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Lausanne, Switzerland

Douwe de Vries is elected to the ISU Athletes Commission

Today [Douwe de Vries](#) from the Netherlands was elected to the ISU Athletes Commission as the Speed Skating representative.

Further to the decision of the 56th ISU Ordinary Congress 2016 in Dubrovnik (CRO) to introduce an ISU Athletes Commission, de Vries was elected by the athletes competing at the ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships 2019 in Inzell (GER).

Speed Skating results:

Total number of votes: 51

Total number of blank votes: 0

Number of votes for [Douwe de Vries](#) (NED): 40

Number of votes for [Vitali Mikhailau](#) (BLR): 11

As there was only one nomination for Ice Dance and one nomination for Short Track Speed Skating these nominated athletes will be automatically elected to the Athletes Commission:

- Short Track Speed Skating Athlete: [Zhou Yang](#) (CHN)
- Ice Dance Athlete: [Yuri Hulitski](#) (BLR)

The above-mentioned athletes and Douwe de Vries are elected for the term lasting from the respective 2019 ISU World Championships to the respective 2023 ISU World Championships.

About the ISU Athletes Commission

The ISU Athletes Commission members are elected by secret ballot. All accredited Skaters at the respective ISU World Championships shall be entitled to cast one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes obtained is elected. In case of a tie, new ballots will be distributed to all Skaters for a second round of election. The candidate with the highest number of votes obtained in the second ballot is elected.

For full details please refer to the ISU Constitution, Articles 21 and 36, as well as [ISU Communication 2022](#)