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## ISU Announces the Figure Skating Calendar for 2019/20

The International Skating Union (ISU) has set the dates for the Single & Pair, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Competitions 2019/20. Another exciting season is underway, with a novelty for Synchronized Skating.

A new <u>Challenger Series Synchronized Skating</u>, that will consist of up to five (5) International Competitions linked together, will see the light of day. Each event will give Teams an opportunity to compete at the international level and earn World Standing Points. Additionally, they will allow Teams and Officials to prepare to compete / officiate at the 2020 <u>ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships</u> and <u>ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships</u> that will take place in Nottingham (GBR) and Lake Placid (USA) respectively.

At the end of the Challenger Series Synchronized Skating, after the last event of the season has been concluded, the highest final score in the up to two (2) different Challenger Series Synchronized Skating events of each Team will be added and taken into consideration to form a Challenger Series Synchronized Skating Ranking.

The ISU will support a group of identified ISU Members, traditionally staging International Synchronized Skating Competitions in Europe, being part of the ISU Event Calendar, and new International Synchronized Skating Competitions in Asia and in the North America. More information on the ISU Challenger Series Synchronized Skating, can be found in the ISU Communication 2248.

Additionally the ISU releases today the Figure Skating Calendar 2019/20 with all Events now available on the <u>ISU website</u> and can be accessed on <a href="https://www.isu.org/events">https://www.isu.org/events</a>. A table of the events can also be found in <u>ISU Communication 2250</u>.

The Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Calendar 2019/20 for will be available shorty.

## **About the International Skating Union**

The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating).