

Communication No. 2375

Applications for ISU Championships

As announced in ISU Communication No. 2312 (Decisions of the Council), the Council concluded that Rule 127/3.b) of the ISU General Regulations as currently in force does not exclude that the Council extends the timeline of ISU Championships applications and allotments beyond the indicated seasons in the above-mentioned Rule. The deadline for applications for ISU Championships will be April 15, 2021.

For the sake of better medium-term planning in the Speed Skating Branch where the balanced allotments of ISU Championships and ISU World Cups is essential and requires medium-term planning, the Council therefore decided to invite applications for ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships for evaluation and decision during its June 2021 meeting as follows:

- Season 2022/23 and 2023/24 Championships applications to be considered by the ISU Council for Provisional Allotments in line with Rule 127, paragraph 3.b) of the ISU General Regulations.
- Seasons 2024/25 and 2025/26 ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships applications to be considered by the ISU Council for "Tentative Allotments" which subsequently remain subject to confirmation as Provisional Allotments as per Rule 127, paragraph 3.b). Such applications for Tentative Allotments may include multiple optional venues with the final venue to be decided at the time of the Provisional Allotment.
- For the format of the ISU World Speed Skating Championships refer to ISU Communication No. 2312, point 4.

For the Figure Skating Branch, for which the Grand Prix events are basically hosted by the same six ISU Members and consequently have less impact on the medium-term planning of ISU Events, the procedure remains as per Rule 127, paragraph 3.b), hence only applications for ISU Figure Skating Championships for the season 2022/23 & 2023/24 are requested.

ISU Members may submit ISU Championships applications as follows:

I. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2022/23:

ISU Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2023 which have not yet been allotted as listed below.

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (January 13-15, 2023) *

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 6-8 or 13-15, 2023) *

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 13-15, 2023)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 10-12, 2023)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 10-11, 2023)

II. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2023/24:

ISU Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2024 as listed below.

ISU European Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances format (January 5-7, 2024)
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (January 12-14, 2024) *
ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances format (February 15-18, 2024)
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (March 1-3, 2024)
ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Allround & Sprint format (March 8/9-10, 2024)

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 5-7, 2024) *
ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 12-14, 2024)
ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (February 23-25, 2024)
ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 15-17, 2024)

ISU European Figure Skating Championships (January 22-28, 2024)
ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (February 6-11, 2024)
ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships (February 26-March 3, 2024)
ISU World Figure Skating Championships (March 18-24, 2024)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 8-9, 2024)
ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (April 5-6, 2024)

III. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2024/25:

ISU Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2025 as listed below.

ISU European Speed Skating Championships, Allround & Sprint format (January 10-12, 2025)
ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (January 17-19, 2025) *
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (February 21-23, 2025)
ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances format (February 27 - March 2, 2025)

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 10-12, 2025) *
ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 17-19, 2025)
ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 31-February 2, 2025)
ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 14-16, 2025)

IV. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2025/26:

ISU Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships for the year 2025 as listed below.

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (January 2-4 or 9-11, 2026)
ISU European Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances (January 9-11, 2026)
ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (February 27-March 1, 2026)
ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Allround & Sprint format (March 6/7-8, 2026)

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 9-11, 2026)
ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 16-18, 2026)
ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (February 27-March 1, 2026)
ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 13-15, 2026)

** Applications for the Four Continents Speed Skating Championships and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships may be submitted with alternative dates including specific consideration on the scheduling of these Championships in order to ensure an adequate participation.*

ISU Members are invited to send applications for the above-mentioned ISU Championships to be received at the ISU Secretariat **not later than April 15, 2021** (Rule 127, paragraph 2). The ISU Council will review and decide upon the ISU Championships allotments during its June 2021 meeting.

The applicant must ask the ISU Secretariat for the respective **questionnaire**. The questionnaire must be completed and sent with the application.

Before submitting an application, ISU Members should ensure that the above-mentioned dates, which are in line with the ISU Standardized Calendar, can be respected. In particular, please check that no other conflicting events will be held during the period of the ISU Championships which might affect the ISU Championships in a negative way (e.g. other events that might affect TV production or TV coverage, availability of sufficient hotel accommodation for participants and spectators, etc.).

The ISU reserves the right to change its Standardized season Calendar but, in such case, would consult with the applying ISU Members and/or ISU Members having provisionally been allotted an ISU Championship.

V. Television arrangements (See Rule 105 Television and Other Media Exhibition Arrangements)

All arrangements for television and other media exhibition of ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3 to identify those Events classified as ISU Events, including ISU Championships), including the sale of the broadcasting rights for the country of the organizing ISU Member, shall be made solely by the ISU in accordance with the ISU General Regulations 2018, Rule 105, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Consequently, all TV/Media rights for ISU Championships belong to the ISU.

Applying ISU Members must guarantee that a TV production/signal, as specified in the latest respective ISU Memorandum for guidance in hosting ISU Championships will be available free of charge to the ISU and the ISU TV/Media partners. Applying ISU Members are therefore requested to include the corresponding written confirmation in their application.

For the TV arrangements at the time of the final allotment, please refer to Rule 127, paragraphs 5-7.

VI. Advertising arrangements

- a) With the exception of the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (senior and junior), the ISU has signed or will sign contracts with third parties for the marketing of the rink board advertising space and other advertising rights at ISU Championships.
- b) Any such contracts signed by the ISU are binding on each organizer of the ISU Championships and must be observed. Each prospective organizer will receive upon request from the ISU Secretariat a copy of the most current ISU Memorandum which includes the relevant parts of those contracts. The ISU Championships will not be awarded to an ISU Member which cannot agree to fully comply with the respective ISU Memorandum, the rink owner(s) and manager(s) must agree in writing that they will observe the respective ISU Memorandum, before the award of the ISU Championships by the ISU Council.
- c) In accordance with Rule 105, paragraph 2, "the rink area" must be free of any advertising. No advertising may be placed in the "rink area" without the approval of the ISU Director General. However, the names of the companies providing the timing and results service systems may be placed on the score/display boards and the computing system, if so approved by the ISU Director General. The "rink area" means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

The following statement duly signed by an authorized officer from the arena company/organization must be provided:

Quote

We hereby confirm that except for the advertising allowed by the ISU the arena will be free from all advertising during the.....Championships. The arena means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink, that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

Unquote

VII. Financial contributions from the ISU in favor of the sport activity of the organizing Member (Rule 106)

Rule 106 states that, *“for all ISU Events, the contributions to ISU Members (which include any contributions towards prize money) are based on the budget prepared by the Council and approved by the Congress, but the Council must respect criteria to ensure that the interest of all ISU Members is observed and respected.”*

Consequently, within the limits of the Congress accepted overall budget for contributions to the sport activity of the organizing ISU Members, the ISU Council decides upon the allocation of the financial contribution to each Event.

ISU Members applying for any ISU Championships will, upon request, receive an indication from the ISU Secretariat of the provisory ISU financial contribution allocated to the corresponding ISU Championships.

The ISU Council will indicate the consequent ISU contribution when deciding the provisional allotments and endeavour to confirm the amount at the time of the final allotment, in line with the provisory indication.

The ISU Council reserves the right to reduce the indicated financial contribution if required by economic or other pertinent reasons, in particular but not limited to the case that the financial situation of the ISU should substantially deteriorate as a result of reduced revenues for TV and sponsorship contracts from the relevant markets. The ISU Council would further reserve the right to reduce the ISU financial contribution to the organizers in the case that the organizers do not fully comply with all obligations undertaken by the ISU Member/organizer under the ISU Regulations (Rule 106, paragraph 2), the respective ISU Memorandum and this Communication.

At time of the definite allotment, the ISU Director General will inform the organizing ISU Member of the final financial ISU contribution, as well as the schedule/date of payment(s). Upon acceptance of the final allotment by the organizing ISU Member, no additional ISU contribution can be considered.

It is understood that the ticket sales incomes and related tax responsibilities remain with the organizing ISU Members.

VIII. Expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc.

For the expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc. please consult Rule 137, as well as the respective ISU Memorandum and ISU Communication No. 2096.

IX. Prize Money

Prize Money must be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2368, or any further update of this Communication.

X. Insurance of ISU Championships

The ISU is annually contracting cancellation insurance for the next upcoming season, i.e. the ISU is currently in negotiation for cancellation insurance cover for the season 2021/22 ISU Championships. The cancellation insurance basically covers the reimbursement for the actually incurred and not recoverable expenses following the necessary cancellation, abandonment, disruption, interruption, relocation or rescheduling of the insured ISU Championships due to any cause beyond the control of the ISU or the Organizers. Since the insurance can be contracted only for the next upcoming season, the covered risks may vary from one season to another. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, insurance underwriters have enforced that until further notice all policies will exclude any losses arising as a result of Coronavirus or any mutation of the virus. Also, limitations to the risk for terrorism apply, namely being limited to terrorism which occurs at the venue and within the time period of the Championships.

The ISU Championships are basically insured for actually incurred and not recoverable expenses (but not for missed and/or reduced income and/or profits) up to the amount of the ISU contribution (excluding Prize Money). The insured sums will be communicated to the respective organizing ISU Members in due time.

The ISU also maintains a liability Insurance in respect of bodily injury, illness or disease and/or loss or damage to property of third parties with a Limit of Indemnity of US\$ 20,000,000.

ISU Members may request a copy of the Insurance Policy (as soon as finalized and available for the next upcoming season) and can, at their discretion and expense, increase the insured maximum amount in principle at the same premium rate as the ISU.

The premiums for both insurance policies will be paid by the ISU in advance and are taken into account in the determination of the ISU financial contribution to organizing ISU Members.

XI. Information regarding the ISU Championships Hotels

Detailed information regarding the hotels is needed, so that the ISU can better evaluate the applications. Please state the prices in US\$ equivalent as well as the location of all hotels, the distance to the stadium(s) and expected transportation times. A brochure of the hotel(s) or a link to their website should also be enclosed.

XII. Press conferences and promotion campaigns

When an ISU Member has been provisionally or definitely allotted ISU Championships, press conferences and promotion campaigns must be organized. These obligations must be confirmed in the application.

XIII. ISU Memorandum for Guidance in holding ISU Championships

The ISU Member applying for an ISU Championships must confirm in writing that it will observe and follow the most recent edition of the respective ISU Memorandum and any subsequent updating. The ISU Memorandum for the concerned discipline is available upon request at the ISU Secretariat. Any substantial financial implications resulting from changes between the ISU Memorandum in force at the time of the application and at the time of the Championships will be resolved in due time.

Tubbergen,
February 15, 2021
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General