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New ISU Athlete Safeguarding Policy

The ISU Council approved a new [ISU Athlete Safeguarding Policy](#) and related updates to the [ISU Code of Ethics](#). The Athlete Safeguarding Policy was drafted in close cooperation with the [ISU Athletes Commission](#).

Research has shown that unfortunately, no sport nor country is exempt from incidents of harassment and abuse. Everyone involved in the ISU sports has a role to play in actively safeguarding athletes from abuse, harassment and exploitation while they are participating in ISU Events and activities.

The new Policy defines what is meant by harassment and abuse, sets out how to raise awareness of the existence of abuse and harassment in sport, and promotes good practices for providing appropriate safety and protection for athletes of all ages when they participate in ISU Events and activities.

The Policy supplements the [ISU Code of Ethics](#) which governs the reporting of concerns and complaints and how the ISU handles reported concerns and complaints involving alleged abuse and harassment that fall within the jurisdiction of the ISU. The Policy also aims to encourage all ISU Members to adopt their own Athlete Safeguarding Policy.

A new page on the [ISU website](#) explains the policy, provides links to other relevant resources, and sets out how to make a report on an incident.

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The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit isu.org.