



# 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 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 establishes the selection criteria for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior athletes to be considered for selection to ISU international events in the 2021/2022 seasons.

### 3 Application of Policy

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

Selection for International events will be allocated in order of current athlete rankings which will rely on scores from the 2019/2020 and/or 2020/2021 and/or 2021/2022 seasons and following athlete preferences submitted.

## 5 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 the International Skating Season 2021/2022.

Only age eligible athletes will be considered for their division in international events.

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

*The Local Organising Committee (LOC) may restrict entries to each competition or division, therefore athletes are advised **NOT** to book any travel arrangements until athletes have received the official nomination from the High Performance Committee or the ISA Administrator with the entry forms.*

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 will 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.*

- **ISU Senior Division:**

Athletes in the senior division wishing to skate down to Junior division will be ranked using their scores achieved in the senior division minus their Choreographic Sequence (ChSq) to be ranked against the Junior division athletes for selection. For the purpose of ranking, scores will be extracted from the ISA Season Ranking Document.

- Age eligibility for the event as per ISU Regulations
- Met the benchmark requirements as set out by ISA
  - Athletes will be required to achieve the TES score of the division they intend to compete

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

All athletes in Advanced Novice and Junior must compete in their division and have earned the International TES Score, **however if the maximum available quota spots for the event is not filled**, skaters from the

following divisions may be included if they meet the following requirements.

- Age eligibility for the event as per ISU Regulation
- Met the International TES Score as set out by ISA
  - i.e. Advanced Novice athlete competing at an ISU Intermediate Novice Division will be required to achieve the Intermediate Novice International TES (FS)
  - Score i.e. Junior athlete competing at an Advanced Novice Division will be required to achieve the Advanced Novice TES (SP and FS)

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

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

- Age eligibility for the event as per ISU Regulation
- Met the benchmark requirements as set out by ISA
- Athletes will ONLY be allowed to compete in ONE division at an international competition.

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

This is only applicable for International Competitions

<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

**6 Submission Date**

Nomination request forms must be submitted 45 days prior to the close of entries for the event.

**7 Cost and Expenses**

ISA will cover ONLY the entry fee cost for athletes involved in the competition.

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 3 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 Board in regards 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,  
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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/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.

## **8 Development Competitions (ISU)**

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

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.

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