

AUSSIE SKATE™ GUIDELINES

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This document is a set of guidelines for the Aussie Skate Program. It is designed for rinks, coaches, skaters, parents and judges.

This document is continually under review and development. As questions arise or topics need clarification further information can be included. If you have further comments, questions or topics that you would like to see, please email Kim Wilson at kwillyau@internode.on.net.

These Guidelines are designed to cover the following areas of Aussie Skate.

- Administration
- Testing
- Competitions

Section A - Administration

Agreements with Rinks/Clubs/Associations

Rinks/Clubs/Associations participating in the Aussie Skate Program must have signed an agreement between Ice Skating Australia and themselves. They will be known as the Licensee.

The Licensee will be able to decide how the program will be run. This will include:

- Scheduling of Classes and Tests
- Requirements for participants
- Utilisation of who is used to judge tests. Refer to Section B of this guideline.

All Licensees will have access to their membership list via the online portal. Each Licensee will have a link and password to access these lists. Please contact Kim Wilson for these.

Aussie Skate Products

Rinks/Clubs/Associations running the program may charge skaters for products they have purchased as part of the program to take into account postage and administration. This can include Test Badges. However they should only be charged at a minimal cost that makes them affordable to skaters participating in the program.

Products that are provided as part of the skater registration ie Booklets should not be sold as an additional cost to skaters.

Membership

All skaters participating in the Aussie Skate program must have paid a registration fee for each year of participation in the program. The link for registration is on the Aussie Skate page of the ISA website.

Section B – Curriculum and Testing

Curriculum

The Aussie Skate Curriculum is available on the ISA website - www.isa.org.au/aussie-skate-tm. Further details of the curriculum is available in the Aussie Skate Instructor's Manual which is also on the website.

The Instructor's Manual outlines what is required for each element in the curriculum.

Test Pathway

A skater coming into the program may commence the program at any level that they are deemed competent at. This may be determined by a coach at the rink evaluating the skater to see what level would be suitable for the skater.

Depending on how the program is run at a rink, a skater may choose to skip a test level if they are comfortable to do so and be evaluated at a higher test level.

Judging of Tests

Testing of Aussie Skate is run by the Licensee who has signed an Aussie Skate Agreement.

The Licensee may choose at their discretion how testing is conducted. This includes whether they use coaches or ISA/State judges to judge tests.

Judges must be listed in the relevant ISA or State Association officials list.

A Licensee has the discretion to stipulate requirements for undertaking tests, including class participation.

For Levels Free Skate 1 to 4, if the testing is judged by coaches, the coach who takes the class cannot judge a test of a skater from that class. Another coach must judge the test.

Skaters must demonstrate competency for the level. Judges/Coaches must take into account the level of the skater and if they fulfil the requirements of the Aussie Skate manual.

Badges are available for skaters who pass a test.

Skaters may choose to test at a level that they can demonstrate competency of the required elements.

Skaters can choose to undertake more than one test at testing session, depending on test scheduling and time available.

Section C – Competitions

Running of Competitions

Aussie Skate competitions can be run by either rinks, clubs or associations as part of their calendar. Organisation of competitions is as per Ice Skating Australia By-Laws, Section 6, Rule 620.

Program time limits

Tiny Tots, Basic (all age divisions)	Maximum 1 minute
Novice, Intermediate (all age divisions)	Maximum 1 minute 30 seconds
Free Skating (all age divisions)	1 minute 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds
Pairs	1 minute 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds
Synchronized Skating	2 minutes +/- 10 seconds
Ice Dance	3 sequences of each dance

Membership of Competitors

All skaters competing in Aussie Skate Competitions must be a registered member of Aussie Skate. Skaters who are not part of a program that is run by a Licensee may still participate in an Aussie Skate Competition after paying the Annual Registration Fee.

A club/association running a competition may require skaters to be a member of a club/association.

Skaters competing in an Interstate competition must be a member of a state association.

Age Divisions

Competition organisers can split levels by age or gender, depending on number of competitors entering a division.

Numbers of Competitors per division

It is recommended that there should be no more than 10 competitors in a division.

Testing Requirements

Skaters must have passed the test for level of the competition they are entering.

Skaters cannot skate at a level below which they have already tested and passed that test.

Judging System (pending approval)

Aussie Skate competitions are judged under Aussie Skate Calculation

Program Components – Skating Skills and Performance on a scale of 0.25 to 10 marked in increments of 0.25. Factor of components is 2.5.

Each element has a Base Value of 1.0 and with a scale of values of a range from -5 to +5.

Composition of Programs

Programs must contain the prescribed elements for the relevant division. These are listed in the Aussie Skate Competition Elements available on the ISA website.

Music

Programs on full ice are allowed to use Vocal music.

Programs on half ice must skate to background music.

The choice of music is unrestricted but must be appropriate for the age and ability of the skater and suitable for public performance.

Background music provided by the rink/club/association conducting the competition should be instrumental and should not distract from the skater's performance.

Deductions

Falls - .025 per violation

Illegal Elements – 0.50 per violation

Program time - 0.50 for every 5 seconds in excess

Section D – Aussie Skate References and Documents

This is currently in development.

Doc Ref	Title of Doc
AS01	Agreement Template
AS02	Aussie Skate Manual
AS	Competition Elements
AS03	Judging Sheets
AS04	Judging System Manual
AS05	Incident Report
AS	List of Rink/Club/Association Requirements
AS	Badge Order Form
AS	Prescribed Competition Patterns