

## Within the International Federations



Letter to wrestlers,  
coaches, judges  
and referees

by Milan Ercegan  
President of the FILA

*Junior amateur wrestling competition.*

The following paragraphs have been extracted from an open letter written by Mr. Milan Ercegan, President of the FILA:

I will start my open letter to the wrestlers, coaches and officials by quoting an example which most evidently reveals to what extent the wrestlers and the coaches are interested in “victory by all means”, regardless of the fact that their behaviour jeopardizes the prospects of wrestling.

Although they are to be applied from January 1, 1981, thanks to the efforts of some Federations already in October and November 1980, the first competitions according to the new Rules were organised. Even before the new Rules were enforced and before the instructions for their implementation had been circulated, we were informed that some wrestlers and coaches had found several “weak points” and had consequently applied the “victory by all

means” system. This means that old habits are still alive and that wrestling is relapsing into passivity because the wrestlers, after having scored one classification point had managed, by being passive, to preserve it throughout the match and be the winners.

There is nothing wrong, with the Rules, but with their interpretation and implementation including the fact that certain wrestlers and coaches intentionally prefer poor victories to the beauty and abundance of opportunities provided by our sports.

What is the reason for this mis-understanding?

In the first place, point for passivity is no longer scored (it is replaced by the caution aiming at stimulating the bout).

Second, it has not been clearly understood in the Rules, that a Wrestler can be ordered to leave the mat, namely that he can be “disquali-

fied” for passivity, as we usually say in our wrestling terminology.

This means that the wrestlers and the coaches have mis-interpreted the abolishment of one point assigned for passivity as a possibility to be passive on the mat. This also implies that they have not properly read, article 21 of the amended Rules.

This arbitrary interpretation of the Rules is contrary to our purpose and jeopardises the whole concept of modern wrestling.

I am thankful to the wrestlers and coaches who have mis-interpreted the new Rules, for, by doing so, they have made us aware that a strict application of article 21 of the amendments on disqualification was necessary. This article reads as follows “... if a wrestler commits an obvious act against fair play or against FILA’s spirit and concept of total and universal Wrestling... he will be disqualified”.

This article was on purpose added to the new Rules with the aim of protecting the concept of modern wrestling. Frankly speaking, I personally insisted upon including this article in the new Rules for I was aware of the consequences of abolishing disqualification for passivity.

The meaning of article 21 implies that the wrestler who does not practise modern wrestling and refuses to comply with its latest concepts can be ordered to leave the mat and thus lose the match regardless of the number of points he has scored. In other words, “disqualification” remains a sanction to be applied against all wrestlers acting against the ideals and philosophy of modern wrestling. Criteria in this respect are even more strict now: verbal remarks prior to the first, second and third caution have been suppressed. According to the correct interpretation of the new Rules one can say that sanctions will be taken against those who act against the FILA concept of modern wrestling. The sanctions contained in the new Rules imply disqualification right after the second caution and the last caution in standing position, a last chance given to the passive wrestler who is either ordered to stand up and resume wrestling in the standing position, or who has himself managed to stand up but continues to be passive in standing position.

Wrestling, as a modern sports, can maintain its international standing only by being up-to-date.

The aim of this open letter is to make aware the wrestlers, coaches and officials of a strong interdependence between the technical aspect of the training process, on one hand, and the exact meaning of the amendments and modifications of the Rules, on the other hand and also to draw their attention on the consequences of all deliberate negative actions committed against the present Rules of modern wrestling.

Nowadays, sports provides the young people with a large range of spectacular beauties. Sports has also become an integral part of the dynamic aspect of human life. People are more and more interested in sports and want to experience it either as active participants or as spectators.

Our present aim is to rouse not only the competitors’ but also the public’s interest. We are living the age of television which, as a mass media, attracts millions of viewers whenever there is something attractive going on the screen.

The changes in the methodology in general and the technology of training in particular are to be considered as very important, as they are closely connected with essential elements which require:

- a) the adaptation to the speed requirements.
- b) assimilation of new techniques which imply a wider range of holds.
- c) new requirements with regard to endurance, particularly speed-endurance.
- d) the number of tactical variants under new conditions.

#### *Total, universal and risky wrestling*

I would like to emphasise the following three principles which are the basic elements of the new Rules and which require deep changes in the coaches working method:

- Total Wrestling.
- Universal technique of wrestling.
- Open wrestling style in which the wrestlers must compulsorily take risks.

The training process should be built upon the above three principles, which implies that the coaches should thoroughly change their work-

ing method. I would also like to point out that we have decided to develop a new aspect of wrestling based on the above three principles. That is why they constitute the very foundation of the new Rules.

Officiating entirely depends on a strict implementation of these principles. The officials will therefore have to work in strict conformity with them.

Modern total and universal wrestling requires a complete change in the concept of wrestling, from the viewpoint of both wrestlers and coaches. They should change their outlook on wrestling, adopt a new spirit, develop a new psychology in order to be able to meet its requirements.

It is obvious that some wrestlers and coaches of the present generation will have to give up wrestling. But fresh blood shall come to replace them, the wrestlers and coaches devoted to the new spirit and ideals of wrestling.

The coach is an integral part of all achievements in sports. The new Rules of wrestling impose on coaches very serious tasks. They themselves still have to learn in order to be able to teach their wrestlers. Wrestlers can only make progress when their coaches have outstanding technical knowledge of their sports. If this is not the case the wrestlers stagnate at the level achieved by their coaches. The new Rules and the new aspect of wrestling which lay stress on the knowledge and the taking of risks require from all coaches an outstanding knowledge of their sports.

This is the beginning of a new age for wrestling,

We shall spare no efforts to make it successful by eliminating all those who act against the spirit and ideals of modern wrestling.

M.E.

International Amateur  
Athletic Federation  
(IAAF)



- Tokyo (JPN) and Canberra (AUS) are candidate cities for the *1985 World Cup*.

- *The 1983 World Cup Walking Finals* will be held in Fredrikstad (NOR).

- *The IAAF Directory 1982* has been published and is available by contacting its secretariat at 162 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London, SW15 2SL (GBR).

It contains the list of council members and the various committees, national and continental federations.

- *The teams from the United States and USSR* will compete the 2nd and 3rd July 1982 on the new track of the University of Indiana-Purdue in Indianapolis (USA).

Other competitions will take place the 26th and 27th June in Durham, North Carolina (USA) between the Americans, the Germans from the FRG and the Africans. Also on the 9th and 10th July in the FRG between the Germans from the FRG and the Americans.

- *João de Oliveira* (BRA) is slowly recovering from his accident which occurred last December. Mr. Primo Nebiolo, President of the IAAF, visited the world record-holder in the triple jump (17.89 m. in 1975) and awarded him a commemorative plaque for his achievements.

- The IAAF has corrected the *world record in the 800 m.* to 1'41"73 established by Sebastian Coe on the 10th June 1981 in Florence (ITA).

- *The 1982 Cross-Country World Championships*, scheduled for Warsaw (POL), will now take place the 21st March in Rome (ITA).



Fédération Internationale  
de Basketball Amateur  
(FIBA)



- *The men's World Championship* will be held in Cali (COL) from the 15th through 28 August 1982. The eliminations will be made in Bucaramanga, Medellin and Bogota (COL). There will be 13 competing teams: AUS, BRA, CAN, CHN, ESP, PAN, TCH, URS, URU, USA, YUG and a team representing the African continent.

Fédération Internationale  
de Bobsleigh  
et de Tobogganing  
(FIBT)



- *The artificial course for the 400 m. bobsleigh* run which is under construction in *Thones*, a city in the Haute-Savoie, will be the bobsleigh capitol in France.
- *The Nations Cup for the two-man bobsleigh* which took place in Königsee (FRG) was won for the third time in a row by the team from the

German Democratic Republic: Bernhard Lehmann-Eberhard Weise (1st), Horst Schoner-Andreas Kirchner (3rd) and Wolfgang Hoppe-Dietnar Schauerhammer (5th).

Fédération Internationale  
de Canoë  
(FIC)



- *Next meeting of the FIC*  
*Board Meeting:* 16th-18th April and 26th-28th July 1982 in Belgrade (YUG).  
*Congress:* 27th July in Belgrade (YLG).
- *Next World Championships*  
*Canoe racing:*  
28th July to 1st August 1982 in Belgrade (YUG). 1983 in Mexico City (MEX). 1984 at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. 1985 in Vichy (FRA). 1986 in Canada and in 1987 in Sofia (BUL).  
*Slalom and wild-water racing:*  
1983 in Merano (ITA) and 1985 in Augsburg (FRG).





• *Mr. Luis Puig*, President of the FIAC, has been elected the President of the International Cycling Union (during the UCI Congress the 27th November 1981). According to Article 20 of the Statutes, the simultaneous holding of these two presidencies is not allowed, and therefore Mr. Michal Jekiel, the senior vice-president will assume the position of the FIAC President, ad interim, until the next elections take place in August.

• Several new members have been appointed to these *FIAC Commissions*:

*Technical Commission*: Mr. Harry Meuwese (HOL), Chairman, Mr. Heinz Dietrich (GDR), Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Janusz Kucinski (POL).

*Cyclo-tourism Commission*: Mr. Walter Stampfli (SUI) Chairman, Mr. J. P. Merot (SUI) Secretary, Mr. Virginio Mattioli (ITA), Mr. Charles Unsen (LUX) and Mr. C. Vansteenberge (BEL).

*Cyclo-ball and Artistic Cycling Commission*: Mr. Wladimir Holecek (TCH) Chairman, Mr. Rent Moll (SUI) Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jorgen Beyerholm (DEN) Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hans Born (FRG) Secretary, Mr. Roger Bondue (BEL), Mr. Franz Schuster (AUT), Mr. Otto Vandenberg (HOL), Mr. Laurent Wolff (FRA), and Mr. Wilfried Spronk (FRG).

*Cycling Solidarity Commission*: Mr. Khaled Ibrahim Al Turki (SAU) Chairman and member of the FIAC Committee, Mrs. Carla Giuliani (ITA), Secretary General of FIAC, and Mr. Agostino Omini (ITA), Treasurer General of the UCI.

• 11 international races in 1982 will be controlled on anti-doping by a Medical Inspector of the International Cycling Union (UCI).

• *The Regulations for the World Championships, and Records 1981* are available through the secretariat of the UCI in Geneva (SUI).

• *Le Monde Cycliste No. 119* (The Cycling World) has published in the January issue the statutes and regulations decided during the UCI Congress held the 27th November 1981.

In the same issue, the full list of forbidden products for 1982 established by the Medical Commission of the UCI is given.

• The book *Ciclismo Agonistico* by Agostino Massagrande will be printed in English and will bear the mention "text adopted by the FIAC for its teaching courses."

• The 1982 schedule for *the European Track Cycling Cup* is as follows:

28th-30th May: Individual Pursuit, Brno (TCH);

7th-13 June: Team Pursuit (ITA);

1st-3rd July: Points Race, Zurich (SUI);

10th-11th July: Sprint, Munich (FRG);

10th-11th July: 1 km Time Trial, Munich (FRG).



*H.R.H. Prince Philip and Mr. Widmer, President and Secretary General of the FEI during the XIth Olympic Congress.*

- *New composition of the FEI office*

*PT*: S.A.R. Prince Philip duc d'Edimbourg; *1st VPT*: Count Dieter Landsberg-Velen (FRG); *2nd VPT*: Colonel Donald Thackeray (USA); *SG*: Mr. Fritz O. Widmer (SUI); *Ms*: Dr. Igor Bobylev (URS); *Viscount*: Jurien de la Gravière (FRA), Eryk Brabec (POL), Mr. Paulino Rivera-Torres (MEX), Mr. Knud Larsen (DEN), Mr. H. E. Rundle (AUS), Mr. George Jacobsen (CAN), Mr. Wolfgang Niggli (SUI), Mr. Ekkehard Krueger (VEN).

Mr. Pedro O. Mayora, is leaving his post as 1st Vice-President. and Colonel Gustaf Nyblaeus a member of the previous office. They have been named respectively honorary Vice-President and honorary member.

*Presidents of the Standing Committees of the FEI:*

Discipline: Count Dieter Landsberg-Velen (FRG).

Finance and Administration: Mr. Fritz O. Widmer (SUI) (ad interim).

Jumping: Mr. Eryk Brabec (POL).

Dressage: Mr. Wolfgang Niggli (SUI).

3-Day Event: Viscount Jurien de la Gravière (FRA).

Driving: Colonel Donald Thackeray (USA).

Veterinary: Dr. Igor Bobylev (URS).

Young Riders, Juniors, Ponies: Mr. Knud Larsen (DEN).

World Cup: Mr. Fritz O. Widmer (SUI).

- The modifications to the Rules for 3-Day Events. Dressage and Jumping will be studied at the *1982 General Assembly of the FEI* which will be held in December in Berne (SUI).

The new Statutes. General Regulations, Special Regulations for Young Riders, Juniors and Ponies as well as the Rules for Driving Events adopted at the Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies held in Vienna (AUT) last December. will be legally effective as from the following dates: 1st January 1982 for the Statutes and 1st May 1982 for the three Rules.

- *The Finals of the Fourth World Cup for jumping Riders* will be held the 14th through 18th April 1982 in the Scandinavium Hall in Gothenburg (SWE). The programme is as follows:

14 April 1982: 2 pm 1st warm-up competition, 7 pm 2nd warm-up competition.

15 April 1982: 7 pm 1st final competition, Table

16 April 1982 : 7 pm 2nd final competition. one round, two jumps-off.

18 April 1982 : 1 pm 3rd final competition, two rounds, no jump-off.

Qualified to compete in the Finals of the World Cup 1981/82 are representatives of the following preliminary leagues :

Europe : 16 riders.

North America East Coast : 10 riders

North America West Coast : 2 riders.

South America Northern Part : 1 rider.

South America Southern Part : 2 riders.

Pacific : 2 riders.

The Finals of the World Cup 1982/83 will be held from 20 to 24 April 1983 in the Stadthalle in Vienna. Austria.

- *Mr. Alex Atock* has joined the FEI Secretariat as Head of the Veterinary Service. Mr. Atock, born in 1932, is a native of Ireland. He acted as Foreign Veterinary Delegate at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow and the 1981 World Cup in Birmingham. Previously he has been veterinary officer of the Irish Turf Club.

Fédération Internationale  
d'Esgrime  
(FIE - Fencing)



- *The 1982 Fencing World Championships* will be held in Rome (ITA) from the 15th through 24th July.

- *Mr. Giancarlo Brusati, President of the FIE*, during a press conference given at the occasion of the European Championships in Foggia (ITA) regretfully declared "that the intended World Cup competitions will all be held in the Spring."

He hopes in the future that in place of concentrating all the competitions in five months, that the season could be divided into three periods : the European Championships and several "A" category tournaments in Autumn, regular competitions in Spring, and the World Championships in Summer.



• *Mr. J. Sepp Blatter*, the new Secretary General of the FIFA, is an active sportsman and fervent admirer of football. Beginning at age 12, he trained regularly and became a successful player on Switzerland's amateur first league. He is a coach, player and a member of several committees including the Swiss Association of Sports Journalists and the Panathlon Club. He was born in 1936 in Viege, Valais (SUI), studied Economics and Public Relations, and used his knowledge in his professional life toward the service of sport. He was the central secretary of the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation before becoming press chief for the Swiss Physical Education Association, then Director of Sports Timing and public relations for Longines S.A. As delegate for "Swiss Timing", he participated in the organisation of the Olympic Games in 1972 and 1976. In 1975 he became the director of the technical development programme and in 1977 he was named technical director.

• *Composition of the groups meeting at the Mundial 82 13th June through 11th July in Spain:*

Group 1 : ITA, POL, PER, CMR (in Vigo and Corogna) :

Group 2 : FRG, ALG, CHI, AUT (in Barcelona and Oviedo) :

Group 3 : ARG, BEL, HUN, SAL (in Barcelona, Elche and Alicante) :

Group 4 : England, FRA, TCH, KUW (in Bilbao and Valladolid) :

Group 5: ESP, HON, YUG, North Irland (in Valencia and Sargossia) :

Group 6: BRA, URS, Ecosse, NZL (in Seville and Malaga).

• *The 1st World Congress of the Biological Sciences applied to Football* will be held from the 10th through 12th of June 1982 at the Feria Congress Hall in Barcelona (ESP). Registration forms can be obtained at the following address :

Avda, Reina M. Christina. s/n (Parque de Montjuic), Barcelona 4 (ESP).

• *The number of clubs, members and teams in the Football Federation of the Federal Republic of Germany* has continued to grow in 1981. The

latest statistics have shown an increase to 18,987 clubs (+374) and to 4,402,679 members (+81,375) and to 125,046 teams (+ 1,218) in all categories of age.

• The Executive Committee of the European Union has unanimously decided to grant the organisation of the *final phase* of the European Championships in 1984 to the French Football Association.



• 48 national federations affiliated with the FIG participated in the *59th General Assembly* in Moscow (URS) the 19th and 20th of November 1981. Mr. Yuri Titov, President of the FIG, underlined in his welcome speech the good relations reinforced with Olympic Solidarity and the excellent work with this collaboration, notably the organised courses in Guatemala, Egypt, Indonesia, New Zealand, Portugal, Syria and Columbia. He equally recalled the success obtained by the propaganda tours undertaken in Brazil to develop interest in gymnastics. At the request of a number of Arab countries similar tours will be organised in those countries, Also, rhythmic gymnastics from now on will be considered an Olympic sport, and the President stressed the importance of developing as quickly as possible a new points system.

• *Principal decisions taken at this General Assembly:*

– Admission of the following national federations : Indonesia, Jordan, The Philippines, Yemen, Somalia, Palestine.

– Calendar of future Congresses : 1982 Congress in Switzerland, 1983 Congress in Strasbourg (FRA), 1984, Congress will take place in Los Angeles (USA).

– The 1982 World Cup for RG (Rhythmic Gymnastics) will be held in Belgrade (YUG) the 19th and 20th November.

– Creation of the Pacific Alliance of National Gymnastic Federations. The objective of this organisation of Pacific Ocean federations is to

develop gymnastics in the 11 participating countries, and to organise competitions and courses for the training of judges and referees.

- Reduction of the volume of music accompanying women's floor exercises, 1) so that the attention of the spectators not be automatically centered to the podium area, 2) so as not overpower the other performing gymnasts, 3) because of its disturbances to the concentration of the judges on the evaluation of the other events. This decision was unanimously accepted by the Women's technical Assembly.
- To facilitate the work of the press by making available more useful documentation. With this intention the questionnaires concerning gymnasts, their coaches and their private lives have been sent to all the federations participating in the World Championships in Moscow. This procedure will be intensified on the occasion of future competitions.
- Formation of two groups A and B in view of the World Championships. Mr. Yuri Titov recalled that the difficulties arose in that group B was never formed. He suggested that the 1983 World Championships take place according to the old system.

International Handball Federation (IHF)



• *Mr. Friedham Peppmeier*, responsible for the information bulletin of the IHF, in his most recent editorial at the end of 1981 affirmed that :

“The last twelve months have proved to be a really busy and successful year for us handballers, in spite of a lack of top class events. The technical commissions carried out the main tasks, which were to analyse the 1980 Olympic Games and to take steps to ensure proper coordination among the clubs and particularly the referees on the introduction of the newly changed playing rules, which came into force on 1st August 1981.

Good progress was also made with the provision of development aid for non-European continents in the shape of a large number of courses and practical assistance. Further measures of support should follow, in 1982 in close cooperation with the federations of the continents concerned and with the financial support of the Olympic Solidarity.”

• *Handy and Candy*, two little hares, are the mascots for the next *Handball World Championship* in the FRG (from 23rd February through 7th March 1982).

Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH)



• *Mr. René G. Frank*, President of the FIH, underlined, in his editorial in issue number 43 of “World Hockey”. “the constant progression of hockey in the many parts of the world and its direct effect on international activities. About ten years ago our one great competition was the Tournament during the Olympic Games, played every four years. The following competitions have progressively been added in the meantime : Olympic events for women. Senior. Women's and Junior World Cups, the Intercontinental Cup, the Champions Trophy, club champions tournaments, continental competitions, along with many invitational tournaments organised by certain national federations. To measure the scope of our increased activities, we would like to mention from March until the end of October 1981 nineteen official international competitions and tournaments took place around the world. Among the most recent ones, it should be pointed out that two important women's competitions took place in Philadelphia and in Kyoto”.

• *The Pakistani men's team*, already holder of the previously awarded trophy, once again won the World Cup which took place in Bombay (IND). The Finals were held on the 12th January and the Pakistanis won over the team from the Federal Republic of Germany with a score of 3 to 1. The FIASNL standings were: 1. PAK, 2. FRG, 3. AUS, 4. HOL, 5. IND, 6. URS.

International Ice Hockey  
Federation  
(IIHF)



• *The IIHF Annual Meeting* will be held in Helsinki (FIN) the 15th April 1982. At the same location the Half Year's Congress will take place from 26th-28th April. The IIHF Main Congress, which takes place every four years, will be held in Nice (FRA) 13th-20th June, 1982.

• IIHF President Dr. Günter Sabetzki honoured *Vladislav Tretjak*, goalkeeper of the Soviet national ice hockey team with the "Golden Stick". for best ice hockey player of last season. The award was given during the Izvestija Cup Tournament in Moscow the 18th December 1981.

• A new office has been established for the World Championship (Groupe A) in Tampere (FIN) to be held from the 15th through 29th April.

The address is : Jääkiekon SM-Liiga, Puutarhankatu 8 B 5.krs, SF 33210, Tampere 21, Finland.  
Tel : 931/11 53 44.  
Tx : 22-443 liiga sf.

• The final results of the Junior World Championship Group A held in Minneapolis (USA) are : 1. CAN, 2. TCH, 3. FIN, 4. URS, 5. SWE, 6. USA, 7. FRG, 8. SUI.

International Judo  
Federation  
(IJF)



• A new IJF commission has been created to promote judo in the developing countries.

• *The international certificate for "dans"* will be issued by the IJF in future.

• *The Ordinary Congress of the European Judo Union* is scheduled for the 17th April 1982.

Fédération  
Internationale  
de Natation  
Amateur  
(FINA - Swimming)



• *The Illrd FINA Bureau met* in Guayaquil (ECU) in October 1981. It was proposed y (1982, 1986, etc.) that World Championships be held every two years. The Bureau determined to continue to hold them on a quadrennial basis (1982, 1986, etc.) but hold Cups every odd year, that is 1983, 1985, etc.

• *The Medical and Sanitary Rules* will be further considered by the Medical Commission.

It was recommended that they should be applied only to the most important competitions. Olympic Games and World Championships because of their complexity.

• *Oswaldo Mauro* of Brazil has been elected as the new member and *Ken Hirai* of Japan as new Honorary Secretary of the *Technical Water Polo Committee*.

• *Abu Dahbi and Swaziland* have been elected as new members of FINA.

• *IV World Championships 1982 in Guayaquil (ECU)*

The Bureau reviewed with pleased the installations and progress being made for the IV World Championships. The dates of the competitions are as follows:

Opening Ceremony: 29 July.

Dates of competition: 29 July to 8 August.

Date of Closing Ceremony: 8 August.

Swimming Competition: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 August.

Diving Competition: 30, 31 July, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 August.

Men's Water Polo: 30, 31 July, 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 August.

Synchronized Swimming: 29, 30 July, 1 and 5 August.

Women's Water Polo Tournament: 30, 31 July, 1, 3, 4 and 5 August.

FINA Bureau Meeting: 27, 28, 29 and 30 July.

FINA Technical Committee Meetings: 27, 28, 29 and 30 July.

– It was approved that *B Finals* in the Swimming Competitions would be held at the IV World Championship except in relay events and the 800 and 1500 freestyle events.

– *Women's Water Polo* will be included on the programme in future World Championships after 1982. Due to the shortness in notification and preparation, it will not be an official part of the 1982 Championships but there will be instead an unofficial women's water polo tournament held during the Championships.

• *Los Angeles 1984*

Breaking ground:

Construction work for the new Olympic swimming complex, situated on the campus of the University of Southern California, began on the 30th December 1981. Breaking ground at the site was done in the presence of many sports figures of the world, including the Olympic champion John Naber.

International Skating Union (ISU)



• *The 39th Ordinary Congress* of the ISU will take place in Stavanger, Norway from 16th to 24th May 1982. At this time the ISU will celebrate its 90th anniversary.

• *A world record* in speed skating was broken the 17th January 1982 in Davos (SUI) by Rolf Falk-Larssen (NOR). He bettered the previous record by 0.510 in the short combined which was held by Andreas Dietel (GDR). The new record is now 162.734 pts.

In Oslo on the 31st January, Thomas Gustafson (SWE) made a new world record in the 10,000 m. with a time of 14:14.23.59, which was previously held by Dimitri Oglobin (URS) with a time of 14:26.11.

• Natalia Petroucheva (URS) and Sergej Khlebnikov (URS) won the *1982 World Championships in Speed Skating « Sprint »* which was held in Alkmaar (HOL) on the 7th February.

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)



• *Calgary 1988*

*Mr. Fred Rössner*, for the Nordic disciplines, and *Mr. Råto Meleher*, for the Alpine disciplines, have been named FIS Council members for the Organising Committee of the XVth Winter Games.

• *Growing popularity in Alpine Skiing*

Six Chinese skiers competed in Schladming, it was the first time that a team from the Peoples Republic of China participated in the World Championships. Lamine Guye, founder and President of the Senagal Ski Federation also competed in the events. At the age of 21, he has already participated in many international competitions.



*Harti Weirather (AUT).*

• *The final standings in the Alpine Skiing World Championships* held in Schladming (AUT) from the 27th January through the 7th February are:

Mens-Overall: Michel Vion (FRA); Giant Slalom : Steve Mahre (USA); Downhill: Harti Weirather (AUT); slalom: Ingemar Stenmark (SWE).

Womens-Overall: Erika Hess (SUI); Giant Slalom: Erika Hess (SUI); Slalom: Erika Hess (SUI); Downhill : Gerry Sorenson (CAN).



• *Mr. Horst Schreiber*, Secretary General, has informed that the rules for the different shooting disciplines were updated and shall be in effect until the end of the next Olympic Games in 1984. The Eligibility Rules will change under the new guidelines of the IOC. For this reason the Statutes Committee has begun on a new project that will be sent to all the federation members. The discussion of the definite project will be the major issue at the next General Assembly the 2nd November 1982 in Caracas (VEN).

• *Composition of the American Shooting Confederation (CAT):*

*PT:* Olegario Vazquez Raña (MEX), *VPTs:* Hugo de Sa Campello (BRA), Dr. Allan M. Gordon (CAN), Nicolas Rodriguez (CUB), *SG:* Ing. Francisco Torres Nieto (MEX), *Tech. Dir.:* Roberto A. Pedreira (ARG), *Fin. Dir.:* José Antonia Fernandez Arenas (MEX).

• *Training of judges*

In its last meeting the Judges Committee of the UIT decided that in the future training courses will be conducted by members of the Judges Committee and their delegates. The Judges licenses will be issued from now on for eight years, divided into two periods of four years. The date of application for courses in 1983 and for the following years must always be 1st November of the preceeding year, and the applications must be sent to the Secretariat of the UIT.

• *Alistair Allan*, age 37, beat the world record with a maximum score of 600 points in the Olympic shooting match, prone position, at the European Championships in Titograd (YUG).

• Eight other world records were bettered during these Championships :

– Olympic shooting match, prone position, by team : 2391 points, USSR.

– Small-bore rifle, three positions, standing position, individuals: 386 points by Frank Redkowski (GDR).

– Shooting, kneeling position, by team: 1577 points, USSR.

– Individual pistol shooting : 599 points by Igor Pusiorow (USSR).

– Pistol shooting, by team : 2382 points, USSR

– Large-bore rifle, by team : 2358 points, USSR.

– Women's events, 3 position match individual : 592 points by Marlies Kanthak (GDR).

– Same event, by team : 1740 points, GDR.

• At the last meeting of the UIT Women's Committee on the 10th and 11th November 1981 in Munich (FRG), the delegates decided to :

– Propose for the agenda of the next General Assembly which will be held in Caracas, that the different Championships be organised in the future on the following four year's cycle : World Championship, Continental Championships, Olympic Games., Continental Championships, World Championships.

– Not have open or mixed events in the World Champions in the future, except for the Olympic Trap and Skeet event, since the IOC has accepted separate events for women in the Olympic Games.

– Have for the Olympic Games the following order of events for the programme: air rifle events, then position events.

– Request in the future the nomination of women jury members for Championships and Olympic Games.

• At its last meeting the ODEPA decided that separate events for women will be added to the programme of the *Panamerican Games* in 1983 in Caracas (VEN).



Volleyball training for the Olympics in Japan.

Federation Internationale  
de Volleyball  
(FIVB)



- *Mr. Paul Libaud*, President of the FIVB, at a press conference given this past January after the Executive Board meeting, spoke of the general directions of the federation. A « bis », « B », or promotional championship will be created which will regroup the classed countries from positions 17 through 32 in world standings. The “Juniors” World Championship will take place every two years. Because of the distance of four years between each “Juniors” World Championship, certain juniors can not qualify because of age limits. thus the change. Finally the 1986 World Championship probably will take place in France as it is the sole candidate city at this time.

- *The International Calendar* established by the Executive Board of the FIVB in the course of their last meeting held in Paris the 22nd January is as follows :

1982 : Men’s World Championship, 1st - 14th October in Argentina ; Women’s World Championship. 10th-26th September in Peru.

1983 : Five Continental Championships (Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Central and North America).

1984 : Qualifying Championship for the Olympic Games in January in Turkey. Olympic Games (men and women) in Los Angeles.

1985 : World Cup (men and women) in Japan. Junior World Championship (men and women). Two Continental Championships in Europe and South America.

1986 : World Championship « B » (men and women). World Championship « A » (men and women), probably in France.

1987 : Junior World Championship (men and women). Five Continental Championships : Europe, Asia, Africa South America and Central and North America.

1988 : Qualifying Championship for the Olympic Games (men and women) in Seoul.

International Yacht  
Racing Union  
(IYRU)



**World Championships:**

- 8th-26th April “Laser”, in Alghero (ITA).
- 5th-15th May, “5.5 M”, in Geneva (SUI).
- 20th-25th May, “H-Boat”, on Lake Constance(SUI).

## Recognised Federations

### International Orienteering Federation (IOF)

- The Finnish Orienteering Association is organising the *Veteran's World Cup* which will be held in 1983. The events will be open to all those at least 35 years old.
- *A Course, Planning Manual* has recently been published in English. Its 96 pages covers course planning and is illustrated with multi-color maps.

### Union Mondiale de Ski nautique (UMSN - Water skiing)

- *Composition of the new bureau of the UMSN*

*PT:* Mr. J. J. Finsterwald, re-elected, *SG:* Mr. Peter Pearl.

*The Congress of the UMSN Group II* has elected Mr. Isidro Oliveras (ESP) as President. Mr. Bruno Tavecchio (ITA) as Secretary General and Mr. Ivan Canzacuzène (SUI) has been reelected as President of the Technical Committee

- *Results of the last World Championship* which took place in Thorpe Park (GBR) from 1st-6th September 1981 :

#### Mens

Slalom : Andy Mapple (GBR).  
Figures : Corry Pickos (USA).  
Jump : Mike Hazelwood (GBR).  
Overall : Sammy Duval (USA).

#### Womens

Slalom : Cindy Tood (USA).  
Figures : Ana Maria Carrasco (VEN).  
Jump : Deena Brush (USA).  
Overall : Karin Roberge (USA).