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International Skating Union (ISU) recognises Inclusive Skating

The International Skating Union has made a major decision that will change the face of ice skating for the disabled and disabled sport in general.

The ISU have accepted and recognised the Inclusive Skating event format. This is the first official recognition given to Inclusive Skating by the sport's international governing body and paves the way for worldwide competitive disabled skating.

The Inclusive Skating event structure was first piloted in 2012 and featured on [BBC news](#). Since then it has been refined and now allows skaters with any disability to compete safely and fairly.

Inclusive Skating's classification model converts all disabilities into an impairment percentage. This gives an impairment score which is added to the skater's performance score. So, when the final result is calculated all skaters are put on a level playing field. This means the model can evaluate all skaters fairly and equally.

The Glasgow 2019 International event has been sanctioned and features on the official ISU calendar for the first time. Consequently, all ISU eligible skaters and officials are permitted and encouraged to take part in any current and future Inclusive Skating events.

“This marks a major milestone in the Inclusive Skating journey and we would like to thank the ISU for their cooperation and support. We hope that they enjoy being part of the Inclusive Skating community as much as we do!”, said Margarita Sweeney-Baird, Founder and Chair of Inclusive Skating.

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Notes to editors

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International Skating Union is the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering sports in the branches of Figure Skating and Speed Skating throughout the world.

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Inclusive Skating is a global project for impaired skaters, based in the UK. Our goal is to develop a programme that will include all skaters with an impairment and will allow them to participate in all competitions and events on an equal basis. www.inclusiveskating.org

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To: Inclusive Skating
Ms. Margarita Sweeney-Baird, Inclusive Skating Founder & Chair

Inclusive Skating International Event Glasgow 2019

Dear Ms. Sweeney-Baird,

We refer to your correspondence of July 3, 2018.

We are pleased to confirm that the ISU Council evaluated your submission and agreed to the following:

1. The Inclusive Skating event format presented in your above-mentioned submission is accepted and recognized by the ISU.
2. The Inclusive Skating International Event Glasgow 2019 is herewith sanctioned by the ISU and will be included in the ISU Calendar on the ISU website. The event may therefore be entered by ISU eligible Skaters and Officials in any capacity. No solidarity contribution is requested by the ISU.
3. Additional similar Inclusive Skating International Competitions organized under the same conditions as the Glasgow 2019 event will also be approved by the ISU, based, however, upon individual application for each event. No solidarity contribution will be requested by the ISU.

We thank you for your efforts in developing Inclusive Skating events and for your cooperation with the ISU.

With kind regards



Fredi Schmid
Director General