

Communication No. 2466

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on April 1-2, 2022 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Full ISU Membership

- a) The ISU Council granted full ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Peruvian Skating Federation with immediate effect.

- b) The ISU Council granted full ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Skating Federation of Vietnam, with immediate effect.

2. New Provisional ISU Member

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Portuguese Winter Sports Federation, which is already a provisional ISU Member for the Speed Skating Branch. The contact details and relevant information related to the Portuguese Winter Sports Federation can be found on the ISU website under the "ISU Member" section.

3. War in Ukraine – Consequences for ISU activity

The ISU Council has been following with disbelief the developments in Ukraine. The Council condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the strongest possible terms.

The ISU Council applauds all those who welcome Ukrainians displaced by the conflict to ensure their safety and well-being. As a sign of solidarity, the ISU Council has decided to secure a budget of Swiss Francs 200'000 with the purpose of supporting the Ukrainian Skating Federations and their members in coping with this tragic situation. This amount will be used as soon as possible for targeted projects to be decided by the Council in cooperation with the ISU Development Commission.

The ISU Council, in line with Article 17, paragraph 1. q), final sub-paragraph, of the ISU Constitution, decided to write to ISU Members asking for comments on some proposed decisions regarding the consequences of the war in Ukraine for ISU activity. The ISU Member comments are to be sent by April 18, 2022 and the Council will consider the comments received from the ISU Members at an online meeting on April 24, 2022.

3. 2022 ISU Congress, Phuket, June 6-10, 2022

The Council again reviewed the worldwide pandemic situation and the specific situation in Thailand. Detailed information about the sanitary measures for participants in the ISU Congress will be published in due time before the Congress.

4. Season 2022/23 ISU Championships

The Council decided that the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2023, will be held in, Espoo, Finland on January 23-29, 2023 (previously scheduled to be held in Helsinki).

5. ISU Junior Grand Prix Season 2022/23

Following the indication of the Croatian Skating Federation that it was no longer able to host the Junior Grand Prix Event (including Pair Skating) on September 28 - October 1, 2022 in Zagreb, and having reopened applications for this Event, the Council decided the Junior Grand Prix event (including Pair Skating) on September 28 - October 1, 2022 will be held in Grenoble, France.

6. Challenger Series Figure Skating events season 2022/23

The Council approved the Challenger Series Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2022/23 as follows:

September 12-16, 2022	Lake Placid, USA (including Pair Skating)
September 16-19, 2022	Bergamo, ITA
September 21-24, 2022	Oberstdorf, GER (including Pair Skating)
September 29-October 1, 2022	Bratislava, SVK
October 5-9, 2022	Espoo, FIN (including Pair Skating)
October 13-16, 2022	Budapest, HUN
October 26-29, 2022	Nur-Sultan, KAZ
November 9-13, 2022	Graz, AUT
November 17-20, 2022	Warsaw, POL (including Pair Skating)
December 7-10, 2022	Zagreb, CRO (including Pair Skating)

7. Challenger Series Synchronized Skating events season 2022/23

The Council approved the Challenger Series Synchronized Skating Calendar for the season 2022/23 as follows:

December 9-11, 2022	Brampton, CAN
January 13-15, 2023	Neuchâtel, SUI
January 19-21, 2023	Salzburg, AUT
January 27-29, 2023	Gothenburg, SWE
February 17-19, 2023	Milan, ITA

8. ISU Athlete Safeguarding Policy

The Council approved the ISU Athlete Safeguarding Policy, which will be published in a separate ISU Communication. An update of the ISU Code of Ethics (Communication No. 2450), with some amendments to synchronize with the Athlete Safeguarding Policy, will also be published shortly.

9. ISU Skating Awards Season 2021/2022

The Council decided that given the difficult circumstances of the 2021/2022 Season, including but not limited to the war in Ukraine and its consequences for the ISU's activities, the ISU Skating Awards Season 2021/2022 will be postponed and held in 2023, simultaneously with the ISU Skating Awards Season 2022/23.

10. World Ice Skating Day

The first World Ice Skating Day will be held on December 4, 2022. Full details of the concept and how to register as an organizer of a World Ice Skating Day event will be presented to ISU Members at the 2022 ISU Congress in Phuket in June.

11. Next Council meeting

The Council will next meet on April 24, 2022 on-line and subsequently on June 5 and June 11-12, 2022 in Phuket, Thailand.

Tubbergen,
April 5, 2022
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General