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Lausanne, Switzerland

ISU World Cup Speed Skating & ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Events in 2020

During its online meeting of August 28, 2020, the ISU Council received a report from the appointed Working Group elaborating on the ongoing negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sporting events and the feedback received from the organizing ISU Members of ISU Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating Events.

The ISU Council concluded that the first four ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions cannot be organized as planned.

The following ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions are therefore **cancelled**:

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| Tomaszow-Mazowiecki, POL | November 13-15, 2020 |
| Stavanger, NOR | November 20-22, 2020 |
| Salt Lake City, USA | December 4-6, 2020 |
| Calgary, CAN | December 11-13, 2020 |

However, based on a basic proposal endorsed by the organizing ISU Members of the initially allocated ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions of the season 2020/21, the Council decided to proceed with a specific evaluation of a Hub Concept in the Netherlands as an alternative to hosting the above-mentioned ISU World Cups. The Council acknowledged that the concept needs to be further elaborated and assessed with all stakeholders in order to decide whether this is a feasible way to implement safe, high-level international competitions with worldwide participation during the time period of the above-mentioned four World Cups.

The ISU will communicate the conclusions reached by the Council as soon as possible.

The ISU Council also concluded that the first two ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions cannot be organized as planned.

The following ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions are therefore **cancelled**:

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| Montreal, CAN | November 6-8, 2020 |
| Laval, CAN | November 13-15, 2020 |

A decision on the holding of the following two ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions remains **pending** further consultations with all stakeholders:

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| Seoul, KOR | December 11-13, 2020 |
| Beijing, CHN | December 18-20, 2020 |

The full decisions of the Council from their August 28, 2020 meeting will be published on the ISU website as soon as possible.