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**INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS SELECTIONS****1 Selections for International Competitions****1.1 General**

1.1.1 Prior to the holding of the National Championship, the Provincial Chairpersons shall submit to the International Selections Committee's (Singles/Pairs, Ice Dancing or Synchronised Skating) on the prescribed form(s) (Appendix 16) the names and required details of skaters/pairs/couples/teams recommended for international competitions during the forthcoming skating year.

1.1.2 To be selected for international competitions, skaters/pairs/couples/teams in all disciplines shall meet the minimum requirements in the opinion of the members of the International Selections Committee with regards to the following criteria:

1.1.2.1 Exemplary conduct as a sportsperson;

1.1.2.2 Physical fitness of a high standard;

1.1.2.3 Pass all anti-doping tests;

1.1.2.4 Minimum technical ability as recommended by the NJTC;

1.1.2.5 Competed in the most recent National Championships, and

1.1.2.6 Competitors nominated to represent South Africa internationally, who are not South African citizens and/or who have previously represented another ISU recognised National Federation or Association at an ISU International Competition or Championship must meet the ISU requirements with regards to citizenship, residence periods, minimum waiting periods and required permits prior to the start of the ISU Competition or Championship for which the selection is requested.

1.1.3 All provinces will, within seven (7) days, be notified in writing by the National Secretary as to the names of the skaters/pairs/couples/teams selected to represent South Africa in a particular competition/championship.

1.1.4 All meetings of the International Selections Committee Panels for (a) Singles and Pairs, (b) Ice

Dancing and (c) Synchronised Skating shall be convened and chaired by the President or his/her nominee.

- 1.1.5 The International Selections Committee shall consist of the SAFSA President, the Rules and Regulations Chairperson, the National Secretary and the Judges drawn at the most recent Annual General Meeting of the Council. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the drawn Judges but no less than three (3).
- 1.1.6 All the members of the International Selections Committee shall have one (1) vote except for the National Secretary and the Rules and Regulations Chairperson who shall both only be in attendance.
- 1.1.7 The International Selections Committee shall require the skaters'/pairs'/couples'/teams' coach to submit a written report, within three (3) weeks after selection notification, regarding the skaters/pairs/couples/teams preparation, ability and suitability to represent South Africa in a particular competition/championship as decided by the International Selections Committee.
- 1.1.8 The International Selections Committee shall nominate a Judge of that province to which the particular skater/pair/couple/team is affiliated, to monitor the skaters/pairs/couples/teams progress and training twice, with a minimum period of one (1) calendar month between each monitoring, prior to the competition that the skater/pair/couple/team has been selected to compete in. The Judge shall not be required to inform the skater/pair/couple/team of the date or time of such monitoring. The Judge shall be required to submit reports of the skaters/pairs/couples/teams progress and training to the International Selections Committee.
- 1.1.9 Should any skater/pair/couple/team not meet the minimum requirements of the above criteria prior to the competition/championship, the International Selections Committee shall declare the selection as null and void and notify the skater/pair/couple/team and coach, in writing, of such decision.
- 1.1.10 The skater/pair/couple/team shall have the right to appeal within fourteen (14) days against the above decision. The skater/pair/couple/team shall appear before selected representatives of the International

Selections Committee during such an appeal and have the right to nominate one (1) spokesperson on his/her behalf. The outcome of this appeal shall be notified in writing to the skater/[pair/couple/team](#) and coach within seven (7) days. This decision shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.

1.1.11 In the event of an unsuccessful or no appeal by the skater/[pair/couple/team](#) concerned, the International Selections Committee may, at their discretion, select an alternate skater/[pair/couple/team](#) to the particular competition/championship in his/her/[their/](#)stead.

1.1.12 [No correspondence will be entertained other than official clarification requests channelled through a Provincial Chairperson and directed to the Chairperson of the International Selections Committee within seven \(7\) days of the publication of the decisions by the International Selections Committee. The Chairperson of the International Selections Committee must respond to such queries within seven \(7\) days after receiving the query. Under no circumstance may a skater, parent, guardian or coach liaise directly by any means with the members of the International Selections Committee regarding the decisions made during the meeting.](#)

1.2 Selection Criteria and minimum requirements for Singles Skating

1.2.1 [A skater may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the Skater has at least once competed \(in both the short and free skating programs\) in the section concerned at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the International Selections Committee meeting for Singles and Pairs.](#)

1.2.2 [A skater may only be nominated to compete in a section other than Novice, Junior or Senior section if the Skater has at least once competed in the Pre-Novice \(the short and free skating programs\) or Juvenile \(free skating programs\) sections at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the International Selections Committee meeting for Singles and Pairs](#)

- 1.2.3 A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.
- 1.2.4 A skater must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set minimum Final Score (total of Short and Free Skating programs Segment Scores) in the case of Senior, Junior and Novice and the Free Skating Total Segment Score for skaters aged 13 years and younger listed in the table below for the section requested at the International Competition or Championship.

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>Four Continents</u>	<u>Worlds Olympics</u>
Senior (Total Score)	L	69.90	73.70	78.30	78.30
	M	89.37	93.67	96.37	96.37
Junior (Total Score)	L	53.80	61.80		65.10
	M	65.53	71.78		75.83
Novice (Total Score)	L	40.76	47.58		
	M	51.73	56.88		
12 & 13 Years (FSP Score only)	G	22.38	26.86		
	B	24.40	30.38		
10 & 11 Years (FSP Score only)	G	18.48	19.68		
	B	19.90	21.80		
8 & 9 Years (FSP Score only)	G	9.72	10.42		
	B	11.12	11.92		
≤ 7 Years (FSP Score only)	G	8.62	9.22		
	B	10.12	10.62		

- 1.2.5 If more than one skater meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.2.1, N.1.2.2 and N.1.2.3 for a specific international competition or championship and section (Senior, Junior, Novice or Age group), the skaters shall be ranked with the highest ranked skater receiving first preference and so forth.
- 1.2.6 The NJS scores listed in the form are used to create the Ranking Score that is calculated as follows:

[1.00 X Provincial Score] + [1.25 X (Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores)] + [1.50 X National Championship score]. The score to be used shall be, in the case of Senior, Junior and Novice, the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs and in the case of the Pre-Novice and Juvenile, the Total Free Skating Segment Score.

- 1.2.7 If a skater was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.2.2, the score from the previous season may be used for the submission but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the International Selections Committee, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.
- 1.2.8 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.2.7 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.2.4.
- 1.2.9 Only scores relevant to the requested section the Skater is requesting to compete in or lower sections are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Skater is requesting to compete in.
- 1.3 Selection Requirements for Pair Skating
- 1.3.1 A Pair may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if both members of the Pair have together at least once competed (in both the short and free skating programs) in the section concerned at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the International Selections Committee meeting for Singles and Pairs.
- 1.3.2. A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.
- 1.3.3 The Pair must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set minimum

Final Score (total of Short and Free Skating programs Segment Scores) listed in the table below for the section requested at the International Competition or Championship.

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>Four Continents</u>	<u>Worlds Olympics</u>
Senior	71.40	74.40	79.00	79.00
Junior	61.50	64.50		67.90
Novice	42.80	44.60		
Pre-Novice	26.20	28.00		

- 1.3.4 If more than one Pair meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.3.1, N.1.3.2 and N.1.3.3 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the Pairs shall be ranked with the highest ranked Pair receiving first preference and so forth.
- 1.3.5 The NJS scores listed in the form are used to create the Ranking Score that is calculated as follows: $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$. The score to be used shall be the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs.
- 1.3.6 If a Pair was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.3.2, the score from the previous season may be used for the submission but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the International Selections Committee, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.
- 1.3.7 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.3.6 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.3.3.

- 1.3.8 Only scores relevant to the requested section the Pair is requesting to compete in or lower sections are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Pair is requesting to compete in.
- 1.4 Selection Requirements for Ice Dancing
- 1.4.1 The International Selections Committee must ensure that the general provisions listed in Clauses N.1.1 are adhered to.
- 1.4.2 Any couple wishing to compete internationally must compete in the most recent National Championships.
- 1.4.3 The International Selections Committee shall select a couple based on the technical ability of the couple.
- 1.5 Selection Requirements for Synchronised Skating Teams
- 1.5.1 The International Selections Committee must ensure that the provisions of Clauses F.3.1 through F.3.4, N.1.5.2.1 through N.1.5.2.5 and N.1.5.4.1 through N.1.5.4.7 in the case of substitution of a team member(s) have been strictly adhered to. If any of these provisions have not been complied with, the International Selections Committee may not select the team for international competitions or championships.
- 1.5.2 A Synchronised Skating team may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the Team prior to the International Selections Committee meeting for Synchronised Skating:
- 1.5.2.1 competed in the most recent National Championships;
- 1.5.2.2 competed in at least one of the three Interprovincial Championships during a complete skating season;
- 1.5.2.3 competed in the most recent Provincial Championship in the province in which the team is registered;
- 1.5.2.4 contains team members where at least fifty percent (50%) of the individuals have competed in 1.5.2.1 and 1.5.2.3; and

- 1.5.2.5 contains no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the team that skated at the National Championships. The seventy-five percent (75%) shall be determined from the team members plus any team reserves but shall not include the team alternates.
- 1.5.3. A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.
- 1.5.4 If a Synchronised Skating team that is selected by the International Selections Committee to compete at an international competition or championship finds itself, due to resignation by or injury to a team member, in the situation that the number of team members is less than the number listed on the team roster at the time that the Selections Committee made its decision, such team may include substitute skaters up to the number that the team consisted of at the time of selection subject to the following provisions:
- 1.5.4.1 A written submission to the International Selections Committee must be made to motivate the reason for the substitute skaters. The International Selections Committee shall immediately, in writing, declare the original selection as null and void and notify the team and coach of such decision.
- 1.5.4.2 The substitute skaters must be selected by means of a trial and selections process that conforms to the provisions of Clauses F.3.1 through F.3.4. Once the selection(s) has/have taken place, the International Selections Committee must be informed of the name(s) of the substitute skater(s).
- 1.5.4.3 The substitute skater(s) must pass the equivalent test(s) required by SAFSA to compete at the National Championships no later than six (6) weeks prior to the team competing internationally.

- 1.5.4.4 The team with the substitute skater(s) must perform the short program, if applicable, and free skating program for evaluation at least four (4) weeks prior to competing internationally in the presence of at least two (2) International Selections Committee members or nominated representatives.
- 1.5.4.5 A written submission by both of the International Selections Committee members or nominated representative must be made to the full International Selections Committee indicating the date, time, place and the standard of the program(s) evaluated.
- 1.5.4.6 The International Selections Committee must evaluate the written submissions within one (1) week of receiving the submissions and, if the team meets all the provisions of this Rule and is of the opinion that the standard of the team is equivalent or better than the standard of the competitive programs that the selection was originally based upon, may reinstate the selection.
- 1.5.4.7 The International Selections Committee must inform the team and coach, as soon as possible and in writing, of the final decision of the International Selections Committee.
- 1.5.5 The Synchronised Skating team must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set minimum Final Score (total of Short and Free Skating programs Segment Scores) in the case of the Senior and Junior sections and the Free Skating Total Segment Score in the case of the Novice section listed in the table below for the section requested at the International Competition or Championship.

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>Worlds</u>
Senior	72.00	75.50	80.80
Junior	55.00	60.70	

Novice	14.75	16.30	
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- 1.5.6 If more than one Synchronised Skating team meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.5.1, N.1.5.2, N.1.5.3, N.1.5.4 and N.1.5.5 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the teams shall be ranked with the highest ranked team receiving first preference and so forth.
- 1.5.7 The NJS scores listed in the form are used to create the Ranking Score that is calculated as follows: [1.00 X Provincial Score] + [1.25 X (Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores)] + [1.50 X National Championship score]. The score to be used shall be in the case of the Senior and Junior sections the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs. In the case of the Novice section the score to be used shall be the Free Skating Program Total Segment Score.
- 1.5.8 If a Synchronised Skating team was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.5.3, the score from the previous season may be used for the submission but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the International Selections Committee, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.
- 1.5.9 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.5.8 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.5.5.
- 1.5.10 Only scores relevant to the requested section the Synchronised Skating team is requesting to compete in or lower sections are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Synchronised Skating team is requesting to compete in.

2 National Championships

- 2.1 Immediately subsequent to the holding of a Provincial Championship, the Judges officiating at such Championship shall submit to the Provincial Committee concerned the

names of Skaters/[Pairs/Couples/Teams](#) recommended for inclusion in the team for National Championships.

- 2.2 Any Skaters/[Pairs/Couples/Teams](#) whose name has been submitted to a Provincial Committee in accordance with provision N.2.1 shall, not later than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the date of the National Championships in respect of which his/her/[their/its](#) name was so submitted, have successfully completed the tests specified from time to time by the National Technical Committee as being requirements for participating in the event concerned.
- 2.3 The final selection shall be made by the Provincial Technical Committee concerned and for the purposes thereof such Committee, may in exceptional circumstances select Skaters/[Pairs/Couples/Teams](#) who have, for reasons beyond their control, been unable to participate in the immediately preceding Provincial Championships.
- 2.4 No competitor may compete in two sections in the same discipline at the National Championships in the same skating year as defined in provision N.2.5 with the exception of Synchronised Skating team members that may skate in different sections but must meet the requirements as stipulated in Section F.2.6 of these regulations.
- 2.5 The skating year is defined ([unless for exceptional reasons announced otherwise by the National Technical Committee](#)) as follows:
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| Senior sections: | 1 st July to 30 th June |
| Junior sections: | 1 st July to 30 th June |
| Novice sections: | 1st July to 30th June |
| Pre-Novice Ice Dance section: | 1st July to 30th June |
- All other sections: Commencing on the day following the end of the National Championship and ending on the final day of the following National Championship.
- 2.6 Where the members of a Pair, Ice Dancing couple [or Synchronised Skating Team](#) fall under the jurisdiction of two [or more](#) different Provincial Committees they may compete in a National or Interprovincial Competition but any points won by such members shall be shared by the Provinces concerned. In the case of Synchronised Teams the points shall be divided in relation to the number of Provincial competitors relative to the number of skaters in the team.

3 Selection of skaters for development programmes funded nationally through the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and Lotto South Africa

- 3.1 The funding made available by SASCOC and Lotto S.A. is primarily to assist elite athletes in their preparation for participation in high level international championships and the Olympic Winter Games.
- 3.2 Members of the Council must submit the names of potential athletes who could benefit from the above program to the International Selection Committee for consideration. The International Selections Committee must consider the submissions and draw up a proposed list of participants according to the specifications of the organisation (SASCOC or Lotto SA) providing the development assistance and submit the list to the Council for final approval.
- 3.3 The Executive must subsequently submit this list to the organisation (SASCOC or Lotto SA) providing the development assistance for consideration.

4 Selection of Team Leaders and other members of teams attending International Competitions and Championships

- 4.1 The Provincial, NJTC and SAPSU Chairpersons may submit nominations for Team Leaders for ISU Championships at the same time that nominations for skaters/pairs/couples /teams are submitted to attend International Competitions and Championships.
- 4.2 Such nominations:
 - 4.2.1 must be SAFSA members who ideally have or currently are members of Provincial Committees, sub-committees of the Council, Judges or Coaches;
 - 4.2.2 should, subject to the provisions in N.4.2.1, ideally not be a direct family member or coach of a competitor(s) taking part at the specific International Championship;
 - 4.2.3 must be accompanied by a short CV of the nominee that must also include information regarding the activities of the individual relating to Figure Skating over the past years;
 - 4.2.4 must be accompanied by a motivation relating to the criteria listed in N.4.4 from the Provincial, NJTC or SAPSU Committee as to the competency of the nominee for the position nominated and how the

- opportunity to act as Team Leader will benefit SAFSA as a whole; and
- 4.2.5 must be accompanied by a letter that declares that the person being nominated agrees to act as Team Leader for the specified event and is willing to assume the specified duties and the expenses not covered by the ISU relating to the event.
- 4.3 Should the person being nominated as Team Leader also be a member of the International Selections Committee, the person will be required to recuse themselves entirely from the decision making process so as to avoid situations of conflicts of interests.
- 4.4 The International Selections Committee shall evaluate all nominations based on the nominee's experience in managing teams and knowledge of the ISU rules and regulations relating to International Championships and specifically their knowledge relating to the:
- 4.4.1 Submission of protests and objections;
 - 4.4.2 Anti-Doping regulations and processes;
 - 4.4.3 Processes relating to the withdrawal of competitors;
 - 4.4.4 ISU Championship processes and procedures; and
 - 4.4.5 Basic medical assistance (first aid) to athletes.
- 4.5 The International Selections Committee shall endeavour to appoint a balanced set of Team Leaders for the four annual ISU Championships representing both technical (Judges and Coaches) and administrative (members of Provincial Committee's and the Council) members of SAFSA.
- 4.6 Should no or an insufficient number of persons be nominated for Team Leaders at ISU Championships, the International Selections Committee reserves the right to make such provisional nominations at the International Selections Committee meeting being held. The provisions of N.4.3 also apply and the provisions of N.4.2 must be complied with no later than two (2) weeks after the provisional nomination has been made otherwise the provisional nomination shall lapse. The International Selections Committee shall make a final decision based on the information submitted once the provisions of N.4.2 have been complied with.
- 4.7 The International Selections Committee should endeavour to select an Alternative Team Leader for all ISU Championships should unforeseen circumstances so arise that the Team Leader selected can no longer act as a Team Leader for the event in question.

- 4.8 The Chairperson of the International Selections Committee must announce to the members of the International Selections Committee and the Council all the athletes, SAFSA Officials, Team Doctors and/or Physiotherapists that are to be listed on the official entry form for the ISU Championship prior to the entry form being submitted to the ISU.