

Communication No. 2671

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on September 27-28, 2024 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. Membership Speed Skating Technical Committee

In accordance with Article 20, paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution, the Council decided to appoint Beixing Wang (CHN) as a member of the Speed Skating Technical Committee.

2. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series Season 2025/26

The Council approved the calendar of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series Season 2025/26 as follows:

August 20 – 23, 2025	Riga / LAT (including Pair Skating)
August 27 – 30, 2025	Ankara / TUR (including Pair Skating)
September 3 – 6, 2025	Varese / ITA
September 9 – 13, 2025	Bangkok / THA (including Pair Skating)
September 24 – 27, 2025	Baku / AZE
October 1 – 4, 2025	Gdansk / POL incl. Pair Skating (including Pair Skating)
October 8 – 11, 2025	Abu Dhabi / UAE

3. OWG 2026 Qualifying Competition Figure Skating

The deadline for applications to host the Figure Skating Qualifying Competition for the Olympic Winter Games 2026 has been extended until **October 31, 2024**. ISU Members interested in hosting the competition should consult [Communication 2665](#) and contact the ISU Office at entries@isu.ch for the necessary application forms.

4. Provisional allotment of pending ISU Figure Skating Championships season 2026/27

The Council decided to postpone the allotment of the pending ISU Figure Skating Championships season 2026/27 (ISU World Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Figure Skating Championships) until January 15, 2025 at the latest.

ISU Members are invited to make applications for the following Championships by **November 15, 2024**:

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2027 to be held on March 12-13, 2027

5. Pending ISU Championships season 2027/28

In the light of the ISU Vision 2030, new procedures for the bidding and hosting model of ISU Events are being established. Pending allotments of ISU Championships for the season 2027/28 will therefore be considered based on the new procedures. Further information will be published in due course.

6. Music rights clearance issues

The Council noted the concerns of the Figure Skating family with regards to Music rights clearance issues, acknowledging that there is no quick and easy solution to this complex legal matter that must nonetheless be addressed by all Figure Skating athletes. The ISU has been working with the company [ClicknClear](#), which provides one option for clearing music rights. A module on the [ISU eRink](#) explains the music rights issues and how to use ClicknClear, and further guidance on this option will be available shortly.

7. Modernization of Constitution and General Regulations

The Council received a report from the Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) and from ISU's external counsel on progress to date on the modernization of the Constitution and General Regulations.

The Council agreed the key elements of a revised governance framework which the CDC and external counsel would use as a basis to draft the new constitution, in collaboration with the Members' Consultation Group.

8. ISU Member Conferences 2025

ISU Member Conferences will be held to discuss the draft new ISU Constitution prior to the ISU World Championships Short Track, Speed Skating and Figure Skating 2025, as follows:

- Thursday March 13, 2025 before the World Short Track Championships in Beijing, CHN
- Thursday March 13, 2025 before the World Speed Skating Single Distances Championships in Hamar, NOR
- Tuesday March 25, 2025 before the World Figure Skating Championships in Boston, USA

9. Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) at Paris 2024

The ISU Council received an update from the IOC regarding the Olympic Games Paris 2024 qualification and participation of Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN).

10. Support for Ukrainian Skaters season 2024/25

Further to the support for the Ukrainian Skating Federations and their members announced in ISU Communication No. 2466, the Council decided to secure an additional budget of USD 85'000 with the purpose of supporting high-level Ukrainian Skaters from Ukraine who are living and training outside Ukraine and will represent Ukraine at ISU Events in the Season 2024/25.

11. Meetings with Technical Committees,

The Council met with the Chairs of the Technical Committees to discuss the priorities of the Technical Committees for the seasons 2024/25 & 2025/26 and the long-term development of the ISU sports.

12. Next Council meeting

The Council will meet again as follows:

- online on December 11, 2024
- in Boston, USA on the occasion of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025.

13. Other matters discussed

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

- Progress on implementation of the ISU Vision 2030
- Review and approval of the 2025 budgets of ISU internal bodies
- Good Governance and Environmental Sustainability initiatives
- Olympic Winter Games 2026
- Development Program and Projects
- Athletes Commission activities
- Legal updates
- ISU Secretariat updates
- Plans to recognize and celebrate World Records during ISU Events.

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