Title (en)

CURVED AND/OR SPHERICAL ELEMENT FOR A SKATING RING

Title (de

KURVEN- UND/ODER KUGELELEMENT FÜR EINE SKATEAUFLAGE

Title (fr)

ELEMENT COURBE OU SPHERIQUE POUR UNE PISTE DE GLISSE

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[origin: US6470631B1] The invention includes methods and apparatus for fabricating a skating ring. One such apparatus is a curved element for skating rings which includes a plurality of vertical sup5 ports which are adapted to any curve shape. The apparatus further includes a plurality of horizontally arranged ribs and abutting double-curved shell segments made of several plane-like wood layers which are glued to each other. By being fixed to the support elements and ribs, the shell segments form a skating surface to be ridden on by skaters or the like. The shell segments are pre-shaped as at least one of single- or double-curves such that they can be fixed essentially stress-free onto the support elements and ribs. One method of the present invention includes a method for manufacturing shell segments for curve elements for skating rings. The shell segments include a plurality of plane-like layers of wood. The method includes the steps of bending each individual layer of wood into the final shape, stacking the individual bent layers of wood without the application of stress.

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