

SECTION 5

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Effective 1st Jan 2011

A. INTERNATIONAL (INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS)

Rule 500

1. A person representing Australia in an ISU World or World Junior Championship, an ISU Four Continents Championship or an International Competition must:
 - a) be an Australian citizen at the time of the commencement of the Australian Championship preceding the applicable ISU Championship or International Competition,OR
 - b) have been ordinarily resident in Australia for at least one year in accordance with ISU Rule 109 and complied with all the requirements of the ISU as detailed in ISU Regulations and applicable communications, including the obtaining of any necessary clearances from the National Association of the country of which the person is a citizen, and from the ISU, by the specified dates.
2. In the case of a pair or an ice dance couple, at least one partner must be an Australian citizen in accordance with ISA Rule 500, paragraph 1a) and the other partner must comply with the provisions of ISU Rule 109 and applicable communications, including the obtaining of any necessary clearances from the National Association of the country of which that partner is a citizen, and from the ISU, by the specified dates.
3. A person representing Australia in any ISU Championship or international competition must have passed the requisite ISA qualifying test(s) prior to nomination.

Rule 501

ENTRIES

Nomination of a person to any Junior or Senior International Competition, or ISU Championship, or the Olympic Winter Games, shall be made by the Association in accordance with the Regulations of the ISU.

Rule 502

Any person seeking nomination as an Australian competitor in any international event, shall submit a request to the relevant State association, that nomination as an Australian competitor be forwarded by the Association.

Rule 503

Nomination of a person as an Australian competitor shall be made by the Association only at the request of the person's State association.

Rule 504

In any case where nominations are received from more than one competitor for any event, the order of preference shall be determined by the Association in its absolute discretion after due consideration of the qualifications of each competitor, and the results of recent competitions.

Rule 505

The Association may, in its absolute discretion, decline to nominate as an Australian competitor, any nominee submitted by a State association.

Rule 506

The appointment of officials and Judges to represent Australia at any International Competition or Championship shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Rule 507 - 509 (Reserved)

B. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rule 510

The Association will, if practicable, conduct annual Championships at places and dates to be decided by the Council, and announced immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the year preceding that in which the events are to be held.

Rule 511

The Championship Meeting will, so far as possible, be held in turn in each of the States where adequate facilities are available for the conduct of the meeting.

Rule 512

The Championship Meeting will be held at a time to be determined by the Council.

Rule 513

TITLES

1. The title "Australian Champion" shall be awarded only to persons who, at the time of the commencement of the applicable Australian Championship are:

Ladies and men who are Australian citizens or have been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

OR

A pair or dance couple with at least one partner who is an Australian citizen and the other partner has been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

AND

Synchronized teams with at least 75% of the team who are Australian citizens.

2. The title "Australian Champion" shall be awarded to the winner of each event at the Australian Championship Meeting, in as many divisions of figure skating, pair skating, ice dancing and synchronized skating as the Council shall determine.
3. The winner of a Championship event shall bear the title: "Australian Ladies'/Men's Champion" (year); "Australian Junior Ladies'/Men's Champion" (year); etc. "Australian Pair Champion" (year); "Australian Junior Pair Champion" (year); etc. "Australian Ice Dance Champions" (year); "Australian Junior Ice Dance Champions" (year); etc. "Australian Synchronized Team Champions" (year); etc.

Rule 514

ORGANISATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

1. The organisation of Championship Meetings shall be under the general control of the Council, which may delegate the organisation of the meeting to a State association or club, or a specially designated Committee.
2. Championship Meetings may be held at different times or places for different divisions, as may be required to meet conditions or circumstances.

Rule 515**CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

1. No alteration of the regulations relating to a Championship or Competition may be made after the announcement of the event concerned.
2. No amendment to existing Championship rules may be made within 2 months of the Australian Championship Meeting concerned.
3. New rules or new events may be introduced only if published at least two months before the announced date of the event.

Rule 516**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Participation in an Australian Championship is open to a person belonging to a State association, who is eligible in accordance with the conditions applicable to the particular event.
2. The Council may, in its discretion, allow persons from other countries to participate in an Australian Championship meeting.
3. Invited participants from other countries competing in Australian Championships, must meet Australian entry standards and requirements in all respects. Such skaters must meet the specified test requirements, or their own equivalent, and may not compete in a lower division than that in which they have competed in their home countries.

Rule 517**AWARDS**

1. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the Champion and the second and third placed competitors respectively.
2. Invited participants from other ISU members, who place in any of the three positions in an Australian Championship event, will be given appropriate medals, in addition to the medals awarded to the three highest-placed Australian competitors.

Rule 518**OFFICIALS**

1. All Officials for Championship events will be selected by the Operational Director Judging and Officials
2. Nominations for all officials shall be submitted to the Operational Director no later than four weeks preceding the first day of the competition.
3. The following Officials are recommended:
 - a) Referee;
 - b) A panel of a minimum of four judges;
 - c) A Technical Controller;
 - d) A Technical Specialist;
 - e) An Assistant Technical Specialist;
 - f) A Data and Replay Operator.

4. The following competition personnel are necessary, and are selected and managed by the Organising Committee:
 - a) An announcer to summon the Competitors and to read the scores and results (Refer ISU Rule 352);
 - b) Two accountants to manage the ISU Judging System
 - c) Supplementary Officials (if necessary) to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
5. Nominations for auxiliary competition personnel shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee no later than four weeks preceding the first day of the competition.
6. So far as possible, there will be at least one judge from each State, but no State should have a majority of judges on any panel.
7. The Operational Director Judging and Officials or, in the absence of the Operational Director, the President shall have the power to decide any variation from these requirements, which are rendered necessary by circumstances.

Rule 519

ENTRIES

1. Entry for a Championship shall be made by the person's State association no later than four weeks preceding the first day of the competition.
2. Entries shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee and the Administration Officer in writing, accompanied by the required entry fees.
3. Each State shall be entitled to nominate up to four (4) entrants in each Championship event.
4. The host State may nominate a fifth entrant in each event.
5. Title holders may defend their titles without being counted in a State's quota in any event where defence of title is permitted.
6. The Council may, in its discretion, accept further entries for any event from any State.
7. Entry fees payable shall be set by the Council each year.
8. The Council may accept entries after the closing date upon payment of double the entry fee.

Rule 520

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA

The Championship of Australia shall be open to Ladies and Men, and shall be in two parts:

1. A Short Program
2. A Free Skating Program

Rule 521

PRIMARY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA

Participation in a Primary Singles Championship shall be open to a member of a State association who has at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Primary Level Test or its equivalent, but not higher at the close of entries;
2. not reached the age of fourteen (14) by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place;

Rule 522

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 310.2](#)

Rule 523

FREE SKATING As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 320](#)

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Rule 524 (Reserved)**Rule 525****INTERMEDIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in an Intermediate Singles Championship shall be open to a member of a State association who has, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Primary Level Test or its equivalent, but not higher at the close of entries;
2. have reached the age of fourteen (14) by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place.

Rule 526

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 310.2](#)

Rule 527

FREE SKATING As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 320](#)

Rule 528 (Reserved)**Rule 529****NOVICE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Novice Singles Championship shall be open to a member of a State association who has, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Novice Level Test or its equivalent;
2. not won a previous Novice Singles Championship of Australia, except that skaters who have not reached the age of 16 by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place may defend their titles;
3. not competed in a Junior or higher Singles Championship, (State, Australian or other).

Rule 530

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 310.2](#)

Rule 531

FREE SKATING As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 320](#)

Rule 532 (Reserved)**Rule 533****JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Junior Singles Championship shall be open to a member of a State association who has, at the closing of entries, passed the Junior Level Test or its equivalent, and

EITHER has:

not exceeded the ISU Junior age of 19 for Ladies and Men in singles competition by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place;

OR has:

1. not won a previous Junior Singles Championship of Australia;
2. not competed in a Senior Singles Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 534

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in ISU Rule 510 and ISU Rule 501

Rule 535

FREE SKATING As specified in ISU Rule 520 and ISU Rule 501

Rule 536 (Reserved)**Rule 537****SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Senior Singles Championship shall be open to a member of a State association who has, at the closing of entries, passed the Senior Level Test or its equivalent.

Rule 538

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in ISU Rule 510 and ISU Rule 501

Rule 539

FREE SKATING As specified in ISU Rule 520 and ISU Rule 501

Rule 540**PAIR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Championships of Australia shall be open to pairs (comprising a lady and a man) and shall be in two parts:

1. A Short Program
2. A Free Skating Program

Rule 541**PRIMARY PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Primary Pair Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Primary Level Pair Test or its equivalent;
2. not won a previous Primary Pair Championship of Australia, except that where the partners have not reached the age of 14 for ladies and 16 for men by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place, the title may be defended; or
3. only one partner has won a previous Primary Pair Championship of Australia, and ;
4. only one partner has competed in a Novice Pair Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 542 (Reserved)**Rule 543**

FREE SKATING As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 321](#)

Rule 544**NOVICE PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Novice Pair Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Novice Level Pair Test or its equivalent, but not higher at close of entries;
2. not won a previous Novice Pair Championship of Australia, except that where the partners have not reached the age of 15 for ladies and 17 for men by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place, the title may be defended; or
3. only one partner has won a previous Novice Pair Championship of Australia, and ;
4. only one partner has competed in a Junior Pair Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 545

SHORT PROGRAM As specified [in ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 313](#)

Rule 546

FREE SKATING As specified in [ISA Rule 305 and ISA Rule 321](#)

Rule 547**JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Junior Pair Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries, passed the Junior Level Pair Test or its equivalent, and where NEITHER partner has:

Exceeded the ISU Junior age of 19 for Ladies and 21 for Men in Pair Skating competition by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place;

OR where:

1. Only one partner has won a previous Junior Pair Championship of Australia; or

2. Only one partner has competed in a Senior Pair Championship, (State, Australian or other).

Rule 548

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in ISU Rule 513 Duration: as specified in ISU Rule 501

Rule 549

FREE SKATING As specified in ISU Rule 520
Duration: as specified in ISU Rule 501

Rule 550**SENIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in the Senior Pair Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries, passed the Senior Pair Test Level or its equivalent.

Rule 551

SHORT PROGRAM As specified in ISU Rule 513
Duration: as specified in ISU Rule 501

Rule 552

FREE SKATING As specified in ISU Rule 520
Duration: as specified in ISU Rule 501

Rules 553 - 554 (Reserved)**Rule 555****ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Championships of Australia shall be open to couples (comprising a lady and a man) and shall be in three parts:

1. Compulsory Dances
2. Original Dance
3. Free Dance

Rule 556**PRIMARY DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Primary Dance Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Primary Level Dance Test or its equivalent;
2. not won a previous Primary Dance Championship of Australia, except that where the partners have not reached the age of 14 for ladies and 16 for men by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place, the title may be defended; or
3. only one partner has won a previous Primary Dance Championship of Australia, and
4. only one partner has competed in a Novice Dance Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 557

COMPULSORY DANCES: As specified in [ISA Rule 337](#)

Group 1 2006, 2009, 2012

Group 2 2007, 2010, 2013

Group 3 2008, 2011, 2014

Rule 558

ORIGINAL DANCE: As specified in [ISA Rule 338](#)

Group 1 2006, 2009, 2012

Group 2 2007, 2010, 2013

Group 3 2008, 2011, 2014

Rule 559

FREE DANCE: As specified in [ISA Rule 339](#)

Rule 560**NOVICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Novice Dance Championship shall be open to members of a State association, who have, at the closing of entries:

1. passed the Novice Level Dance Test or equivalent; and
2. not won a previous Novice Dance Championship of Australia, except that where the partners have not reached the age of 15 for ladies and 17 for men by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place, the title may be defended; or
3. only one partner has won a previous Novice Dance Championship of Australia, and
4. only one partner has competed in a Junior Dance Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 561

COMPULSORY DANCES: As specified in [ISA Rule 337](#)

Group 1 2006, 2009, 2012

Group 2 2007, 2010, 2013

Group 3 2008, 2011, 2014

Rule 562

ORIGINAL DANCE: As specified in [ISA Rule 338](#)

Group 1 2006, 2009, 2012

Group 2 2007, 2010, 2013

Group 3 2008, 2011, 2014

Rule 563

FREE DANCE: As specified in [ISA Rule 339](#)

Rule 564 (Reserved)**Rule 565****JUNIOR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in a Junior Dance Championship shall be open to members of a State association who have, at the closing of entries, passed the Junior Dance Test or equivalent and where NEITHER partner has:

Exceeded the ISU Junior age of 19 for Ladies and the age of 21 for Men in Ice Dancing competition by 1 July in the year in which the event takes place;

OR where:

1. only one partner has won a previous Junior or higher Dance Championship of Australia;
OR
2. only one partner has competed in a Senior Dance Championship (State, Australian or other).

Rule 566

COMPULSORY DANCES: As selected by the ISU, and in accordance with ISU Rule 607.

Rule 567

ORIGINAL DANCE: As selected by the ISU and in accordance with ISU Rule 609.

Duration: refer ISU Rule 641

Rule 568

FREE DANCE: In accordance with ISU Rule 610

Duration: refer ISU Rule 641

Rule 569 (Reserved)**Rule 570****SENIOR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA**

Participation in the Senior Dance Championship shall be open to members of a State association, who have, at the closing of entries passed the Senior Dance Test or equivalent.

Rule 571

COMPULSORY DANCES: As selected by the ISU and in accordance with ISU Rule 607.

Rule 572

ORIGINAL DANCE: As selected by the ISU and in accordance with ISU Rule 609.

Duration: refer ISU Rule 641.

Rule 573

FREE DANCE: In accordance with ISU Rule 610.

Duration: refer ISU Rule 641

Rules 574 - 599 (Reserved)