

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 A Figure Skater of the Year Competition.
 - 1.1.3 An Interprovincial Championship for each Province.
 - 1.1.4 A Provincial Championship for each Province
- 1.2 The competitions are confined to eligible members with the exception of eligible members with restricted rights who shall be South African citizens or bona fide residents of South Africa who have been registered in the Province with whom they are registered 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 and 14.6.5.2 apply) and coached by SAFSA approved coaches.
- 1.3 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:
 - 1.3.1 they shall have permission to do so from their own Association;
 - 1.3.2 they shall not represent any of the Provinces;
 - 1.3.3 places gained by them shall not count towards the points for any Interprovincial trophy;
 - 1.3.4 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 and Interprovincial Competitions are listed hereunder and apply to all sections listed below. The aggregate combined final total mark obtained from all sections skated (i.e. compulsory / short / original dance program and free skating / dance program) 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 skater must achieve from a majority of Judges the minimum total of points after applying the applicable standard.

| | 1st Place |
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| Senior National / Interprovincial | |
| Senior Sections | 4,2 |
| Junior Sections | 3,8 |
| Primary Sections | 3,4 |
| Intermediate Pairs and Dance Sections | 3,4 |
| Junior National / Interprovincial | |
| Under 14 Sections | 3,0 |
| Under 12 Sections | 2,8 |
| Under 10 and Under 8 Sections | 2,6 |
| Elementary Pairs and Synchronised Sections | 3,0 |
| Elementary Dance Section | 3,2 |
| Introductory Pairs and Dance Sections | 2,8 |
| Introductory Synchronised Section | 2,6 |

3 Responsibility of Entry/Withdrawal in/from Competitions and/or Championships

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

3.1 Entry (Withdrawal) into (from) Provincial Competitions or Championships

A skater 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 skater is under the age of eighteen (18) years subject to the skater meeting all other requirements as the provincial committee may stipulate and any other regulations herein.

3.2 Entry (withdrawal) into (from) Interprovincial or National Competitions or Championships

A skater may only be selected and entered into a competition or championship by the Provincial Committee of the province in which the skater is registered and parental approval if the skater is under the age of eighteen (18) years. The skater must also meet all other requirements as the organising committee may stipulate and any other regulations herein. A skater may only be withdrawn from a competition or championship by the Provincial Committee of the province in which the skater is registered and parental approval if the

skater is 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 Committees shall be entitled to refuse an entry for any of the above competitions without reason assigned.

5 Responsibility for Accidents to Competitors/Officials

The Provincial 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

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 Section Q, part 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.

7 Entry Fees

Such entry fee as the Provincial 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 Committee.

8 Control of Events

The Provincial Committees and such sub-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 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 Assistant Referee Ice for synchronised skating events.
- 9.2.4 An odd number of Judges, not less than three.
- 9.2.5 An Announcer to read and call out the marks.
- 9.2.6 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.
- 9.2.7 An Announcer or one or more Competitors' Stewards to summon the competitors and to announce the free skating, pair skating, ice dancing or synchronised skating.
- 9.2.8 One timekeepers for the programs to inform the Referee by how many seconds the competitors finish too early or blow a whistle ten seconds after the time allowed for free skating to warn the Judges to cease to look at the competitor.
- 9.2.9 A music steward.
- 9.2.10 Supplementary officials (if necessary) to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
- 9.2.11 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 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 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 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 Dance Couple of South Africa/Province for (year of event) or Champion Synchronised Team of South Africa/Province for (year of event).

10.2.2 In Junior, Intermediate, Primary, Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, Under 8, Elementary and Introductory Championships, the title shall be preceded by the label describing the event, e.g. "Intermediate Ladies 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 to Provinces 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

All complaints and protests pertaining to the general running, judging and refereeing of a competition or specific section shall be addressed in writing to the Referee of the competition or, where applicable, to the Referee of the particular section. Such complaints must be submitted via the Provincial Chairman of the province to which such skater, parent or other official is affiliated. All correspondence shall be in writing and copies of all correspondence shall be submitted to the NJTC for record purposes. The Referee, at his/her discretion, may refer all matters of dispute to the NJTC.