



## Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

### Policy Document : HPP-0905-V1

# International Championship Nomination Criteria 2009-2010 Singles/Pair Skating/Ice Dancing

## Overview

This Policy establishes the criteria for nomination to ISU Championship Events for the season commencing 1 July 2009 and ending 30 April 2010.

## Related Documents

1. Policy HPF-0901-V1 International Competition Nomination Criteria
2. Procedure HPP-0902-V1 Medical Notification & Clearance Procedure
3. Policy HPP-0907-V2 ISA National Squad 2009 Criteria & Funding

## POLICY

Nomination to ISU Championship Events for the 2009 – 2010 season will be determined by National Rankings which will be based on Total Points Scores and/or Total Equalized Points Scores achieved at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) and ISU international competitions between August 23 and December 10, 2009.

All Scores will be subject to score validation undertaken by the Ice Skating Australia (ISA) Selection Panel.

### Four Continents

Nominations for the 2010 ISU Four Continents Championships will be determined by Senior National Rankings as published by ISA by 10 December 2009. The Top 3 ranked athletes in each event may be nominated and subsequently ranked athletes may be nominated as substitutes.

All nominated athletes must have competed in the Senior Division of the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) or have been granted an Exceptional Circumstance for the 2009 AFSC.

All nominated athletes for Singles Events must have competed in one or more Senior or Junior international competitions in the 24 months preceding the 2010 ISU Four Continents Championships. At least one member of the Couple for Ice Dancing Events and at least one member of the Team for Pair Skating Events must have competed at one or more Senior or Junior international competitions in the 24 months preceding the 2010 ISU Four Continents Championships.

### World Championships

Nominations for the 2010 ISU World Figure Skating Championships will be determined by Senior National Rankings as published by ISA following the 2010 ISU Four Continents Championships. The athlete with the highest Senior ranking will be nominated to the World Championships and subsequently ranked athletes will be nominated as substitutes.

Any athlete who has been selected by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games may, at the discretion of the ISA Selection Panel, be granted the highest Senior ranking.

Athletes in all events must achieve a minimum Total Point Score of 100 at either the 2009 AFSC or ISU International competitions in the 2009-2010 season to be eligible for nomination to the World Championships.

### **World Junior Championships**

Nominations for the 2010 ISU World Junior Championships will be determined by Junior National Rankings as published by ISA before 10 December. The athlete with the highest Junior ranking will be nominated to the ISU World Junior Championships and subsequently ranked athletes will be nominated as substitutes.

All nominated athletes must have competed in either the **Junior or Senior** Division at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) or been granted an Exceptional Circumstance for the 2009 AFSC.

All nominated athletes for Singles Events must have competed in one or more Senior or Junior international competitions in the 24 months preceding the 2010 ISU World Junior Championships. At least one member of the Couple for Ice Dancing Events and at least one member of the Team for Pair Skating Events must have as competed at one or more Senior or Junior international competitions in the 24 months preceding the 2010 ISU World Junior Championships.

### **Exceptional Circumstances – World Junior and Four Continents Championships**

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the 2009 AFSC due to illness or injury must apply for an exceptional circumstance in order to be considered for a National Ranking and to be eligible for nomination to an ISU Championships.

Having satisfied all conditions outlined in the ISA Medical Notification and Clearance Procedure (HPP-0902), the athlete may be eligible for exceptional circumstance consideration. If consideration is granted, the athlete is required to compete in an international event (Junior or Senior) prior to 10 December 2009 which will be subject to score validation undertaken by the Ice Skating Australia (ISA) Selection Panel.

### **Interpretation**

In this Nomination Criteria the following words have the following meanings:

“Total Points Score” means:

For Singles and Pair Skating events the sum of the Total Segment Scores in the Short and Free Skating Programs

For Ice Dancing events the sum of the Total Segment Scores in the Compulsory, Original and Free Dances

“Total Equalized Points Score” means for Singles events the Total Points Score less the value of Spiral Sequence (Ladies) and lowest value Step Sequence (Men) in the Senior Free Skating.

“National Ranking” means the ranking based on Total Point Scores and/or Total Equalized Scores achieved at the 2009 AFSC and ISU international competitions between 23 August and 10 December 2009 or upon conclusion of the ISU Four Continent Championships as published on the ISA website ([www.isa.org.au](http://www.isa.org.au)) from time to time.

“Junior National Ranking” means National Ranking of junior age eligible athletes.

“Senior National Ranking” means National Ranking of senior age eligible athletes.

“ISA Selection Panel” means the individuals appointed by Ice Skating Australia from time to time comprising:

- The ISA High Performance Operational Director
- An ISU Championship or International Technical Specialist for the discipline as nominated by ISA
- An ISU Championship Judge for the discipline as nominated by ISA

“Score Validation” means the process of evaluating the Total Points Score or Total Equalized Point Score achieved against the following criteria.

For all international events:

- i. there must be at least 8 Singles skaters from a minimum of four ISU Member Nations (for Singles); or
- ii. there must be at least 6 Ice Dance Couples from a minimum of four ISU Member Nations (for Ice Dancing); or
- iii. there must be at least 5 Pairs from a minimum of three ISU Member Nations (for Pairs); and
- iv. the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and 2 Technical Specialists) must be from three different ISU Member Nations; and
- v. the scores of the judges at the event must be consistent with other ISU international events as determined by the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel in their sole and absolute discretion.

For all domestic events (AFSC and ISA Selection Events):

- i. at least half the Judging panel must be internationally qualified
- ii. the Technical Panel must have a majority of internationally qualified members; and
- iii. the scores of the judges at the event must be consistent with other ISU international events as determined by the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel in their sole and absolute discretion

If the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel determines that a Total Points Score or Total Equalized Points Score achieved at an event fails to meet any of the above criteria, the Score achieved at that event will not be used for National Ranking.

## **Decisions of Ice Skating Australia**

All decisions of Ice Skating Australia relating to nomination to ISU Championship events are final.

**Authorized by:** ISA Board of Management

**Authorization date:** 31 July 2009