

Y**CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF PRO-AM SYSTEM****1 General**

The Pro-Am system has been adopted to promote an apprenticeship program for the training of current eligible skaters, but not eligible skaters with restricted rights, who later wish to become a remunerated figure skating coach. This system also allows skaters the opportunity to assist themselves financially. However, the funds accumulated may only be used for figure skating purposes (coaching fees, costumes, ice hire, equipment and travelling expenses).

2 Application

Eligible skaters, but not eligible skaters with restricted rights, who are, or have been, competitive skaters, have reached the age of sixteen (16) years at the time of application and are in possession of at least an Intergold figure skating qualification (in the discipline in which they intend to Pro-Am) and who wish to become a pro-am skater must register with the Provincial branch of SAFSA in which the skater is currently registered. Where a prospective Pro-Am skater does not meet the above requirements a special application may be made and will be considered strictly on a case-by-case basis and on the recommendation of SAPSU or SAFSA.

The prospective skater shall complete a Pro-Am Registration form (Appendix No. 12) in consultation with a SAFSA approved registered coach. Pro-Am skaters may only assist skaters who are currently being coached by a SAFSA approved coach with whom they have co-registered. All applications are subject to review on a six (6) monthly basis.

3 Administration

All negotiations on the necessity for, and the booking of, pro-am lessons must be made between the coach and skater. Under no circumstances may eligible skaters or their parents or guardians negotiate the need for lessons or times thereof with the Pro-Am skater themselves. Any skater, whether eligible or Pro-Am, will be subject to disciplinary action if the Pro-Am rules are, in any way, contravened.

Any crossovers (coaches utilising one another's' Pro-Am skaters) must first be agreed to in writing by both coaches and recorded by the respective Provincial branch of SAFSA.

Pro-Am skaters must keep individual time sheets (Appendix No. 13) of their monthly Pro-Am activities and these must be submitted to both their registered coach and the respective Provincial Branch. The coach will bill the skaters for Pro-Am lessons, receive payment and pay the moneys due, together with a general time sheet (Appendix No. 14), directly to the Provincial Branch. The Provincial Branch shall keep a record of all moneys received for each individual Pro-Am skater and such funds shall be deposited into each Pro-Am skaters trust account. The Provincial Branch shall administer this account only.

All Pro-Am skaters wishing to utilise their accumulated funds must do so in writing explaining for what reason they require these funds. Should the Provincial Branch be satisfied that these funds are to be used for bone-fide reasons only, they may then pay out the moneys to the Pro-Am skater. Should the Provincial Branch in any way suspect that moneys earned by the Pro-Am skater are not being used for bone-fide reasons only, the Pro-Am skater shall be subject to disciplinary action and removal from the Pro-Am system. All remaining funds earned shall then revert to the Provincial Branch.