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## **Update on ISU Event Calendar season 2020/21**

The ISU Council reviewed the status of the ongoing skating season 2020/21 considering the worsening world-wide pandemic developments and its impact on organizing and participating ISU Members. The ISU Council took the following decisions:

### **ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2021 to be held in Dordrecht (NED) on March 5-7, 2021**

Following a proposal from the organizing ISU Member (KNSB), the ISU Council agreed to move the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships from Rotterdam to Dordrecht (NED) and decided that the Championships will take place one week earlier than originally scheduled.

Moving these Championships one week earlier will allow teams, in particular teams from overseas, to move from the preceding ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating events, scheduled on February 19-21 and February 26-28, 2021 in Germany, directly to the World Championships in Dordrecht.

### **Speed Skating Hub**

As stated in [ISU Communication 2355](#), on November 4, 2020 the ISU Council approved the hub concept which will be implemented in Heerenveen (NED) and will include the ISU European Speed Skating Championships and two ISU World Cup Speed Skating events. The dates for the three events are as follows:

- ISU European Speed Skating Championships - January 16-17, 2021
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating - January 22-24, 2021
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating - January 29-31, 2021

However, the ISU Council decided to **cancel** the ISU World Cup Speed Skating events scheduled to be held in Changchun (CHN) on February 17-18, 2021 and in Heerenveen on March 6-7, 2021.

### **ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021 to be held in Heerenveen (NED) on February 11-14, 2021**

Following the announcement of [November 13, 2020](#) that the initially scheduled Olympic Test Events in Beijing for the ISU disciplines will not be held during the ongoing season 2020/21, and a subsequent evaluation for an alternative date and location for the ISU World Speed Skating Championships 2021, the ISU Council agreed to move the Championships to Heerenveen (NED) and by doing so extending the Speed Skating Hub of the European Championships and two ISU World Cups Speed Skating.

### **Cancellation of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Harbin (CHN), March 1-7, 2021**

Considering the pandemic developments and related impact on the organizers and participants, the ISU Council decided to cancel this Championships.

### **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final season 2020/21 pending**

Further to the November 13 announcement relating to the cancellation of the Olympic Test Events in Beijing including the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, the decision on a possible relocation and new date of this Event remains pending and under evaluation. A decision will be taken as soon as possible.

All other ISU Events for the 2020/21 season remain scheduled as indicated in the [ISU calendar of Events](#). The Council will review the situation again and take the necessary decisions during its next meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2020.