

Communication No. 2697

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met in Boston, USA on March 31-April 1, 2025. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

01. Outsourcing of Anti-Doping Program

Following a meeting of the ISU Medical Commission on March 30th, 2025, the Council took the decision to outsource the ISU Anti-Doping Program to the International Testing Agency (ITA) and delegated the ISU Office to work with the ITA to deliver a fully integrated testing program ahead of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

02. Change of date ISU World Junior Short Track Championships 2026

The Council approved a change of date of the ISU World Junior Short Track Championships 2026 in Salt Lake City, USA to January 29-February 1, 2026 (formerly February 26-March 1, 2026).

03. Change of venue ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2026

The Council approved a change of venue of the ISU European Speed Skating Championships 2026 from Zakopane, POL to Tomaszów Mazowiecki, POL.

04. ISU World Cup Speed Skating Season 2025/26

The Council approved the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Calendar for the season 2025/26 as follows:

World Cup 1	Salt Lake City, USA	November 14-16, 2025
World Cup 2	Calgary, CAN	November 21-23, 2025
World Cup 3	Heerenveen, NED	December 5-7, 2025
World Cup 4	Hamar, NOR	December 12-14, 2025
World Cup 5	Inzell, GER *	January 23-25, 2026

(Change of venue due to the delayed completion of Zakopane, POL)

05. ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Season 2025/26

The Council approved amended venues (formerly Almaty, KAZ) for the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Calendar for the season 2025/26 as follows:

Junior World Cup 1	Astana, KAZ	November 7-9, 2025
Junior World Cup 2	Astana, KAZ	November 13-15, 2025

The Council decided to cancel Junior World Cup Short Track 3 for the Season 2025/26 due to the complexities and demands of the Olympic Season for ISU Members, Skaters, and the ISU Event Management team.

06 Challenger Series Figure Skating Season 2025/26

The Council reviewed and discussed the Challenger Series Figure Skating calendar for the 2025/26 season. Further details will be communicated shortly

07. Challenger Series Synchronized Skating Season 2025/26

The Council approved the Challenger Series Synchronized Skating Calendar for the season 2025/26 as follows:

-Britannia Cup	Nottingham GBR	January 9-10, 2026
- Lumière Cup	Eindhoven NED	January 24-25, 2026
-US Synchronized Skating International Classic	Boston USA	January 30-31, 2026
-Marie Lundmark Trophy	Turku, FIN	February 7-8, 2026

08. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Season 2025/26 Calendar update

The Council agreed to a request for an exchange of dates of the Grand Prix Events in France and the USA. The Grand Prix Series 2026/27 Calendar will therefore be as follows:

Grand Prix de France	Angers, FRA	October 17-19, 2025
Grand Prix Cup of China	TBC, CHN	October 24-26, 2025
Grand Prix Skate Canada International	Saskatoon, CAN	October 31-Nov. 2, 2025
Grand Prix NHK Trophy	TBC, JPN	November 7-9, 2025
Grand Prix Skate America	TBC, USA	November 14-16, 2025
Grand Prix Finlandia Trophy	Helsinki, FIN	November 21-23, 2025
Grand Prix Final	Nagoya, JPN	December 4-7, 2025

09. Cancellation of ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 and ISU Four Continents Skating Championships 2026

In view of the complexities and demands of the Olympic Season 2025/26 on ISU Members, Skaters and Event organizers, the Council took the decision to cancel the ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2026 and the ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships 2026

10. Amendment of Rule 709 and Rule 710 – Music Requirements in Ice Dance

Please refer to separate [ISU Communication 2698](#).

11. New Collaborative Hosting Model

The Council agreed to adopt a new collaborative hosting model for its competitions providing a more effective framework from bidding through appointment to delivery, as was demonstrated during the very successful Figure Skating World Championships Boston 2025.

12. Provisional Allotment of ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2027

The Council decided to provisionally allot the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2027 to Tampere, Finland (March 15-21, 2027)

13. Modernization ISU Constitution

The Council appreciated the positive and cooperative input from ISU Members at the three ISU Member Conferences during March, 2025. The Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) and ISU Member Consultation Group (MCG) are considering the comments and feedback. The next steps will be as follows:

April 15, 2025	All remaining ISU Regulations to be made available to ISU Members.
April 22, 2025	Deadline (extended) for ISU Members to submit any additional questions following the Conferences to the MCG and CDC (mcg@isu.org and cdc@isu.org).
May 5 & May 7	ISU Member Webinars to be held, outlining the resolution of comments raised by ISU Members at the March Conferences and any final amendments to the draft documents. Further details will be provided in due course.

May 22, 2025 Final documentation for Extraordinary Congress to be made available to ISU Members.

14. Date and location ISU Congress 2026

The Council confirmed the venue and dates of the ISU Congress 2026 as follows:

Tenerife, Spain June 10-12, 2026

15. Next Council meeting

The Council will meet again as follows:

- online meeting on May 9, 2025
- in-person meeting on July 2 2025, Lausanne, Switzerland
- in-person meeting on July 4-5, 2025 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

16. Other matters discussed

The Council also considered and discussed other items including, but not limited to,

- Olympic Winter Games 2026
- Updating the ISU Code of Ethics
- Good Governance and Environmental Sustainability initiatives
- Development Program and Projects
- Athletes Commission activities
- Prize money
- Finance and investments
- Legal updates

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