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## **ISU Statement**

### **ISU condemns reported homophobic comments**

The ISU is currently investigating the reported homophobic comments by a Coach who is not an ISU Official relating to participants of the recent Finlandia Trophy. This investigation may result in disciplinary proceedings in line with the ISU Code of Ethics.

The ISU strongly condemns any statements of a homophobic, racist, discriminatory or prejudicial nature. There is no place for harassing and abusive remarks and behavior in sport and our society. In this regard, ISU policies and decisions will be guided by the [ISU Code of Ethics](#), in particular Article 4, which prohibits all persons who involve themselves with the ISU in any capacity whatsoever to “discriminate in any kind against anyone on the basis of reasons such as race, color, sex which includes sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, or athletic ability.

Any person involved in ISU activities who does not respect the prohibition of discrimination is subject to disciplinary proceedings. The ISU will continue its objective to promote Figure and Speed Skating sports and to foster their development on the basis of friendship, mutual understanding and inclusiveness among all athletes and participants in ISU activities.