

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1913

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 17-19, 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. New provisory Members

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the following federations/associations in the Kyrgyz Republic, Principality of Liechtenstein, Qatar and Republic of Moldova:

- a) Kyrgyz Republic
Skating Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic for the Figure Skating Branch.
- b) Principality of Liechtenstein
Liechtensteiner Eislauf Verband for the Figure Skating Branch.
- c) Qatar
Qatar Skating Federation for the Speed Skating Branch.
- d) Republic of Moldova
Figure Skating Federation of the Republic of Moldova for the Figure Skating Branch.

The contact details and relevant information related to those new Provisional ISU Members can be found on the ISU website under the “ISU Member” section.

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. 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games – Lillehammer 2016

The Council approved the Qualification Systems for the ISU sports disciplines (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Short Track Speed Skating and Speed Skating) that have been prepared in close cooperation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Council also approved the Selection Criteria for the Figure Skating Officials. The relevant documents can be found on the ISU website under the section “2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games”.

3. ISU Junior Grand prix of Figure Skating Calendar season 2015/16

The Council has approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2015/16 as follows:

Bratislava, Slovak Republic	August 19-23, 2015
Riga, Latvia	August 26-30, 2015 (including Pair Skating)
Colorado Springs or Lake Placid, USA	September 2-6, 2015 (including Pair Skating)
Linz, Austria	September 9-13, 2015 (including Pair Skating)
Torun, Poland	September 23-27, 2015 (including Pair Skating)
Logroño (La Rioja), Spain	September 30-October 4, 2015
Zagreb, Croatia	October 7-11, 2015

4. Provisional allotments for pending 2016 and 2017 ISU Championships

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

Synchronized Skating:

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be organized by the Hungarian National Skating Federation and to be held in Budapest, Hungary, on April 8-9, 2016.

Speed Skating:

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be organized by the Finnish Speed Skating Association and to be held in Helsinki, Finland, on February 17-19, 2017.

Short Track Speed Skating:

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championship to be organized by the Austrian Speed Skating Association and to be held in Innsbruck, Austria, on February 3-5, 2017.

5. Change in dates of previously allotted ISU Championships

The date of the 2017 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Gangneung, Rep. of Korea (Olympic Test Event) has been changed from February 22-26, 2017 to **February 15-19, 2017** in order to avoid conflicting dates with the 8th Asian Winter Games taking place in Sapporo, Japan February 19-26, 2017.

6. Test Event 2014 Nebelhorn Trophy Oberstdorf – Split of judging responsibilities

The Council received reports from the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Technical Committees as well as from the Figure Skating Sports Directors on the Oberstdorf Test Event. The test consisted of splitting the judging responsibilities, with some Judges evaluating the Grades of Execution and other Judges evaluating the Program Components. The Council acknowledged that further evaluation was required and that no final conclusions could be reached yet. The Council agreed to review the project again based on future reports from the Figure Skating Technical bodies.

7. Article 17, paragraph 1.x of the 2014 ISU Constitution - Recreational/Show-type competitions

The Council discussed the new provision adopted by the 2014 ISU Congress as per the ISU Constitution, Article 17.1.x) (functions of the Council) stating the following

"x) At the request of ISU Members, and as per Article 3, paragraph 1, evaluating activities connected to Figure Skating or Speed Skating and carried out by Members to develop the popularity and visibility of ISU Sports and increase the number of their participants, and, if appropriate, providing a frame for international coordination. The above-mentioned activities can in no way be in conflict with the already existing ISU Disciplines, i.e. Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating as stated in the ISU Statutes. "

In light of the above-mentioned new constitutional provision, the Council agreed that international ice skating activities of a *recreational and/or show type character* such as ballet on ice, theater on ice, TV celebrity skating programs or similar with international participation and any kind of a competition format, fall under Art. 2, paragraph 1 of the ISU Constitution. Consequently, these international ice skating activities belong to the area of exclusive jurisdiction of the ISU.

The Council therefore clarifies that the above-mentioned international recreational and/or show type activity is acceptable to be conducted by ISU Members provided that the recreational and/or show type character is clearly predominant and that the activity is in no way in conflict with the already existing ISU disciplines, i.e. Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. If such recreational and/or show type activity is performed with the participation of Skaters and/or Officials of at least 2 Members, the respective organizing ISU Member shall submit the corresponding Announcement to the ISU for approval latest 3 months before the planned International Competition.

Considering the above-mentioned Council determination, ISU Communication No. 1416 (TV Celebrity Figure Skating Program), ISU Communication No. 1826, point 6 and ISU Communication No. 1842, point 3 (Theater/Ballet on ice) are therefore not applicable anymore.

The Council feels bound to initiate action against any ISU Member and the persons representing such Member not respecting the above-mentioned jurisdiction.

8. World Development Trophy

Based on the proposal submitted by the Development Coordinator, the ISU Council agreed to pursue this initiative for a 3rd and 4th season. Development Trophy events are planned to be at different regions/venues and dates. Full details including the relevant entry criteria and procedure, full Announcements are under preparation and will be released in due course.

9. Frankfurt Seminar in Figure Skating – Youth Seminar

At the same time as the annual 2015 ISU Seminar for re-appointment of ISU/International Technical Controllers/ Technical Specialists, there will be a special seminar conducted by the ISU Council as a follow-up to the 2013 Youth Seminar to continue to involve younger former sportsmen in various ISU activities.

10. ISU Congress 2014 – Forum Follow-up

The Council reviewed the conclusions reached by the Forum held at the beginning of the 2014 ISU Congress in Dublin. The Council mandated Council members Marie Lundmark and Roland Maillard to contact the ISU Members in order to prepare workshops focusing on selected topics of interest to the Members.

11. Correction to ISU Communication No 1890/1901 - List of Judges season 2014/15 for Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

With the agreement of the Vice President Figure Skating, the Figure Skating Judges, Yuri Balkov (UKR) and Evgeny Rokhin (UZB) who up to the season 2013/14 had the status of “ISU” Judge for both the Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance disciplines, were transferred to the list of “International” Judges for both disciplines. A reinstatement on the respective list for “ISU” Judges is subject to the concerned Judges demonstrating at the satisfaction of the ISU, latest by the 2016 ISU Congress, that they acquired working knowledge of English.

12. ISU Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again
on March 23-24, 2015 in Shanghai, China
on June 12-14, 2015 in Rome, Italy
on October 15-18, 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland

Milan,
October 24, 2014
Lausanne,

Ottavio Cinquanta, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General