

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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We refer to the recent statements of the Pechstein party.

The past Claudia Pechstein legal proceedings have been terminated by final decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the Swiss Federal Tribunal which confirmed that none of the repeated public accusations of the Pechstein party made against the ISU and/or its office holders proved justified.

The newly obtained blood values of Ms Pechstein have no impact on the past final decisions of all judicial bodies involved in this case that were based on the rules in force at that time. Ms. Pechstein is being considered as any other skater in the registered testing pool under the currently valid rules.

The ISU is therefore not available to further debate this issue in the media but can make the following general statement.

The ISU conducts its Anti-Doping program in line with the World Anti-Doping Code (See ISU Communications 1650, 1651) and for the indirect detection of doping substances and methods in line with the WADA Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) concept (see ISU Communication 1694).

The ISU also conducts a Blood Screening Program (see ISU Communication 1693). The Blood Screening Program assists the ISU to establish a basic haematological profile enabling targeted testing and inclusion of the concerned athletes in the ABP. The ISU Blood Screening program is a separate and independent ISU Program and samples obtained under this program are not subject to the ABP.

As stated in the Introduction and Scope of the WADA Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Operating Guidelines, the concept is based on the collection and monitoring on a regular basis of blood values corresponding to identified variables and the establishment of an individual and longitudinal profile for any given Athlete. The variables to be monitored will vary, according to the purpose of the detection and for instance, haematological variables in the blood will be taken into consideration to confirm blood manipulation or aerobic performance enhancement.

The ISU cannot and does not comment on whether there are ongoing investigations on any specific athlete and follows the procedures outlined in the WADA Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Operating Guidelines. These guidelines include the relevant procedures such as for sample collection, transportation and storage, analytical requirements (at WADA accredited laboratories) and procedures as well as the result management that includes the review of abnormal cases by a panel of three experts. Under these guidelines no exemption certificates are issued.

All relevant information can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under the section "Clean Sport/Medical".