

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 2085

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on March 25-27, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting as well as during follow-up discussions after the meeting:

1. New Provisional ISU Member

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch, effective as of May 12, 2017 for the Cambodia Ice Skating Federation (CISF).

The contact details and relevant information related to the Cambodia Ice Skating Federation can be found on the ISU website under the “ISU Member” section.

2. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2017/18 and 2018/19 Calendar

The Council has approved the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar as follows:

Season 2017/18:

Russia	October 20-22, 2017
Canada	October 27-29, 2017
China	November 3-5, 2017
Japan	November 10-12, 2017
France	November 17-19, 2017
USA	November 24-26, 2017
GP Final Japan	December 7-10, 2017

Season 2018/19:

USA	October 19-21, 2018
Canada	October 26-28, 2018
China	November 2-4, 2018
Japan	November 9-11, 2018
France	November 16-18, 2018
Russia	November 23-25, 2018
GP Final Canada	December 6-9, 2018

3. Allotment ISU Figure Skating Challenger Series

Further to ISU Communication No. 2074 and the corresponding applications received, the Council has selected the following 10 International Figure Skating Competitions for the ISU Figure Skating Challenger Series for the season 2017/18:

U.S. International FS	Salt Lake City, USA	September 13-17, 2017
Lombardia Trophy	Bergamo, Italy	September 14-17, 2017
Autumn Classic International	Montreal, Canada	September 20-23, 2017
Ondrej Nepela Trophy	Bratislava, Slovak Republic	September 21-23, 2017
Nebelhorn Trophy	Oberstdorf, Germany	September 27-30, 2017
Finlandia Trophy	Espoo, Finland	October 6-8, 2017
Minsk-Arena Ice Star	Minsk, Belarus	October 27-29, 2017
Warsaw Cup	Warsaw, Poland	November 16-19, 2017
Tallinn Trophy	Tallinn, Estonia	November 21-26, 2017
Golden Spin of Zagreb	Zagreb, Croatia	December 6-9, 2017

All dates are subject to confirmation/change. For further details please refer to ISU Communication No. 2074.

4. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2017/18

The Council approved the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating calendar as follows:

Calgary, Canada	August 26-27, 2017 (TBC)
Inzell, Germany	November 25-26, 2017
Innsbruck, Austria	January 27-28, 2018
Salt Lake City, USA	March 2-4, 2018

5. Athletes Commission

After the completion of the Athletes Commission elections, the Council noted the composition of the ISU Athletes Commission as follows:

- Single & Pair Skating: **John Coughlin, USA** (not actively competing)
- Ice Dance: **Alper Uçar, TUR** (still actively competing)
- Synchronized Skating: **Nathalie Lindqvist, SWE** (still actively competing)
- Short Track: **Victor Knoch, HUN** (still actively competing)
- Speed Skating: **Luiza Zlokowska, POL** (still actively competing)

The elected ISU Athletes Commission members will be invited to the June 2-4, 2017 Council meeting where the Athletes Commission will also elect its Chair and Vice Chair in line with Article 21, paragraph 2. c) of the ISU Constitution.

Considering Article 20, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2. e) of the ISU Constitution, the Council will appoint the Skaters and Coaches to join the Technical Committees as soon as possible, but latest during its Council meeting of June 2-4, 2017.

6. Starting order Short Program/Dance ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events season 2017/18

As per ISU Communication No. 2042 (Decisions of the Council Geneva September 9-20, 2016 meeting), the Council had clarified that the starting order for ISU Figure Skating Events (including the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events and Final but excluding the ISU World Team Trophy) as well as the Olympic Winter Games (except the Olympic Figure Skating Team Event) and Winter Youth Olympic Games will be in line with the provisions of

Rule 513 as included in the 2016 Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance and that a draw in line with the detailed provisions of Rule 513 for both the Short Program/Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance will be conducted.

Based on the experience gained during the season 2016/17 and based on feedback from the organizing ISU Members of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events as well as TV rights holders for this series, the Council, in line with Article 17.1.q) of the ISU Constitution, decided to change the provision of the starting order/draw related to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 6 individual events and this restricted to the Short Program/Dance only.

Consequently, for the individual ISU Grand Prix events of the season 2017/18 the starting order in the Short Program/Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements at the time of each individual Grand Prix event. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first among the tied Skaters. Skaters/Couples who have not earned any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in the alphabetical order of the concerned ISU Members. There will be a separate draw among those Skaters/Couples with no ISU World Standing points in line with the basic principles of Rule 513 in order to determine the starting order for those Skaters who will skate before the Skaters having earned ISU World Standing points.

7. Sustainability – Good Governance

The Council mandated a Working Group composed of Council members Maria Teresa Samaranch (Coordinator), Patricia St. Peter, Jaeyoul Kim and Roland Maillard to work out an ISU Sustainability/Good Governance survey and evaluation and to make specific proposals in order to improve the ISU's governance record.

8. Honorary Awards

The Council decided to award **Prof. Harm Kuipers**, member of the Medical Commission since 2000 and retiring from this position by the end of the current season, with the ISU Gold Award of Merit. The Council had previously decided to grant the same award to the former long standing (1998-2014) ISU Medical Commission member **Dr. David Mitchell**. Both the awards recognizing Prof. Kuipers and Dr. Mitchell's valuable contribution to the ISU Sports, were presented to them during the Helsinki ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

The Council furthermore formed a Working Group composed of Council members Marie Lundmark and Roland Maillard as well as Legal Advisor Béatrice Pfister to review pending Honorary Award proposals as to their compliance with the provisions of Article 15 of the ISU Constitution. The Council will review the pending proposals during its June 2017 meeting.

9. Ultimate Skating

Following up on the announced "Ultimate Skating" initiative as per ISU Communication No. 2053, point 9, the Council reviewed two proposals received from Skate Canada and the Figure Skating Federation of Russia but concluded that a presentation of an Ultimate Skating Program during the exhibition of the ISU World Figure Skating Championship 2017 was premature. Furthermore, the Council agreed that before pursuing this project, its purpose and possible impact on the Synchronized Skating discipline must be better evaluated and consequently that the Ultimate Skating Project was kept on hold.

In regard to Synchronized Skating, the Council agreed that the ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee shall be mandated to conduct during the season 2017/18 tests at

International Competitions with teams composed of a lower number of Skaters than currently in place (less than 16).

Furthermore, in line with Rule 800.2.d) of the Synchronized Skating Special Regulations, the Council agreed that the Synchronized Skating competitions at the Winter Universiade 2019, the Synchronized Skating teams may be composed of 16 competing Skaters as per the current Rule in place, but also may be composed of 12 competing Skaters only.

10. Judges Draw

The annual Judges Draw for the 2017/18 season Figure Skating Championships shall be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

11. ISU Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again
on June 2-4, 2017 in Amsterdam, Netherlands
on October 15-17, 2017, Lausanne, Switzerland

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April 12, 2017
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President
Fredi Schmid, Director General