

Communication No. 2411

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on July 16, 2021 via an online meeting. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. New Provisional ISU Member

The ISU Council granted provisional ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the Ecuadorian Skating Federation.

The contact details and relevant information related to the Ecuadorian Skating Federation can be found on the ISU website under the “ISU Member” section.

2. Updated Guidelines for ISU Events during the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Council agreed on updated General Guidelines for [ISU Events during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) and also a [Sport Specific Annex - Figure Skating](#). The Sport Specific Annexes for Speed Skating and Short Track will be published in due course.

The Council noticed the increasing trend of countries requiring proof of vaccination in order to avoid quarantine. ISU Members are alerted to this development and asked to encourage all members of their international event delegations to be vaccinated in order to ensure that quarantine requirements are kept to a minimum. This includes, but is not limited to, travel to China for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games Test Events, namely,

- Speed Skating China Open (October 8-10, 2021)
- 2021 Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy (October 13-17, 2021)
- ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating (October 21-24, 2021)

3. Entries – ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022

In view of the cancellation of some ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships in 2020 and 2021 the Council decided to allot the entry quotas for 2022 Championships as follows:

a) ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022

As the 2021 Championships were cancelled, the quotas for the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be based on results from the 2020 Championships, in accordance with the relevant Rule of the Special Regulations.

b) ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022

The 2020 Championships were cancelled and at the 2021 Championships quotas were based on results from the 2019 Championships. However, several ISU Members did not attend the 2021 Championships due to the pandemic situation and some of these ISU Members had been allotted more than the minimum quotas, based on their results from the 2019 Championships. Therefore, the quotas for the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be based on results from the 2021 Championships, in accordance with the relevant Rule of the

Special Regulations, however, non-attending ISU Members at the 2021 World Championships will be granted the same quotas as they were allotted for the 2021 World Championships.

c) ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022

The 2021 Championships were held with participation from most of the ISU Members that had been allotted more than the minimum quota based on their results from the 2020 Championships. Therefore, the quotas for the ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be based on results from the 2021 Championships, in accordance with the relevant Rule of the Special Regulations, however, non-attending ISU Members at the 2021 European Championships will be granted the same quotas as they were allotted for the 2021 Championships.

d) ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022

Due to the Cancellation of the 2021 Championships, quotas for ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be the same as the quotas for the ISU Four Continents Championships 2020 (all Four Continents ISU Members have the right to enter 3 athletes per gender, subject to fulfilment of qualifying time criteria).

e) Relay events

Entries for the Relay events at all ISU Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2022 will be based on results from the most recent World Cup competitions in accordance with the relevant Rules of the Special Regulations.

4. ISU Transgender policy

The Council decided to adopt a Transgender policy, based on the IOC Consensus Meeting on Sex Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism (2015)¹, on data collected on Skaters, on discussions and exchanges between medical experts, sports physicians, as well as other International Federations, to define the conditions enabling Transgender Skaters to compete in ISU Events in the category of competition that is consistent with their gender identity. The policy will be published shortly in an ISU Communication.

5. Update ISU internal meeting/travel restrictions

Given the improvements in the Covid-19 pandemic situation in some countries and regions and of accelerating vaccination campaigns, the Council agreed that meetings, seminars, examinations or similar of ISU internal bodies may take place in person from September 1, 2021. Decisions about such in-person meetings must be based on the applicable travel restrictions in the hosting country and the countries participants are travelling from, and take into account the vaccination status of the participants. Meetings may only take place if a majority of the participants, including the Chair of the meeting, is able to attend. Other participants may attend online.

4. Next Council meeting

The Council will meet in Geneva, Switzerland on September 30-October 3, 2021.

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