



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated
Affiliated to the International Skating Union

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**Synchronized Skating International Competition
and ISU Championships 2009-2010
Nomination Criteria**

Overview

This Policy establishes the application process for Synchronized Skating Teams for international competitions and the procedure followed by ISA to nominate Synchronized Skating Teams to international events for the 2009-2010 season.

Related Documents

Form SSF-0905-V1 Synchronized Team International Competition and ISU Championships
2009-2010 Expression of Interest Form

POLICY

Applicable Regulations

ISA Rule 1039 INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations for ISU Events

Recommendations to the ISA Board for nominations to World Championships, World Challenge Cup for Juniors and other ISU competitions will be made by a panel of International and/or National Senior Synchronized Skating Judges in consultation with the ISA Operational Directors for Synchronized Skating and High Performance.

2. Team Composition

Any team seeking nomination for World Championships, World Challenge Cup for Juniors and other ISU competitions must skate in their programs the number of eligible skaters as prescribed by ISU Rule 701.3, at the preceding Australian Championships.

At least 75% of the members of any team nominated for World Championships, World Challenge Cup for Juniors or ISU Competitions must have been entered for the same team at the preceding Australian Championships and have been present at those Championships.

In the event that any calculation results in a fraction of less than one whole team member, the result will be rounded up in the event that the fraction is 0.5 or more, and rounded down when the fraction is less than 0.5.

3. Team Replacements



Replacement team members may be selected in accordance with Rule 1039.2 and must meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements for Junior and Senior events.

ISA Rule 1038.2

The provisions of ISU Rule 109.2d) are applicable to the inclusion of skaters from foreign ISU Members to compete in Australian Synchronized Teams at an Australian Championship, viz up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member if so permitted by the country of which the skater is a citizen.

ISU Rule 109.2 d) in the case of Synchronized Skating Teams, up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country of which the Skater is a citizen, but such Skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same year (July 1-June 30). Restrictions specified in paragraph 2 b) do not apply.

The International Synchronized Skating events for the 2009- 2010 season are as follows:

7 - 10 Jan	Nestle Kangus Cup Junior, Novice Ladies, Men, Pairs	Torun, Poland	
14 - 17 Jan	Cup of Berlin Senior, Junior % Novice	Berlin, Germany	
29 - 31 Jan	Prague Cup 2010 Senior, Junior, Novice	Prague, Czech Republic	
29 - 31 Jan	Finlandia Cup Senior, Junior, Novice	Helsinki, Finland	
5 - 6 Feb	French Cup Senior, Junior, Novice	Rouen, France	
12 - 14 Feb	16th Spring Cup Senior, Junior, Novice	Milan, Italy	
19 - 20 Feb	Neuchatel Trophy Senior, Junior, Novice	Neuchatel, Switzerland	
12 - 14 Mar	 Synchronized Skating World Challenge Cup	Göteborg, Sweden (TBA)	
12 - 13 Mar	Zagreb Snowflakes Trophy Senior, Junior, Novice	Zagreb, Croatia	
19 - 21 Mar	Leon Lurje Trophy Novice	Göteborg, Sweden	
19 - 21 Mar	Jegvirag Cup Senior, Junior, Novice	Miskolc, Hungary	
9 - 10 Apr	 World Synchronized Skating Championships	Colorado Springs, USA	

Additional competitions notified by ISU may also be considered. Please refer to the ISU website (www.isu.org) for the latest information regarding any additional competitions and dates.

Nomination Guidelines

- 1 Synchronized Skating Team nominations to international competitions will be determined on the results of the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) to be held 15 -22 August in Sydney.
- 2 Teams wishing to be considered for nomination must apply through their State Association who shall then notify Ice Skating Australia of the team's choice of competitions in their order of preference by the closing date of the 2009 AFSC.
- 3 Teams are required to use the excel spreadsheet entry form supplied by ISA for the 2009 AFSC. All the fields must be filled out electronically to allow the formulas and macros to work and sent by email and hard copy. The correct Proof of Age number, proof of test level (copies of certificates) **and copies of all current, valid passports¹ or other documents verifying dates of birth must be supplied for each team member.**

¹ Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of entry into another country.

- 4 States must check all the information and sign the expression of interest form before submission. ISA shall also check this information and return any incomplete or incorrect entry forms. If a team's choice is restricted due to their availability or training plans, this should be briefly outlined in the application to support their case.
- 5 ISA will also check that any non-Australian citizens have permission to skate and have been registered with ISA for 2009-2010 that ISA Rule 1038.2 and ISU Rule 109.2(d) have been met.
- 6 Please note that teams wishing to be considered for nomination must comply with ISA Rule 1039.2. To clarify, all team members (including alternates), listed on the team sheet must be eligible to enter both the AFSC and the international competition(s) of choice for the team as a whole to be considered.
- 7 Any team member replacements selected after the AFSC must also meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements (including prerequisite tests) as per ISA Rule 1039.3.
- 8 Only one team per division per competition will be nominated.
- 9 A team shall be initially nominated to a maximum of two competitions.
- 10 Only eligible teams as per ISA Rules 1038.2, 1039.2 and ISU Rule 109.2(d) who meet the standard will be considered.
- 11 Teams will only be considered for nomination in the division in which they compete at the 2009 AFSC.
- 12 Where a team has not notified its choices to ISA, it will still be considered if eligible but may have no preference in its nominated competitions.
- 13 Recommendations will be made as per ISA Rules 1038.2, 1039.2 and ISU Rule 109.2(d) with consideration of the rankings and standard of skating at the 2009 AFSC.
- 14 The Panel will have the final decision on the recommendations for nomination to ISA.
- 15 All decisions of Ice Skating Australia relating to nomination to Novice, Junior and Senior international competitions are final.

Senior Division

- 1 The first ranked eligible Senior team with the highest Total Points Score at the 2009 AFSC will be nominated to the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships plus one other competition of their choice.
- 2 Further nominations will be based on the eligible Senior National Rankings after the 2009 AFSC and the teams' choice of competitions. That is, a higher ranked eligible team shall have first choice of the remaining competitions.
- 3 If any team has a restricted choice due to their availability or training plans, then this will be considered by the Panel and may be subject to negotiation with other teams.

Junior Division

- 1 The first ranked eligible Junior team with the highest Total Points Score at the 2009 AFSC will be nominated to the World Challenge Cup for Juniors plus one other competition of their choice.
- 2 Further nominations will be based on the eligible Junior National Rankings after the 2009 AFSC and the teams' choice of competitions. That is, a higher ranked team shall have first choice of the remaining competitions.
- 3 If any team has a restricted choice due to their availability or training plans, then this will be considered by the Panel and may be subject to negotiation with other teams.

Novice Division

- 1 The first ranked eligible Novice team with the highest Total Points Score at the 2009 AFSC will be nominated to one or two competitions of their choice.
- 2 Further nominations will be based on the eligible Novice National Rankings after the 2009 AFSC and the teams' choice of competitions. That is, a higher ranked team shall have first choice of the remaining competitions.
- 3 If any team has a restricted choice due to their availability or training plans, then this will be considered by the Panel and may be subject to negotiation with other teams.

Interpretation

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

“Total Points Score” means the sum of the Total Segment Scores in the Short and Free Skating Programs

“National Ranking” means the ranking based on Total Point Scores achieved at AFSC and any other specified event as published on the ISA website (www.isa.org.au) from time to time.

“Panel” means the individuals' appointed by Ice Skating Australia from time to time comprising of at least:

An ISU Championship or International Technical Specialist as nominated by ISA

An ISU Championship or International Judge as nominated by ISA

After Nomination

- 1 After nominations have been made, the Panel shall notify the ISA President, High Performance (HP) and Synchronized Operational Directors.
- 2 The HP and Synchronized Operational Directors shall prepare the Notification of Nomination for the signature of the ISA President and include a copy of the Letter of Acceptance for delivery to the Team as soon as practicable.
- 3 Nominated teams must return a completed and signed letter of acceptance to ISA by the 1st September 2009.
- 4 ISA shall notify the team's acceptance of nomination to the Team's State Association as soon as possible.
- 5 In the event that a team does not accept the nomination, the place may be offered to another eligible team.
- 6 **The completed Application Declaration Form with the final team composition, execution page of the distributed Athlete Agreement and ALL signatures must be submitted through the Team's State Association and received by ISA no later than 90 days prior to the earliest event listed. The application must also be copied to the State Association of any team member if different to that of the team.**

- 7 **Where copies of current, valid¹ passports were not supplied with team entry, they must be supplied with the completed Application Declaration Form.**
- 8 States must check all the information and documentation before submission. ISA shall also check this information and return any incomplete or incorrect entry forms.
- 9 Incomplete forms and/or late submission may result in forfeiture of the nomination.
- 10 The Team list for the 2009 AFSC shall be checked against the Team list submitted above to ensure correct eligibility.
- 11 If further substitution of team members is required within the 90 day period, an application for approval from ISA must be made immediately giving details of the team member(s) involved, the details of the replacements including copies of their passport and test levels, and the reason for the substitution. This application must also be copied to the team's State Association and the State Association of the team member if different to that of the team. Replacements must still be in accordance with ISA Rule 1039.2. While extenuating circumstances will be considered, ISA reserves the right to deny approval and withdraw the team's selection.

Authorized by: ISA Board of Management

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