

NZISA Selection Policy

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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.

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3 NZISA Selection Policy for International and New Zealand Representative Ice Figure Skaters

Selected skaters are ranked in two categories, as defined below:

International

Inclusion is based on results at the New Zealand, 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.

	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
Singles	Novice Ladies	23.75
	Novice Men	27.94
	Junior Ladies	26.68 *
	Junior Men	34.17 *
	Senior Ladies	34.61 *
	Senior Men	43.70 *
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES*
	Novice	16.32 (FD only – no OD internationally)
	Junior	43.52
Senior	50.18	
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	29.52
	Junior	42.83
	Senior	50.87
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	18.10 (FS only)
	Junior	28.80 *
Senior	39.60 *	

*Min TES scores reduced due to less elements being in each of these grades from 2008-09 ISU season.

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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.

New Zealand Representative for Australian Nationals

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	19.22
	Primary Men	18.31
	Intermediate Ladies	18.40
	Intermediate Men	19.37
	Novice Ladies	22.96
	Novice Men	27.01
	Junior Ladies	24.79 *
	Junior Men	31.44 *
	Senior Ladies	27.75 *
Senior Men	35.11 *	
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 (FS only)
	Novice	13.00 (FS only)
	Junior	23.00 *
	Senior	30.00 *

*Min TES scores reduced due to less elements being in each of these grades from 2008-09 ISU season.

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.

Publication of Minimum Technical Element Scores

The minimum required points total for Technical Element Scores for each level 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 31 July each year and no later than the start of the Australian National Championships. This allows for minimum TES scores to be adjusted due to changes at ISU Congress and/or through ISU Communications for the next ISU skating season.

4 **Announcement of International and New Zealand Representative skaters**

The announcement of those skaters named for International and New Zealand Representatives for Australian Nationals will be made at the conclusion of the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

5 **Required Tests for International and New Zealand Representative Selection**

To qualify for consideration for International or New Zealand representation the skater must have the following medal test attainments:

SINGLES:

Senior Worlds and International	Gold Free Skate Test
Junior Worlds and International	Inter Gold Free Skate Test
Novice International	Inter Silver Free Skate Test *

Australian Senior	Inter Gold Free Skate Test
Australian Junior	Silver Free Skate Test
Australian Novice, Intermediate & Primary	Subject to Australian requirements

DANCE:

Senior Worlds and International	Both skaters must hold Gold <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Senior Competitive Dance</u>
Junior Worlds and International	Both skaters must hold Inter Gold <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Junior Competitive Dance</u>
Novice International	Both skaters must hold Inter Silver <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Novice Competitive Dance</u> *

Australian Senior	Both skaters must hold Inter Gold <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Senior Competitive Dance</u>
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Australian Junior	Both skaters must hold Silver <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Junior Competitive Dance</u>
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Australian Novice	Both skaters must hold Inter Silver <u>Compulsory Dance</u> or <u>Novice Competitive Dance</u>
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Australian Primary	Both skaters must hold <u>Bronze Compulsory Dance</u>
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PAIRS:

Senior Worlds and International	Gold Pairs
Junior Worlds and International	Inter Gold Pairs
Novice International	Inter Silver Pairs*

Australian Senior	Inter Gold Pairs
Australian Junior	Silver Pairs
Australian Novice	Inter Silver Pairs
Australian Primary	Bronze Pairs

SYNCHRONIZED

Senior Worlds and International	As per ISU Regulations
Junior Worlds and International	As per ISU Regulations
Novice International	As per ISU Guidelines

Australian Senior	12 - 16 skaters/Test 3 Stroking (Bronze) or Test 3 Dance (Bronze)
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Australian Junior	12 – 16 skaters/Test 2 Stroking (Inter Bronze) or Test 2 Dance (Inter Bronze)
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Australian Novice	12 - 16 skaters/Test 2 Stroking (Inter Bronze) or Test 2 Dance (Inter Bronze)
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Australian Adult	9 – 16 skaters/Test 0 Stroking (Elementary) or Test 0 Dance (Elementary)
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***Test requirements for Novice to be reviewed when Novice becomes an ISU category.**

NOTE: For a Synchronized Skating team to retain their selection, 75% of the team going to the Australian Nationals or an international competition, must have been listed for the team that was selected at the previous NZ National Championships and meet any age or other restrictions for that competition.

6 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 ***see Note**
- b) Having met the minimum TES for International 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. In order to be considered to compete at Junior Worlds, a skater/couple must have competed in a Junior Grand Prix event or Four Continents Championship in the same international skating season.
- c) Having passed the Required Tests and meeting 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 ***see Note**
- b) Achieving a placing at or above the 5th percentile¹ at Four Continents.
- c) Having passed the Required Tests.

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.

¹ "at or above the 5th percentile": the placing the skater must obtain is calculated by taking the number of skaters who completed the short program if 25 skaters or more or who completed both programmes if 24 skaters or less and multiplying by 0.95 and discarding any fraction. For 32 skaters, at or above the 5th percentile would be $32 * 0.95 = 30.4$, or 30th place or above.

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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.

NOTE: 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 a). Skaters who were unable to compete at the National Championships due to bereavement or immigration restrictions may be granted dispensation from meeting criterion a).

Substitutes will be named for International Competitions (where appropriate), the Four Continents Championships, Junior Worlds and Senior Worlds. The skaters named as substitutes will be the next best placed skater/couple at the National Championships for that grade who meet all the other requirements for selection.

NOTE: This policy does not apply to selection of National Synchronized Skating teams and these will be selected based on criteria announced prior to the New Zealand National Championships.

7 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 New Zealand Representatives 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).
- d) Have passed the Required Tests 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.

8 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

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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 except where selection is made by application (see Clause 9). 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).

Substitutes will be named for each grade that already have three skaters entered. The skaters named as substitutes will be the next best placed skater/couple at the National Championships for that grade who meet all the other requirements for selection.

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.

9 Selection by Application for Australian Nationals

PAIRS: As pairs formed from experienced singles skaters are often able to reach very high levels in a matter of months, newly formed pairs made up of experienced singles or pairs skaters may, subsequent to the Selection Competition, apply to the NZISA Council to skate at Australian Nationals (or in a higher grade at Australian Nationals than they were previously selected for) and be selected if they meet the following requirements:

- a) both members of the pair held a singles freeskiing or pairs test of the required level of the pairs tests necessary to enter the grade they are requesting to enter at the time of the Selection Competition;
- b) the application is made at least one week prior to the closing of entries for Australian Nationals;
- c) the pair have been competing together for less than 10 months;
- d) both members of the pair have passed the required pairs tests at the time of application; and
- e) the pair has competed together in competition in the grade they have requested to enter or any other grade and earned the minimum TES points necessary for selection to the requested grade.
- f) there is an open place in the requested grade.

ICE DANCE: As new dance couples formed from experienced ice dancers are often able to progress more rapidly through levels, newly formed dance couples made up of

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experienced ice dancers may, subsequent to the Selection Competition, apply to the NZISA Council to skate at Australian Nationals (or in a higher grade at Australian Nationals than they were previously selected for) and be selected if they meet the following requirements:

- a) both members of the dance couple held the compulsory dance test of the required level of the dance tests necessary to enter the grade they are requesting to enter at the time of the Selection Competition;
- b) the application is made at least one week prior to the closing of entries for Australian Nationals;
- c) the dance couple have been competing together for less than 10 months;
- d) both members of the dance couple have passed the required ice dance tests at the time of application; and
- e) the ice dance couple has competed together in competition in the grade they have requested to enter or any other grade and earned the minimum TES points necessary for selection to the requested grade.
- f) there is an open place in the requested grade.

The NZISA Council shall consider all applications prior to the close of entries for Australian Nationals and shall make their decision on the basis of this policy and any applicable Rules and Regulations.

10 Appeals

Appeals on selection 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.

11 Requirements and Responsibilities of Selected Skaters

Skaters must observe the following requirements in order to ensure that they retain their selections:

- a) All skaters competing in International and Australian National events, must complete and sign a Representative's Agreement prior to leaving New Zealand (or overseas base) for the competition.
- b) If an injury occurs after selection, a medical clearance is required before departure to ensure that the skater complies with ISU Rules. The medical clearance is to be sent to the NZISA Secretary and a copy to the National Technical Committee Secretary.
- c) All skaters representing New Zealand at International competitions must wear the designated New Zealand uniform while travelling to and from the competition, and at official practices and functions. The NZISA may provide representatives with a suitable New Zealand uniform or tracksuit.

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- d) Selected skaters are responsible to complete the entry forms, travel forms, hotel forms, planned programme content sheets, declarations, press/music information forms, and other relevant documentation and forward to the NZISA Secretary or International Competition Coordinator at least one week prior to the closing date.
- e) A skater competing at an overseas International competition is required to have medical insurance to cover medical costs and transportation back to New Zealand for injuries or illness while attending overseas competitions.
- f) Any skaters being awarded Prize money due to their placing at an international/ISU competition shall be entitled to keep these monies, less up to 10% payable to NZISA as per ISU Rules.

12 Requirements and Responsibilities of Coaches, Chaperones, Team Leaders, Officials and other representatives attending international competitions

- a) Any person attending a competition in an official capacity or travelling or staying officially with the team, including but not limited to coaches, chaperones, team leaders, judges, officials, administrators, and Council and Technical Committee members, must complete and sign a Representative's Agreement prior to leaving New Zealand (or overseas base) for the competition.

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Purpose

The following procedure shall be observed in determining selections covered by this Policy in order to minimise the possibility of errors made when announcing selections.

Changes to this Procedure

This procedure may be altered at any time by a resolution of Council.

Selection Procedure

The following procedure shall be observed in determining selection to the international and Australian events described above.

- a) Prior to New Zealand Nationals or the Selection Competitions, the following items shall be prepared:
 - Two copies of a recent printout of the "Skaters' TC Status, Age, Highest Tests and Competition Grade" report.
 - Two copies of the Selection Policy.
 - Copies of the attached selection worksheets in quantities for two copies to be filled in for all skaters in each relevant grade.
- b) After all programmes in each grade at New Zealand Nationals or the Selection Competition are completed, a printout from ISUCalcFS of Output -> Protocol -> Details for the free skating event should be obtained. This report will show the TES scores for each skater for all programmes.
- c) The Protocol Details obtained from ISUCalcFS should be signed by the referee of the event to indicate that he or she is not aware of any outstanding issues or protests regarding the grade.
- d) Making use of the "Skaters' TC Status, Age, Highest Tests and Competition Grade" report and the Protocol Details from ISUCalcFS obtained above, two members of Council, the Technical Committee, or Senior Judges shall independently fill out the selection worksheets without discussion between themselves and without comparing results.
- e) The President or a Senior Official nominated by the President shall compare and verify the selections shown in the worksheets are identical. In the event of any inconsistencies or errors, the President or Senior Official shall verify the corrected selection worksheets with the person who filled in the selection worksheet.

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Selection Worksheet

EVENT:			GRADE:				
Final Placing	Skater's/Team Name	Short Programme / Orig Dance TES	Freeskating / Free Dance TES	Combined TES	Age (on 30 June prior to this competition)	Min TES	Min TES
						Ages	Ages
						Int'l	NZ Rep