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ISU Statement - Decision of Abuse Free Sport

The International Skating Union (ISU) has been informed by Skate Canada of the sanction listed in the Abuse-Free Sport Registry concerning Canadian National Team athlete Nikolaj Soerensen, and it is taking all the necessary measures to comply with the decision of ineligibility for an indefinite period. As a result, the athlete has been withdrawn from all ISU-recognized competitions and will not participate in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series.

The ISU firmly believes that all athletes have the right to participate and develop in sport within a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment—free from any form of discrimination, harassment, abuse, violence, neglect, or exploitation.

The ISU takes reports of misconduct with the utmost seriousness and recognizes the profound impact such cases can have on those involved. To further strengthen our commitment to athlete safeguarding, we have taken several key steps. These include the appointment of an ISU Safeguarding Officer, the introduction of a comprehensive [Athlete Safeguarding Policy](#), and the enhancement of the [ISU Code of Ethics](#).

Athlete safeguarding is a priority for the ISU and anyone with concerns related to safeguarding can contact safeguarding@isu.ch or via the ISU website [Athlete Safeguarding](#) page. All cases are handled confidentially.

The ISU remains dedicated to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all participants and actively safeguard athletes from abuse, harassment and exploitation and counts on the support of the skating community in upholding these principles. Athletes and participants' safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.