

SECTION 6

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

Amended October 2023

By-Law 600

For the purposes of technical requirements, the Australian skating season will begin on 1 February and end on 31 January. This will apply to:

1. Australian Championships
2. ISA Member Competitions
3. Other Competitions

Any variations to these dates will be published in an ISA Communication.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By-Law 601

The Association will, if practicable, conduct annual Championships at places and dates to be decided by the ISA Board, and announced immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the year preceding that in which the events are to be held.

By-Law 602

The Championship Meeting will, so far as possible, be held in turn by each of the ISA Members where adequate facilities are available for the conduct of the meeting.

By-Law 603

The Championship Meeting will be held at a time to be determined by the ISA Board.

By-Law 604

TITLES

1. The title "Australian Champion" shall be awarded only to persons who, at the time of the commencement of the applicable Australian Championship are:

Men and Women (Boys and Girls) who are Australian citizens or have been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

OR

A Pair or Ice Dance couple with at least one partner who is an Australian citizen and the other partner has been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

OR

Synchronized teams with at least 75% of the team who are Australian citizens.

2. The title “Australian Champion” shall be awarded to the winner of each discipline and categories as determined by ISA Board at the Australian Championship Meeting.

3. The winner of Singles Championship event shall bear the title:
“Australian (Men’s/Women’s) Champion (year)”
“Australian Junior (Men’s/Women’s) Champion (year)”
“Australian (category) (Men’s/Women’s/Boy’s/Girl’s) Champion (year)”

The winner of Pair Skating Championship event shall bear the title:

“Australian Pair Champions (year)”
“Australian Junior Pair Champions (year)”
“Australian (category) Pair Champions (year)”

The winner of Ice Dance Championship event shall bear the title:

“Australian Ice Dance Champions (year)”
“Australian Junior Ice Dance Champions (year)”
“Australian (category) Ice Dance Champions (year)”

The winner of Synchronized Championship event shall bear the title:

“Australian Synchronized Team Champions (year)”
“Australian Junior Synchronized Team Champions (year)”
“Australian (category) Synchronized Team Champions (year)”

The winner of Adult Championship event shall bear the title:

“Australian Adult (category/discipline) (Men’s/Women’s) Champion(s) (year)”

By-Law 605

ORGANISATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

1. The organisation of Championship Meetings shall be under the general control of the ISA Board, who may delegate the organisation of the meeting to an ISA Member or club, or a specially designated Committee.
2. Championship Meetings may be held at different times or places for different disciplines and categories as may be required to meet conditions or circumstances.

By-Law 606

CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPETITION RULES

1. No alteration of the regulations relating to a Championship or Competition may be made after the announcement of the event concerned.
2. No amendment to existing Championship rules may be made within 2 months of the Australian Championship Meeting concerned.
3. New rules or new events may be introduced only if published at least two months before the announced date of the event.

By-Law 607

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participation in an Australian Championship is open to a person belonging to an ISA Member, who is eligible and has achieved the required TES score in accordance with the conditions applicable to the particular event.
2. Participants in an Australian Championship must be approved and entered by an ISA Member.
3. A participant may represent only one ISA Member in the same Championship regardless of the number of disciplines they have entered.
4. The ISA Board may, in its discretion, allow persons from other National Federations to participate in an Australian Championship Meeting.
5. Invited participants from other National Federations competing in the Australian Championships must meet Australian entry standards and requirements in all respects. Such skaters must meet the specified test requirements, or their own equivalent, and may not compete in a lower category than that in which they have competed in their National Federation.

By-Law 608

AWARDS

1. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the Champion and the second and third placed competitors respectively.
2. Invited participants from other ISU members, who place in any of the three (3) positions in an Australian Championship event, will be given appropriate medals, in addition to the medals awarded to the three highest-placed Australian competitors.

By-Law 609

OFFICIALS

1. All Officials for Championship events will be selected by the Chair, ISA Judging and Officials.
2. Nominations for all Officials shall be submitted to the Chair no later than 28 days preceding the first day of the competition.
3. The following Officials are recommended:
 - (a) Referee;
 - (b) A panel of a minimum of five (5) Judges which can include the Referee as one (1) Judge;
 - (c) A Technical Controller;
 - (d) Two (2) Technical Specialists;
 - (e) A Data and Replay Operator.

4. The following competition personnel are necessary and are selected and managed by the Organising Committee:
 - (a) An announcer to summon the Competitors and to read the scores and results (Refer ISU Rule 350 and 352);
 - (b) Two (2) accountants to manage the ISU Judging System; and
 - (c) Supplementary Officials (if necessary) to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
5. Nominations for auxiliary competition personnel shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee no later than 28 days preceding the first day of the competition.
6. So far as possible, there will be at least one Judge from each ISA Member, but no ISA Member should have a majority of Judges on any panel.
7. The Chair, ISA Judges and Officials, or if not present at the event, their delegate shall have the power to decide any variation from these requirements, which are rendered necessary by circumstances.

By-Law 610

ENTRIES

1. Entry for a Championship shall be made by the participant's ISA Member no later than 28 days preceding the first day of the competition.
2. Entries shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee and the Administration Officer in writing, accompanied by the required entry fees.
3. Each ISA Member shall be entitled to nominate up to four (4) entrants in each Championship discipline and category who have achieved the minimum TES score for the Championship as published by Ice Skating Australia Inc.
4. The host ISA Member may nominate a fifth entrant in each discipline and category.
5. Title holders may defend their titles without being counted in an ISA Member quota in any discipline and category where defence of title is permitted.
6. The ISA Board may, in its discretion, accept further entries for any discipline and category from any ISA Member. The participants must have achieved the minimum TES score for the Championship and will be ranked accordingly for inclusion at the Australian Championship Meeting.
7. Entry fees payable shall be set by the ISA Board each year in conjunction with the Organising Committee.
8. The ISA Board may accept entries after the closing date upon payment of double the entry fee with agreement of the Organising Committee.

By-Law 611

SKATING ORDER FOR FREE SKATING AND FREE DANCE

There will be no draw for the order of skating for the Free Skate or Free Dance section of a competition in categories which have a Short Program or Rhythm/Pattern Dance Program. Competitors will skate in reverse order to their places in the preceding segment of the competition (if there is one), that is, with the best place Competitor skating last. The order of skating between tied Competitors shall be determined by a separate draw.

For events with a Short Program or only a Free Skate or Free Dance, the normal draw process for skating order will still be performed.

By-Law 612**SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of six (6) categories:

- (a) Senior Men and Women (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Junior Men and Women (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Advanced Novice Boys and Girls (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (d) Intermediate Men and Women (Free Skate only)
- (e) Intermediate Novice Boys and Girls (Free Skate only)
- (f) Basic Novice Boys and Girls (Free Skate only)

By-Law 613**PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of four (4) categories:

- (a) Senior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (d) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)

By-Law 614**ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of five (5) categories:

- (a) Senior (Rhythm Dance and Free Dance)
- (b) Junior (Rhythm Dance and Free Dance)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (d) Intermediate Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (e) Basic Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

By-Law 615**SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of seven (7) categories:

- (a) Senior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Senior Elite 12 (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (d) Advanced Novice (Free Skate only)
- (e) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)
- (f) Mixed Age (Free Skate only)
- (g) Advanced Adult (Free Skate only)
- (h) Adult (Free Skate only)

By-Law 616**ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of twelve (12) categories:

- (a) Adult Elite Masters Singles (Free Skate only)
- (b) Adult Masters Singles (Free Skate only)
- (c) Adult Gold Singles (Free Skate only)
- (d) Adult Silver Singles (Free Skate only)
- (e) Adult Elite Masters Pair (Free Skate only)
- (f) Adult Masters Pair (Free Skate only)
- (g) Adult Intermediate Pair (Free Skate only)
- (h) Adult Pair (Free Skate only)
- (i) Adult Elite Masters Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (j) Adult Masters Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (k) Adult Gold Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (l) Adult Silver Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

617 – 619 (Reserved)

ISA MEMBER COMPETITIONS AND OTHER COMPETITIONS**By-Law 620**

1. The Association, after consultation with ISA Members, shall publish a calendar of events as soon as possible at the start of every calendar year, and update the information as required.
2. The announcement of an ISA Member Competition should be made no later than two months before the first day of the event.
3. The ISA Member or affiliated club organising the event must notify the Association and ISA Members, via email if possible, of the link to the competition announcement and documentation no later than two months before the first day of the event.
4. The competition announcement must follow the ISA approved template, ensuring that individual requirements are stated clearly.
5. An Organising Committee may communicate directly with participants belonging to another ISA Member concerning participation in the competition, provided the ISA Member concerned is copied on all communications.
6. An ISA Member Competition must not be scheduled in the three days preceding or following the Australian Championships.
7. ISA Member and Club Competitions must follow ISU and ISA Regulations. Recreational type events may have different categories and requirements provided it is clearly communicated in the competition announcement and are conducted in the spirit of the ISU.
8. In the case of an omission in the competition announcement or discrepancy between it and ISU and/or ISA regulations, the Competition Convener and Referee may decide in the best interests of the participants.
9. Depending on the number of entries, Preliminary, Elementary, Adult Copper and Adult Bronze may be split according to age. A separate Men's category may be held if three or more entries are received. If less than three Men's entries are received, the Men/Women (Boys/Girls) category(s) may be combined assuming the required elements are the same.
10. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, if different categories are combined in one warm-up group due to low entry numbers, the length of the warm-up for all skaters will be determined by the category with the longest allowed time.
11. Participants who have passed the ISA Preliminary Test but no higher, at close of entries may compete at Aussie Skate level provided:
 - (a) Participants have not competed at Preliminary Level in competition, and
 - (b) For Pair and Ice Dance, only one partner has passed the Preliminary Test, and
 - (c) For Synchronized Skating they have only competed in a Basic Novice or Advanced Novice team, and
 - (d) A maximum of 75% of an Aussie Skate synchronized team on the ice in competition has not passed the Preliminary Test or higher.

In the event that any calculation results in a fraction of less than one whole team member, the result will be rounded up in the event that the fraction is 0.5 or more, and rounded down when the fraction is less than 0.5.

12. ISA Board can send out an announcement of an Online Competition no later than two months before the first day of the event.