

## Communication No. 2327

### Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council through a circular vote decided the following:

#### Planning Season 2020/21 Speed Skating Branch

Referring to ISU Communication 2320, the ISU Council reconfirms that the ISU will give its utmost support to ISU Members in order to stage all planned ISU Events that can safely be held during the season 2020/21.

Same as done for the Figure Skating Branch, a Working Group has been created to address COVID-19 related issues affecting the planning and staging of ISU Events 2020/21 in the Speed Skating Branch. The Working Group consists of:

- Mr. Tron Espeli, ISU Vice President Speed Skating
- Mr. Hugo Herrnhof, ISU Sports Director Speed Skating and ISU Event Coordinator Short Track Speed Skating
- Mr. Fabrice Prahin, ISU Sport Manager Speed Skating
- Mr. Alexander Kibalko, ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair
- Ms. Nathalie Lambert, ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair
- Ms. Christine Cardis, ISU Anti-Doping Manager, who will also act as a liaison to the ISU Medical Commission

The Working Group will interact closely with ISU Members that have been allotted ISU Events for the coming season. Each of these ISU Members will be requested to appoint a contact person for this purpose.

The objective of the Working Group is to work out and monitor, in consultation with the concerned organizing ISU Members and the Athletes Commission, the following:

- a. Safety/health protection measures to be implemented at all events;
- b. Evaluate any cancellations which could become necessary due to the sanitary situation in the host city and around the World, travel/meeting restrictions, perceived threat/fear to travel and the necessary ice time for Skaters around the World to prepare for the event;
- c. Evaluate postponements and/or replacements of cancelled events;
- d. Evaluate and decide upon possibly holding certain events without spectators;
- e. Evaluate consequences of possibly multiple cancellations of competitions of a series (ISU World Cup Short Track, ISU World Cup Speed Skating, ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating) with respect to maintaining and/or adapting the respective rankings, and criteria for entry quotas for related ISU Championships and participation in the final event of the series; working out options/solutions to deal with such consequences.
- f. Evaluate the financial consequences of event cancellations, postponements and replacements and working out (creative) solutions in order to ensure that all events that can possibly be held are ensured of the necessary ISU support.
- g. Submit proposals on the above issues to the ISU Council for a final decision.

The Council has decided on the following time frame/deadline for cancellations:

ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating events:

Latest by August 31, 2020 for the first event (World Cup Short Track Montreal, November 6-8, 2020). For subsequent ISU World Cup Short Track events a 10 weeks deadline will apply for cancellations.

ISU World Cup Speed Skating events:

Latest by August 31, 2020 for the first event (World Cup Speed Skating Tomaszów Mazowiecki, November 13-15, 2020). For subsequent ISU World Cup Speed Skating events a 10 weeks deadline will apply for cancellations.

ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating events:

Latest by September 11, 2020 for the first event (Junior World Cup Minsk November 28-29, 2020) For subsequent ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating events a 10 weeks deadline will apply for cancellations.

The time frame/deadline for possible 2021 ISU Championships cancellations will be dealt with separately in due time.

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May 19, 2020  
Lausanne,

**Jan Dijkema**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General