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## SECTION 6

### CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

Effective July 2021

#### By-Law 600

For the purposes of technical requirements, the Australian skating season will begin on February 1 and end on January 31. This will apply to:

1. Australian Championships
2. Interstate Competitions
3. Other competitions

Any variations to these dates will be published in an ISA Communication.

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### By-Law 601

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

#### By-Law 602

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.

#### By-Law 603

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

#### By-Law 604

#### 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:

Women and Men (Boys and Girls) 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 Women's/Men's (Boys/Girls) Champion" (year);
  - "Australian Junior Women's/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.
  - "Australian Junior Synchronized Team Champions" (year); etc
  - "Australian Masters Elite Women's/Men's Champion" (year); etc

#### **By-Law 605**

#### **ORGANISATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS**

1. The organisation of Championship Meetings shall be under the general control of the Board, 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.

#### **By-Law 606**

#### **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.

#### **By-Law 607**

#### **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. Participants in an Australian Championship must be approved and entered by a State Association.
3. A skater may represent only one State Association in the same Championships regardless of the number of they have disciplines entered.
4. The Board may, in its discretion, allow persons from other countries to participate in an Australian Championship meeting.

5. 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.

### **By-Law 608**

#### **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.

### **By-Law 609**

#### **OFFICIALS**

1. All Officials for Championship events will be selected by the Chair Judging and Officials
2. Nominations for all officials shall be submitted to the Chair 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 Chair Judging and Officials, their delegate or the President shall have the power to decide any variation from these requirements, which are rendered necessary by circumstances.

### **By-Law 610**

#### **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 Board may, in its discretion, accept further entries for any event from any State.
7. Entry fees payable shall be set by the Board each year.
8. The Board may accept entries after the closing date upon payment of double the entry fee.

### **By-Law 611**

#### **SKATING ORDER FOR FREE SKATING AND FREE DANCE**

There will be no draw for the order of skating for the Free Skate or Free Dance section of a competition, competitors will skate in reverse order to their places in the preceding segment of the competition (if there is one), that is, with the best place Competitor skating last. The order of skating between tied Competitors shall be determined by a separate draw.

For events with only a Free Skate or Free Dance, the normal draw process for skating order will still be performed.

### **By-Law 612**

#### **SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of six (6) divisions:

- a) Senior Women's and Men (Short Program and Free Skate)
- b) Junior Women's and Men (Short Program and Free Skate)
- c) Advanced Novice Girls and Boys (Short Program and Free Skate)
- d) Intermediate Women's and Men (Free skate only)
- e) Intermediate Novice Boys and Girls (Free skate only)
- f) Basic Novice Boys and Girls (Free skate only)

### **By-Law 613**

#### **PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of four (4) divisions:

- a) Senior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- b) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- c) Advanced Novice (Short Program and Free Skate)
- d) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)

### **By-Law 614**

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**ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of four (4) divisions:

- a) Senior (Short Dance and Free Dance)
- b) Junior (Short Dance and Free Dance)
- c) Advanced Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- d) Basic Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

**By-Law 615****SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of six (6) divisions

- a) Senior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- b) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- c) Advanced Novice (Free Skate only)
- d) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)
- e) Mixed Age (Free Skate only)
- f) Adult (Free Skate only)

**By-Law 616****ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of twelve (12) divisions:

- a) Adult Elite Masters Singles (Free Skate only)
- b) Adult Masters Singles (Free Skate only)
- c) Adult Gold Singles (Free Skate only)
- d) Adult Silver Singles (Free Skate only)
- e) Adult Elite Masters Pair (Free Skate only)
- f) Adult Masters Pair (Free Skate only)
- g) Adult Intermediate Pair (Free Skate only)
- h) Adult Pair (Free Skate only)
- i) Adult Elite Masters Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- j) Adult Masters Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- k) Adult Gold Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- l) Adult Silver Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

**617 – 619 (Reserved)**

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## INTERSTATE AND OTHER COMPETITIONS

### Rule 620

1. The Association, after consultation with Members, shall publish a calendar of events as soon as possible at the start of every calendar year, and update the information as required.
2. The announcement of an Interstate Competition should be made no later than two months before the first day of the event.
3. The State Association or affiliated club organising the event must notify the Association and all Members via email if possible, of the link to the competition announcement and documentation no later than two months before the first day of the event.
4. The competition announcement must follow the ISA approved template, ensuring that individual requirements are clearly stated.
5. An Organising Committee may communicate directly with skaters belonging to another State Association concerning participation in the competition, provided the State Association concerned is copied into all communications.
6. An Interstate Competition must not be scheduled in the three days preceding or following the Australian Championships.
7. Interstate and Club competitions must follow ISU and ISA Regulations. Recreational-type events may have different divisions and requirements provided they are clearly communicated in the competition announcement and are conducted in the spirit of the ISU.
8. In the case of an omission in the competition announcement or discrepancy between it and ISU and/or ISA regulations, the Competition Convener and Referee may decide in the best interests of the skaters.
9. Depending on the number of entries, Preliminary, Elementary, Adult Copper and Adult Bronze may be split according to age. A separate Men's Division may be held if three or more entries are received. If less than three Men's entries are received, the Men's and Women's (Boys/Girls) Division(s) may be combined.
10. At the discretion of the OC, if different divisions are combined in one warm-up group due to low entry numbers, the length of the warm-up for all skaters will be determined by the division with the longest allowed time.
11. Skaters who have passed the ISA Preliminary Test but no higher, at close of entries may compete at Aussie Skate level provided:
  1. They have not competed at Preliminary Level in competition, AND
  2. For Pair and Ice Dance, only one partner has passed the Preliminary Test, AND
  3. For Synchronized Skating they have only competed in a Basic Novice or Advanced Novice team, AND
  4. A maximum of 75% of an Aussie Skate synchronized team on the ice in competition has not passed the Preliminary Test or higher.

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.
12. ISA can send out an announcement of an Online Competition no later than two months before the first day of the event.