

Communication No. 2541

Applications for ISU Championships

In accordance with ISU Rule 127, paragraph 3.b), ISU Members are invited to submit applications for the following ISU Championships as listed below.

I. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2023/24

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 12-14, 2024)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 8-9, 2024)

Considering the limited time remaining to prepare for these Championships and as already indicated in ISU Communication 2528 respectively 2533, **the ISU Council will again consider applications during its March 2023 meeting provided applications have been received, by March 3, 2023** (extended deadline of the ones previously included in Communications 2528 & 2533).

II. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2024/25:

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 7-8, 2025)

III. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2025/26:

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (January 19-24, 2026)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 13-14, 2026)

IV. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2026/27:

ISU European Figure Skating Championships (January 25-31, 2027)

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (February 9-14, 2027)

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships (February 22-28, 2027)

ISU World Figure Skating Championships (March 15-21, 2027 or March 22-28, 2027)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 12-13, 2027)

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (April 2-3, 2027 or April 9-10, 2027)

V. Applications ISU Championships Speed Skating Branch seasons 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27

As indicated in ISU Communication 2518 and in accordance with Rule 127, paragraph 3.c), when considering the received applications for ISU 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.

The ISU internal evaluation process has not yet been concluded. Decisions will be announced as soon as possible.

VI. Applications for the following ISU Championships season 2027/28:

ISU Four Continents Speed Skating Championships (November/December 2027 or January 2028) *

ISU European Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances (January 7-9, 2028)

ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (February 11-13, 2028)

ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Single Distances format (February 17-20, 2028)

ISU World Speed Skating Championships, Allround/Sprint format (March 2-5, 2028)

ISU Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships (November 12-14, 2027 or December 3-5, 2027) *

ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 14-16, 2028)

ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (January 27-30, 2028)

ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships (March 10-12, 2028)

ISU European Figure Skating Championships (January 24-30, 2028)

ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (February 8-13, 2028)

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships (February 28-March 5, 2028)

ISU World Figure Skating Championships (March 20-26, 2028)

ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 10-11, 2028)

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (March 31-April 1, 2028 or April 7-8, 2028)

** Applications for the Four Continents Speed Skating Championships and Four Continents Short Track Speed Skating Championships may be submitted with alternative dates including specific consideration on the scheduling of these Championships in order to ensure an adequate participation. In particular, it is encouraged to consider dates connecting the Championships to a World Cup Competition just before or just after the Championships, The application should indicate whether the ISU Member would be ready to host the Championships and a World Cup Competition at two consecutive weekends.*

With the exception of applications for the season 2023/24 ISU Championships (see item I. above), ISU Members are invited to send applications for the above-mentioned ISU Championships to be received at the ISU Secretariat **not later than April 15, 2023** (Rule 127, paragraph 2). The ISU Council will review and decide upon the ISU Championships allotments during its June 2022 meeting.

The applicant must ask the ISU Secretariat for the respective **questionnaire**. The questionnaire must be completed and sent with the application.

Before submitting an application, ISU Members should ensure that the above-mentioned dates, which are in line with the ISU Standardized Calendar, can be respected. In particular, please check that no other conflicting events will be held during the period of the ISU Championships which might affect the ISU Championships in a negative way (e.g. other events that might affect TV production or TV coverage, availability of sufficient hotel accommodation for participants and spectators, etc.).

The ISU reserves the right to change its Standardized season Calendar but, in such case, would consult with the applying ISU Members and/or ISU Members having provisionally been allotted an ISU Championship.

VII. Television arrangements (See Rule 105 Television and Other Media Exhibition Arrangements)

All arrangements for television and other media exhibition of ISU Events (see Rule 100, paragraph 3 to identify those Events classified as ISU Events, including ISU Championships), including the sale of the broadcasting rights for the country of the organizing ISU Member, shall be made solely by the ISU in accordance with the ISU General Regulations 2022, Rule 105, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Consequently, all TV/Media rights for ISU Championships belong to the ISU.

Applying ISU Members must guarantee that a TV production/signal, as specified in the latest respective ISU Memorandum for guidance in hosting ISU Championships will be available free of charge to the ISU and the ISU TV/Media partners. Applying ISU Members are therefore requested to include the corresponding written confirmation in their application.

For the TV arrangements at the time of the final allotment, please refer to Rule 127, paragraphs 5-7.

VIII. Advertising arrangements

- a) With the exception of the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships (senior and junior), the ISU has signed or will sign contracts with third parties for the marketing of the rink board advertising space and other advertising rights at ISU Championships.
- b) Any such contracts signed by the ISU are binding on each organizer of the ISU Championships and must be observed. Each prospective organizer will receive upon request from the ISU Secretariat a copy of the most current ISU Memorandum which includes the relevant parts of those contracts. The ISU Championships will not be awarded to an ISU Member which cannot agree to fully comply with the respective ISU Memorandum, the rink owner(s) and manager(s) must agree in writing that they will observe the respective ISU Memorandum, before the award of the ISU Championships by the ISU Council.
- c) In accordance with Rule 105, paragraph 2, "the rink area" must be free of any advertising. No advertising may be placed in the "rink area" without the approval of the ISU Director General. However, the names of the companies providing the timing and results service systems may be placed on the score/display boards and the computing system, if so approved by the ISU Director General. The "rink area" means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.
The following statement duly signed by an authorized officer from the arena company/organization must be provided:

Quote

We hereby confirm that except for the advertising allowed by the ISU the arena will be free from all advertising during the.....Championships. The arena means the whole of the inside of the Championships ice rink, that the spectators see from their seats when watching the Championships.

Unquote

IX. Financial contributions from the ISU in favor of the sport activity of the organizing ISU Member (Rule 106)

Rule 106 states that, "*for all ISU Events, the contributions to ISU Members (which include any contributions towards prize money) are based on the budget prepared by the Council and approved by the Congress, but the Council must respect criteria to ensure that the interest of all ISU Members is observed and respected.*"

Consequently, within the limits of the Congress accepted overall budget for contributions to the sport activity of the organizing ISU Members, the ISU Council decides upon the allocation of the financial contribution to each Event.

ISU Members applying for any ISU Championships will, upon request, receive an indication from the ISU Secretariat of the provisory ISU financial contribution allocated to the corresponding ISU Championships.

The ISU Council will indicate the consequent ISU contribution when deciding the provisional allotments and endeavour to confirm the amount at the time of the final allotment, in line with the provisory indication.

The ISU Council reserves the right to reduce the indicated financial contribution if required by economic or other pertinent reasons, in particular but not limited to the case that the financial situation of the ISU should substantially deteriorate as a result of reduced revenues for TV and sponsorship contracts from the relevant markets. The ISU Council would further reserve the right to reduce the ISU financial contribution to the organizers in the case that the organizers do not fully comply with all obligations undertaken by the ISU Member/organizer under the ISU Regulations (Rule 106, paragraph 2), the respective ISU Memorandum and this Communication.

At time of the definite allotment, the ISU Director General will inform the organizing ISU Member of the final financial ISU contribution, as well as the schedule/date of payment(s). Upon acceptance of the final allotment by the organizing ISU Member, no additional ISU contribution can be considered.

It is understood that the ticket sales incomes and related tax responsibilities remain with the organizing ISU Members.

The ISU Council reserves the right to cancel the allotment without penalty or any kind of indemnification in case the host country becomes ineligible to host the Championships as a result of the country's National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) or National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO, failure to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and/or the related WADA International Standards.

X. Expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc.

For the expenses of ISU Officials, Competitors etc. please consult Rule 137, as well as the respective ISU Memorandum and ISU Communication No. 2096.

XI. Prize Money

Prize Money must be awarded in accordance with ISU Communication No. 2516, or any further update of this Communication.

XII. Insurance of ISU Championships

The ISU is annually contracting cancellation insurance for the next upcoming season, i.e. the ISU is currently in negotiation for cancellation insurance cover for the season 2023/24 ISU Championships. The cancellation insurance basically covers the reimbursement for the actually incurred and not recoverable expenses following the necessary cancellation, abandonment, disruption, interruption, relocation or rescheduling of the insured ISU Championships due to any cause beyond the control of the ISU or the Organizers. Since the insurance can be contracted only for the next upcoming season, the covered risks may vary from one season to another. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, insurance underwriters have enforced that until further notice all policies will exclude any losses arising as a result of Coronavirus or any mutation of the virus. Also, limitations to the risk for terrorism apply, namely being limited to terrorism which occurs at the venue and within the time period of the Championships.

The ISU Championships are basically insured for actually incurred and not recoverable expenses (but not for missed and/or reduced income and/or profits) up to the amount of the ISU contribution (excluding Prize Money). The insured sums will be communicated to the respective organizing ISU Members in due time.

The ISU also maintains a liability Insurance in respect of bodily injury, illness or disease and/or loss or damage to property of third parties with a Limit of Indemnity of US\$ 20,000,000.

ISU Members may request a copy of the Insurance Policy (as soon as finalized and available for the next upcoming season) and can, at their discretion and expense, increase the insured maximum amount in principle at the same premium rate as the ISU.

The premiums for both insurance policies will be paid by the ISU in advance and are taken into account in the determination of the ISU financial contribution to organizing ISU Members.

XIII. Information regarding the ISU Championships Hotels

Detailed information regarding the hotels is needed, so that the ISU can better evaluate the applications. Please state the prices in US\$ equivalent as well as the location of all hotels, the distance to the stadium(s) and expected transportation times. A brochure of the hotel(s) or a link to their website should also be enclosed.

XIV. Sustainability plan

The ISU Member applying for an ISU Championships must provide detailed information regarding their sustainability plans, so that the ISU Council may consider sustainability aspects when reviewing the applications.

XV. Press conferences and promotion campaigns

When an ISU Member has been provisionally or definitely allotted ISU Championships, press conferences and promotion campaigns must be organized. These obligations must be confirmed in the application.

XVI. ISU Memorandum for Guidance in holding ISU Championships

The ISU Member applying for an ISU Championships must confirm in writing that it will observe and follow the most recent edition of the respective ISU Memorandum and any subsequent updating. The ISU Memorandum for the concerned discipline is available upon request at the ISU Secretariat. Any substantial financial implications resulting from changes between the ISU Memorandum in force at the time of the application and at the time of the Championships will be resolved in due time.

Seoul,
February 23, 2023
Lausanne,

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