

Q**CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS****1 National and Provincial**

- 1.1 SAFSA shall endeavour to carry out in each year:
 - 1.1.1 A Senior and Junior National Championship.
 - 1.1.2 [The International Afriskate](#) Competition.
 - 1.1.3 An Interprovincial Championship [in each region \(Gauteng, KwaZulu/Natal and Western Cape\) of the country with a Provincial Committee.](#)
 - 1.1.4 A Provincial Championship for each Province.
- 1.2 The competitions [listed in Q.1.1.1, Q.1.1.3 and Q.1.1.4](#) are confined to eligible members with the exception of eligible members with restricted rights [only and](#) who have been registered in the Province with whom they are [currently registered and representing at the competition](#) for at least three (3) of the preceding twelve (12) months prior to the date of the competition (unless the provisions of clause 14.6.5.1, 14.6.5.2 [or 14.6.6](#) apply) and coached by SAFSA approved coaches.
- 1.3 [In the Single Skating discipline, competitors must be South African citizens.](#)
- 1.4 [In the Pairs and Ice Dancing disciplines, at least one \(1\) of the two \(2\) partners in the pair or couple must be a South African citizen.](#)
- 1.5 [In the Synchronised Skating discipline, at least seventy-five percent \(75%\) of the team members must be South African citizens.](#)
- 1.6 [Any competitor who is not a South African citizen and is a member of another Figure Skating National Federation or Association must have prior written permission from this National Federation or Association to take part in the competitions listed in Q.1.1.](#)
- 1.7 This regulation shall not debar any visitors to any Province from competing in any competition, other than the South African National Championships at the invitation of the Council, provided that:
 - 1.7.1 they shall have permission to do so from their own Association;

- 1.7.2 they shall not represent any of the Provinces;
 - 1.7.3 places gained by them shall not count towards the points for any Interprovincial trophy;
 - 1.7.4 they shall not be eligible for nomination to represent South Africa in an International event.
- 1.4 A skater may only contest provincial titles in the province in which he/she is registered.

2 Minimum Standards

Minimum standards for the National Championship are listed hereunder and apply to all sections listed below. A Skater, Pair, Couple or Team must achieve the required minimum standard to be awarded the Gold Medal in the case of First Place.

2.1 Single Skating

- 2.1.1 Senior, Junior, Novice and Pre-Novice sections:
The Skater must achieve the minimum Final Score (the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs) listed below.
- 2.1.2 Juvenile section:
The Skater must achieve the minimum Final Score (the Total Segment Score for the Free Skating Program) listed below.
- 2.1.3 Minimum Final Scores

<u>Singles Sections</u>	<u>1st Place</u>
Senior Men	93.67
Senior Ladies.....	73.70
Junior Men.....	71.78
Junior Ladies	61.80
Novice Boys.....	56.88
Novice Girls	47.58
Pre-Novice Boys.....	33.95
Pre-Novice Girls.....	30.68
Juvenile Boys	11.92
Juvenile Girls	10.42

2.2 Pair Skating

- 2.2.1 Senior, Junior, Novice and Pre-Novice sections:

The Pair must achieve the minimum Final Score (the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs) listed below.

2.2.2 Minimum Final Scores

<u>Pairs Sections</u>	<u>1st Place</u>
Senior	74.40
Junior.....	64.50
Novice.....	44.60
Pre-Novice.....	28.00

2.3 Ice Dancing

2.3.1 The aggregate combined final total mark obtained from all sections skated (Compulsory / Original / Free Dance) shall, when reduced to a base of a maximum of six (6), at least equal the listed minimum standard to warrant the award of first place denominated. To ascertain if standard has been met for a final placing the Couple must achieve from a majority of Judges the minimum total of points after applying the applicable standard.

2.3.2 Minimum Marks

	Compulsory Dance(s)		Original and Free Dance(s)
	1 st Mark	2 nd Mark	Both Marks
Senior	3.7	4.2	4.2
Junior	3.3	3.8	3.8
Novice	3.0	3.4	3.4
Pre-Novice	2.6	3.0	3.0

2.4 Synchronised Skating

2.4.1 Senior and Junior sections:
The Synchronised Skating Team must achieve the minimum Final Score (the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs) listed below.

2.4.2 Novice section:
The Synchronised Skating Team must achieve the minimum Final Score (the Total Segment Score for the Free Skating Program) listed below.

2.4.3 Minimum Final Scores

<u>Synchronised Skating Sections</u>	<u>1st Place</u>
Senior	75.50
Junior	60.70
Novice	16.30

3 Responsibility of Entry in and Withdrawal from Competitions and Championships

The minimum requirements to enter or withdraw from SAFSA competitions are as follows:

3.1 Entry in or Withdrawal from Provincial Competitions or Championships

A Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) may only be entered (withdrawn) into (from) a competition or championship with the prior approval of a SAFSA approved coach and parental approval if the [individual\(s\)](#) is/[are](#) under the age of eighteen (18) years subject to the [individual\(s\)](#) meeting all other requirements as the Provincial Committee may stipulate and any other regulations herein.

3.2 Entry in or Withdrawal from Interprovincial or National Competitions and Championships

A Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) may only be selected and entered into a competition or championship by the Provincial Committee of the province in which the Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) is registered and parental approval if the [individual\(s\)](#) is/[are](#) under the age of eighteen (18) years. The Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) must also meet all other requirements as the Organising Committee may stipulate and any other regulations herein. A Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) may only be withdrawn from a competition or championship by the Provincial Committee of the province in which the Skater/[Pair/Couple/Team](#) is registered and parental approval if the [individual\(s\)](#) is/[are](#) under the age of eighteen (18) years, subject to the submission of a doctor's certificate in the case of injury.

4 Refusal of Entries

The Provincial or [Organising](#) Committees shall be entitled to refuse an entry for any of the above competitions [within the parameters of the SAFSA Constitution and its Rules and Regulations](#).

5 Responsibility for Accidents to Competitors and Officials

The Provincial or Organising Committees and the Council of SAFSA accept no responsibility for accidents or damage sustained by competitors or officials in competitions, or candidates for tests and officials acting thereat.

6 Medals and Podium Arrangements

6.1 Medals awarded at Competitions and Championships other than the National Championships

The Provincial Committees shall have the power, subject to the approval of the Council, to give in the competitions organised by them as mentioned in Rule Q.1 of these regulations, trophies or medals as first, second and third places, respectively, subject to such number of entries as the Committee consider sufficient being obtained.

6.2 Podium arrangements at the National Championships

The competitor with the highest placing shall stand on the first place podium position, the competitor with the second highest placing shall stand on the second place podium position and the competitor with the third highest placing shall stand on the third place podium position. The lack in achieving the First Place Standard does not affect the standing position on the podium.

6.3 Medals awarded at the National Championships

The Council shall award the medals for the first, second and third places, respectively at the National Championships as follows:

The Gold medal can only be awarded if the competitor(s) attain the *First Place Standard* listed in Rule Q.2, respectively. The grid below indicates how the medals are to be awarded.

	1 st Place Standard Attained	Medal to be awarded
Highest placed competitor	Yes	Gold
	No	Silver
Second highest placed Competitor	Yes	Silver
	No	Silver

Third highest placed Competitor	Yes	Bronze
	No	Bronze

The Gold medal can only be awarded to one (1) competitor except in the case when two (2) competitors are tied for the first place and have achieved the 1st place minimum standard.

7 Entry Fees

Such entry fee as the Provincial or Organising Committee may fix shall be charged for each of these competitions and shall not be returnable after an entry, duly accepted, is subsequently withdrawn, except at the discretion of the Provincial or Organising Committee.

8 Control of Events

The Provincial Committees and such Organising Committees as are appointed to carry out the various Figure Skating Championships and Competitions shall appoint Judges for tests and generally, subject to the Regulations and the Council, control all matters relating to Figure Skating.

9 Officials

9.1 An affiliated club holding an open competition is entitled to appoint the officials provided the Referee and Judges are SAFSA approved Judges of the appropriate grade.

9.2 6.0-Based Judging System

The full complement of officials for a competition is as follows:

9.2.1 A Referee

9.2.2 An Assistant Referee, not necessarily essential for every provincial, open club or club events.

9.2.3 An odd number of Judges, not less than three.

9.2.4 An Announcer to read and call out the marks.

9.2.5 Two Accountants to enter the marks on the marking cards and to do the calculations and two callers to read the marks to the Accountants.

- 9.2.6 An Announcer and one (1) or more Competitors' Stewards to summon the competitors and to announce the Ice Dancing sections and events.
- 9.2.7 One Timekeeper to:
- 9.2.7.1 time the couples commencement of the program from the time the couples name was called by the announcer and inform the Referee of any violations;
 - 9.2.7.2 time the programs and inform the Referee of any violations;
 - 9.2.7.3 time any interruptions; and
 - 9.2.7.4 time the length of lifts.
- 9.2.8 A Music Steward.
- 9.2.9 Supplementary officials if deemed necessary to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
- 9.2.10 All officials shall be under the control of the Referee, and shall be eligible members but not eligible members with restricted rights as defined by clause 15.4. In International Championships and Competitions, all officials must fall within the category of "eligible persons" as defined by the ISU Constitution and Regulations.

9.3 ISU Judging System

The full complement of officials for a competition is as follows:

- 9.3.1 A Referee;
- 9.3.2 If available, an Assistant Referee Ice for Synchronised Skating events;
- 9.3.3 A panel of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) Judges;
- 9.3.4 A Technical Controller;
- 9.3.5 A Technical Specialist;
- 9.3.6 An Assistant Technical Specialist;
- 9.3.7 A Data Input Operator;
- 9.3.8 An ISUCalc Operator;

- 9.3.9 A Video Replay Operator when video replay is used in the competition;
- 9.3.10 A Video Camera Operator when video replay is used in the competition;
- 9.3.11 An Announcer to read and call out the marks.
- 9.3.12 An Announcer and one (1) or more Competitors' Stewards to summon the competitors and to announce the Singles Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dancing or Synchronised Skating sections and events.
- 9.3.13 One Timekeeper to:
 - 9.3.13.1 time the competitors commencement of the program from the time the competitor's name was called by the announcer and inform the Referee of any violations;
 - 9.3.13.2 time the programs and inform the Referee of any violations;
 - 9.3.13.3 time any interruptions; and
 - 9.3.13.4 time, in the Ice Dancing Original and Free Dance events, the length of lifts.
- 9.3.14 A Music Steward.
- 9.3.15 Supplementary officials if deemed necessary to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
- 9.3.16 All officials shall be under the control of the Referee, and shall be eligible members but not eligible members with restricted rights as defined by clause 15.4. In International Championships and Competitions, all officials must fall within the category of "eligible persons" as defined by the ISU Constitution and Regulations.

10 Challenge Trophies and Titles of the SAFSA

- 10.1 The winner (or winners) of any Championship or Competition, subject to attaining the minimum first place standard if applicable, to which a challenge trophy is attached, shall be entitled on giving security for the return of same in such manner and in such amount as may be required by the Council, to hold possession of the Challenge Trophy so long as he/she/they/it retain(s) the title, or until requested to return the trophy by the National Secretary of SAFSA, in respect of

National events or the Provincial Secretary concerned in respect of Provincial or Interprovincial events. No National Challenge Trophy may be won outright.

10.2 The winner of a **Senior** Championship bears the title:-

10.2.1 Champion or Lady Champion of South Africa/Province in Figure Skating for (year of event), Champion Pair of South Africa/Province for (year of event), Champion Ice Dancing Couple of South Africa/Province for (year of event) or Champion Synchronised Skating Team of South Africa/Province for (year of event).

10.2.2 In Junior, **Novice, Pre-Novice and Juvenile** Championships, the title shall be preceded by the label describing the event, e.g. "**Novice Girls** Champion of South Africa (year of event)".

11 Entries - National Championships

11.1 In the Junior and Senior National Championships the number of entries per section shall not be restricted but all entries must meet the minimum requirements as stipulated by Sections C, D, E and F of these regulations or the most recent NTC communication(s) and any other regulations herein.

11.2 Medal test qualifications for National Championships must have been obtained not later than six (6) weeks before the commencement date of the Championships.

11.3 All sections for National Championships are to be determined by Council in conjunction with the NTC. All qualifications for National Championships are to be determined by the NTC nine (9) months prior to the holding of the event.

12 Complaints and Protests

12.1 Lodging of Protests

All protests, **unless otherwise forbidden by these regulations**, pertaining to **an alleged violation of the rules** of a competition or specific section **may be lodged within the specified time period and must** be addressed, in writing **and accompanied by R250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Rand)**, to the Referee of the competition or, where applicable, to the Referee of the particular section.

- 12.2 Persons permitted to lodge protests
Protests may only be submitted by a Competitor, Provincial Chairperson, members of the Organising Committee or accredited Team Leader/Manager of the province in which such Competitor or other member is affiliated.
- 12.3 Time frame for lodging protests
- 12.3.1 Protests relating to the participation of a competitor in a competition must be filed prior to the start of the draw of the competition. If the protest cannot be resolved prior to the competition commencing, the competitor in question shall be permitted to take part but the official result may not be announced until such time that the protest is resolved.
- 12.3.2 Protests relating to the composition of the Panel of Officials (Judging and Technical Panels) must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes after the draw.
- 12.3.3 Protest relating to the incorrect mathematical calculation of the result may be filed until twenty four (24) hours after the completion of the segment (Short, Free Skating, Original Dance and Free Dance programs and Compulsory Dance).
- 12.3.4 Any other protest not relating to Q.12.3.1, Q.12.3.2 and Q.12.3.3 may be filed not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the segment (Short, Free Skating, Original Dance and Free Dance programs and Compulsory Dance) in question.
- 12.4 Invalid protests
- No protests relating to the evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data Input Operators, Video Replay Operators, Video Camera Operators and ISUCalc Operators) shall be considered as these are considered "field of play" evaluations. This includes the wrong identification of an element, Level of Difficulty, GOE, Program Components and violations. Protests relating to an incorrect mathematical calculation are permitted (refer to Q.12.3.3).
- 12.5 Referee corrections to results irrespective of the submission of a protest
- If the Referee however learns that:

- 12.5.1 prior to the publication of the official results or the beginning of the award ceremony that a human error relating to a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was an error; or
- 12.5.2 within twenty four (24) hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation even without a protest provided that the Technical Controller, both Technical Specialists and the Data Operator all agree that there was an incorrect calculation. If such correction requires corrections of the final placements of the Competitors, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be changed accordingly.

If the situations listed in Q.12.5.1 and Q.12.5.2 arise, the Referee shall make a short record in writing which has to be signed by all the Officials concerned and submitted to the NTC who shall distribute same to the NJTC and IJSCC.

12.6 Referee's decision powers

- 12.6.1 The Referee decides upon all protests in writing and as soon as practically possible. The Referee will deliver, or arrange to be delivered, his or her decision to the person filing the protest.
- 12.6.2 If a protest is lodged after the stipulated time frame or is an invalid protest in terms of these rules, the Referee must only dismiss the protest in writing by referring the person to the appropriate rule and may not deal with the merits of the protest.
- 12.6.3 If a protest that is lodged is valid, the Referee shall make a decision and briefly motivate the reason for his or her decision. Copies of the protest, any documentation relating to the protest and the decision of the Referee must be forwarded within ten (10) days to the NTC.
- 12.6.4 The Referee may publically announce at any time the protest filed and his/her decision relating to the protest but no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the segment as defined in Q.12.3.3 relating to the protest.

- 12.6.5 The Referee's decision relating to a protest is final and there is no appeal against such decision except in cases relating to (a) the eligibility of a competitor, (b) the incorrect mathematical calculation of the result, and (c) the composition of the panel of officials.
- 12.6.6 Appeals relating to 12.6.5 (a), (b) or (c) must be based on the violation of the SAFSA Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution and submitted by persons listed in Q.12.2 within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Referee's decision to the NTC, in the case of the National and any Interprovincial Championship, or Provincial Committee in the case of Provincial Championships. The submission of an appeal does not defer the decision made by the Referee. The NTC Chairperson may, at his or her discretion, refer the appeal to the SAFSA Council.