

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Results Development Survey 2016

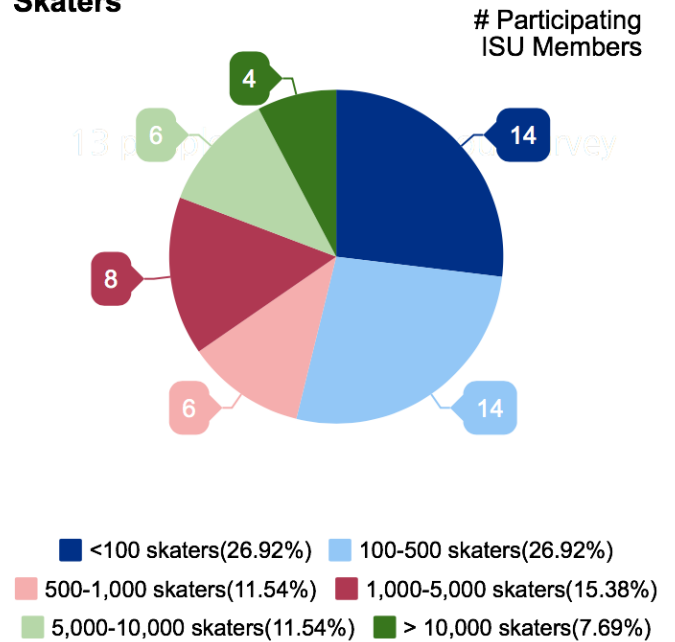
52 ISU Members responded to the survey

23 Members Figure Skating and Speed Skating
 17 Members Figure Skating only
 12 Members Speed Skating only

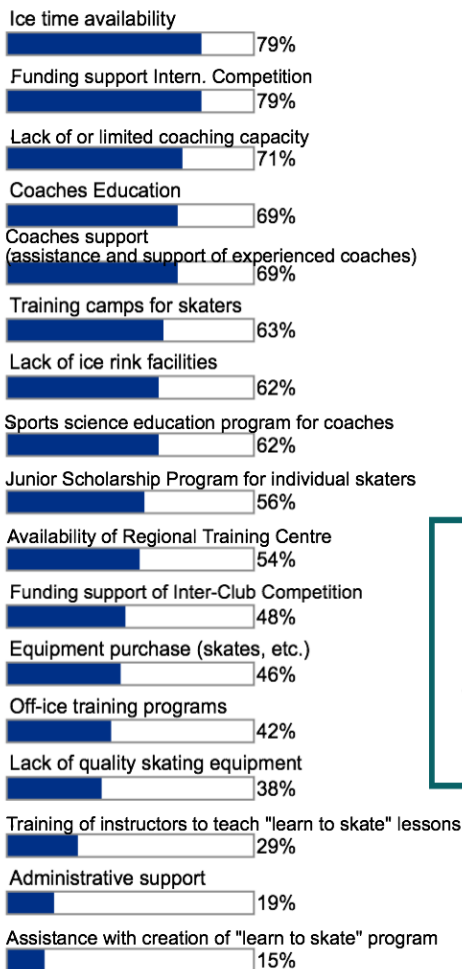


NB. 2 Members didn't fill in their name

Member's approximate total number of active registered competitive Skaters



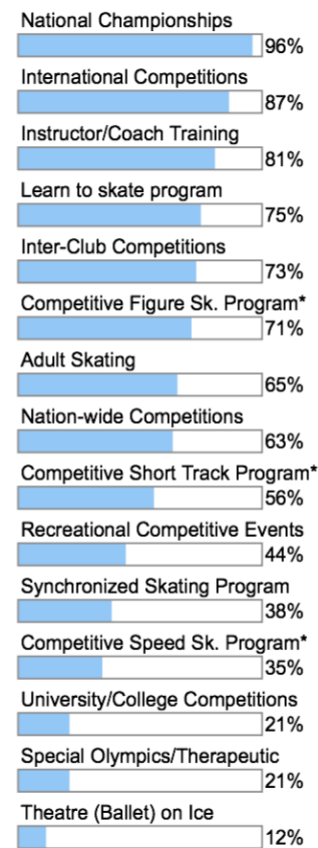
Main challenges participating Members face



Result

69% of the participating Members mention coaches education as challenge

Types of skating activities or programs conducted by participating Members



Result

75% of the participating Members conduct a Learn to skate program

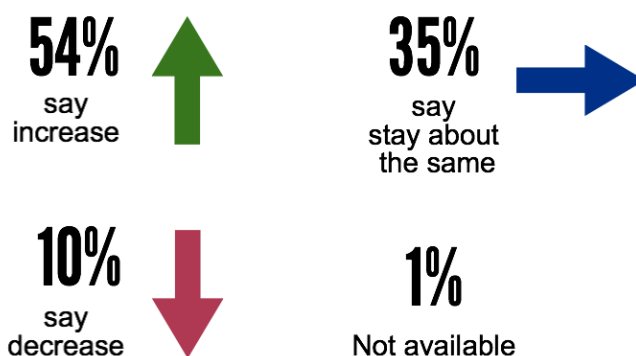
*) Competitive programs are including training camps

Top 5

Main challenges participating Members face

1. Ice time availability
2. Funding support International Competition
3. Lack of or limited coaching capacity
4. Coaches education
5. Coaches support (assistance and support of experienced coaches)

Question: In the past year, did the number of active registered Skaters in your Federation....



The survey included the open question "Does your Federation face any other challenges?". Many Members used this as an opportunity to not only indicate additional challenges but also to give suggestions regarding challenges. It provides qualitative data in addition to the quantitative data.

Summary of Member's notes Other challenges

- ✓ Several issues regarding ice (it varies from Member to Member): lack of an Olympic-size rink in the country, not enough ice rinks, increasing costs ice rental, not enough ice time for skaters to practice, lack of ice in summer.
- ✓ Not enough international competitions in the region.
- ✓ A few Members experience disadvantages due to the geographical location/"isolation" (high costs, traveling time, visa requirements etc.), and they have not enough facilities and Skaters. Some have the need to train and compete with skaters from other countries in the region.
- ✓ Support to increase media attention and public understanding of and engagement with skating.
- ✓ Decreasing funding from sponsors and government.
- ✓ Cooperation with schools in general, and balance between school and skating at Regional Training Centers.
- ✓ Lack of electronic timing systems.
- ✓ Especially in Figure Skating: lack of resources for international judges and officials training, and not enough officials (not only judges but also data, video, music and system operators).
- ✓ Specifically in Speed Skating, a limited number of Skaters and the need for a proper training group.
- ✓ Specifically in Short Track Speed Skating: not enough safety padding on ice rinks due to the costs.
- ✓ Lack of transition programs from Inline Skating to Speed Skating/ Short Track Speed Skating to Speed Skating.
- ✓ Need for creating a larger base of young Skaters, especially encouraging boys to take part in Pair Skating and Ice Dance besides Single Skating Men.

Summary of Member's notes Suggestions

- ✓ More competitive international competitions within the region (such as in South East Asia/Oceania) to develop young Skaters.
- ✓ International cooperation regarding continuous coaches development and the concerted application of applicable sports science knowledge. A given example is that the ISU should invest in sports science. The smaller countries can't afford the necessary investment in sports science and coaches development is currently done on a piecemeal basis which is not conducive to ensuring long-term results.
- ✓ Establishing regional academies to develop skaters and coaches. A given example concerns an ongoing/permanent European academy. The academy should be a place where skaters from all over Europe (mainly smaller countries) can find a training group and where top level coaches educate other coaches.
- ✓ Establishing a South American Skating Confederation which gathers skaters in the region (also skaters from countries that don't have a federation).
- ✓ Cooperation and exchange of knowledge between larger and smaller federations. Two Members in the survey (>10.000 registered competitive Skaters), which conduct nearly all skating activities/programs, note they would be happy to have a dialogue on how partnerships between the ISU and larger federations may help support the ISU mandate.
- ✓ Especially in figure skating: seminars for organizing events with the ISU judging system, and more ISU judges seminars (especially regarding pair skating) for skaters, coaches, and judges.
- ✓ Investing in programs that transition athletes from Figure Skating, Hockey, and Inline to Speed Skating.
- ✓ Reconsidering the construction of skating events and find a way to attract more fans, sponsors, and media coverage. For example, making the point system easier to understand for the audience.