



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

ISA Season Ranking Policy

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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. The lack of events and athlete activity last season has made the ranking of athletes challenging, and the ISA Board has chosen to rely on available scores to rank and nominate athletes. Athletes should consider their sporting career path and maximise opportunities available. The international skating landscape hasn't disappeared, it has just adapted without losing momentum. ISA will continue to look for opportunities to create a competitive landscape within Australia that allows for Australian athletes, whether they are located in Australia or training overseas, to compete and improve.

If the 2021 AFSC is not held, or the division not held, or international events unavailable to be used for selection, then the ISA Board will use its discretion to nominate athletes to events based on available ranking data.

2 Purpose of the Policy

This Policy provides the criteria for establishing a current ISA ranking for athletes in Singles, Ice Dance, or Pairs teams. This ranking will be used for selection priority to ISU International Events. Athletes/teams are encouraged to constantly strive to improve their Season's Rankings by taking part in ISA Benchmark/Champ Series Events and ISU International Events.

3 Application of Policy

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

Should the period covered by the policy not be reviewed prior to the review date, then the intent and conditions of the policy will continue and stay in force until such time as the Policy is reviewed and updated.

4 Policy Statement

ISA Rankings will be published for all Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Intermediate, Advanced Novice, Junior, and Senior Singles, Pairs, and Ice Dance athletes based on the scores achieved at the following events – which may, if necessary, include 3 Australian Skating Seasons:

- ISA Benchmark Events as stipulated in ISA-02 ISA Benchmark Policy, from the following

Australian Skating Seasons – 2019-2020; 2020 – 2021; 2021-2022

- Australian Figure Skating Championships 2019 and 2021
- ISU International events as published on the ISU website for the following international seasons - 2019-2020; 2020 – 2021; 2021 – 2022
- The Season's Rankings will consist of the sum of the highest Technical Element Scores achieved in a SP/PD or RD and FS/FD in the respective division and can be achieved in either the same or in different events.
- Athletes in the Rankings who are ISU age eligible within the respective division/s will be identified.
- Athletes that are ISU age eligible in a division, yet for Australian competitions have moved up, then their ranking will be listed in both divisions, with an Asterix at the lower level so as identify them as ISU age eligible for that division.
- There is no transfer of Technical Element Scores within the skating season when:
 - A skater that moves from any Division to another Division, may not have their previous Scores transferred to the new Division, and will have to obtain scores for their New Division Ranking at their first Event.
- A Pair or Ice Dance couple form a new partnership.
- For the purpose of ranking of Junior age eligible athletes competing in the Senior Division the following will be omitted from the Senior technical scores for use in the Junior Rankings.

Discipline	Element Omitted
Men	Choreographic Sequence (ChSq)
Women	Choreographic Sequence (ChSq)
Pairs	1 Overhead Lift with lowest base value
Ice Dance	1 Short Lift and 1 Character Step Sequence

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8.0	21 July 2021	Updated Policy for 2021/2022 season
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6.0	1 June 2019	Updated Policy for 2019/ 2020 season
5.0	30 June 2018	Updated Policy for 2018/ 2019 season
4.0	30 April 2017	Updated Policy for 2017/ 2018 season
3.0	30 June 2016	Updated Policy for 2016/ 2017 season
2.0	30 April 2016	Updated Policy for 2016/ 2017 season
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