

Communication No. 2597

Decisions of the Council

The ISU Council met on October 6-8, 2023 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Mr. Colin Smith, who will become the ISU Director General effective January 1, 2024 as per the [announcement](#) made in July, attended the meeting as part of the transition.

The following were among the decisions taken by the Council during the meeting.

1. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Hearing – Kamila Valieva

The Council noted the Media Release issued by the Court of Arbitration for Sport regarding the arbitration proceedings involving the ISU, WADA, RUSADA and Ms. Kamila Valieva stating that the CAS hearing has been adjourned and will resume on November 9-10, 2023. The ISU has full confidence in the CAS proceedings.

2. Support for Ukrainian Skating Federations

Further to the support for the Ukrainian Skating Federations and their members announced in [ISU Communication No. 2466](#), the Council decided to secure an additional budget of Swiss Francs 75'000 with the purpose of supporting elite Ukrainian Skaters from Ukraine who are living and training outside Ukraine and will represent Ukraine at ISU Events in the Season 2023/24.

3. IOC Recommendation March 28, 2023 – Russian and Belarus athletes' participation in International Competitions

The Council continues to monitor closely the situation in relation to the participation of Russian and Belarus athletes in International Competitions. In the meantime, [ISU Communication 2469](#) continues to remain in force.

4. ISU Disciplinary Commission decision – Case 2023-01

The Council took note of the ISU Disciplinary Commission [decision](#) of August 29, 2023 in the case 2023-01 and, in particular, its paragraphs 64-66. The Council also noted subsequent posts on social media by Mr Filipic, General Secretary of the Austria Speed Skating Association, which demonstrate a disrespect of this decision and add further issues as to compliance with the ISU Code of Ethics.

The ISU Council decided to issue a Letter of Warning and reserved the right to take disciplinary and other action in case of further disrespect of the Disciplinary Commission's decision and/or defamation of the ISU or any of its Office Holders or Officials.

5. ISU Congress 2026

The Council reviewed the applications to host the ISU Congress 2026 and, in order to obtain the best conditions and costs for ISU Members, decided to ask the ISU Members that submitted the existing applications to refine their bids and the related conditions. At the same time, other ISU Members may submit new applications. Interested ISU Members should refer to Circular Letter 625 and submit their application by **December 15, 2023**.

6. Amendments to previously allotted ISU Championships season 2024/25

Synchronized Skating

The Council decided that the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2025 will be held on April 4-5, 2025 in Helsinki, Finland (previously scheduled to be held in Tampere).

7. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2025/26

Synchronized Skating

Due to a lack of applications received in due time, the Council was not able to make an allotment for the 2026 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships (March 13-14, 2026). ISU Members are therefore urgently invited to submit applications by **November 30, 2023** in line with [ISU Communication No. 2541](#).

8. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2026/27

In accordance with Rule 127 of the ISU Regulations, the Council has provisionally allotted the following 2027 Championships:

Figure Skating

ISU European Figure Skating Championships to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, on January 25-31, 2027

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria on February 22-28, 2027

Synchronized Skating

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Nottingham, Great Britain on April 2-3, 2027

The Council decided to postpone the allotment of the remaining unallotted 2027 Figure Skating Championships. Applications will be reopened and may be submitted in line with the annual ISU Communication regarding Applications for Championships to be published in early 2024. The allotments will be decided during the June 2024 Council meeting.

9. Provisional Allotment of ISU Championships season 2027/28

The Council decided to postpone the allotment of all unallotted ISU Championships for the season 2027/28. Applications will be reopened and may be submitted in line with the annual ISU Communication regarding Applications for Championships to be published in early 2024. Tentatively the allotments will be decided during the June 2024 Council meeting.

10. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Season 2024/25

The Council approved the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2024/25 as follows:

GP1	USA	October 18-20, 2024
GP2	CAN	October 25-27, 2024
GP3	FRA	November 1-3, 2024
GP4	JPN	November 8-10, 2024
GP5	TBD	November 15-17, 2024
GP6	CHN	November 22-24, 2024
GP Final	Orléans, FRA	December 5-8, 2024

ISU Figure Skating Members interested in hosting Grand Prix 5 are requested to contact the ISU Sports Director Figure Skating, Ms. Patricia Mayor (mayor@isu.ch) in order to obtain the relevant hosting conditions and application procedure. Applications must be received by the ISU no later than **November 30, 2023**.

11. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Season 2024/25

The Council approved the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Calendar for the season 2024/25 as follows:

August 21-24, 2024	Epinal /FRA
August 28-31, 2024	Riga / LAT (including Pair Skating)
September 4-7, 2024	Ostrava / CZE (including Pair Skating)
September 11-14, 2024	Bangkok / THA
September 18-21, 2024	Istanbul / TUR (including Pair Skating)
September 25-28, 2024	Gdansk / POL (including Pair Skating)
October 2-5, 2024	Ljubljana /SLO

12. ISU support for Adult and Masters Skating

The Council decided to continue its financial support to the Adult Figure Skating Group and the International Masters Speed Skating Committee supporting various activities.

13. ISU Sustainability Strategy

The Council confirmed the [ISU Council Sustainability Commitment](#) and the ISU Sustainability Strategy. A Sustainability page will be added to the ISU website by the end of the year, including these documents and other related information.

14. Next Council meetings

The Council agreed to meet again as follows:

- November 28, 2023, online meeting
- March 12-15, 2024 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands prior to the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2024
- June 9 and June 15-16, 2024 in Las Vegas, USA, on the occasion of the 59th ISU Congress.

15. Other matters discussed

The Council also considered and discussed other items including, but not limited to, the following:

- meetings with the Technical Committee Chairs, Directors, Event Manager Figure Skating, Medical Commission Chair and Development Commission Coordinator
- the status of preparations for the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2024 and the Olympic Winter Games 2026
- review and approval of the 2024 budgets of the ISU internal bodies
- a potential approach to facilitate music rights clearance
- Media and Marketing priorities in relation to the ISU Vision 2030
- Council proposals for the 2024 ISU Congress Agenda
- an update from the Wealth Management Working Group
- Report and proposals from the ISU Athletes Commission to serve the needs of athletes
- Exploration of the possibilities to upgrade the quality of the cameras and equipment used for the ISU judging system
- various sports-related, legal, development, marketing, media and good governance matters.

Seoul,
October 12, 2023
Lausanne,

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