

Communication No. 2395

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on June 3, 2021 via an online meeting. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. Full ISU Membership

The Council granted full ISU Membership for the Speed Skating Branch to the Brazilian Ice Sports Federation, which is already a full ISU Member for the Figure Skating Branch.

2. New Provisional ISU Member

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Speed Skating Branch to the Winter Sports Federation of Portugal (Federação de Desportos de Inverno de Portugal).

The contact details and relevant information related to the Winter Sports Federation of Portugal can be found on the ISU website under the "ISU Member" section.

3. Definite allotment of ISU Championships season 2021/22

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU General Regulations, the Council has definitely allotted the Championships for 2022 as follows:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on January 7-9, 2022

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships to be held in Obihiro, Japan on January 28-30, 2022.

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Innsbruck, Austria on January 28-30, 2022

ISU World Speed Skating Championships to be held in Hamar, Norway on March 3-6, 2022

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Dresden, Germany on January 14-16, 2022

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Salt Lake City, USA on January 14-16, 2022.

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gdansk, Poland on March 4-6, 2022 (please note the new venue approved by the Council, namely Gdansk instead of Tomaszów Mazowiecki)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Montreal, Canada on March 18-20, 2022

Figure Skating

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Tallinn, Estonia on January 10-16, 2022

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Tianjin, China on January 17-22, 2022

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 7-13, 2022

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Montpellier, France on March 21-27, 2022

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Hamilton, Canada on April 7-9, 2022

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Innsbruck, Austria on March 17-19, 2022.

Note regarding the Covid-19 situation:

The ISU Council will closely monitor the COVID-19 related developments in close consultation with the organizing ISU Members of all ISU Events and will decide upon and communicate any postponement and/or change of location and/or cancellations as soon as possible.

4. Provisional Allotment of Pending ISU Championships season 2022/23

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2023 Championships:

Speed Skating

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships to be held in Quebec, Canada on January 13-15, 2023

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Inzell, Germany on February 10-12, 2023 (New Dates)

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Salt Lake City, USA on January 13-15, 2023

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gdansk, Poland on January 13-15, 2023

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held on January 27-29, 2023

This Championships had previously been allotted to be held in Gdansk, Poland. However, since the 2023 ISU European Short Track Championships have been allotted to Gdansk, the allotment for the 2023 ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships has been cancelled. ISU Members are therefore invited to submit applications by September 15, 2021 in line with [ISU Communication No. 2375](#).

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Seoul, Korea on March 10-12, 2023

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Lyon, France on March 10-11, 2023

5. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2023/24

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2024 Championships:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Kolomna, Russia on January 5-7, 2024

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships to be held in Salt Lake City or Milwaukee, USA on January 12-14, 2024

ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances format, to be held in Calgary, Canada on February 15-18, 2024

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships to be held in Hachinohe City, Japan on March 1-3, 2024

ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Allround & Sprint format, to be held in Inzell, Germany on March 8/9-10, 2024

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Laval, Canada on January 5-7, 2024

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Sochi, Russia on January 12-14, 2024

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Gdansk, Poland on February 23-25, 2024

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands on March 15-17, 2024

Figure Skating

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Budapest, Hungary on January 22-28, 2024

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held on February 6-11, 2024
Considering the applications received, the ISU Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2024 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships which will again be subject to applications during the 2022 allotment process.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held on February 26-March 3, 2024
Considering the applications received, the ISU Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2024 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships which will again be subject to applications during the 2022 allotment process.

ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Montreal, Canada on March 18-24, 2024

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships to be held on March 8-9, 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, which will again be subject to applications during the 2022 allotment process.

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Zagreb, Croatia on April 5-6, 2024

6. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships seasons 2024/25 and 2025/26

In view of the difficulty of long-term planning during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council decided to postpone the allotment of the 2025 and 2026 Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships to its June 2022 meeting. ISU Members will therefore be invited to confirm/submit applications in due course.

7. Entries ISU Figure Skating Championships 2022

a) Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance

The Council decided that as the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2021 and ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2021 were not held, the entries for those Championships in 2022 will be based on the results of the Championships held in 2020, as per ISU [Communication No. 2336](#), sections a) and c).

Entries of competitors for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2022 will be based on the results of the corresponding 2021 Championships as usual.

b) Synchronized Skating

The Council decided that as the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2021 and 2020 were not held, the entries for those Championships in 2022 will be based on the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2019, as per ISU [Communication No. 2336](#), section f).

As the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championship 2021 were not held, the entries for those Championships in 2022 will be based on the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2020, as per [ISU Communication No. 2336](#), section g), including the same exception granted for USA.

8. Judges Draws for ISU Championships 2022

a) Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance

The Council decided that as the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2021, the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2021 and ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2021 were not held, the Judges draws for those Championships will be used for these Championships in 2022, as per [ISU Communication No. 2332](#), paragraph 6.

The Judges draw for the ISU World Championships 2022 will be held as usual.

b) Synchronized Skating

The Council decided that as the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2021 and ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2021 were not held, the Judges Draws for those Championships will be used for the 2022 Championships as per [ISU Communication No. 2332](#), paragraph 6.

9. ISU Figure Skating Championships 2022 – Minimum Total Element Scores

The Council determined that the Skaters/Couples participating in the ISU Championships 2022 must have reached the following Minimum Total Elements Scores during the ongoing season (2021/22) or the two immediately preceding seasons (2020/21 and 2019/20):

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2022:

| | SP/RD | FS/FD |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| MEN | 34.00 | 64.00 |
| LADIES | 30.00 | 51.00 |
| PAIR SKATING | 27.00 | 44.00 |
| ICE DANCE | 33.00 | 47.00 |

ISU European, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2022 and Olympic Winter Games 2022:

| | SP/RD | FS/FD |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| MEN | 28.00 | 46.00 |
| LADIES | 23.00 | 40.00 |
| PAIR SKATING | 25.00 | 42.00 |
| ICE DANCE | 28.00 | 44.00 |

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2022:

| | SP/RD | FS/FD |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| JUNIOR MEN | 23.00 | 42.00 |
| JUNIOR LADIES | 23.00 | 38.00 |
| JUNIOR PAIR SKATING | 23.00 | 34.00 |
| JUNIOR ICE DANCE | 23.00 | 37.00 |

Note regarding the Covid-19 situation:

In case that due to the Covid-19 pandemic an extended number of Competitions are cancelled during the fall 2021, the Council will review the situation in regard to the Minimum Total Elements Score again at the time of the October Council meeting.

The required Minimum Total Elements Score for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance to participate in Senior ISU Championships (ISU European Figure Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Figure Skating Championships and the 2022 Olympic Winter Games) can only be obtained in Senior International Competitions. Likewise, the required Minimum Total Elements Score for the Short Program/Rhythm Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance segment to participate in the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships can only be obtained in International Junior Competitions.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 10 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or two preceding seasons (see above-mentioned Council decision) in both segments, Short Program/Rhythm Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions. The Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached 21 (twenty-one)

days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

If it would become evident that the number of entries based on the Minimum Technical Elements Scores listed above would be significantly higher or lower than expected, the ISU Council reserves the right to adjust the Minimum Technical Elements Scores in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective.

ISU Members will be informed latest 45 days prior to the entry deadline of the respective Championships if the announced required minimum Technical Score will be adjusted or will remain as announced. In case of the continental Championships the announcement for both European and Four Continents Championships will be made 45 days prior to the entry deadline of the earlier Championships, in this case the European Championships.

10. Continued validity of ISU Communications 2253 and 2334

The Council confirmed the continued validity for Season 2021/22 of the following ISU Communications:

- [ISU Communication No. 2253](#) Single & Pair Skating Scale of Values season 2019/20
- [ISU Communication No. 2334](#) Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution in Single and Pair Skating, season 2020/21.

11. Draws at ISU Grand Prix Events and Grand Prix Final 2021/22

The Council decided to maintain the draw rule used last season, namely:

- The starting order in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first.
- Skaters/Couples, who have not received any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in country order. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples with no World Standing points to determine the starting order, following the basic principles of ISU Rule 513.
- For the Free Skating/Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the result after the previous segment.
- For the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, the Short Program/Rhythm Dance starting order will be the reverse order of the final Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix standings and the Free Skating/Free Dance will be the reverse order of the SP/RD results (the same as for Grand Prix events).

12. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Events 2021/22

Starting Order Draws would only be held as agreed by the ISU Council for the ISU Championships 2021, namely:

- A Short Program/Rhythm Dance draw would be held in the presence of the Referee, Technical Controller, ISU Event Coordinator/Assistant and 2 Team Leaders (drawn as witnesses at the Team Leader Meeting)
- No draw for the Free Skating/Free Dance would be done. It would be the reverse order of the SP/RD results.

No social events, such as Judges Dinners should be held at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events.

13. Recognition of new World Record Speed Skating

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 2.f), the Council homologated the following World Record:

Men 10 000m

12.32,95 Nils van der Poel SWE Heerenveen, 14.02.2021

14. Update ISU internal meeting/travel restrictions

Given the current Covid-19 pandemic situation, the Council agreed to extend its policy published in [ISU Communication No. 2391](#) Decisions of the Council, April 22, 2021, namely that all meetings, seminars, examinations or similar of ISU internal bodies shall continue to be held on-line or postponed until at least July 31, 2021.

15. Frankfurt Officials Seminar 2021

While certain parts of the Seminar are being conducted on-line, the ISU will take a decision in the coming days whether for some parts (New & Promotion of Technical Specialist and Technical Controllers) can take place in person on August 22-29, 2021. An update of [ISU Communication No. 2377](#) Frankfurt Seminar will be published in due course.

16. Next Council meeting

The Council will meet again online on July 16, 2021.

Tubbergen,
June 7, 2021
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General