



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

ISA Benchmark/Champ Series Event Policy

Date Approved:	29 June 2020	Effective Start Date:	29 June 2020
Policy Number:	ISA-02	Version Number:	5.0
Review Date:	30 November 2018		
Related Policies/ Procedures/ Forms			

1 Covid 19

The Covid 19 situation is constantly changing and the ability to predict what national and international events will occur this season, at this point in time, is impossible. As such the ability to use scores earned at those events to rank athletes for selection, if at all, will likely be impossible to know at this point in time. As such consideration should be given by athletes as to the events that best suit their training plans. The non ability of an athlete to attend a Benchmark/Champ Series Event should not detrimentally affect their ability to be selected for events. ISA will take into account the current situation in determining selection.

2 Purpose of the Policy

This Policy establishes the criteria for the conduct of ISA Benchmark/Champ Series Events for the 2020/2021 International Skating Season. These competitions will provide the opportunity for athletes to achieve or improve their Technical Element Scores in the season.

3 Application of Policy

This policy applies to all eligible Australian Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance athletes in Basic Novice, Basic Novice A, Basic Novice B, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior.

In order to be considered for inclusion as an ISA Benchmark/Champ Series Event, the event will need to meet the following requirements:

- The Judging/technical panels must comprise of:
 - **Singles/ Pairs/ Ice Dance**
 - Judging and Technical panel must comprise of officials listed on the ISA National Judging Panels or ISA National Technical Panel Document available on the ISA website.
 - Judging and Technical panel officials must have the appropriate qualifications to officiate the division
 - IJS Video replay system must be available to the technical panel for Junior and Senior

- Additional Requirements:
 - **Singles**
 - Minimum of 5 judges
 - Judging panel - Minimum of 1 International / ISU qualified, 2 National Senior level Judge and the rest of the panel must be State qualified at division of event
 - Technical panel – minimum of 1 International / ISU qualified official and two State qualified at division of event.

 - Pairs**
 - Minimum of 5 judges
 - Judging panel - Minimum of 1 International / ISU qualified judge, 2 National Senior level Judges and the rest of the panel must be State qualified at division of event
 - Technical panel - Minimum of 2 persons must be not less than National Senior level and the third member State qualified at division of event.

 - **Ice Dance**
 - Minimum of 3 judges
 - Judging panel - Minimum of 1 International / ISU qualified judge and 2 National Senior level Judges
 - Technical panel - Minimum of 2 persons must be not less than National Senior level and the third member State qualified at division of event.

- Competition convenors must submit in writing to the Judging/ Officials OD no less than 7 days prior to the commencement of the event, the proposed list of officials for verification and approval.
- The organising committee (club and/or State associations) are responsible for any relevant interstate judge / technical panel travel expenses.

- States/ Clubs are to request inclusion of their Events for the next season by February 15 each year.

Change History

Version	Approval Date	Change
5.0	29 June 2020	Updated Policy for 2020/21 season
4.0	07 June 2018	Updated Policy for 2018
3.0	1 January 2017	Updated Policy for 2017
2.0	30 April 2016	Updated Policy for 2016/ 2017 season
1.0	5 January 2014	Updated policy for 2015/ 2016 season