

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION – FOUR YEAR PLAN 2014/15 – 2017/18

Project/Function/Area of activity:

Monitoring of ISU Constitution, Regulations, Technical Rules, Procedures and Legal matters

Committee/Commission/internal ISU body:

Council / Legal Advisors / Sports Directors/ Director General / Secretariat

Statement of specific results & benefits to be obtained:

- To ensure up-to-date, safe and consistent provisions in the ISU Constitution and Regulations, Technical Rules, procedures and guidelines.
- To detect areas requiring structural reforms and ensure the preparation of the corresponding proposals to the Congress.
- To ensure the implementation of the ISU Structure as decided by the 2014 ISU Congress.
- To fine tune the implementation of the Judging System in Figure Skating.
- To ensure compliance by all Members, internal bodies and individuals involved in the ISU activity with ISU Regulations.
- To ensure correct and timely Rule interpretations as required.
- To ensure proper handling for the admission, sanctioning, suspension resolving of conflicts with/among Members.
- To ensure proper handling of all disciplinary action subject to Council involvement.
- To ensure the proper preparation and implementation of commercial and administrative agreements.
- To prevent, if possible, the ISU's involvement in lawsuits and arbitrations and if required ensure proper handling of lawsuits and arbitration the ISU might be involved in.
- To ensure the adequate protection of the ISU's intellectual properties.
- To ensure the appointment of individuals to serve in advisory bodies to the ISU Council.

Recommended activities to obtain benefits:

2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

<p>1. The ISU Council in consultation with the ISU Legal Advisors, the Treasurer, Director General and Sports Directors and Technical Committees and the administrative assistance of the ISU Secretariat will perform the functions and exercise the powers as stated in the ISU Constitution, Article 17.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>2. Periodic review of the implementation of the Structure decided by the 2014 ISU Congress, evaluate areas requiring reforms and apply necessary changes through Council interpretations, decisions and/or proposals to the subsequent ISU Congress.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>Lausanne, April 2014</p>				

Status Report to the 2016 ISU Congress on the Four Year Plan 2014/15-2017/18

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The ISU Council, Legal Advisors, Treasurer, Director General and ISU Secretariat have performed activities according to plan and have achieved the results and benefits forecast in the 2014/15-2017/18 Four Year Plan.

Subsequent to the 2014 Congress the following areas required specific attention:

Further to decisions taken by the 2014 Congress and/or due to ongoing developments, the Council provided the necessary clarifications and procedures through the issuance of the ISU Communications (not including Communications for technical matters prepared by the Technical Committees and Communications with routine decisions such as allotment of ISU Events etc.). The relevant Communications requiring continued validity also after the 2016 Congress are listed in the Congress Agenda (see ISU Communication No. 2004, Agenda item No. 13).

The Council mandated a group composed of Council members Marie Lundmark and Roland Maillard as well as the Legal Advisors Béatrice Pfister and Michael Geistlinger to review the ISU Statutes with the goal to prepare proposals to the 2016 Congress that improve the consistency of the Rules among the different disciplines. The relevant Council proposals are included in the Congress Agenda (ISU Communication No. 2004).

In particular but not limited to, the Council Proposals in the Congress Agenda include

- a proposal for the creation of an Athletes Commission (Council Proposals No. 13, 48, 49 and 68).
- a proposal to monitor the Development Program Projects by a Development Commission instead of the Development Coordinator (Council Proposals No. 18, 37 and 53).
- based on the decision of the European Commission in October 2015 to open an investigation against the ISU eligibility rules and related contacts with the European Commission, the Council prepared a number of proposals to adjust the ISU eligibility rules with a focus to ensure proportionality on the applicable sanctions for infringement of the eligibility Rules (Council Proposals No. 73, 80 & 82).
- a proposal to simplify the procedure for Skaters' change of Membership affiliation (Council Proposal No. 86).

The Legal Advisors and the Director General, when necessary in cooperation with outside legal counsel, monitored the disciplinary cases addressed to and decided upon by the Disciplinary Commission (please refer to Report of the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission), the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and civil entities (Pechstein case in German courts and EU Commission investigation against the ISU eligibility rules).

For more information, please refer to the biennial report of the ISU President, the Report of the Legal Advisors and the 2014 Congress Agenda.

Lausanne, May 2016