

Status Report to the 2018 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18

Committee/Commission:	ISU Council/ISU Legal Advisors/ ISU Treasurer/ISU Secretariat
Project/Function/Area of Activity:	Monitoring of ISU Constitution, Regulations, Procedures and Legal matters

The ISU Council, Legal Advisors, Treasurer, Director General and ISU Secretariat have performed activities according to plan and have achieved the results and benefits forecast in the 2014/15-2017/18 Four Year Plan.

Subsequent to the 2016 Congress the following areas required specific attention:

Further to decisions taken by the 2016 Congress and/or due to ongoing developments, the Council provided the necessary clarifications and procedures through the issuance of the ISU Communications (not including Communications for technical matters prepared by the Technical Committees and Communications with routine decisions such as allotment of ISU Events etc.). The relevant Communications requiring continued validity also after the 2018 Congress are listed in the 2018 Congress Agenda.

In particular but not limited to, the ISU Council Proposals in the 2018 Congress Agenda include:

- The separation of the roles of the Athletes Commission and of the Skater representatives on Technical Committees for reasons of timing, the need for continuity and experience within the Technical Committee membership, budgetary factors, practicality, and fairness to Skaters who have been appointed to the Technical Committees.
- Amendments to the Procedural Rules to replace 'Call to Order' and make the procedures of the Congress more efficient and in line with Swiss law.
- Changes to Rule 121 to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of national bias of Officials at ISU Championships, major ISU Events, and the Olympic Winter Games
- Clarification of the procedures relating to field of play decisions and requirements for filing protests.
- Based on the decision of the European Commission in December 2017 regarding the ISU eligibility rules and related remedy negotiations with the European Commission, the ISU legal case-team prepared and the Council approved a number of proposals to adjust the ISU eligibility rules and other related rules with a focus on ensuring a consistent and fair enforcement of the eligibility Rules and the proportionality of the applicable sanctions for infringement of the eligibility Rules.

The Legal Advisors and the Director General, when necessary in cooperation with outside legal counsel, monitored the cases addressed to and decided upon by the ISU Disciplinary Commission, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and civil entities (Pechstein case in German courts, EU Commission investigation against the ISU eligibility rules as well as a case at the regional court in Lausanne relating to a dispute following the termination of employment of a former ISU employee).

For more information, please refer to the biennial report of the ISU President, the Report of the ISU Legal Advisors, the Report of the Chair of the ISU Disciplinary Commission and the 2018 Congress Agenda.

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