

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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### ISU Anti-Doping Program

#### ISU Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy

In order to protect the clean Skaters and in line with the ISU Anti-Doping Rules (ISU Communication 1922, Article 6.5 “Further Analysis of *Samples*”), the ISU has improved its Anti-Doping Program by implementing a “Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze” Policy based on Article 5.2.2.12.1 of the WADA International Standard for Laboratories and applying the respective WADA Guidelines for Long Term Storage.

Urine and/or Blood Samples collected In- and/or Out-of-Competition under ISU Testing Authority may be stored for a period up to ten years and may be re-analyzed at any time within this period.

This Policy follows various criteria as, among others, targeting specific athletes based on intelligence, retesting the samples on specific period, e.g. few months prior the Olympic Winter Games, applying the latest testing methods and techniques.

Applying the Samples Long Term Storage and Reanalyze Policy will allow to clamp down on Skaters who make use of previously undetectable substances, or Skaters who have evaded detection through standard testing.

To strengthen this Policy, it is important that the Skaters and their entourage are aware of the Policy. This information will therefore be published on the ISU website and ISU Members are also required to inform their Skaters, Coaches and Support Personnel.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter and your commitment to the fight for a Clean Sport!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the ISU Anti-Doping Administrator, Ms. Christine Cardis ([antidoping@isu.ch](mailto:antidoping@isu.ch)).

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