



# Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

## International Selection Policy (All Divisions)

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<b>Related Policies/ Procedures/ Forms</b>			

### 1 Purpose of the Policy

This policy establishes the selection criteria for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior athletes to be considered for selection to International events conducted under ISU rules.

### 2 Policy Statement

Selection for International events will be allocated in order of current athlete rankings which will rely on scores from the 2022/2023 and/or 2023/2024 seasons and following athlete preferences submitted.

### 3 International Competition Nominations

All eligible Basic Novice, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior athletes in Singles/Pairs/Ice Dance who meet the criteria will be able to nominate for International events.

Only ISU age eligible athletes will be considered for their division in international events. (Novices per ISU 2396, Senior per ISU 2494)

Selection for any International event will be allocated in order of ISA rankings following preferences submitted by athletes.

*The International Event Local Organising Committee (LOC) may restrict, or make additional entries available to each competition or division, therefore athletes are **NOT** to book travel until the athletes have received the official nomination from the High Performance Committee or ISA Administration with the entry forms, **And confirmation of acceptance of the entry by the LOC.***

If in the view of ISA an athlete has not satisfactorily prepared for an event, then it may require a review, and/or it may nominate next ranked athletes.

Athletes will be allowed to nominate and represent Australia at a maximum number of international events as set out by the table below.

ISA may use discretion where necessary to maximise coverage at international events.

Current Division	Number of International Competitions Allowed *Excludes Junior Grand Prix, Senior Grand Prix and ISU Championship Events/ Invitational Events.
Basic Novice	3
Intermediate Novice	3
Advanced Novice	5
Junior	7
Senior	8

\* Athletes seeking additional assignments above the allocated allowance must seek written approval from the ISA Board.

### ISA qualifications, nominations and ISA rankings for International Events

- **ISU Senior Division:**

Senior skaters wishing to/eligible to skate down must achieve an ISA Junior International event qualifying score or have their Senior score adjusted as per the table below, and must be ISU Junior age eligible: (for Senior and Junior ISU Championships selection, please refer to ISA 03) . For the purpose of ranking, scores will be extracted from the ISA Season Rankings. Senior scores will be adjusted for ranking against Junior scores as per the table below:

Discipline	Element Omitted
Men & Women	Short Program: NA Free Program: 1Step Sequence
Pairs	1 Lift with lowest value(not Twist Lift)
Dance	Rhythm Dance: 1 ChRs Free Dance: 1 Short Lift & Choreo Element

ISA reserves the right to nominate skaters whom have not previously skated senior in Australian Competitions where there are not skaters to fill available positions if they can earn a score at a Senior ISA Champ Series event, or there is reason to nominate different skaters based on event coverage

- **ISU Advanced Novice and Junior Division:**

All athletes in Advanced Novice and Junior must compete in their division and have earned the ISA International TES Score, **however if the maximum available quota spots for the event is not filled**, or the LOC grants additional quota spots, then skaters from the following divisions may be included if they meet the following requirements.

- Age eligibility for the event as per ISU Regulations
- Met the ISA International Qualifying Score:
  - i.e. Advanced Novice athlete competing at an ISU Intermediate Novice Division will be required to achieve the Intermediate Novice International Qualifying Score (FS)
  - Junior athletes who are not age eligible for international competition at the Junior level may skate down without earning an Advanced Novice score if they have a qualifying Junior score.\*
  - Aust. Advanced Novice Athlete who is ISU Junior age eligible and has achieved the qualifying Junior score at an Aust. event or has been judged by a panel convened by ISA out of competition

and prior to the International Event.

- **ISU Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice Division:**

All athletes in Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice must compete in the International division where they attain the ISA Qualifying Score.

- Age eligibility for the event as per ISU Regulation
- Met the international pool score requirements as set out by ISA
- Athletes will **ONLY** be allowed to compete in ONE division at an international competition. However in exceptional circumstances ISA may choose to waive this depending on expressions of interest received prior to the close of entries.
- Must have a current valid Passport with at least 6 months left before expiration date.

- **International Events Skate Down Division Option:**

This is only applicable for International Competitions, based on ISU age eligibility.

<b>Current Division</b>	<b>Skate Down Division Options</b>
Basic Novice	Not Applicable
Intermediate Novice	Not Applicable
Advanced Novice	Basic Novice or Intermediate Novice
Junior	Advanced Novice
Senior	Junior

#### **4 ISU International Age Eligibility (skaters age as of 1 July 2023)**

**Basic Novice under 13**

**Intermediate Novice under 15**

**Advanced Novice under 15**

**Junior older than 13 under 19, Men in Pairs and Dance under 21**

- **International Season 23/24 – Senior Skaters who have reached at least the age of sixteen (16) before July 1 preceding the events.**
- **International Season 24/25 onwards – Senior Skaters who have reached at least the age of seventeen (17) before July 1 preceding the events**

**ISA may at its discretion in order to maximise opportunities for athletes, convene a judging and technical panel to assess skater/s out of competition prior to International event/s.**

#### **5 Submission Date**

Nomination request forms must be submitted 14 days prior to the close of entries for the event.

#### **6 Cost and Expenses**

ISA will cover **ONLY** the entry fee cost for athletes involved in international competitions held outside of Australia.

If the athlete withdraws from the competition prior to registering their arrival with the LOC at the event, the athlete will be required to reimburse ISA the full amount of the entry fee paid within 45 days to avoid any further consequences.

If an athlete has withdrawn from 2 or more competitions within the current skating season, after the entry fee has been paid to the LOC, the athlete will be required to cover their own entry fee cost for the remainder of the season.

If an athlete withdraws, prior to arriving at the competition and ISA is unable to send a substitute in time or during the competition for any reason, the athlete will be required to undergo a competition fitness review as directed by HP in consultation with the ISA Board in regard to future nominations. The athlete concerned will not be nominated for any further competitions until this has been completed.

All additional cost, expenses and requirements associated with the competition such as airfares, accommodation, transport, meals etc. will be the responsibility of the athlete involved.

ISA will not enter an athlete in any international event whilst there is any outstanding debt owed to ISA by the athlete or a coach/former coach of an athlete.

ISA will not enter an athlete in an international event without first obtaining payment for any costs likely to be incurred by the athlete/athletes coach/family members travelling with the athlete to the event.

If in the view of ISA an athlete has not satisfactorily prepared for an event, then in its absolute discretion, ISA may cancel the athlete's nomination and appoint the next ranked athlete to attend the event.

***NOT to book any travel until athletes have received the official nomination from the High Performance Committee, ISA Administration, with the entry forms, And confirmation of acceptance of the entry by the overseas LOC.***

## **7 Development Competitions (ISU)**

Athletes for these events will be nominated by ISA Athlete Development and ISA High Performance Team, with representation from as many States as possible. Selection will be conducted using available Season rankings.

Athletes will be selected from the international pool, based on their ranking, in the following order:

1. Athletes who have yet to attend an International Event and have achieved the International TES Score
2. Athletes who have attended an International Event and have achieved the ISA International TES Score.

**Special Circumstances:** Refer to Communication 150

<b>Version</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Change</b>
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6.0	29 June, 2020	Updated Policy for 2020/2021 season
5.0	1 June 2019	Updated Policy for 2019/ 2020 season
4.0	28 May 2018	Updated Policy for 2018/ 2019 season
3.0	30 April 2017	Updated Policy for 2017/ 2018 season
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