

# Communication No. 2743

## ISU ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

### PROCEDURAL RULES

*(Proposed by the ISU Elections Committee and approved by the ISU Council 29 September 2025)*

Following the ISU Council meeting which took place on 28 & 29 September, attached to this Communication 2743 are the Procedural Rules for the ISU Athletes' Committee Election in 2026.

Regular communications will be made to athletes concerning this election across ISU social media platforms and during ISU Events in the coming months.

The attached Procedural Rules will apply with immediate effect and will remain in force until the conclusion of the 2026 ISU Congress

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## **ISU Athletes Committee Elections – Procedural Rules**

### **1. Purpose**

This document sets out the proposed procedures for the nomination of candidates and the registration of voters for the ISU Athletes Committee elections, in accordance with the ISU Constitution, Regulations, and the Athletes Committee Terms of Reference.

### **2. Candidate Proposal**

#### **2.1. Proposal of Candidates**

- In accordance with the Athletes' Committee Terms of Reference, there will be candidates for a total of 6 positions, representing:
  - Figures Skating – Single
  - Figure Skating – Pairs
  - Figure Skating – Ice Dance
  - Synchronised Skating
  - Speed Skating
  - Short Track
- Candidates must be formally nominated by the ISU Member for which the athlete competes, in line with ISU Regulations and Sports Rules.
- Each ISU Member may nominate only one athlete per Branch (Figure Skating Branch or Speed Skating Branch).
- The same athlete may be nominated for only one discipline, even if they have competed in multiple disciplines.

#### **2.2. Documentation Required**

The nominating ISU Member shall submit the following to the ISU Office no later than December 15, 2025, except in the case of Synchronised Skating, for which the deadline shall be February 8, 2026:

- Official Nomination Form signed by the candidate ISU Member's President or Secretary General;
- Confirmation of Eligibility confirming the athlete:

- is eligible as defined in the ISU Regulations;
  - competed in at least one (senior) ISU Event of the respective discipline within the previous eight (8) seasons before the season of the election;
  - is not under sanction for any violation of the World Anti-Doping Code, ISU Anti-Doping Regulations, ISU Code of Ethics, IOC Code of Ethics, other disciplinary offence, Safe Sport offence, and/or other ethical offence;
  - on the 1st January of the season of the election, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
  - must be proficient in English.
- Athlete's Consent Form confirming willingness to serve and compliance with ISU Constitution, Regulations, and Code of Ethics.
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 1 page) and recent photograph for publication to eligible voters.
- Statement of Motivation (max. 300 words) from the candidate.

### 2.3. Nomination Deadline

- ISU Office issues an official communication to all ISU Members by October 1, 2025.
- Nominations, together with all required documentation, must be received by the ISU Office no later than:
  - 8 February 2026 for the Synchronised Skating candidate; and
  - 15 December 2025 for all other candidates
- ISU Election Committee, assisted by ISU Office reviews eligibility and completeness; any deficiencies must be corrected before the deadline.
- ISU Election Committee announces verified candidates via ISU Communication and event channels.
- ISU Members are encouraged to base their nominations of candidates for election to the ISU Athletes Committee through elections held at the national level and to consider both genders when deciding which athletes to nominate.

### **3. Eligible Voters**

All Athletes who are properly registered to participate in the following ISU Events are eligible to vote:

- ISU Short Track World Tour (in respect of season 2025/2026, up to and including December 31, 2025)
- ISU Speed Skating World Cup (in respect of season 2025/2026, up to and including December 31, 2025)
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating (including Final) (in respect of season 2025/2026, up to and including December 31, 2025)
- ISU Figure Skating Challenger Series (in respect of season 2025/2026, up to and including December 31, 2025);
- ISU Synchronised Skating CS SYS events (Senior Competitors only) (in respect of season 2025/2026, up to and including February 28, 2025)

### **4. Voter Registration**

#### 4.1. Registration Process

- All athletes (including substitutes/reserves) are officially entered in the above designated ISU Event(s) for the election.
- ISU will publish QR codes at all of the above designated events (at registration desk and other locations) for skater registration.

#### 4.2. Voting Verification

- ISU Office, under the ISU Elections Committee oversight, will verify all registered voters against event entry lists.
- Each eligible athlete receives a secure, unique voting credential.
- Credentials are linked to the athlete's accreditation ID to prevent duplicate voting.
- The online voting platform must generate a verifiable log of votes cast, without revealing voter identity.

#### 4.3. Voting Period

- In respect of the Synchronised Skating candidate:
  - Opening: Voting opens at 09:00am Swiss time on March 1, 2026;

- Closing: Voting closes at 18:00 Swiss time on March 21, 2026;
- In respect of all other candidates:
  - Opening: Voting opens at 09:00am Swiss time on January 15, 2026;
  - Closing: Voting closes at 18:00 Swiss time on February 28, 2026.
- Duration: Voting remains open for the full period to allow flexibility for athletes' competition schedules.
- An athlete may only vote for the candidate to represent their discipline.
- Once a vote is properly cast, it cannot be changed.

#### 4.4. Voting Platform

- Secure, ISU-approved platform accessible via mobile device or computer.
- Votes are encrypted and anonymised to protect voter privacy.
- On-site and remote assistance available throughout the voting period.

### **5. Announcement of Voting Results**

#### 5.1. Verification of Results

- Upon the close of voting, the Elections Committee will:
  - Retrieve the encrypted vote data from the online platform;
  - Verify the total number of votes cast matches the number of unique voter credentials used;
  - Confirm that no duplicate or invalid votes are included; and
  - Validate the final tally in the presence of an independent scrutineer appointed by the ISU Office.

## 5.2. Communication of Results

- The Elections Committee will submit the certified results to the ISU Council within 24 hours of verification;
- An official ISU Communication will be issued within 48 hours of the closing of the vote, listing the elected members, their discipline, and term of office; and
- Results will also be published on the ISU website and distributed to all ISU Members.
- The elected athletes will be invited to attend the ISU Congress 2026
- Prior to the ISU Congress, the Committee-in-waiting shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who must be from different Branches.

## 5.3. Record Keeping

- The ISU Office will securely store the anonymised voting data and verification report for a minimum of four (4) years for audit purposes.
- Any request for review or appeal must be submitted in accordance with ISU Regulations within the prescribed time limits.

## **6. Implementation & Oversight**

- The ISU Elections Committee, supported by the ISU Office will oversee the nomination and voting processes, ensuring compliance with ISU rules.
- The Elections Committee will validate results and report to the ISU Council.
- The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be onboarded and supported by the ISU Office;
- Any campaigning will be regulated by Articles 10.5, 10.6 and 14 of the ISU Electoral Code; and
- Any disputes will be resolved in accordance with Article 8.2 of the Athletes Committee Terms of Reference.