

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1933

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on March 23-24, 2015 in Shanghai, China. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. New provisional Member

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Speed Skating Branch to the Philippine Skating Union. (The Philippine Skating Union is already a full Member for the Figure Skating Branch).

The Council agreed to remind Members of the provision in Article 6, paragraph 11 of the ISU Constitution that according to the decision of the 2014 Congress now states the following:

“11. At all times each Member must be able to demonstrate dedicated control and administration and minimum international activity in the ISU sport disciplines within its country, particularly when the Member is part of a larger sports organization. Minimum international activity consists in a Member’s Skaters competing in at least one International Competition during the past three (3) seasons.”

2. Suspension of Members

In accordance with Art. 17, paragraph 1. g) and Art. 6 paragraph 9 of the ISU Constitution as well as considering Art. 6, paragraph 7, 8 and 11 of the ISU Constitution, the Council decided upon the following suspensions of ISU Membership:

a) Hellenic Ice Sports Federation (HISF), Greece

Based on information received from the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sports and the Hellenic Olympic Committee the ISU Council concluded that according to the Greek Sports Law, the HISF is no longer recognized as a Greek sports federation. The Council concluded that under the given circumstances the HISF is not fulfilling anymore the ISU Membership requirements. The Council consequently decided to suspend the Hellenic Ice Sports Federation as an ISU Member.

In the interest of the currently active Greek skaters and in order not to disrupt their ongoing skating season including participation in the remaining International Competitions of the season, the Council exceptionally agreed that the HISF suspension shall be effective at the end of the season only, namely on April 30, 2015.

b) Puerto Rico Figure Skating Federation (PRFSF)

The Council noted that the PRFSF does not fulfill anymore several ISU Membership requirements. The Council also noted the lack of continued international activity as well as lack of response to ISU inquiries. The Council consequently decided to suspend the Puerto Rico Figure Skating Federation as an ISU Member with immediate effect.

3. Measures related to the Romanian Skating Federation

The Council, based on its duty to survey the respect of the ISU Statutes (see especially Art. 17/1.c and 17/1.t of the ISU Constitution) took note of the situation that occurred during the Crystal Skate 2014 in Brasov (International Figure Skating Competition).

The Council expresses its dissatisfaction with the implementation of the ISU rules regarding the entry of Skaters by the Organizing Committee of Crystal Skate 2014 in Brasov. The Council decided to apply the following measures on the Romanian Skating Federation in order to assure its full compliance with all ISU Statutes in the future:

1. The Romanian Skating Federation will not be considered for development projects related to the Figure Skating Branch for the period December 1, 2014 until November 30, 2016;
2. The Romanian Skating Federation will not be considered a candidate for either the Challenger Series or the Junior Grand Prix Series for Figure Skating until December 1, 2016;
3. In regard of Figure Skating competitions or other Figure Skating activities of the Romanian Skating Federation in Romania until November 30, 2016 involving athletes and/or Officials from other ISU Members, the respective detailed lists of competitors and Officials must receive the prior written approval of the ISU and the results of the competitions must be filed with the ISU for verification immediately after the respective event;

4. Provisional allotment for pending 2017 ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships

In line with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 127, the ISU Council provisionally allotted the following ISU Championship:

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be organized by the Federazione Italiana Sport Del Ghiaccio and to be held in Torino, on January 13-15, 2017.

5. Allotment of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (junior and senior) season 2015/16

The Council has allotted the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final to the Federación Española de Deportes de Hielo, to be held in Barcelona, on December 10-13, 2015.

6. Allotment ISU Figure Skating Challenger Series

Further to ISU Communication No. 1928 and the corresponding applications received the Council has selected the following 10 International Figure Skating Competitions for the ISU Figure Skating Challenger Series for the season 2015/16:

U.S. International FS	Salt Lake City, USA	September 16-20, 2015
Nebelhorn Trophy	Oberstdorf, Germany	September 24-26, 2015
Ondrej Nepela Trophy	Bratislava, Slovak Republic	Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2015
Finlandia Trophy (no Pair Skating)	Espoo, Finland	October 8-11, 2015
Mordovian Ornament	Saransk, Russia	October 15-18, 2015
IceChallenge	Graz, Austria	October 27-Nov. 1, 2015
Tallinn Trophy	Tallinn, Estonia	November 18-22, 2015
Warsaw Cup	Warsaw, Poland	November 26-29, 2015
Denkova-Stavinski Cup	Sofia, Bulgaria	December 2-6, 2015
Golden Spin of Zagreb	Zagreb, Croatia	December 9-12, 2015

All dates are subject to confirmation/change.

7. World Cup Speed Skating season 2015/16 Calendar

The Council has approved the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Calendar as follows:

World Cup 1	
Calgary, Canada	November 13-15, 2015
World Cup 2	
Salt Lake City, USA	November 20-22, 2015
World Cup 3	
Inzell, Germany	December 4-6, 2015
World Cup 4	
Heerenveen, Netherlands	December 11-13, 2015
World Cup 5	
Stavanger, Norway	January 29-31, 2016
World Cup 6 (final)	
Heerenveen, Netherlands	March 11-13, 2016

8. World Cup Short Track Speed Skating 2015/16 Calendar

The Council has approved the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Calendar as follows:

World Cup 1 Montreal, Canada	October 30-November 1, 2015
World Cup 2 Toronto, Canada	November 6-8, 2015
World Cup 3 Nagoya, Japan	December 4-6, 2015
World Cup 4 Shanghai, China	December 11-13, 2015
World Cup 5 Dresden, Germany	February 5-7, 2016
World Cup 6 Dordrecht, Netherlands	February 12-14, 2016

9. ISU Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again
on June 12-14, 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland
on October 16-18, 2015 in Lausanne, Switzerland
on March 28-29, 2016 in Boston, USA
on June 5, 11 & 12, 2016 in Dubrovnik, Croatia

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