

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Decisions of the ISU Council

The ISU Council met on October 15-17, 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting:

1. ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2018

Following receipt of information received from the Polish Speed Skating Association about a newly opened venue, the Council decided to move the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2018. Accordingly, the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2018 will be held in Tomaszów Mazowiecki, Poland on March 2-4, 2018.

2. ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2019

Based on information received from US Figure Skating, suggesting a different venue, the Council decided to move the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2019. Accordingly, the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships will be held in Anaheim, CA, USA on February 4-10, 2019.

3. ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2020

The Council provisionally allotted the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Colorado Springs, USA on April 3-5, 2020.

4. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar 2018/19

The ISU Council confirmed a revision to the dates of the Grand Prix Events to be held in France and Russia for the 2018/19 season. The Calendar is therefore as follows:

October 19-21, 2018	USA
October 26-28, 2018	Canada
November 2-4, 2018	China
November 9-11, 2018	Japan
November 16-18, 2018	Russia
November 23-25, 2018	France
Junior and Senior Grand Prix Final	
December 6-9, 2018	Vancouver, BC, Canada

5. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar season 2018/19

The Council approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2018/19 as follows:

August 22-25, 2018	Bratislava, Slovak Republic (including Pair Skating)
August 29-September 1, 2018	Linz, Austria (including Pair Skating)
September 5-8, 2018	Kaunas, Lithuania
September 19-22, 2018	Harbin, China (including Pair Skating)
September 26-29, 2018	Ostrava, Czech Republic (including Pair Skating)
October 3-6, 2018	Ljubljana, Slovenia
October 10-13, 2018	Yerevan, Armenia

6. World Cup Short Track 2018/19

The Council approved the tentative World Cup Short Track calendar 2018/19 as follows:

November 2-4, 2018	North America
November 9-11, 2018	North America
November 30-December 2, 2018	Asia
December 7-9, 2018	Asia
February 1-3, 2019	Europe
February 8-10, 2019	Europe

Venues are in the process of being considered.

7. World Cup Speed Skating 2018/19

The Council approved the tentative World Cup Speed Skating calendar 2018/19 as follows:

November 9-11, 2018	World Cup 1	Asia
November 16-18, 2018	World Cup 2	Asia
November 30-December 2, 2018	World Cup 3	Europe
December 7-9, 2018	World Cup 4	Europe
January 25-27, 2019	World Cup 5	Europe
March 9-10, 2019	World Cup Final	North America

Venues are in the process of being considered.

8. Olympic Winter Games 2018 PyeongChang - Host Country Place for the Republic of Korea for the Olympic Pair Skating Competition

The Council decided that considering that the NOC/ISU Member from the Republic of Korea has not obtained a place for the Olympic Pair Skating competition through the normal qualifying procedure and considering the available "host country place" in accordance with ISU Regulations, Rule 400, paragraph A.6 and the IOC approved Qualification System, the NOC/ISU Member from the Republic of Korea may enter a Pair into the individual event of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Pair Skating competition. However, this "host country place" will only be implemented if there are remaining places from the ten (10) Team event "Additional Athletes Quotas". Please refer to the Qualification System Figure Skating for the XXIII Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 as approved by the IOC that can be found on the ISU website through the following link:

<http://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/olympic-games/2018-pyeongchang/7563-isu-figure-skating-en/file>

The status of this "Additional Athletes Quota" will be finalized only after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, to be held in Nagoya/Japan on December 7-10, 2017.

As to the starting order for the Olympic Pair Skating competition in the case of including the Pair from the Republic of Korea, the ISU Council decided that it will be assigned starting number 1, in order to avoid that the host country place has any impact on the draw of the pairs which have qualified through the normal qualifying procedure.

9. Development Commission

The Council received a report from the Development Commission Coordinator, Susanna Rahkamo, summarizing the ongoing activities and also new areas on which the Commission has been focusing, such as coaches' education, e-learning, coaching and mentoring, developing administrative capabilities in ISU Members and a proposed World Skating Day.

The Council agreed that the Development Commission should proceed with selecting an e-learning platform provider and allocated an appropriate budget. It was also agreed that the E-Learning Working Group and the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Education, Qualification and Recertification of Officials should be merged so as to work efficiently and avoid duplication of effort.

10. Marketing/PR Strategy Report

The Council received a report from the ISU PR/Media Coordinator Ms. Selina Vanier on the recent and planned activities of the Media/PR/Marketing team, including the relaunch of the ISU website and the work done to enhance the ISU's social media presence.

Based on input from the Marketing and Promotion Working Group, ISU PR/Media Coordinator and ISU Sports/Marketing Manager, the Council approved the proposed plan for 2018, including, in addition to ongoing activities, finding technical solutions in order to create an ISU App in the near future and a continued emphasis on developing social media presence.

11. Sustainability

The Sustainability/Good Governance Working Group made a report to the Council suggesting some basic recommendations to improve sustainability at ISU Events, the ISU Secretariat and other ISU activities, such as reducing paper and plastic use, recycling and using green transport alternatives where available. The Council agreed that such efforts to improve sustainability should be encouraged.

12. ISU Awards

On the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Working Group, the Council agreed that, as a general principle, Article 15 of the ISU Constitution (Honorary Members and ISU Awards) must be applied systematically and consistently.

The Council decided to award the ISU Gold Award of Merit to Michel Verrault of Canada, Ken Pendrey of Great Britain, Erik Øsmundset of Norway and Sissy Krick of Germany for their valuable contributions to the ISU sports.

13. ISU Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again:

- during the Olympic Winter Games 2018 in Gangneung, Republic of Korea
- on June 3, 9 and 10, 2018 in Sevilla Spain (in conjunction with the ISU Congress)
- on October 12-14, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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