

N**INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SELECTION****1 International Competitions**

- 1.1 Prior to the holding of the National Championship, the Provincial Chairmen shall submit to the International Selections Committee on the prescribed form (Appendix 16) a list of the names of skaters recommended for international competitions during the forthcoming skating year.
- 1.2 All meetings of the International Selections Committee shall be called and chaired by the President or his/her nominee. The International Selections Committee shall consist of the SAFSA President, the Rules and Regulations Chairman, the National Secretary and a maximum of ten (10) ISU International Judges. The ISU International Judges shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Council and shall be based on the most recent judges' list available from the ISU. Preference shall be given to the longest serving members, the balance thereof shall be drawn. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the International Judges but no less than three (3). All the members of the International Selections Committee shall have one (1) vote except for the National Secretary and the Rules and Regulations Chairman who shall both only be in attendance.
- 1.3 Skaters to be selected for international competitions shall meet the minimum requirements for the following criteria:
 - 1.3.1 Conduct and motivation;
 - 1.3.2 Physical fitness;
 - 1.3.3 Drug testing; and
 - 1.3.4 Technical ability as recommended by the NJTC.
- 1.4 All provinces will, within seven (7) days, be notified in writing by the National Secretary as to the names of the skaters selected to represent South Africa in a particular competition/ championship.
- 1.5 The International Selections Committee shall require the skaters' coach to submit a written report, within three (3) weeks after selection notification, regarding the skaters preparation, ability and suitability to represent South Africa in a particular competition/championship as decided by the International Selections Committee.
- 1.6 The International Selections Committee shall nominate a Judge of that province to which the particular skater is affiliated, to monitor a skaters progress and training twice, with a minimum period of one (1) calendar month between

each monitoring, prior to the competition that the skater has been selected to compete in. The Judge shall not be required to inform the skater of the date or time of such monitoring. The Judge shall be required to submit reports of the skaters progress and training to the International Selections Committee.

- 1.7 Should any skater 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 and coach, in writing, of such decision.
- 1.8 The skater shall have the right to appeal within fourteen (14) days against the above decision. The skater 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 and coach within seven (7) days. This decision shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.
- 1.9 In the event of an unsuccessful or no appeal by the skater concerned, the International Selections Committee may, at their discretion, select an alternate skater to the particular competition/championship in his/her stead.

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 Technical Committee concerned the names of skaters recommended for inclusion in the team for National Championships.
- 2.2 Any skater whose name has been submitted to a Provincial Committee in accordance with Section N, part 2.1 shall, not later than six (6) weeks immediately preceding the date of the National Championships in respect of which his/her 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 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 Section N, part 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, part 2.6 of these regulations.

2.5 The skating year is defined as follows:

Senior sections: 1st July to 30th June

Junior sections: 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 or dance couple fall under the jurisdiction of two 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 National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) – Operation Excellence Program

3.1 The NOCSA Operation Excellence Program is designed and administered by NOCSA to assist elite athletes in their preparation for participation in 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.