

# Communication No. 2518

## Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on October 9-12, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

### 1. Confirmation of Full ISU Membership

The ISU Council granted full ISU Membership for the Figure Skating Branch to the National Center for Winter Sports of Turkmenistan with immediate effect.

### 2. Technical Committee Appointed Skaters and Coaches

In accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2.c) and d), the Council appointed Ms. Charlotte Upcott (GBR) as the Skater member of the Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

### 3. ISU Development Commission

Considering the election of Dr. Susanna Rahkamo (FIN) as ISU Council member, and following an application process, the Council decided to appoint Ms. Franca Bianconi (ITA) and Mr. Karn Luanpreda (THA) as members of the ISU Development Commission. The exact start dates of Ms. Bianconi and Mr. Luanpreda will be announced as soon as confirmed. However, Ms. Bianconi will start her position as Commission member only after completing her current coaching commitments during the 2022/23 Season.

Following these appointments the composition of the ISU Development Commission will be as follows:

Ms. Jildou Gemser (NED)  
Mr. Xu Xun (CHN)  
Ms. Franca Bianconi (ITA)  
Mr. Karn Luanpreda (THA)

### 4. ISU Member Conferences 2023

The Council decided that ISU Conferences will be organized on the following dates and sites in 2023:

Speed Skating Branch:

March 1, 2023 in Leeuwarden (before the ISU World Speed Skating Championships to be held in Heerenveen, Netherlands)

Figure Skating Branch:

March 21, 2023 in Tokyo, Japan (before the ISU World Figure Skating Championships to be held in Saitama, Japan).

The main topic of the Conferences will be the ISU Long-Term Growth Roadmap.

Further details about the Conferences will be published in a separate Communication in due course.

### 5. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2023/24

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2024 to be held on March 8-9, 2024. ISU Members are therefore invited to make an application for this Championships by **December 1, 2022** in line with ISU Communication No. 2439.

## **6. Provisional Allotment of ISU Figure Skating Championships season 2024/25**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2025 Championships:

### **Figure Skating**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2025 to be held on January 20-26, 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2025 to be held on February 24-March 2, 2025 in Debrecen, Hungary

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 to be held on March 24-30, 2025 in Boston, MA, USA

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2025 (February 4-9, 2025). ISU Members are therefore invited to submit applications by **December 1, 2022** in line with ISU Communication No. 2439.

### **Synchronized Skating**

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2025 to be held on April 4-5, 2025 in Tampere, Finland

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2025 (March 7-8, 2025). ISU Members are therefore invited to submit applications by **December 1, 2022** in line with ISU Communication No. 2439.

## **7. Provisional Allotment of ISU Figure Skating Championships season 2025/26**

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2026 Championships:

### **Figure Skating**

ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2026 to be held on January 12-18, 2026 in Sheffield, Great Britain

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2026 to be held on March 23-29, 2026 in Prague, Czech Republic

Due to an insufficient number of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2026 (January 19-24, 2026) and the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2026 (March 2-8, 2026). ISU Members are therefore invited to submit applications by **December 1, 2022** in line with ISU Communication No. 2439.

### **Synchronized Skating**

Due to an insufficient number of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2026 (March 13-14, 2026) and the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2026 (April 10-11, 2026). ISU Members are therefore invited to submit applications by **December 1, 2022** in line with ISU Communication No. 2439.

## **8. Provisional Allotment of Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships seasons 2023/24 to 2026/27**

In accordance with Rule 127, paragraph 3.c), when considering the allotment of Championships for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, the Council has taken into account the overall ISU Event Calendar, including other ISU Events, and has agreed to an overall concept covering ISU Championships and a long-term World Cup calendar. According to this concept, when considering the allocation of Championships, priority will be given to ISU Members that are also available to commit to several ISU World Cup Events over the Seasons 2023/24 to 2026/27. For the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating there will also be some changes to the allocation of advertising rights to allow the organizing ISU Members to gradually build a solid sponsorship base for their ISU Events.

In order to properly evaluate possible allotments with the potential organizing ISU Members and to conclude the decisions about the 2023/24 to 2026/27 seasons Calendars, **the deadline for applications for all Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Championships has been extended to December 1, 2022.** Please refer to Communication No. 2439 for details of dates for the Championships, the application process and other conditions. Decisions will be announced as soon as possible after that deadline.

## **9. ISU Junior Grand Prix Season 2023/24**

The Council approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2023/24 as follows:

August 23-26, 2023	Bangkok / THA
August 30-September 2, 2023	Linz / AUT (including Pair Skating)
September 6-9, 2023	Istanbul / TUR (including Pair Skating)
September 13-16, 2023	Osaka / JPN
September 20-23, 2023	Budapest / HUN (including Pair Skating)
September 27-30, 2023	Gdansk / POL (including Pair Skating)
October 4-7, 2023	Yerevan / ARM

## **10. ISU Working Groups**

The composition and objectives of the ISU Working Groups was reviewed and the membership and objectives of the Working Groups will be posted on the ISU Website under the 'Meet the Team' section in due course.

## **11. War in Ukraine**

Further to the support for the Ukrainian Skating Federations and their members announced in Communication No. 2466, the Council has decided to secure an additional budget of Swiss Francs 200'000 with the purpose of supporting the Skaters from Ukraine who are living and training outside Ukraine. The exact use of the amount during the 2022/23 Season will be decided by the Vice Presidents, in cooperation with the ISU Development Commission.

## **12. Next Council meeting**

The Council agreed to meet again as follows:

- on November 24, 2022 in an online meeting
- on March 19-20, 2022 in Tokyo, Japan, on the occasion of the ISU Member Conference 2023 for the Figure Skating branch.

Seoul,  
October 19, 2022  
Lausanne,

**Jae Youl Kim**, President

**Fredi Schmid**, Director General