

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1784

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on February 26 and 27, 2013 in Milano/Italy. The following were among the decisions taken by the ISU Council during the meeting:

1. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2013/14 & 2014/15

The Council accepted the following Grand Prix of Figure Skating calendar for the season 2013/14 and 2014/15:

Season 2013/14:

October 18 – 20, 2013	USA – city to be announced
October 25 – 27, 2013	St. John, Canada
November 1 – 3, 2013	Beijing, China
November 8 – 10, 2013	Tokyo, Japan
November 15 – 17, 2013	Paris, France
November 22 – 24, 2013	Moscow, Russia
December 5 – 8, 2013	Final – Fukuoka, Japan

Season 2014/15 (all host cities to be announced):

October 24 – 26, 2014	USA
October 31 – November 2, 2014	Canada
November 7 – 9, 2014	China
November 14 – 16, 2014	France
November 21 – 23, 2014	Russia
November 28 – 30, 2014	Japan
December 11 – 14, 2014	Final (host city not yet determined)

2. Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating season 2013/14

The ISU Council has provisionally accepted the following Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating Calendar for the season 2013/14:

November 8-10, 2013	Calgary, Canada
November 15-17, 2013	Salt Lake City, USA
November 29-December 1, 2013	Heerenveen, Netherlands
December 6-8, 2013	Berlin, Germany
March 7-9, 2014	Inzell, Germany
March 14-16, 2014	Heerenveen, Netherlands (Final)

The detailed distance program will be published in due course.

3. Olympic Winter Games 2014, Sochi – IOC Code of Ethics - betting

The Council herewith confirms that the ISU Code of Ethics (ISU Communication No. 1717) also applies to the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games and decided accordingly that the ISU Code of Ethics, Article 4, paragraph h) of the ISU Code of Ethics shall read as follows and that the amendments as underlined below will be included in the next update of the ISU Code of Ethics:

“4. My Personal Ethical Commitment to the ISU and Skating

All who involve themselves with the ISU in any capacity shall be deemed to agree that this Code is a commitment to be observed and honored as if expressed in a written document, solemnly signed by the involved person, and containing the following provisions:

*h) To assure my independence and integrity, and the honesty of the ISU sports, I agree to absolutely reject and forego any partisan and parochial attitudes, approaches and interests, to refrain from any attempt to influence the course and/or results of any ice skating event in a manner contrary to sporting ethics, **to refrain from participating in all forms of betting or support for betting or gambling related to any event/activity under the jurisdiction of the ISU, at Olympic Winter Games and at Winter Youth Olympic Games and at any other event/activity in which the ISU represents its sports, and to adhere strictly to the larger purposes and mission of the ISU as the Union of all Members as well as to the particular rules set up for the implementation of the prohibition on betting at the Olympic Winter Games and Winter Youth Olympic Games.** I agree to: (1) prompt disclosure of my personal interest in any situation that could reasonably be considered to involve a conflict of interest; (2) abstain from making or influencing decisions involving personal or family gain or public acclaim; (3) absolute independence on my part which excludes favoritism for, or prejudice against, any Member, Coach, Skater or his/her family member, ISU Office Holder or country; and (4) strict observance of the confidentiality of non-public ISU information or when disclosure is prohibited by law or the ISU Statutes.”*

In line with the above, the Council decided that all participants in ISU sport disciplines at the Olympic Winter Games 2014 in Sochi are obliged to observe the IOC Code of Ethics including the Rules of Application concerning the prohibition on betting linked to the Olympic Winter Games and any form of cheating affecting the results of the Olympic competitions in the context of betting. These Rules can be found on the ISU website under “Sochi 2014”.

4. Conflicts of interest – interpretation of Rule 102, paragraph 4.b)

Several inquiries were received from Members relating to the ISU General Regulations, Rule 102, paragraph 4.b) and in particular the provision that *“paid employees of Members and their affiliated clubs, and remunerated Coaches, may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, Judge, OAC member, Starter or Competitors Steward in ISU Events or any other International Competitions sanctioned by a Member or the ISU, and such person may not be a member of the Council, an elected member of a Technical Committee or the Disciplinary Commission.”*

In line with Article 17.paragraph 1.r) of the ISU Constitution the Council made the following interpretation:

“A paid employee is defined as a person working an average of more than 25 remunerated hours per week for a Member or affiliated club, regardless of the legal nature of the respective contractual relationships”.

Milan,
March , 2013
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

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