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#WhiteCard

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World Figure Skating Champions show symbolic White Card on the occasion of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6 is the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and the International Skating Union is proud to be a part of this initiative for a second year running.

The ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2019 took place in Saitama, Japan last March with over 80,000 people attending the 5-day event. All competitors performed their best to achieve their goals, whether it was to finish on the podium, in the top 10, to make it to the Free Skating / Free Dance or to achieve a new personal or season's best.

China's <u>Wenjing Sui / Cong Han</u> won the gold medal in Pair Skating while Olympic Champion <u>Alina Zagitova</u> of Russia added the only missing title to her impressive resume by striking gold. France's <u>Gabriella Papadakis / Guillaume Cizeron</u> once more reigned supreme on the ice to dance to their fourth World title and <u>Nathan Chen</u> (USA) repeated as World Champion in what was a spectacular Men's Final.

Once the competition over and everything was left out on the ice, the 2019 World Figure Skating Champions got together with the ISU President Mr. Jan Dijkema to show their commitment to Sport for Development and Peace by showing a #WhiteCard as a strong symbolic gesture.

The #WhiteCard is a Peace and Sport digital campaign that promotes the positive and constructive values of sport. In contrast with the red card, which signifies the most serious offense in sport, the #WhiteCard is a gesture of inclusion, tolerance and peace.

To celebrate Peace and Sport on April 6, the ISU invites the entire Skating community to rally around the symbol of a <u>#WhiteCard</u> as a sign of your commitment to peace efforts worldwide. To find out more information on the <u>#WhiteCard</u> campaign and how you can also participate please visit their website.

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). For further information please visit <u>isu.org</u>.