

Communication No. 2205

Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 12-13, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meetings.

1. Full ISU Membership

The ISU Council acknowledged the decision of the Chinese Skating Association to create separate, independent associations for the Speed Skating and Figure Skating Branches and, in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 4 of the ISU Constitution, granted full ISU Membership with immediate effect to the following:

Chinese Skating Association – Speed Skating Branch
Chinese Figure Skating Association – Figure Skating Branch

The ISU Council also granted full ISU Membership with immediate effect to the Hellenic Winter Sports Federation for the Figure Skating Branch.

2. Council Priorities

Taking into account the ISU's mission as well as the Four Year Plans and Budget accepted by the Congress in Seville, the Council established a set of priorities for the period 2018 - 2022 covering in particular the areas of development, marketing & promotion and good governance. These will be published in more detail on the ISU website (under "Financial & Other Reports") and will be reviewed at regular intervals.

3. ISU Synchronized Skating Championships 2020

Based on information received from US Figure Skating the Council decided to move the venue of the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships 2020. Accordingly, the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships will be held in Lake Placid, NY, USA on April 3-5, 2020.

4. Provisional Allotment of 2021 ISU Championships

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2021 Championships:

Speed Skating

ISU European Speed Skating Championships to be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands on January 8-10, 2021

Short Track Speed Skating

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands on March 12-14, 2021

Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Harbin, China on March 1-7, 2021

5. ISU Speed Skating World Championships new format as of season 2020/21

In line with the 2018 Congress decision (Proposal No. 88) and the Special Regulations Speed Skating, Rule 201, the Council, in consultation with the key stakeholders, is evaluating the most appropriate format and duration for these Championships. Conclusions are expected to be presented during the Speed Skating Branch Conference scheduled to be held in Salzburg, Austria on February 6, 2019 (see ISU Communication No. 2175, point 9). In the meantime, the ISU proceeds with the planning based on the intention that the Championships shall be organized in Beijing as the Speed Skating test event for Olympic Winter Games 2022.

6. ISU Four Continents Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships as of season 2019/20

A separate ISU Communication informing ISU Members of the relevant details, such as format, dates, applicable financial conditions and information regarding the application and allotment process is under preparation for publication as soon as possible.

7. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar 2019/20

The ISU Council approved the Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the 2019/20 season. as follows:

October 18-20, 2019	USA
October 25-27, 2019	Canada
November 1-3, 2019	France
November 8-10, 2019	China (to be confirmed)
November 15-17, 2019	Russia
November 22-24, 2019	Japan
Junior and Senior Grand Prix Final	
December 5-8, 2019	Strasbourg, France (to be confirmed)

8. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar season 2019/20

The Council approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2019/20 as follows:

August 21-24, 2019	Courchevel, France
August 28-31, 2019	Lake Placid, USA (including Pair Skating)
September 4-7, 2019	Riga, Latvia
September 11-14, 2019	Chelyabinsk, Russia (including Pair Skating)
September 18-21, 2019	Gdansk, Poland (including Pair Skating)
September 25-28, 2019	Zagreb, Croatia (including Pair Skating)
October 2-5, 2019	Egna, Italy

9. ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2019/20

The Council approved the tentative World Cup Speed Skating calendar 2019/20 as follows:

November 15-17, 2019	World Cup 1	Europe
November 22-24, 2019	World Cup 2	Europe
December 6-8, 2019	World Cup 3	Asia
December 13-15, 2019	World Cup 4	Asia
February 8-9, 2020	World Cup 5	North America
March 7-8, 2020	World Cup Final	Europe

Sites/venues are in the process of being considered.

10. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2019/20

The Council approved the tentative Junior World Cup Speed Skating calendar 2019/20 as follows:

November 16-17, 2019	Europe	(YOG 2020 Qualifying Event)
November 23-24, 2019	Europe	(YOG 2020 Qualifying Event)
February 15-16, 2020 (Final)	Europe	

Sites/venues are in the process of being considered.

11. ISU World Cup Short Track 2019/20

The Council approved the tentative World Cup Short Track calendar 2019/20 as follows:

November 1-3, 2019	North America
November 8-10, 2019	North America
November 29-December 1, 2019	Asia
December 6-8, 2019	Asia
February 7-9, 2020	Europe
February 14-16, 2020	Europe

Sites/venues are in the process of being considered.

12. Short Track Junior Challenge competitions and Danubia/StarClass Series

In line with the ISU Development Program objectives as outlined in ISU Communication No. 2052, the Council decided to complement the Danubia/StarClass Short Track series with a worldwide Short Track series focusing on Junior Skaters, referred to as 'Short Track Junior Challenge' competitions. These competitions have the objective to provide opportunities for Skaters to gain International Competition experience in their preparations to qualify for or to take part in the ISU World Junior Championships.

The ISU Council agreed that for the season 2018/19 the following 9 Competitions will receive ISU financial support as Competitions presented under the label: 'Short Track Junior Challenge':

6-7 Oct 2018	Salt Lake City (USA)	American Cup 1
23-25 Nov 2018	Sanok (POL)*	Danubia
14-16 Dec 2018	Spisska Nova Ves (SVK)*	Danubia
4-6 Jan 2019	Budapest (HUN)*	Danubia
5-6 Jan 2019	Singapore (SGP)	SEA Short Track Trophy 2019
9-11 Nov 2018	Hasselt, (BEL)*	StarClass
7-9 Dec 2018	Heerenveen (NED) *	StarClass
8-10 Feb 2019	Bergamo (ITA)*	StarClass
22-24 March 2019	Rostock (GER)	Europa Final for the Danubia/StarClass series

* Counts for qualification for Europa Final

In addition, the following Competitions will be supported as part of the Danubia and StarClass series:

19-21 Oct 2018	Benátky nad Jizerou (CZE)	Danubia
26-28 Oct 2018	Dresden (GER)	StarClass
17-18 Nov 2018	Zagreb (CRO)	Danubia
24-26 Nov 2018	Bormio (ITA)	StarClass
18-20 Jan 2019	Lommel (BEL)	StarClass
22-24 Feb 2019	Ventspils (LAT)	Danubia

13. ISU Figure Skating Championships 2019 – Minimum Total Element Scores

The Council considered proposed new Minimum Total Element Scores necessary for participation in the 2019 ISU Figure Skating Championships and earned at competitions in season 2017/18 and in season 2018/19.

In order to keep the number of entries manageable at the various Championships and to balance the difference in the Rules from the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons, the required minimum scores to enter the 2019 Championships have been adjusted separately for scores reached in the 2017/18 and the 2018/19 season.

The Council therefore determined that Skaters/couples participating in the ISU Championships 2019 must have reached the following Minimum Total Elements Scores:

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2019:

	SP/SD 2017/18	FS/FD 2017/18	SP/RD 2018/19	FS/FD 2018/19
MEN	36.00	66.00	34.00	64.00
LADIES	29.00	49.00	29.00	49.00
PAIR SKATING	27.00	46.00	27.00	44.00
ICE DANCE	30.00	43.00	31.00	45.00

ISU European, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2019:

	SP/SD 2017/18	FS/FD 2017/18	SP/RD 2018/19	FS/FD 2018/19
MEN	28.00	48.00	28.00	46.00
LADIES	22.00	39.00	23.00	40.00
PAIR SKATING	25.00	44.00	25.00	42.00
ICE DANCE	25.00	38.00	26.00	42.00

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2019:

	SP/SD 2017/18	FS/FD 2017/18	SP/RD 2018/19	FS/FD 2018/19
JUNIOR MEN	23.00	44.00	23.00	42.00
JUNIOR LADIES	21.00	36.00	23.00	38.00
JUNIOR PAIR SKATING	23.00	35.00	23.00	34.00
JUNIOR ICE DANCE	20.00	30.00	22.00	35.00

The required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short (Rhythm) Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance to participate in Senior ISU Championships (ISU European Figure Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and ISU World Figure Skating Championships) can only be obtained in Senior International Competitions. Likewise, the required Minimum Technical Elements Score for the Short Program/Short (Rhythm) Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance segment to participate in the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships can only be obtained in International Junior Competitions.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is a Technical Score and must have been reached in an ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39, paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraphs 1 to 10 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season in both segments, Short Program/Short (Rhythm) Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance (See ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3).

While the Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached separately in each segment (not a total of the two segments), the Minimum Technical Elements Score for each segment may be reached at different competitions.

The Minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached 21 (twenty-one) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline).

If it would become evident that the number of entries based on the Minimum Technical Elements Scores listed above would be significantly higher or lower than expected, the ISU Council reserves the right to adjust the Minimum Technical Elements Scores in order to achieve the above-mentioned objective.

ISU Members would be informed latest 45 days prior to the entry deadline of the respective Championships if the announced required minimum Technical Score would be adjusted or remain as announced. In case of the continental Championships the announcement for both European and Four Continents Championships would be made 45 days prior to the entry deadline of the earlier Championships in this case the European Championships.

14. ISU Challenger Series 2019/20

Based on the experience of the current season, the Council decided that for the ISU Challenger Series season 2019/20 onwards, the Council will annually select only a limited number of events to include Pair Skating, i.e. five of the ten Challenger Series competitions will have Pair Skating.

15. ISU Development Program

An ISU E-Learning Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Donnelly, has been appointed, starting on October 1, 2018. She is based in Canada and will work with an appointed E-Learning Project Group to put in place a pilot system, with the first modules to be available at the end of 2018. On the basis of this experience and feedback from ISU Members, a decision will be made on the choice of a longer-term Learning Management System, the learning structure will be finalized, a plan of work established and further content created. Information about content and access will be provided to ISU Members in due course on the Development page of the ISU website at <https://www.isu.org/isu-development-program>.

An ISU Centres of Excellence survey was initiated in May 2018. Due to the larger than expected number of expressions of interest from various bodies, and the variety of the responses, the review and assessment process will be extended and feedback will most likely be available in early 2019.

16. Skater and Coach members of Technical Committees

Based on the recommendations of the respective Technical Committee and Vice-President, the Council confirmed the following appointments of Skater and Coach members of Technical Committees:

Speed Skating Technical Committee

Skater:	Beixing Wang	China
Coach:	Renate Groenewold	Netherlands

Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee

Skater:	Christoph Milz	Germany
Coach:	Wim de Deyne	Belgium

Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee

Skater:	John Coughlin	USA
Coach:	Patrick Meier	Switzerland

Ice Dance Technical Committee

Skater:	Alper Uçar	Turkey
Coach:	Maurizio Margaglio	Italy

Synchronized Skating Technical Committee

Skater:	Roberta Giuliani	Italy
Coach:	Cathy Dalton	Canada

17. ISU Council meetings

The ISU Council agreed to meet again

- on March 17-18, 2019 in Tokyo, Japan
- on June 14-16, 2019 in Rome, Italy
- on October 11-13, 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland

Tubbergen,

Jan Dijkema, President

October 18, 2018

Lausanne,

Fredi Schmid, Director General