committee.
 - 5.2 The formal approval of the European Technical Committee recommendation concerning the organization of the event that should be followed by the signing of the respective contract, according to “draft” above referred (*point 2.3 of this Article*).
6. A signed contract, containing all agreed details relevant for the organization of any European Championship, should be signed between:
 - 6.1 CERS – Confédération Européenne de Roller Skating, that should be represented by the CERS President and the President of the European Technical Committee
 - 6.2 The National Federation awarded with the organization of the event that should be represented by its President and one other member of the Board
7. The first instalment of the “organization fee” for the event concerned must be paid by the National Federation awarded with its organization, under the conditions established in point 5.1 of Article 12 of the Finance Regulation
8. According to point 8 of Article 1 of this Regulation, the President of the European Technical Committee shall ensure – *after the signing of the contract mentioned in point 6 of this Article* – the public disclosure of the place and date of the event by the following means:
 - 8.1 An official communication sent to all CERS Member Federations.
 - 8.2 A press conference handled by the President of the European Technical Committee that supervises the event, and the presence of the President of the National Federation in charge of the organization.
9. When it is possible and at least 180 (*one hundred and eighty*) days prior to an European Championship, the concerned European Technical Committee shall advise all the approved details to all member National Federations active in the appropriate discipline.

ARTICLE 6 – ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES TO BE MADE PRIOR TO CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS

1. For each European Championship, the concerned European Technical Committee – *together with the organizer National Federation*– should establish the deadline for accepting the registers/inscription of all teams and/or skaters that want to participate in the event.
2. The member Federations, who decide to participate in the referred European Championships, must inform – *according to the established deadline* – the European Technical Committee and the organizing Federation of their decision.
3. When telecasts of games/competitions are contracted, the respective schedule should be negotiated by the concerned European Technical Committee – *together with the organizer National Federation* – with the different stations concerned, at least 40 (*forty*) days prior to the beginning of the event.
4. The European Technical Committee and the organizing Federation must inform all participating Federations of:
 - 4.1 The confirmed dates and competition details – *including all the information concerning the cost of accommodation and/or board which is provided for the participants, as well as the contacts of a reliable agent that could assist that matter* – at least 90 (*ninety*) days prior to the beginning of the event.
 - 4.2 The actual games/competitions schedule, at least 30 (*thirty*) days prior to the beginning of the event, including the information – *if it is the case* – of those that will telecasted by television and/or internet.
5. All official publications about each European Championship must be made in in English and – *if different from the English* – in the language of the country of the organizing Federation.
6. Within 24 (*twenty four*) hours prior to the official start of an European Championship, the European Technical Committee supervising the event shall hold a meeting with the delegation heads of the participating National Federations and the members of the Organizing Committee of that event.
 - 6.1 Place and time of this meeting must be included in the time schedule of the event and announced in advance.
 - 6.2 During this meeting all questions referring to the particular event shall be answered.
 - 6.3 Furthermore, matters referring to the next European event can also be discussed.

ARTICLE 7 – FIRS ROLLER SKATING RULES AND REGULATIONS – DURATION OF DAILY EVENTS

1. These General Regulations for the CERS European Championships are supplemented by the Sport Rules and Regulations of the FIRS Technical Committees for the four roller skating disciplines, as follows:
 - 1.1 Rules for Speed Skating, Artistic Skating, Roller Hockey and Roller In–line Hockey.
 - 1.2 Basic Regulations
 - 1.3 Technical Regulations
 - 1.4 Referees/Judges Regulations
2. Without a special permission from the European Technical Committee, the daily events of an European Championship may not commence before 8.00 a.m. and should end no later than 11.00 p.m..
3. Exempting special circumstances with the permission from the European Technical Committee, the skaters must have a minimum rest period of 12 hours, between the ending of a daily event and the starting of a daily event the following day.

ARTICLE 8 – SPORTS EQUIPMENT – INTERDICTION OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

1. The amount of sports equipment to be used on the occasion of an European Championship shall be decided by the European Technical Committee supervising the event, whose decision shall be accepted by the organizer National Federation.
2. The sports installations chosen for the performance of the European Championship shall be reserved exclusively for this event during the time of the Championship.
3. The organizing National Federation shall further make sure that no other events in the respective sports discipline are performed in its area during the performance of the European Championship.

ARTICLE 9 – CERS FLAG

1. The European Technical Committee and the organizing National Federation – *or its Organizing Committee* – shall assure that the CERS flag is hoisted from the beginning of all European Championships until the end of the closing ceremony, in the center of all flags of the participating nations.
2. It is left to the discretion of the European Technical Committee and the organizing National Federation, whether they shall also hoist the flag of the city hosting an European Championship.
 - 2.1 In this case the flags of the CERS, the country and the city shall be hoisted in this order, from left to right, separate from the other flags.

ARTICLE 10 – EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

1. The organizing Federation shall be responsible for the issue of a program for the European Championship.
2. Advertisements and proceeds from sales of programs, after deducting the cost for printing, shall belong to the organizing National Federation.
3. On the CERS page of the program, a welcome address of the President of the CERS shall be printed.
4. At the request of the CERS Central Committee, advertising space in the program for CERS sponsors must be made available by the organizing National Federation at the normal rates charged to other advertisers.
5. Indications with respect to favourites of the European Championships shall not be permitted, neither photographs nor texts.

6. It is permitted the publication of pictures of the present European Championships or pictures showing the teams of all participating Federations.
7. The description of single skaters or single teams is not allowed.

ARTICLE 11 – TELEVISION, MARKETING, INTERNET, ADVERTISING, SPONSORSHIP, NAMING AND MERCHANDISING

1. With regard to the international events held under the jurisdiction of CERS, it is the exclusive right of the CERS Executive Committee to negotiate, decide, establish and collect – *without prejudice of point 2 of this Article* – all revenues from contracts concerning:
 - 1.1 **Television and/or Internet transmissions rights**
 - 1.2 **Marketing and Advertising rights**
 - 1.3 **Sponsorship and/or Naming rights**
 - 1.4 **Merchandising rights**
2. With regard to the contracts mentioned in point 1 of this Article, the respective net receipts collected by CERS Executive Committee shall be shared according to the provisions established in point 2 of Article 15 of the Finance Regulation.
3. **TELEVISION AND INTERNET TRANSMISSIONS RIGHTS**
 - 3.1 All the transmission rights – *by television and/or internet* – related to any roller skating European Championship and other international events belong to CERS and only its Executive Committee has the right to authorize any telecast, either national or international in scope.
 - 3.2 The organizing Federation shall make available the necessary working places for equipment and staff of television companies.
 - 3.2.1 Furthermore, the National Federation awarded with the organization of the event shall permit the installation of additional lighting fixtures.
 - 3.2.2 The only cost reimbursed to this Federation would be that of the electricity used.
4. **MARKETING, ADVERTISING, SPONSORSHIP, NAMING AND MERCHANDISING RIGHTS**

The referred rights to any CERS European event in which an advertiser or commercial enterprise is identified, shall be subject to written approval by the CERS Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 12 – PRESS CONFERENCE

1. Press conferences shall be held particularly during an European Championship.
2. The public relation section of the Organizing National Federation schedules these press conferences, together with the President of the European Technical Committee.

ARTICLE 13 – INFORMATION AND PRESS SERVICE

1. The Organizational Committee shall establish an information and press service before, during, and at the end of an European Championship.
 - 1.1 The information and press service starts activities at least six months before the European Championship with CERS t detailed information about the sports installations, the planned accommodations, the rooms to be made available and the introduction of the members of the Organizational Committee.
 - 1.2 The information and press service shall be published in English and – *if different from the English* – in the language of the country of the organizing Federation
2. This information and press service shall inform about the most important facts and data (*with possibilities for statistical evaluation*) and also taking into consideration the following criterions which are particularly important if the Championship is held in different places:
 - 2.1 Place of Championship, sports installations, date and place of the event
 - 2.2 Results
 - 2.3 Formation of teams, names of players and goal scorers
 - 2.4 Referees and judges
 - 2.5 Number of spectators

ARTICLE 14 – REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MASS MEDIA

1. Accredited journalists of all media are only those who are members of their national or international professional Associations, where are not included any family members or other accompanying persons.
2. Interested journalists are obliged, without exception, to apply to the Organizational Committee, 60 (*sixty*) days before the start of the event, sending the following information:
 - 2.1 Date of arrival and departure.
 - 2.2 Desired accommodation with price estimate
 - 2.3 Special communication requirements.
 - 2.4 Desired working conditions for Press photographers
 - 2.5 Required purchase of tickets for accompanying persons

3. In case of a timely receipt of such an announcement, the organizing National Federation guarantees that the applicants will be accredited and will receive the information and press publication as well as the proper attendance during the European Championship.
4. In case a visa or an entry permit is needed, the applicant has to obtain timely information concerning its duration and kind of procedures from respective authorities (*Consulates, etc.*)
5. It is advisable to forward a copy of the visa application to the organizing National Federation.
6. In the interest of a smooth cooperation between the CERS and the representatives of the mass media and for a promotion of roller sports, the international Sports Press Association (*AIPS*) shall be approached to mediate and settle disputes.

ARTICLE 15 – ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES

1. The organizing National Federation shall establish an office with an accredited representative, who shall issue “ID-Cards” to all officials and participants of an European Championship, according to the following categories:
 - 1.1 **CARD “A”:**
 - 1.1.1 The CERS President
 - 1.1.2 Members of the Central Committee of the CERS
 - 1.1.3 Members of the European Technical Committee concerned
 - 1.1.4 Members of the Organizational Committee of this European Championship
 - 1.1.5 Three Members of the Executive Committee of the organizing Federation.
 - 1.2 **CARD “B”:**
 - 1.2.1 The Presidents of the National Federation of the CERS
 - 1.2.2 The Delegation Heads of the participating Nations
 - 1.2.3 Sponsors of the European event as guests of the CERS.
 - 1.3 **CARD “C”:**
 - 1.3.1 The Trainers
 - 1.3.2 Officials and participating Skaters, in accordance with the basic regulations of the each European Technical Committee
 - 1.3.3 The Staff of the Organizational Committee of this event
 - 1.3.4 Three persons representing the Organizational Committee of the next European Championship.
 - 1.4 **CARD “D”:**
 - 1.4.1 Sport Journalists
 - 1.4.2 Press Photographers
 - 1.4.3 Television Reporters
 - 1.4.4 Camera Men
 - 1.4.5 Technical Staff.
2. The issue of ID-Cards shall be done upon presentation of the passport and a certificate stating the particular function of its holder during the European Championship.
4. By means of these ID-cards the organizing National Federation can establish certain rules for entering the different areas of the sports installations, in accordance with the varying competences of the card holders.

ARTICLE 16 – RESERVATION OF SEATS

1. Reserved seats shall be available for all accredited persons.
2. Holders of cards A and B are entitled to a second admission ticket, free of charge, for the neighbouring seat, provided that they request such a ticket at the time of issue of the ID-card.
3. The seats in the Honorary Box shall be reserved for
 - 3.1 High ranking political representatives of the organizing country
 - 3.2 Members of the International Olympic Committee of the organizing country
 - 3.3 Presidents and Vice Presidents of the highest sports authority of the organizing country
 - 3.4 The FIRS President and the Presidents of other Continental Confederations
 - 3.5 The CERS President and the members of the Central Committee of the CERS
 - 3.6 Honorary members of the CERS
4. The number of seats to be reserved for the holders of card C shall always be in accordance with the number of skaters not participating at the time.
4. Seats with good view shall be reserved for the Press, Radio and TV/Internet commentators
5. Press Photographers and Camera Men (*TV and/or Internet*) shall receive a distinguishing sign to be worn around their arms and shall be permitted to enter the inner area.

ARTICLE 17 – OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES**1. OPENING CERIMONY**

- 1.1 The welcome address of an European Championships is delivered by the highest ranking political representative of the organizing country and he shall be announced and introduced by the President of the National Roller Sport Federation.
- 1.2 After formation of the National Teams in English alphabetical order, with the team of the hosting country last, a brief version of the National or Delegation Anthems (*15–20 seconds each*) of all participating nations shall be played in the above order.
- 1.3 This will be followed by the official opening of the European Championships by the President of the CERS or his available representative.
- 1.4 March–past, opening speeches and National or delegation Anthems during the opening ceremony shall not exceed thirty (*30*) minutes.

2. CLOSING CEREMONY

- 2.1 On the occasion of the final ceremony the CERS President expresses thanks to the organizers and skaters.
 - 2.2 After that he shall declare that the European Championship is over and, after indicating the place of the next European Championship, he shall pass the CERS flag to the representative of the Federation hosting the Championships that will follows the ending one.
 - 2.3 Thereafter, the National Anthem of the organizing country shall be played and finally will take place the awarding of medals to the European Champions and the winners of 2nd and 3rd. place.
3. Speeches other than the ones mentioned above shall not be delivered at the opening or at the closing ceremonies.
 4. Loudspeaker advertisement and other information shall only be permitted during pauses.

ARTICLE 18 – AWARDING OF MEDALS – WINNER CUP DELIVERY

1. The awarding of medals to the European Champions and the winners of 2nd and 3rd. place may only be done by holders of class A or B ID–cards or by guests seated in the Honorary Box.
2. The official CERS medals shall be presented at the cost of the European Technical Committee concerned.
3. Immediately before, during and after the presentation of medals, the announcer must limit his announcements to the results of the competition in question.
4. The preparation of the presentation ceremony is the responsibility of the President of the respective European Technical Committee.
 - 4.1 He must assign the persons for the presentation of the medals (*maximum three*)
 - 4.2 One member of the of the European Technical Committee must be assigned the responsibility of assuring that the awarding of the medals proceeds without any undue delay.
5. In the European Championships, a CERS Cup will be awarded to the winner of each title in each one of the roller skating disciplines that will be always delivered by the President of CERS or – *in the absences* – by her/his legal representative
6. The awarding of prizes to skaters during the closing ceremony is not permitted.

ARTICLE 19 – AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS AND WORKING PLACES

The following rooms shall be required and be made available in the respective site of the European Championships if possible:

1. An office for the European Technical Committee
2. A room for anti–doping controls
3. A medical treatment room
4. A room for the Referees/Judges of the event
5. An adequate number of toilets and showers, separated by sexes
6. A room for the Press and information service, with adequate computers and access to email

ARTICLE 20 – HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

1. If contracts with the European Technical Committees require that a certain number of hotel accommodations shall be provided by the organizing Federation, it is to be considered that:
 - 1.1 Participating skaters are accommodated according to the quality of housing that they indicate can be afforded and the hotels shall not be further away from the rink where the Championship/event will take place.
 - 1.2 Participating referees and judges are accommodated in international standard hotels Class B (*double rooms with individual beds, a shower and WC*), that shall not be located in the same hotel where the skaters and other team members are accommodated.
 - 1.3 Members of the European Technical Committees are accommodated in international standard hotels Class A (*single rooms with shower and WC*).
2. Upon request single rooms for a physician of the Medical and Research Committee and a maximum of three members of the Central Committee, in hotels of Class A have to be made available.
 - 2.1. The Central Committee members referred to are ones that are requested to be present in connection with specific tasks that they must perform during the European Championship.
 - 2.2 Meals will be paid by the individuals concerned.

3. In cases where participants are entitled to accommodation and/or board, they can request the organizing National Federation for the payment of the appropriate value in order to make their own arrangements for accommodation and/or meals.
 - 3.1 This request must be made to the organizer at least four months prior to the event.
 - 3.2 The organizing National Federation – *in accordance with Article 6, point 4.1* – has to include in the information of the cost of accommodation and/or board which is provided for the participants.
4. The organizing National Federation is not responsible for the arrangement of accommodation for supporters. However, a reliable agent must be appointed in order to assist the national organizations in obtaining the necessary accommodation.
 - 4.1 The details of the appropriate agent must be included in the announcement referred to in *Article 6, point 4.1*

ARTICLE 21 – TRANSPORTATION

1. The organizer has to assure that public or hired transport shall arrive to and depart from the sports installations in regular intervals.
 - 1.1 A respective schedule shall be put up to this effect both in the sports arena and the accommodations.
 - 1.2 These bus services shall be in operation from at least one hour before opening the sports installations (*arriving time there*) until one hour after the closing of the event.
3. At the same time it shall be arranged that taxis can be hired in a place that will be temporarily established at the sports center.

ARTICLE 22 – INTERPRETERS

1. If possible, interpreters for the mother language of the participating countries shall be placed at the disposal of teams or groups of skaters, if such is requested.
 - 1.1 The teams of different languages are expected to bring their own interpreters.
 - 1.2 However, the organizing Federation is responsible for interpreters in English.
 - 1.3 For Central Committee and/or General Assemblies meetings of CERS, that could be held during an European Championship/event, the organizing Federation is obliged to arrange a simultaneous interpreting in English.
2. It is an organizing Federation responsibility the costs for interpreting and translation services of the European championship/event.

ARTICLE 23 – ACCIDENTS RESPONSIBILITY – INSURANCE CONTRACTS

1. The European Technical Committee and the organizing National Federation – *or its Organizing Committee* – of each European Championships are not obliged to take responsibility for skaters, referees or other participants as well as other persons for accidents of any nature occurring before, during or after a Championship.
2. Nevertheless, and in order to safeguard against unforeseen circumstances or gross negligence by assisting persons, it is recommended, as protection for all involved in the competition, that insurance contracts be concluded by the organizing National Federation.

CHAPTER II**FINAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 24 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS**

1. To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in this **Roller Skating European Events Regulation** – *and without prejudice to the subsequent incorporation of provisions to fill these gaps on deliberation of the Congress* – is applicable the procedures established in the following points of this Article.
2. All the situations will be examined by the Central Committee, who will specifically deliberate after taking into consideration:
 - 2.1 All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the FIRS Statutes or Regulations
 - 2.2 The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
3. The Statutory rules prevail over all the others when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.

ARTICLE 25 – REVOCATIONS, APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE

1. In accordance with **point 2 of this Article**, the entry in force of this **Roller Skating European Events Regulation** entirely repeal the former “Protocol Regulation” – *that stays in force until the 3rd of December of 2012* – and that was approved by the CERS Congress held in Montreux, Switzerland, on the 22nd of April of 1984 and amended on the 1st of April of 1988.
2. This **Roller Skating European Events Regulation** was approved in the Congress of CERS, held in Paredes, Portugal, on the 27th of October of 2012, and, and **it will enter into force on the 1st of January of 2013.**