



# Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

Affiliated to the International Skating Union

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# Synchronized Skating International Competition and ISU Championships 2021-2022 Nomination Criteria

### Overview

This Policy establishes the application process for Synchronized Skating Teams for international competitions and the procedure followed by ISA to nominate Synchronized Skating Teams to international events for the 2021-2022 season.

As a result of the cancellation of the 2021 Australian Figure Skating Championships, a new national online event will be conducted, and the nomination criteria and benchmark requirements have needed to be modified from previous years.

### Related Documents

Form SS21-06F Synchronized Team International Competition and ISU Championships 2021-2022  
Expression of Interest Form

### Interpretation

In this Nomination Criteria, the following words have the following meanings:

“AFC” refers to Australian Figure Skating Competition

“AFSC” refers to Australian Figure Skating Championships.

“Announcement” refers to the Announcement of the International Competition/Championship.

“Current, valid passport” means that passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of re-entry into Australia.

“Eligible” and “eligibility” refers to teams who meet all the applicable ISU and ISA By-Laws for age and test level.

“ISA” refers to Ice Skating Australia Incorporated.

“ISU” refers to International Skating Union.

“Panel” means the individuals appointed by Ice Skating Australia from time to time comprising of at least:

An ISU Championship or International Technical Specialist as nominated by ISA OR  
An ISU Championship or International Judge as nominated by ISA

“Rank” means teams are placed in order of the total of their best SP TES and FS TES obtained at either of the two nominated **Benchmark Events**, the highest total being the highest ranked and so on.

“SySSC” refers to Synchronized Skating Selection Competition

“WJSSC” refers to World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships.

“WSSC” refers to World Synchronized Skating Championships.

“TES” means Total Element Score

**Applicable Regulations**

**ISA By-Law 1007**

**INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS**

1. Nominations for ISU Events

Recommendations to the ISA Board for nominations to World Championships, Junior World Championships, other ISU competitions or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member will be made by a panel of International and/or National Senior Synchronized Skating Judges in consultation with the ISA Synchronized Skating and High Performance Committee Chairs.

2. Team Composition

Any team seeking nomination for World Championships, Junior World Championships, other ISU competitions, or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member must skate in their programs the number of eligible skaters as prescribed by ISU Rule 800.2 or the relevant competition announcement at an ISA Benchmark Event as published in a policy.

At least 75% of the members of any team nominated for World Championships, Junior World Championships, ISU Competitions, or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member must have been entered for the same team at the Benchmark Event and have been present at that event.

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.

3. Team Replacements

Replacement team members may be selected in accordance with By-Law 1007.2 and must meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements for ALL events.

**ISA By-Law 1011.2**

*The provisions of ISU Rule 109.2d) are applicable to the inclusion of skaters from foreign ISU Members to compete in Australian Synchronized Teams at an Australian Championship, up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country of which the Skater is a citizen, but such Skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same season (July 1st-June 30th). Alternates are not included for the calculation of percentages purposes. Restrictions specified in paragraph 2.b) do not apply.*

**Expressions of Interest for ALL competitions will close on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Additional competitions notified by ISU or other ISU Members may also be considered. Refer to the ISU website (www.isu.org) for the latest information regarding any additional competitions and dates.

**Teams may research for other suitable competitions however no commitment or payment to enter may be made until the ISA selection process has been followed.**

1 **Benchmark Events** for 2021-2022 Season for the purpose of selection for international events

- 1) 2021 AFC online (all divisions). Refer to ISA Communication 136.
- 2) 2022 SySSC online (for WJSSC Junior and WSSC Senior selection only). No other divisions.

2 **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season

- 1) The skated program(s) must include all the required elements as published for that division by the ISU for the 2021-2022 season.

- 2) The minimum Total Element Score (TES) which must be obtained at the **Benchmark Event** is in the table below.

	<b>Short Program</b>	<b>Free Skate</b>
<b>Senior</b>	15.00	30.00
<b>Junior</b>	12.00	24.00
<b>Advanced Novice</b>		17.00
<b>Basic Novice</b>		10.00
<b>Mixed Age</b>		10.00
<b>Adult</b>		10.00
<b>Advanced Adult</b>		12.00

- 3) There must be no deductions for:
- Not according to requirement NAR
  - Omitted requirement
  - Illegal or non-permitted elements, features, additional features or movements
  - Unprescribed or additional elements.
  - Wrong element shape in SP
- 4) In the case of Junior and Senior, the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season must be met in both Short and Free Programs but not necessarily at the same event.
- 5) Teams who have not met the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season will not be considered for international competition.

### **3 Benchmark Officials for 2021-2022 Season**

- Technical Panel – minimum one (1) National/International/ISU Technical Controller or Technical Specialist (not Assistant Technical Specialist)
- Judging Panel - minimum two (2) National/International/ISU Judges excluding non-judging Referee

### **4 Eligibility Criteria for 2021-2022 Season**

- The team who skates the **Benchmark Event** must be 100% eligible as per ISU Rules and ISA By-Laws. In the case of Adult, Advanced Adult and Mixed Age teams, the team must also be eligible as per the relevant competition announcement.
- All competition programs must meet the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season.
- The team entering an ISU Championship/International Competition or Competition run by an ISU member must have a minimum of 75% of the same skaters as the team who met the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season.
- For WSSC, refer to Section 6.1 below.
- For WJSSC, refer to Section 6.2 below.
- Teams who do not attain the minimum score as above but due to closing dates, have already been entered in international competition may have their entry withdrawn by ISA.
- All Teams seeking international nomination MUST compete in the 2021 AFC and/or 2022 SySSC.

### **5 Nomination Process**

- Teams wishing to be considered for nomination must comply with ISA By-Law 1007. To clarify, all team members (including alternates), listed on the team sheet for the **Benchmark**

**Event** must be eligible to enter both the **Benchmark Event** and the international competition(s) of choice for the team as a whole to be considered.

- 2) Only eligible teams as per ISA By-Laws 1038.2, 1007.2 and ISU Rule 109.2(d) and this policy who meet the **Benchmark Criteria** will be considered.
- 3) Teams will only be considered for nomination in the division in which they compete in the **Benchmark Event** or the Mixed Age division. Exceptions to this may apply for sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member.
- 4) Teams must apply through their State Association who shall then notify Ice Skating Australia of the team's choice of competitions in their order of preference by **30th November 2021**.
- 5) States must check all the information on the expression of interest form. Submission of the form via email from the State is considered as accepted and signed. ISA shall also check this information and return any incomplete or incorrect entry forms. If a team's choice is restricted due to their availability or training plans, this should be briefly outlined in the application to support their case.
- 6) ISA shall publish the list of teams and their provisional allocations in a communication as soon as practicable.
- 7) Preliminary entries will be placed by ISA based on the Expressions of Interest received by the due date. The final acceptance of entries rests with the individual organising committees.
- 8) Depending on the submitted choices, only the maximum number of teams per division per competition as stated in the Announcement will be nominated. ISA reserves the right to rank teams if necessary. Teams are encouraged to nominate for at least two, preferably consecutive competitions. Depending on the number of nominations, a team may initially be nominated to a maximum of two competitions only.
- 9) All decisions of Ice Skating Australia relating to nomination to Senior, Junior, Advanced Novice, Basic Novice, Adult and Mixed Age international competitions and other competitions held in or out of Australia are final.

## **6 Nomination to 2022 World Championships**

### **1 Senior Division**

For WSSC, the highest ranked ISU and ISA eligible team in the Senior division after the 2022 SySC will be nominated provided they have met the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season.

### **2 Junior Division**

For WJSSC, the highest placed ISU and ISA eligible team in the Junior division after the 2022 SySC will be nominated provided they have met the **Benchmark Criteria** for 2021-2022 Season.

## **7 After Nomination**

- 1) The nominations will be reviewed by the ISA Board prior to or the Panel at the conclusion of, the Synchronized Skating events of the 2022 SySSC and final recommendations made.
- 2) If any team has a restricted choice due to their availability or training plans, then this will be considered by the Panel and may be subject to negotiation with other teams.

- 3) After final nominations have been made, the Panel shall notify the ISA President or their representative, High Performance (HP) and Synchronized Committee Chairs.
- 4) The High Performance and/or Synchronized Committee Chairs shall prepare the Notification of Nomination for the signature of the ISA President or their representative and include a copy of the Letter of Acceptance for delivery to the Team as soon as practicable.
- 5) Nominated teams must return a completed and signed letter of acceptance to ISA by the date stipulated by ISA.
- 6) ISA shall notify the team's acceptance of nomination to the Team's State Association as soon as possible.
- 7) In the event that a team does not accept the nomination, the place may be offered to another eligible team.
- 8) Where greater than the maximum number of teams allowed have nominated for the same event, the allocation of competitions will be made by ISA based on the most logical combination to reduce costs.
- 9) Where a team has not notified its choices to ISA, it will still be considered if eligible but may have no preference in its nominated competitions.

## **8 Entry Process**

- 1) **Under no circumstances is any team to process their own entry and payments for the competition unless specifically directed by ISA. To do so risks withdrawal of the entry by ISA and forfeiture of the entry fee.**
- 2) Paperwork for all international events must be received by ISA no later than the date stipulated by ISA.

Specifically, for WJSSC: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Specifically, for WSSC: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

- 3) Once nomination is accepted, Teams are required to forward the following documents to ISA:
  - a) All forms and information in the format requested by ISA. This includes but is not limited to:

Composition of delegation  
 Team Entry Form  
 Team contact information  
 Team Travel Form and information  
 Hotel Requests  
 Planned Program Content sheet  
 Music Details form  
 Meal Requests  
 Medical Forms  
 Signed ISU Declaration Form  
 Insurance Details  
 Evidence of Qualifications (medical, coaching)  
 Evidence of Working with Vulnerable People (or equivalent) check  
 Evidence of current State Association or APSA Membership  
 Team Photograph  
 Individual photographs for all persons entitled to accreditation  
 (Note: Photographs must be in the requested format and size)

- b) The excel spreadsheet entry form SS21-04F supplied by ISA. All the fields must be filled out electronically to allow the formulas and macros to work and sent by email in Excel format. The correct Proof of Age number must be included.
  - c) Copies of all current, valid passports must be supplied for each team member.
  - d) The completed Athlete Declaration Form if required.
  - e) Incomplete forms and/or late submission may result in forfeiture of the nomination.
- 4) The Team list for the relevant **Benchmark Event** shall be checked against the Team list submitted above to ensure correct eligibility.
  - 5) ISA will confirm that any non-Australian citizens have permission to skate and have been registered with ISA for 2021-2022 and that ISA By-Law 1011.2 and ISU Rule 109.2(d) have been met.
  - 6) Any team member replacements selected after the **Benchmark Event** must also meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements (including prerequisite tests) as per ISA By-Law 1011.3.
  - 7) If substitution of team members is required, an application for approval from ISA must be made immediately giving details of the team member(s) involved, the details of the replacements including copies of their passport and test levels, and the reason for the substitution. Replacements must still be in accordance with ISA By-Law 1011.2. While extenuating circumstances will be considered, ISA reserves the right to deny approval and withdraw the team's selection.
  - 8) If, any team which has been provisionally entered into an international event, withdraws or is withdrawn by ISA as per this policy, they may forfeit their entry fee (at their expense) depending on policy of the organizing committee.
  - 9) Teams must agree to any review or monitoring as required by ISA.

## 9 **Disclaimer**

While ISA will support nominated Teams with any required Australian and foreign government application processes for permission to travel internationally, Teams and their officials are responsible for obtaining and financing all essential vaccinations, required pathology testing, travel insurance, travel and accommodation arrangements including mandatory quarantine, in or out of Australia.

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Chair, Synchronized Skating Committee

The Board  
Ice Skating Australia

**Authorisation date:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021