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## **Communication No. 2559**

## Request for Bid Applications ISU Junior World Cup Short Track for Season 2023-2024

As announced in ISU Communication No. 2548, the ISU Council approved the establishment, as from the season 2023/24, of an ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Series, funded through the ISU Development Program and replacing the current Short Track Junior Challenge Series.

This ISU support has the objective to ensure the proper, consistent organization and conduct of three (3) Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions per season linked together as a new ISU Series giving adequate opportunities for many Junior Skaters to compete at the international junior level and the opportunity for Officials to officiate at an international level.

Participation will be open to Skaters of the Junior A & B categories with a maximum number of 5 Skaters per gender, per ISU Member.

The ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Series is planned with the following season calendar:

- In the early part of the season: 2 Events to be held in Europe on consecutive weekends and as much as possible in the same location or in close proximity one to the other.
- The third Event to be held the weekend before the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, either in the same country or venue or in a neighbouring ISU Member country.

For the season 2023/24 the ISU has identified the following preferred dates for the 3 ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions:

Junior World Cup 1	November 18-19, 2023 or November 25-26, 2023
Junior World Cup 2	November 25-26, 2023 or December 2-3, 2023
Junior World Cup 3	February 17-18, 2024 (In Europe and ideally close to Gdansk, Poland)

**ISU Members interested in hosting a Junior World Cup Short Track Competition are requested to submit a completed bid application questionnaire not later than May 20, 2023**. The Memorandum for guidance in hosting ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions and relevant information regarding the financial contribution and commercial conditions are available from the ISU Secretariat upon request.

Further detailed information regarding the ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Competitions will be published in an ISU Communication by June 2023.

Seoul, May 3, 2023 Lausanne, Jae Youl Kim, President

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