

APPENDIX F - SELECTION POLICY

F.1. NZISA Selection Policy for Tier 1 to 3 Ice Figure Skaters

This policy sets out criteria for New Zealand ice figure skaters to be selected to participate in Australian and International Ice Figure Skating events and NZISA and other development programmes.

Selected skaters are ranked in three tiers, as defined below:

Tier 1

Inclusion is based on results at the New Zealand and Australian National Championships or International Competitions each year for Novice, Junior and Senior grades and will be open to those skaters who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES) and who are not older than the maximum age that would be allowed at ISU Competitions and Championships or, for Novice, by the ISU Guidelines for Novice. For Novice Dance, unless ISU Guidelines for Novice provide otherwise, the age limits for ISU Guidelines for Pairs shall be used.

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice Ladies	24.50
	Novice Men	28.80
	Junior Ladies	28.00
	Junior Men	35.00
	Senior Ladies	36.30
	Senior Men	45.30
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES*
	Novice	25.00
	Junior	43.60
	Senior	55.60
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	35.00
	Junior	49.00
	Senior	60.60
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	22.00
	Junior	30.40
	Senior	42.90

These minimum scores are derived from International competition results and are based on the marks of those skaters who finished at the 5th percentile point for the grade.

*NOTE: No compulsory dance TES totals are included due to the difference in the number of sequences and/or sections for each dance to be awarded GOEs on.

Tier 2

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships each year and will be open to Primary to Senior skaters who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES) and who meet the Australian age requirements for their grade.

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Primary Ladies	19.20
	Primary Men	18.30
	Intermediate Ladies	18.00
	Intermediate Men	18.90
	Novice Ladies	23.00
	Novice Men	27.00
	Junior Ladies	26.60
	Junior Men	33.20

	Senior Ladies	30.60
	Senior Men	38.30
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES*
	Primary	14.00
	Novice	16.00
	Junior	32.00
	Senior	42.00
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Primary	12.00
	Novice	18.00
	Junior	22.00
	Senior	40.00
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Adult	10.00
	Novice	18.00
	Junior	25.00
	Senior	32.00

These minimum scores are derived from the Australian National Championship results and are based on the marks of those skaters who finished at the 20th percentile point for the grade.

***NOTE:** No compulsory dance TES totals are included due to the difference in the number of sequences and/or sections for each dance to be awarded GOEs on.

Tier 3

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships each year and will be open to those skaters in Juvenile to Primary grades who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES) and who meet the age requirements for each grade. Pre Primary skaters must not have reached the age of 14 as at 1st July preceding the NZ National Championships that year to be included in this development tier. Skaters in Tier 3 are considered the Talent ID/Age Development Skaters.

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile Ladies	12.00
	Juvenile Men	11.40
	Pre Primary Ladies	15.00
	Pre Primary Men	14.30
	Primary Ladies	17.00
	Primary Men	16.20
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES *
	Juvenile	7.00 (OD only)
	Pre Primary	8.00 (OD only)
	Primary	13.00
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Pre Primary	10.00
	Primary	12.00

***NOTE:** No compulsory dance TES totals are included due to the difference in the number of sequences and/or sections for each dance to be awarded GOEs on.

Publication of Minimum Technical Element Scores

The minimum required points total for Technical Element Scores for each tier and for each grade would need to be reviewed on an annual basis to take into account changing standards of skating, elements required to be performed and rule changes that affects the Scale of Values for elements, the level of the elements that can be achieved and the number and level of the skaters in the grade. The minimum TES scores will be published by 15 August each year and no later than the start of the Australian National Championships.

F.2. Announcement of skaters for Tiers 1 to 3

The announcement of those skaters named for Tier 1 to 3 will be made at the conclusion of the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

F.3. International Selection

The announcement of those skaters being considered for International selection will be made at the conclusion of the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

Those selected to compete at an International event will receive confirmation no later than one month prior to the event except where the timing of events precludes such notice.

Those nominated for International representation must submit their choices of events to attend by June 30 each year to the National Secretary with a copy sent to the National Technical Committee Secretary. Skaters who have not previously been selected for International events must submit their choices by 31 August following the New Zealand National Championships. Where necessary, priority on choices of competitions will be given to the highest placegetters at the last New Zealand National Championships, however, Council may limit choices and the number of events a skater may attend to ensure a measure of fairness.

i) Selection of skaters for Novice, Junior and Senior International Events and Junior Worlds

Selection of skaters for Novice, Junior and Senior International Events and Junior Worlds will be based on results achieved at preceding competitions including NZ National Championships and Australian National Championships. However, selection is also subject to the following:

- a) Having competed at the last New Zealand National Championships
- b) Having met the minimum TES for Tier 1 skaters for that grade. Priority is given to the winners of the Junior events to represent New Zealand at Junior Worlds and first choice of assigned Junior Grand Prix events.
- c) Having passed the required test and meet the ISU age requirements

ii) Selection of skaters for Senior Worlds

The skater who places highest at the preceding Four Continents Championships will be eligible for selection to Senior Worlds. However, selection is also subject to the following:

- a) Having competed at the last New Zealand National Championships
- b) Have met the minimum TES for Senior Tier 1 skaters at the Four Continents Championship that year.
- c) Having passed the required test

Those skaters selected to compete at the World Championships will be advised within one week of the conclusion of the Four Continents Championship.

For any International or ISU event, if injury occurs after selection, a medical clearance is required before departure. The medical clearance is to be sent to the NZISA Secretary and a copy to the National Technical Committee Secretary.

In the event of the selected skaters being unavailable or ineligible to compete the NZISA Council may give consideration to other skaters who meet the criteria as set out in a to c above.

F.4. i) Selection of skaters for Australian National Championships

To be selected for Australian National Championships skaters must meet the following criteria:

- a) Competed at the last New Zealand National Championships
- b) Have met the minimum TES for Tier 2 for Primary to Senior grade
- c) Were one of the first two placegetters for that grade at Nationals of skaters age eligible to compete at Australian Nationals (please see Selection Competition section for eligibility for any remaining places).
- c) Have passed the required medal test and meet any age requirements

The announcement of those skaters selected to compete at the Australian National Championships as a result of placing first or second in the grade and meeting the minimum TES at the New Zealand Nationals will be made at the conclusion of the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function.

Selecting a maximum of two skaters per grade from the NZ National Championships allows for skaters who may move up a grade after Nationals or who were granted medical dispensation, due to injury or illness, from competing at Nationals to have the opportunity to contest any remaining places without prejudice.

Right to Challenge

A skater who placed third in a grade at the National Championships, and has met the minimum TES points, will have the 'right to challenge' for the third entry position. This means that they have up to one week after the initial competitor list for the Selection Competition is published to decide to enter the Selection Competition should another skater or skaters enter the Selection Competition for that grade. If no skater meets the minimum points total, then the third place skater from Nationals for that grade could be selected provided they have not competed at the Selection Competition.

If injury occurs during or after selection or a skater is selected when competing with an existing injury, a medical clearance is required before departure. The medical clearance is to be sent to the NZISA Secretary and a copy to the National Technical Committee Secretary.

F.5. Selection Competition

A Selection Competition will be held in May/June each year (if necessary) to select the skaters to fill the remaining places to represent New Zealand at the Australian National Championships. There are a maximum of three New Zealand entries per grade available for the Australian National Championships. To be eligible to be selected from the Selection Competition, a skater or skaters must place first (if one place remains) first and second (if two places remain) and first, second and third (if three places remain) and must meet the minimum TES total. A skater who places outside of these places and meets the minimum TES will not be eligible for selection.

Skaters will need to enter the competition through the Secretary of their Home Club who is responsible for ensuring that the skaters meet the criteria as listed below.

Criteria for entering Selection Competition

To be eligible to compete at the Selection Competition to contest any of the remaining places for each of the Primary to Senior grades, skaters must meet the following criteria:

- a) Skaters must have passed the required test medal for the grade entered at the time of the closing of entries (31 March).
- b) Skaters must be age eligible to compete at Australian National Championships.
- c) Skaters must have competed at the last New Zealand National Championship in the discipline for which they are seeking selection but not necessarily in the grade for which selection is being sought. Skaters who were unable to compete at the National Championships due to injury or illness and produced a medical certificate for the time of the National Championships, will be granted dispensation from meeting criterion c).

No Medical Dispensation for the Selection Competition

Selections are based on the results and minimum TES points from the New Zealand National Championships in the first instance. One of the criteria is that skaters must have competed at the NZ National Championships to enter the Selection Competition. If skaters are injured or ill at the time of the Selection Competition, no medical dispensation will be granted as these skaters have already had the opportunity at the time of the National Championships to gain selection.

F.6. Appeals

Appeals on selection to any of the tiers or to Australian National Championships may be made only on the basis that the score for a skater or skaters at the New Zealand National Championships or at the Selection Competition was not correctly calculated and that the error would have otherwise resulted in the skater's selection. Appeals on other grounds will not be considered including appeals on the basis that an element or its level was incorrectly called or that GOEs or programme components fell outside of any guidelines or rules. Appeals must be lodged within 7 days of the announcement of selections. Selections will be considered provisional until all appeals have been heard and decided.

Appeals on selection to other International Competitions or Championships will be considered by Council on their merit. Skaters and their parents have a right to meet with Council or such members of Council as Council shall decide to discuss the merits of their appeal before Council makes a decision on such matter. Appeals must be lodged within 7 days of the announcement of selections. Selections will be considered provisional until all appeals have been heard and decided.