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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 624

To: ISU Members
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR A MAIL VOTE IN REPLACEMENT OF THE ORDINARY CONGRESS 2021 – PROVISORY AGENDA APRIL 30, 2021 INCLUDING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The ISU Council has decided to reiterate its reasons and rationale for deciding the mail voting procedure outlined in ISU Circular Letter No. 623.

As already mentioned in the above-mentioned Circular Letter, the ISU Council had considered holding the 2021 ISU Congress virtually/online. However, the ISU Council acknowledged that the ISU Constitution, in particular Article 10, paragraphs 3-5, does not include such a provision. Furthermore, also taking into account the reported experiences of virtual Congresses held by other international organizations, the ISU Council noted that only a very limited number of agenda items (generally fewer than 10) could be debated and decided during such on-line Congresses, that the interventions of participating delegates were very limited and that the level of the debates was not at all comparable with an on-site Congress. The Council also considered that due to global time differences, the time window for conducting a virtual ISU Congress involving ISU Members from Oceania to the American Pacific west coast is limited to only a few hours per day and that consequently conducting the ISU Congress including over 300 Proposals would last for more than one week. The ISU Council therefore concluded that a virtual ISU Congress shall not be pursued.

The ISU Council, in line with Article 10, paragraph 4 of the ISU Constitution, consequently decided to ask ISU Members for a mail vote on the Proposals on the Agenda that "*the ISU Council considers urgent and essential for the correct administration of the ISU*". Last year, after the cancellation of the 2020 ISU Congress only the Minutes of the previous Congress, the financial statements and the Budget were considered as urgent and essential. However, the situation has evolved and now the pandemic development will lead to a four-year interval between full Congresses. This means that a number of urgent and essential as well as drafting/clarification motions have accumulated. The ISU Council therefore decided that besides the 2020 financial statements and the 2021-2022 Budget, some Proposals from ISU Members, the Technical Committees and the Council will also be submitted to a mail vote by ISU Members.

In line with ISU Circular Letter No. 623, please find attached the Provisory Agenda including the ISU Council's Recommendations as well as an indication of whether Proposals are considered by the ISU Council to be "*urgent & essential*" or "*drafting*" or "*clarification*" or "*to be postponed to the 2022 Congress*".

Between April 30 and May 15, 2021, ISU Members and Technical Committees may submit comments on the Council selection of motions to be debated and put questions to the Council relating to the agenda items and to the Council recommendations.

ISU Members will furthermore have the possibility to submit objections to the proposed Technical Rule changes. In line with Article 11, paragraph 2.b) of the ISU Constitution, changes in the Technical Rules as proposed in the attached Agenda are accepted unless an ISU Member puts forward (between April 30 and May 15, 2021) an objection. Those Technical Rule Proposals subject to an objection will be voted upon through a mail vote (see below) between June 15 and June 22, 2021 with a simple majority needed to reject the Proposal.

ISU Members and Technical Committees are therefore requested to send their comments and questions on agenda items/Council recommendations or their objections to the proposed Technical Rules via email to the following email addresses: schmid@isu.ch and congress@isu.ch between April 30 and May 15, 2021.

All ISU Member comments and questions and all objections to proposed Technical Rule changes, as well as the ISU Council responses, will be posted on the ISU Extranet by May 24, 2021. This procedure will ensure an adequate level of transparent debate among the ISU Members, ISU Technical Committees and the ISU Council.

It is herewith reiterated (see Circular Letter No. 623), there will be no possibility to submit Urgent Matter Proposals, because the legal requirements set by Article 30, paragraph 5 of the ISU Constitution cannot be properly implemented.

Taking into account the comments, questions and objections received, the ISU Council will decide upon and **publish by June 15, 2021 the Agenda with the final Proposals to be voted upon by ISU Members through a mail vote.** The voting procedures (voting forms, e-mail addresses etc.) will be communicated to ISU Members at the same time as the Agenda. ISU Members will have one week to submit their mail votes and the **deadline will be June 22, 2021.**

The applicable majorities for alterations of the Regulations remain in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 2 of the ISU Constitution.

The **results** of the mail vote will be published by the ISU **by June 30, 2021.**

Please also be informed that not later than June 8, 2021, the Council will submit the 2020 Financial Report that includes the Report of the Statutory Auditor on the financial statements for the year 2020, the financial statements for the year 2020 and the ISU Council's Annual Report 2020.

Furthermore, at the same time, the ISU Council will submit a Budget for the year 2021 (revision of Budget approved in 2020) and the year 2022.

Besides the mandatory topics to be included in the Annual Report and the Budget, these will also include the ISU Council's comments on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the ISU activity and the ISU Council's approach, actions and budget proposals in this respect.

Regardless of the above-mentioned procedure, it is understood that if during the time until the next ISU Congress exceptional circumstances related to the correct administration of the ISU should require urgent and essential Rule changes, Rule suspensions or exceptions to Rule requirements, then the ISU Council may also make use of the extraordinary powers granted to the ISU Council under Article 17, paragraph 1.q) of the ISU Constitution.

We realize that the extraordinary and difficult circumstances surrounding the pandemic have also resulted in hardship and frustration in the world of sport, and the ISU is no exception. During the past months the ISU Council has consistently applied its policy published in April 2020 in ISU Communication 2320, according to which the ISU Council considered the health and safety of the participants of international ice skating events as the number one priority. Nevertheless, also mindful of the need to give Skaters the best possible opportunities to compete internationally, the ISU gave its support in terms of finance and manpower for ISU Events to the greatest extent possible. We are pleased that the season 2020/21, including the World Championships in four out of five disciplines, could be concluded successfully and sincerely thank all ISU Members, Officials, health care workers, volunteers and Event Coordination teams who have worked so hard to make this possible.

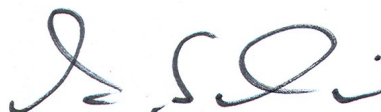
In the name of the ISU Council, we would like to thank the ISU Members, their Skaters and members and Office Holders for their cooperation, patience and dedication to the sport.

We wish you a safe off-season and hope to see you again in person during the 2021/22 season.

With kind regards,



Jan Dijkema
President



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