

# Communication No. 2533

## Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met online on January 16, 2023. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

### 1. Speed Skating Technical Committee Appointed Skaters and Coaches

ISU Members are invited to contact Fabrice Prahin ([prahin@isu.ch](mailto:prahin@isu.ch)) if they would like to nominate a Coach or a Skater to be the appointed Coach/ Skater member of the Speed Skating Technical Committee.

### 2. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2023/24 (Figure Skating Branch)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2024:

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2024 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 8-9, 2024). **Considering the limited time remaining to prepare for these Championships, the ISU Council will again consider applications during its March 2023 meeting. ISU Members wishing to send applications should do so by February 24, 2023**

### 3. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2024/25 (Figure Skating Branch)

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2025 Championships:

#### Figure Skating

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2025 to be held on February 4-9, 2025 in Seoul, Korea

#### Synchronized Skating

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2025:

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2025 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 7-8, 2025), which will again be subject to applications during the 2023 allotment process in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 127 with applications to be received by April 15, 2023 and to be considered by the ISU Council during its June 2023 meeting. A dedicated ISU Communication inviting ISU Members to submit applications will be issued shortly.

### 4. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2025/26 (Figure Skating Branch)

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2026 Championships:

#### Figure Skating

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2026 to be held on March 2-8, 2026 in Tallinn, Estonia

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2026:

Considering the applications received, the ISU Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships which will again be subject to applications during the 2023 allotment process in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 127 with applications to be received by April 15, 2023 and to be considered by the ISU Council during its June 2023 meeting. A dedicated ISU Communication inviting ISU Members to submit applications will be issued shortly.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2026 to be held on April 10-11, 2026 in Salzburg, Austria

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2026:

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2026 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships which will again be subject to applications during the 2023 allotment process in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 127 with applications to be received by April 15, 2023 and to be considered by the ISU Council during its June 2023 meeting. A dedicated ISU Communication inviting ISU Members to submit applications will be issued shortly.

### **5. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2026/27 (Figure Skating Branch)**

The allotment of these Championships will be subject to applications during the 2023 allotment process in accordance with the ISU General Regulations, Rule 127 with applications to be received by April 15, 2023 and to be considered by the ISU Council during its June 2023 meeting. A dedicated ISU Communication inviting ISU Members to submit applications will be issued shortly.

### **6. Provisional Allotment of Championships Speed Skating Branch seasons 2023/24 to 2026/27**

Evaluation of possible allotments of Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships for the 2023/24 to 2026/27 seasons, to be organized in line with an overall concept covering ISU Championships and a long-term World Cup calendar, has not yet been concluded. Decisions will be announced as soon as possible.

### **7. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series Season 2023/24**

The Council considered the requirements of ISU Communication No. 2469, reconfirmed by the 2022 ISU Congress, which includes, in particular but not limited to, provision 2.b) which states that '*Until further notice no International Competitions shall be held in Russia and Belarus.*' and decided that no ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event can take place in Russia during the 2023/24 Season.

In addition, the Council noted that the Fédération Française de Sports de Glace is no longer able to host the ISU Grand Prix Final 2023 in Orléans, France.

Interested ISU Members are therefore invited to contact Ms. Patricia Mayor ([mayor@isu.ch](mailto:mayor@isu.ch)) for further information and to submit applications by **February 24, 2023** to host:

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event on November 17-19, 2023

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2023 on December 7-10, 2023

### **8. Environmental Sustainability**

The Council decided to put more focus on sustainability efforts and to engage an expert sustainability organization, The SHIFT, to establish and enhance the ISU's environmental Sustainability strategy. The SHIFT has extensive experience and expertise in sustainability matters having worked with many editions of the Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Winter Games and many International Federations. Further information will be communicated to ISU Members in due course.

In addition, the ISU will become a signatory of the Sport for Nature Framework, which has been developed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the IOC, and the United National Environment Programme in consultation with the Convention on Biological Diversity and in collaboration with sports organizations. It provides a game plan for sports at all levels to accelerate their action for nature.

### **9. Next Council meetings**

The Council agreed to meet again as follows:

- on March 19-20, 2023 in Tokyo, Japan, on the occasion of the ISU Member Conference 2023 for the Figure Skating Branch
- on June 9-11, 2023 in Budapest, Hungary

Seoul,  
January 18, 2023  
Lausanne,

**Jae Youl Kim**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General