

# Communication No. 2234

## Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on March 17-18, 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

### 1. New Provisional ISU Members

- a) The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Chilean National Figure Skating Federation.
- b) The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Peruvian Ice Skating Federation.
- c) The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Skating Federation of Vietnam.

The contact details and relevant information related to the Chilean National Figure Skating Federation, the Peruvian Ice Skating Federation and the Skating Federation of Vietnam can be found on the ISU website under the "ISU Member" section.

### 2. Allotment of ISU Championships season 2019/20

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2020 Championships:

#### Short Track Speed Skating

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships to be held in Debrecen, Hungary on January 24-26, 2020

### 3. Speed Skating World Cup season 2019/20

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

November 15-17, 2019	Minsk / BLR
November 22-24, 2019	Tomaszów Mazowiecki / POL
December 6-8, 2019	Astana / KAZ
December 13-15, 2019	Nagano / JPN
February 7-8, 2020	Calgary / CAN
March 7-8, 2020	Heerenveen / NED

### 4. Junior Speed Skating World Cup season 2019/20

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

November 16-17, 2019	Bjugn / NOR	(YOG 2020 Qualifying Event)
November 23-24, 2019	Enschede / NED	(YOG 2020 Qualifying Event)
February 15-16, 2020 (Final)	Minsk / BLR	

## 5. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/2020

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

Skate America	Las Vegas, NV / USA	October 18-20, 2019
Skate Canada	International Kelowna, BC / CAN	October 25-27, 2019
Internationaux de France	Grenoble / FRA	November 1-3, 2019
Cup of China	Chongqing / CHN	November 8-10, 2019
Rostelecom Cup	Moscow / RUS	November 15-17, 2019
NHK Trophy	Sapporo / JPN	November 22-24, 2019
ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	Torino / ITA	December 5-8, 2019

## 6. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020/2021

The Council provisionally approved the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2020/21 as follows:

Skate America	TBA / USA	October 23-25, 2020
Skate Canada International	TBA / CAN	October 30-Nov. 1, 2020
Cup of China	TBA / CHN	November 6-8, 2020
Internationaux de France	TBA / FRA	November 13-15, 2020
Rostelecom Cup Moscow	Moscow / RUS	November 20-22, 2020
NHK Trophy	TBA / JPN	November 27-29, 2020
ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final	Beijing / CHN	December 10-13, 2020

## 7. Challenger Series in Figure Skating season 2019/20

The Council approved the Challenger Series in Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2019/20 as follows:

Oakville, ON / CAN	September 12-14, 2019	
Bergamo / ITA	September 13-15, 2019	
Salt Lake City / USA	September 17-22, 2019	including Pair Skating
Bratislava / SVK	September 19-21, 2019	
Oberstdorf / GER	September 25-28, 2019	including Pair Skating
Espoo / FIN	October 11-13, 2019	including Pair Skating
Minsk / BLR	October 18-20, 2019	
Taipei City / TPE	October 30-November 3, 2019	
Warsaw / POL	November 14-17, 2019	including Pair Skating
Zagreb / CRO	December 4-7, 2019	including Pair Skating

## 8. Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating

Based on a proposal from the ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Committee, the Council decided to support a Challenger Series in Synchronized Skating starting with the season 2019/20. Details will be communicated in due course through a dedicated ISU Communication.

## 9. World Speed Skating Championships 2021 onwards

### World Speed Skating Championships 2021

With reference to ISU Regulations, Rule 201, paragraph 1.3 the Council decided that the competitions of the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021 will be as follows:

- Competitions in the following individual distances (Single distance formats, as specified in Rule 208, paragraph 2.1),
  - for Ladies: 500, 1000, 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters, Mass start;
  - for Men: 500, 1000, 1500, 5000 and 10000 meters, Mass start;

Team competitions, for Ladies and Men: Team Pursuit, as specified in Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.

The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021 was provisionally allotted to Beijing, China for the dates February 25-28, 2021. The Championships are planned to serve as the test event for the Speed Skating competitions at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

### **World Speed Skating Championships 2022**

With reference to ISU Regulations, Rule 201, paragraph 1.3 the Council decided that the competitions of the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be as follows:

- For Ladies and Men: Competitions in Allround combination and in Sprint combination, as specified in Rule 201, paragraph 1.2 and in Rule 208, paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3, respectively;
- Team competitions, for Ladies and Men: Team Sprint, as specified in Rule 208, paragraph 2.1.

The ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be held over 4 days, with the provisional dates of March 3-6, 2022. Applications to host the Championships have been requested in ISU Communication No. 2231.

### **Format and competition program of World Speed Skating Championships after 2022**

The format of ISU World Speed Skating Championships after 2022 will be evaluated based on discussions at the recent ISU conference for Speed Skating Members (held in Salzburg on February 6, 2019) and a further process with the involvement of ISU Members and other stakeholders. Concepts for future ISU Championships, the Speed Skating World Cup and the overall ISU Speed Skating Event calendar will be elaborated and possible Rule amendments for the 2020 ISU Congress will be considered in this process.

### **10. ISU Congress 2022**

The ISU Council decided to allot the 2022 ISU Congress to be organized in cooperation with the United States Figure Skating Association and to be held on June 6-10, 2022 in Las Vegas, USA.

### **11. Gold Award of Merit**

The Council decided to award Ms. Susan Heffernan (CAN) and Ms. Joanne Shaw (CAN) with the ISU Gold Award of Merit for their valuable contribution to the ISU sports.

### **12. Event Coordination Team for ISU Figure Skating Events**

The Council acknowledged that Mr. Dingding Liu (CHN), has decided to discontinue his Event Coordinator activity for personal reasons and thanks Mr. Liu for his many years of successful cooperation in the area of Figure Skating Event Coordination. The ISU wishes Mr. Liu the very best for his future endeavors.

For the season 2019/20, Mr. Wieland Lüders (GER) will perform the Event Coordinator function assisted by at least 2 Event Coordinator Assistants, namely Ms. Julia Degenhardt (GER) and Mr. Hirohiko Saso (JPN). Both Ms. Degenhardt and Mr. Saso have efficiently served the ISU and the respective organizing ISU Members as Regional Event Coordination Assistants over many years.

In this regard, the Council concluded that the concept for Figure Skating Event Coordination that has been in place for many years, consisting of one or two Event Coordinators (EC), several Event Coordination Assistants (ECA) and a pool of Regional Event Coordination Assistants (RECA), has served the ISU well and has ensured a smooth transition at times of personnel changes at the Event Coordinator level. The Council therefore intends to reinforce the pool of Figure Skating Event Coordination Assistants (RECA). ISU Members may propose candidates for inclusion in this RECA pool and subsequent assignments to ISU Events basically starting with the season 2020/21. Candidates should have knowledge and experience in Figure Skating and a good level of English. Applications including a CV shall be sent to the ISU Figure Skating Manager, Ms. Patricia Mayor ([mayor@isu.ch](mailto:mayor@isu.ch)).

### **13. ISU Council meetings**

The Council agreed to meet again on:

- June 14-16, 2019 in Rome, Italy
- October 11-13, 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland
- March 22-24, 2020 in Montreal, Canada
- June 7 and 13-14, 2020 in Phuket, Thailand
- October 9-11, 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

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