

Communication No. 2603

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met online on November 27, 2023 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. ISU Membership - Kazakhstan

The ISU Council acknowledged the decision of the Kazakhstan Skating Union to create separate, independent associations for the Speed Skating and Figure Skating Branches and, in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 4 of the ISU Constitution, granted full ISU Membership with immediate effect to the following:

Kazakhstan Skating Union – Speed Skating Branch

Kazakhstan Figure Skating Union – Figure Skating Branch

2. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Hearing – Kamila Valieva

The Council noted that the Court of Arbitration for Sport expects to publish its decision regarding the arbitration proceedings involving the ISU, WADA, RUSADA and Ms. Kamila Valieva by February 12, 2024.

3. Cooperation with ClicknClear for music rights clearance

The Council confirmed that the ISU will cooperate with the company ClicknClear in relation to clearing music rights for Skaters. A first cooperation will take place for the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2024. Further information will be published shortly.

4. Interpretation of Article 13, paragraph 1.a) ISU Constitution

The Council and ISU Legal Advisor have extensively reviewed the wording of Article 13, paragraph 1.a) and the Congress history going back to 2010 when 'term limits' were first adopted in order to confirm the intent of this paragraph and in particular the sentence: 'For the purpose of this provision, the terms 2014-2016 and 2016-2018 will count as one term.'

The Council concluded that according to Article 13, paragraph 1.a) and the decisions of the ISU Congresses 2010, 2012 and 2014, the counting of the maximum number of 'terms' a person can be elected to serve in an 'Office' starts with the elections at the Congress 2016. Any terms an elected Office Holder has served prior to 2016 will not count toward the maximum number of terms. The election period of 2016-2018 constitutes a 'term' for purposes of counting the maximum number of 'terms' (3) even though it is only two years. The reason the period 2016-2018 must be treated as a 'term' is based on the action of the Congress 2014 that voted to reject a proposal (Proposal 17), which sought to postpone the start of counting 'term limits' until the elections at the Congress in 2018. (For reference, see the [Minutes of the Ordinary Congress Dublin 2014](#), p.56 which has the discussion and vote on Proposal 17).

Because of the importance of this matter for the next ISU elections in 2026, the Council will submit a Proposal to the 2024 Congress to amend Article 13, paragraph 1.a) to clarify the intent of the paragraph as a whole relating to counting 'term limits'.

5. Next Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again as follows:

- February 7, 2024, online meeting
- March 12-15, 2024 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands prior to the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2024
- June 9 and June 15-16, 2024 in Las Vegas, USA, on the occasion of the 59th ISU Congress.

Seoul,
November 30, 2023
Lausanne,

Jae Youl Kim, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General