



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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International Championship Selection 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 2022 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 establishes the criteria for selection to ISU Championship Events in the current international skating season.

3 Application of Policy

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

4 Policy Statement

Selection to ISU Championship Events for the Current International Skating Season is subject to entry quotas and minimum Technical Scores, achieved at least 21 days prior to the Championship event, as published by the ISU in Communication 2488 or subsequent ISU Communications. These Policies will be updated when the ISU amend the required scores through subsequent communications, however, regardless of whether this policy is updated, the provisions of those ISU Communications will prevail.

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/athlete's 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.

It is not mandatory for Skaters to compete in AFSC 2022 in order to be considered for selection to 2023 ISU Championships. However, scores earned at AFSC 2022 may improve an athletes ranking.

4.1 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (4C)

- (a) Selection to the 2023 4C will be based on ISA rankings from the Senior Division and allocated to senior age eligible athletes from the ISA Senior International Pool:
- (i) Who have achieved the ISU minimum Technical Scores for 4C at an ISU Senior International Event prior to the close of entries for the event.

The current ISU Minimum Technical Scores for 4C, as published by the ISU are:

Note: These are subject to change by the ISU.

Men	SP 28.0	FS 46.0
Women	SP 25.0	FS 42.0
Pair Skating	SP 25.0	FS 42.0
Ice Dance	RD 28.0	FD.45.0

and

- (ii) have adhered to the code of conduct and Athlete Agreement in the current international skating season.
- (b) Athletes will be ranked based on their best combined TES (Short & Free) achieved at International events and/or AFSC 2022 and/or Australian Champ Series 2022 events. The Short/Rhythm Dance and Free/Free Dance do not have to be from the same event.
- (c) The maximum number of entries for Australia in each discipline is three (3). Subsequently ranked athletes will be entered as substitutes.
- (d) The known nominations will be announced at the AFSC 2022 singles/pairs/dance banquet and published on the ISA website (www.isa.org.au) after the completion of the Australian Figure Skating Championships 2022, and.
- (e) If ISA is unable to fill the full entry quota by 2 December 2022, then ISA will consider any athletes in the ISA Senior or Junior International pool who are able to meet the ISU Minimum Technical Score requirements for 2023 4C at a Senior International Event as listed on the ISU Calendar between the completion of the Australian Figure Skating Championships 2022 until 5 days prior to the closing date of entries. Athletes entered into ISU international competitions within the specified timeframe will receive a provisional entry to 2023 4C subject to achieving the ISU Minimum Technical Scores for 2023 4C. In the event that there is a tie for selection the tie will be broken on using the highest short program/rhythm dance TES.

4.2 ISU World Figure Skating Championships (WFSC)

- (a) Selection for the 2023 WFSC will be allocated to senior age eligible athletes from the ISA Senior International Pool who:

- (i) have achieved the ISU Minimum Technical Scores for 2023 WFSC at a Senior International Event as listed on the ISU Calendar by the completion of 4C 2023.

The current ISU minimum Technical Scores for WFSC as published by the ISU are:

Note - These are subject to change by the ISU.(ISU 2488)

Men	SP 34.0	FS 64.0
Women	SP 32.0	FS 53.0
Pair Skating	SP 29.0	FS 46.0
Ice Dance	RD 33.0	FD 49.0

and

- (ii) have adhered to the code of conduct and Athlete Agreement in the current international skating season
- (b) If more than one (1) athlete in each discipline has met the above requirements, athletes will be ranked and selected based on the athletes total TES achieved at two (2) Senior ISU International Events during the current International Skating Season. If the required number of scores from this season are not available to rank athletes, then ISA may use scores, from the 2021/2022 international season.
- (c) The nominations will be published on the ISA website (www.isa.org.au) after the completion of 2023 4C . Subsequently ranked athletes will be entered as substitutes.
- (d) If ISA is unable to fill the entry quota by the **20 February 2023**, then ISA will consider any athletes in the ISA Senior or Junior International pool who are able to achieve the ISU Minimum Technical Scores for WFSC between the completion of 2023 4C until the closing date of entries. Athletes entered into ISU international competitions within the specified timeframe will receive a provisional entry for WFSC subject to achieving the ISU Minimum Technical Scores for WFSC. In the event that there is a tie for selection the tie will be broken on using the highest short program/rhythm dance TES.
- (e) If one or more of the two highest ranked athlete/s, under this policy, are eligible for selection to both WFSC and JC, then ISA reserves the right, if it chooses, to not allocate both events to the same athlete/s.

4.3 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships (JC)

- (a) Selection for the 2023 JC will be allocated to junior age eligible athletes from the ISA Junior and Senior International Pool who have competed in Junior International events during the 2021/22 and/or 2022/23 season.
 - (i) Who have achieved the ISU minimum Technical Scores for 2023 JC by 15 January 2023

The current ISU minimum Technical Scores for JC, which can only be obtained in ISU International Junior Competitions/ Championships are:

Note: These are subject to change by the ISU. (ISU 2488)

Men	SP 25.0	FS 44.0
Women	SP 25.0	FS 40.0
Pair Skating	SP 23.0	FS 34.0
Ice Dance	RD 24.0	FD 38.0

and

- (b) Skater(s) must have a Junior score obtained in an ISU International Junior competition in either the 2021/22 or 2022/23 season. Scores from Senior events may not be used. (ISU 2488). However, for the purpose of ranking the Australian Athletes, and providing the athletes have achieved the ISU minimum TES score requirement, then ISA may rank for selection Junior or Senior athletes by deleting the following senior elements from the scores:

Discipline	Element Omitted from senior scores
Men & Women	Short Program: NA Free Program: 1 Step Sequence
Pairs	Free Program: 1 lift with the lowest value (not inc. twist lift)
Ice Dance	Free Dance: 1 short lift & 1 choreographic element Rhythm Dance: Choreographic Rhythm Sequence

- If one or more of the two highest ranked athlete/s, under this policy, are eligible for selection to both WFSC and JC, then ISA reserves the right, if it chooses, to not allocate both events to the same athlete/s.
 - If sufficient international scores are not available from this International Season, then ISA may use ISA ranking scores.
- (c) The nominations will be published on the ISA website (www.isa.org.au) by 5 February 2023.
- (d) If ISA is unable to fill the full entry quota by 15 January 2023 then ISA will consider any athletes in the ISA Junior International pool who are able to achieve the ISU Minimum Technical Score requirements for 2023 JC at an ISU Junior International competition or ISU Senior international competition between 15 January 2023 and prior to the closing date of entries. Athletes entered into ISU international competitions within the specified timeframe will receive a provisional entry for 2023 JC subject to achieving the required ISU Minimum Technical Scores for JC (at an ISU Junior International Competition). In the event that there is a tie for selection the tie will be broken on using the highest short program/rhythm dance TES.

4.4 Junior Grand Prix

- (a) Selection for the 2022/2023 ISU Junior Grand Prix will be allocated to ISU junior age eligible athletes from the ISA Junior or Senior International Pool (Senior skaters must have eligible Junior international scores from 2021-22 or 2022-23 season)..
- (b) If more than one (1) athlete in each discipline has met the above requirements, athletes will be ranked and selected based on the athletes TES ranking. Selection will be based on the ISA Rankings as of 30th June 2022, with the addition of any Champ Series events completed by 1 July 2022.
- i. Where possible athletes will be allocated one of their preferences
 - ii. ISA reserves the right, if it chooses, to allocate an athlete/couple up to a maximum of 2 Junior Grand Prix Events.
- (c) The nominations will be published on the ISA website (www.isa.org.au) and made known to the athletes as soon as possible.
- (d) In the event that there is a tie for selection the tie will be broken by using the highest short program/rhythm dance TES.
- (e) Substitute selection for 2022/2023 ISU Junior Grand Prix will be allocated to junior age

eligible athletes from the ISA Junior or Senior International Pool (Senior skaters must have eligible Junior scores from International Events during the seasons 2021-22 or 2022-23. Substitutes will be placed in a pool of athletes for all Junior Grand Prix events and selected based on the athletes TES ranking.

Change History

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9.0	10 Oct. 2022	Updated Policy for 2022/2023 season
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7.1	22 July 2019	Updated Policy for 2019/ 2020 season
7.0	19 June 2019	Updated Policy for 2019/ 2020 season
6.0	28 May 2018	Updated Policy for 2018/ 2019 season
5.0	30 April 2017	Updated Policy for 2017/ 2018 season
4.0	30 April 2016	Updated Policy for 2016/ 2017 season
3.0	5 January 2014	Updated policy for 2014/ 2015 season
2.1	18 August 2013	Updated policy for 2013/ 2014 season
1.1	19 October 2012	Grammar and definition clarification
1.0	9 October 2012	New Policy