

M**NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- 1 The NTC is a standing committee of Council and shall meet once a year (but may meet on other occasions) at the time and place of the National Championships.
- 2 The mandate of the Committee shall be to discuss matters of a technical nature pertaining to figure skating in general, and inform the Council of:
 - 2.1 Amendments to Medal Test structures and requirements as the need may be;
 - 2.2 Program and section requirements for National- and Interprovincial Championships; and
 - 2.3 Annually submit the list of accredited technical and support officials for the ISU Judging System.
- 3 The committee shall also:
 - 3.1 Organise and administer courses for the continued improvement of figure skating in South Africa.
 - 3.2 Advise the Council of SAFSA on matters of a technical nature pertaining to figure skating.
- 4 The NTC shall be comprised of the Rules and Regulations chairperson who shall chair this committee, three (3) representatives of the NJTC, one (1) of whom shall be the NJTC chairperson and three (3) representatives of SAPSU, one (1) of whom shall be the SAPSU chairperson. A quorum shall comprise of at least three (3) members and both coaches and judges must be represented. The Chairperson may invite any technical delegate who could enhance the decisions of this committee to attend meetings, in consultation with the Executive.
- 5 A secretary may also be appointed (in attendance only) by the committee on the recommendation of the chairperson if deemed necessary.
6. ISU Judging System Coordination Committee (IJSCC)
 - 6.1 The IJSCC is a sub-committee of the NTC with the exclusive function of ensuring that sufficient and suitably qualified persons are available to serve at Interprovincial and National Championships to perform the required technical and support functions required by the ISU Judging System (I-JS).
 - 6.2 The IJSCC shall be composed of the following persons:

- 6.2.1 The NJTC Chairperson;
- 6.2.2 The SAPSU ISU Judging System Representative;
- 6.2.3 A Level 3 accredited Technical Controller;
- 6.2.4 A Level 3 accredited Technical Specialist
- 6.2.5 A further three (3) representatives elected from Level 3 accredited:
 - 6.2.5.1 Data Input Operators
 - 6.2.5.2 Video Replay Cutters
 - 6.2.5.3 Video (camera) Operators
 - 6.2.5.4 ISUCalc Operators

- 6.4 The members of the IJSCC listed in 6.2.3, 6.2.4 and 6.2.5 shall be appointed by the NTC at the meeting held during the National Championships.

- 6.5 The IJSCC Chairperson is elected annually by the members of the IJSCC chosen from one of the four (4) technical members of the committee (6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3 or 6.2.4). A quorum shall consist of at least three (3) members consisting of at least one (1) Technical Controller, one (1) Technical Specialist and one (1) further member from the representatives listed in 6.2.5.

- 6.6 The following additional representatives may be appointed as the need may be and at the discretion of the IJSCC Chairperson:
 - 6.6.1 Training officials with a minimum Level 3 accreditation in at least one figure skating discipline;
 - 6.6.2 Examination officials with a minimum Level 3 accreditation in at least one figure skating discipline.

- 6.7 The responsibilities of the IJSCC include:
 - 6.7.1 Maintaining a list and the relevant accreditation of persons that are:
 - 6.7.1.1 Technical Controllers
 - 6.7.1.2 Technical Specialists
 - 6.7.1.3 Data Input Operators
 - 6.7.1.4 Video Replay Cutters
 - 6.7.1.5 Video Camera Operators
 - 6.7.1.6 ISUCalc Operators;

 - 6.7.2 Training of officials for the functions listed in 6.7.1;

 - 6.7.3 Examination of officials for the functions listed in 6.7.1;

- 6.7.4 Training of coaches on behalf of SAPSU in respect to the technical elements of the I-JS;
- 6.7.5 Coordinate on behalf of SAPSU and in conjunction with the NJTC the training of coaches in respect to the judging aspects of the I-JS; and
- 6.7.6 Compile the I-JS Technical Panel and support officials for National and Interprovincial Championships. The NJTC shall compile the Judging Panels (Referee and Judges) at National Championships and the appointed Referee in charge of an Interprovincial Championship shall compile the Judging Panels (Referee and Judges) at the Interprovincial Championship.

6.8 IJSCC Ranking System and Scales

- 6.8.1 A person who has received the necessary training, completed the minimum required activity period and/or passed the necessary examination shall be accredited as follows:
 - 6.8.1.1 Level 0 – the candidate has applied to act as a member of the Technical Panel or as a support official, is currently undergoing training and has not passed the practical examination;
 - 6.8.1.2 Level 1 – the candidate may be a member on the Technical Panel or a support official at Provincial Championships and competitions;
 - 6.8.1.3 Level 2 - the candidate may be a member on the Technical Panel or a support official at Provincial Championships and competitions and Interprovincial Championships;
 - 6.8.1.4 Level 3 - the candidate may be a member on the Technical Panel or a support official at Provincial Championships and competitions and Interprovincial and National Championships;
 - 6.8.1.5 Level 4 – the candidate has International accreditation by the ISU as a member of a Technical Panel or support official at an International Competition; and

- 6.8.1.6 Level 5 - the candidate has ISU Official accreditation by the ISU as a member of a Technical Panel or support official at an ISU Championship.
- 6.8.2 Any person appointed to an Interprovincial or National Championship panel or support function must be accredited by the IJSCC at the time of appointment at the level specified in 6.8.1.1 through 6.8.1.6. However, under exceptional circumstances and when no support official at the required level is available for the specific event, a support official from a lower level may be appointed with preference been given to a person with one level lower.
- 6.8.3 A candidate must fulfil the following requirements to advance from:
- 6.8.3.1 Level 0 to Level 1, the candidate must pass the practical examination and have served on an experienced panel in at least one (1) competition. An experienced panel is one which made up of a majority of members with the required qualifications and experience;
- 6.8.3.2 Level 1 to Level 2, the candidate must have been a member of a Technical Panel for a National Championship section during at least one (1) Provincial Championship. The Juvenile section does not meet the requirement as it has no short program;
- 6.8.3.3 Level 2 to Level 3, the candidate must have been a member of a Technical Panel during at least two (2) Interprovincial Championships; and
- 6.8.3.4 Level 3 to Level 4 or 5, the candidate must fulfil the requirements specified by the ISU. The application to be accredited to Level 4 or 5 must be endorsed by the SAFSA Council.
- 6.8.4 Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers must pass an annual examination on the applicable rule changes to maintain their accreditation.

6.9 Appointments to Technical Panels and Support Functions

- 6.9.1 All members of the I-JS Technical Panel and the necessary support officials shall be appointed by and at the discretion of the NTC on the recommendation of the IJSCC for a specified period of time.
- 6.9.2 All members of the I-JS Technical Panel and support officials:
 - 6.9.2.1 must be eligible members of SAFSA but not an eligible member with restricted rights;
 - 6.9.2.2 will be appointed annually commencing 1 April and ending 30th March the following year, or if appointed during the course of a year the appointment will be valid for the pro-rata remaining period only;
 - 6.9.2.3 will receive a Certificate of Appointment issued by the Chairperson of the IJSCC detailing the level and period of appointment; and
 - 6.9.2.4 no person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be appointed as a member of the Technical Panel or support official, except in the case of the Data Input Operators and Video Cutters who may not be under the age of sixteen (16).
 - 6.9.2.5 no person who has reached the age of seventy (70) in the calendar year or thereafter may be appointed to the Technical Panel or act as a support official.

6.10 Appointments as Technical Controllers

- 6.10.1 Technical Controllers are recruited from the group of national Referees (minimum Judging Level 8).
- 6.10.2 To be appointed as a Technical Controller the candidate must:
 - 6.10.2.1 have the highest knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;
 - 6.10.2.2 must have a good knowledge of the spoken English language;
 - 6.10.2.3 must possess good communication skills;
 - 6.10.2.4 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and

6.10.2.5 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the initial examination and the annual examinations.

6.11 Appointments as Technical Specialists or Assistant Technical Specialists

6.11.1 Technical Specialists or Assistant Technical Specialists are recruited from the group of coaches or skaters no longer competing in ISU or SAFSA events.

6.11.2 To be appointed as a Technical Specialist or Assistant Technical Specialist the candidate must:

6.11.2.1 be a former high-level skater (at a minimum competed in the Junior or Senior section at the National Championships) or be a coach with Provincial status;

6.11.2.2 have the highest knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;

6.11.2.3 be involved on at least a weekly basis for the respective discipline on site;

6.11.2.4 must have a good knowledge of the spoken English language;

6.11.2.5 must possess good communication skills;

6.11.2.6 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and

6.11.2.7 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the initial examination and the annual examinations.

6.12 Appointments as Data Input Operators

6.12.1 Data Input Operators are recruited from the group of skaters, coaches, Judges, Referees or SAFSA members.

6.12.2 To be appointed as a Data Input Operator the candidate must:

6.12.2.1 have knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;

6.12.2.2 must have a good knowledge of the spoken English language;

6.12.2.3 must possess good communication skills;

6.12.2.4 must have good computer skills and be familiar with touch screen computers;

- 6.12.2.5 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and
- 6.12.2.6 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the examination.

6.13 Appointments as Video Replay Operators

- 6.13.1 Video Replay Operators are recruited from the group of skaters, coaches, Judges, Referees or SAFSA members.
- 6.13.2 To be appointed as a Video Replay Operator the candidate must:
 - 6.13.2.1 have knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;
 - 6.13.2.2 must have a good knowledge of the spoken English language;
 - 6.13.2.3 must possess good communication skills;
 - 6.13.2.4 must have good computer skills and be familiar with touch screen computers;
 - 6.13.2.5 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and
 - 6.13.2.6 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the examination.

6.14 Appointments as Video Camera Operators

- 6.14.1 Video Camera Operators are recruited from the group of skaters, coaches, Judges, Referees or SAFSA members.
- 6.14.2 To be appointed as a Video Camera Operator the candidate must:
 - 6.14.2.1 have knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;
 - 6.14.2.2 must have good knowledge of video cameras and their operation;
 - 6.14.2.3 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and
 - 6.14.2.4 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the examination.

6.15 Appointments as ISUCalc Operators

6.15.1 ISUCalc Operators are recruited from the group of skaters, coaches, Judges, Referees or SAFSA members.

6.15.2 To be appointed as an ISUCalc Operator the candidate must:

6.15.2.1 have knowledge of Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and/or Synchronised Skating with regard to technical aspects;

6.15.2.2 must have a good knowledge of the spoken English language;

6.15.2.3 must possess good communication skills;

6.15.2.4 must have good computer skills and be familiar with touch screen computers;

6.15.2.5 must be able to take directions and work within a team environment; and

6.15.2.6 must have completed an IJSCC seminar and successfully passed the examination.