

## SECTION 10

### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

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Where no specific by-law exists in this section, the appropriate by-laws from other sections of these regulations apply.

#### A. GENERAL

##### By-Law 1001

#### DEFINITION

Synchronized Skating consists of:

1. Short program  
See ISU Rule 800.1(a)
2. Free skating  
See ISU Rule 800.1(b)

##### By-Law 1002

#### CLOTHING

1. General  
See ISU Rule 951
2. Penalties  
See ISU Rule 843.1(m)

##### By-Law 1003

#### MUSIC

1. General  
See ISU Rule 991.2(a)
2. Music shall be related to the age and ability of the skaters.

##### By-Law 1004

#### AFFILIATION

Members of any one Synchronized Skating Team must all be members of the same State Association. Skaters may not represent more than one State Association in the same championship or competition.

Team replacements for international competition must be members of a State Association, however this may be different to that of other team members.

**By-Law 1005****CALCULATIONS**

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

**By-Law 1006****CHANGING TEAMS**

1. Change of Team Form  
Any skater wishing to change teams, either temporarily or permanently, must complete the ISA Change of Team Form for signature by all the indicated parties.
2. Residency  
Any skater changing teams permanently must comply with the residency and membership requirements of the relevant State Association.

**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 Standing Committee Chairs for Synchronized Skating and High Performance.
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.

3. Team Replacements  
Replacement team members may be selected in accordance with Point 2 above and must meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements for Adult, Novice, Junior and Senior events.

**By-Laws 1008 to 1010 Reserved****B. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS**

The general By-Laws in Section 6 (Championships) also apply to Synchronized Skating.

**By-Law 1011****CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The Australian Championships consist of seven (7) divisions:
  - a) Senior (Section C)
  - b) Junior (Section D)
  - c) Advanced Novice (Section E)
  - d) Basic Novice (Section F)
  - e) Mixed Age (Section G)
  - f) Adult (Section H)
  - g) Advanced Adult (Section I)
  
2. The provisions of ISU Rule 109.2(d) are applicable to the inclusion of skaters from foreign ISU Members to compete in Australian Synchronized Teams at an Australian Championship, viz up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member if so permitted by the country of which the skater is a citizen. If the clearance has not been received by the draw, ISA will give permission provided an application for clearance has been received.

**By-Law 1012****STARTING ORDER**

See ISU Rule 963

At the discretion of the competition/championship organisers, Junior and Senior Free Skating programs may be skated in the reverse order of the Short Program result.

**By-Law 1013****CALL TO START**

See ISU Rule 838

**By-Law 1014****BEHAVIOUR OF COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS**

See ISU Rule 839

**By-Law 1015****FALLS AND INTERRUPTIONS**

See ISU Rule 953

**By-Law 1016****MARKING OF SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SHORT PROGRAM AND FREE PROGRAM**

See ISU Rule 954

**By-Law 1017****WARM-UPS**

See ISU Rule 964

**By-Law 1018****COMPETITION ORGANISATION**

1. Length and order of events  
See ISU Rule 960
2. Ice condition monitoring  
See ISU Rule 816
3. Judges' seating  
See ISU Rule 822.1
4. Gates  
Competition organisers must provide separate entry and exit gates to the ice surface.
5. Maps  
Competition organisers must provide a rink map showing the entry and exit gates and the location of the judges' seating with the Championship announcement.

**Rule 1019****ALTERNATES**

## 1. Substitutions

See ISU Rule 965.10

## 2. Numbers

See ISU Rule 800.2

The following numbers also apply for alternates:

20 skaters on the team list	four (4) alternates
19 skaters on the team list	three (3) alternates
18 or fewer skaters on the team list	up to two (2) alternates

## 3. Awards

Alternates who have paid an individual entry fee and are confirmed at the draw are entitled to the same privileges and awards as the team members who compete.

**By-Law 1020****MINIMUM TEAM SIZE**

## 1. Definition

Minimum team size must be met at draw of the competition. A team not meeting this requirement will be declared withdrawn.

## 2. Exhibition

A team declared withdrawn may skate an exhibition with the agreement of the Championship Organising Committee.

## 3. Changes to Team Composition

Except for withdrawals, team composition may not be changed after close of entries. i.e.

Skaters may not be added to the team list without the approval of the Board or their delegate.

**By-Law 1021****DETERMINATION AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**

See ISU Rule 843

**By-Laws 1022 – 1030 Reserved**

**By-Law 1031****C. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - SENIOR**

<b>THE SENIOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	Shall be in two parts 1. Short Program 2. Free Skating
<b>DURATION OF SHORT PROGRAM</b>	Maximum 2 minutes and 50 seconds See ISU Rule 952.1
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	4 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds See ISU Rule 952.2(a)
<b>SHORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991.1(a), 991.2, 991.3 and 992.1(a) Senior Short Program elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991.1(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Senior Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF A SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries all team members must:  1. Be current financial members of a State Association,  2. Have passed the ISA Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills Test or the ISA <u>Basic Novice</u> Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ).

**By-Law 1032****D. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - JUNIOR**

<b>THE JUNIOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	Shall be in two parts 1. Short Program 2. Free Skating
<b>DURATION OF SHORT PROGRAM</b>	Maximum 2 minutes and 50 seconds See ISU Rule 952.1
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes and 30 seconds, plus or minus 10 seconds See ISU Rule 952.2(b)
<b>SHORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991.1(a), 991.2, 991.3 and 992.1(a)  Junior Short Program elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991.1(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b).  Junior Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF A JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries all team members must:  1. Be current financial members of a State Association,  2. Have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ).  In addition:  3. 50% of team members must have passed the ISA Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills Test or <u>Basic Novice</u> Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ),  4. 75% of team members must not have reached the age of nineteen as of July 1 preceding the competition (ISU Rule 108.4(b)).

**By-Law 1033****E. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADVANCED NOVICE**

<b>THE ADVANCED NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	A free skating program only
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Advanced Novice Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content or in the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADVANCED NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries, all team members must:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be current financial members of a State Association,</li> <li>2. Have not attained the age of 17 by July 1 preceding the competition.</li> </ol> <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 75% of team members must not have attained the age of 15 years by July 1 preceding the competition,</li> <li>4. No more than 50% of the team members must have competed at a higher level at State, National or elsewhere,</li> <li>5. At least 75% of the team members must have passed the ISA Preliminary Pattern Skills Test or its equivalent and 50% must have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u>).</li> </ol>



**By-Law 1034****F. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - BASIC NOVICE**

<b>THE BASIC NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	A free skating program only
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Basic Novice Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content or in the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least nine (9) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF A BASIC NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries, all team members must:  1. Be current financial members of a State Association,  2. Have not attained the age of 15 by July 1 preceding the competition.  In addition:  3. No more than 50% of the team members have competed at a higher level (including Advanced Novice) at Club, State, National or elsewhere in the preceding season,  4. Up to 25% of team members may compete in another team in the same Championships,  5. At least 25% of the team members must have passed the ISA Preliminary <u>Pattern Skills</u> Test or its equivalent and no more than 50% of the team members may have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ).  6. No more than 50% of team members may have a test level higher than Elementary Technical Pattern Skills or Elementary Dance or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ).
For competitions only, organisers may split Basic Novice into A and B divisions as per the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.	There is no minimum test requirement for Basic Novice A teams however no more than 50% of team members may have a test level higher than ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills or Elementary Dance or equivalent (ISA By-Law <u>607.5</u> ).

**By-Law 1035****G. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - MIXED AGE**

<b>THE MIXED AGE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	A free skating program only
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). <u>Mixed Age</u> Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least nine (9) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF A MIXED AGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries, all team members must:  1. Be current financial members of a State Association.  In addition:  2. Up to 25% of team members may compete in another team in the same Championships.

**By-Law 1036****H. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADULT**

<b>THE ADULT SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	A free skating program only
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Adult Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication <u>or ISU Adult International Competition Announcement</u> with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least eight (8) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries, all team members must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be current financial members of a State Association,</li> <li>2. Have attained the age of 18 years by July 1 preceding the competition.</li> </ol> <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 75% of team members must have attained the age of 25 years by July 1 preceding the competition,</li> <li>4. Up to 25% of team members may compete at a higher level (i.e. Senior or Junior) in the same Championships,</li> <li>5. The percentage composition as defined in 3 and 4 above, must be maintained in the team that skates the competition program.</li> </ol>

**By-Law 1037****I. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADVANCED ADULT**

<b>THE ADVANCED ADULT SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</b>	A free skating program only
<b>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</b>	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
<b>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</b>	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). <u>Masters</u> Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication or <u>ISU Adult International Competition Announcement</u> with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>	At least eight (8) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both ladies and men.
<b>ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADVANCED ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</b>	At close of entries all team members must:  1. Be current financial members of a State Association,  2. Have attained the age of 18 years by July 1 preceding the competition.  In addition:  3. Up to 25% of the team members may compete at a higher level (i.e. Senior or Junior) in the same Championships,  3. The percentage composition as defined in 3 above, must be maintained in the team that skates the competition program.