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## **Media Advisory ISU European Speed Skating Championships Heerenveen, The Netherlands**

The health and safety of all participants of the ISU events remains the number one priority for the International Skating Union (ISU).

As part of the pre-event entry Covid-19 testing procedures during the ISU European Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen (The Netherlands) numerous antigen and PCR tests have been performed on site. Amongst these numerous tests, four positive cases were identified and confirmed in the Russian Team. The ISU and Organizing Committee will respect the privacy of the respective persons and informed the remaining Event Participants internally of the situation. The persons and all close contacts have been isolated and the local health authorities are following up with all mandatory procedures and policies.

The ISU, Organizing Committees and local health authorities continue to take care of the safety and health of all participants.

The protocols as set out in the [ISU Guidelines for ISU Events during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) and the [Speed Skating Guidelines](#) are being followed.

### **About the International Skating Union**

The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating).