

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

- 1.1.1 The International Selections Committee ISC (ISC), comprising of the Singles and Pairs, Ice Dancing and Synchronised Skating selections panels, shall meet twice a year. Once after the conclusion of the annual SAFSA National Championships to select athletes for competitions within the timeframe 1 July to 31st December, and once during the months of July to December to select athletes for competitions within the timeframe 1 January to 30 June for the international skating season. Meetings may be convened at other times if deemed necessary.
- 1.1.2 All meetings of the ISC selections panels shall be convened and chaired by the President or his or her nominee. The President or his or her nominee shall notify the SAFSA Council of his or her intention to convene an ISC meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The notification by the President must also indicate the competitive period (start and end months) that will be under consideration.
- 1.1.3 The ISC selections panels shall consist of the Judges drawn and appointed at the most recent Annual General Meeting of the SAFSA Council, President, the National Secretary and the Rules and Regulations Chairperson or another SAFSA member appointed by the Council if the Rules and Regulations Chairperson is an appointed Judge on one (1) or more of the three (3) selection panels. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the drawn Judges but no less than three (3).
- 1.1.4 Only the President and the appointed Judges shall each have one (1) vote and the National Secretary and Rules and Regulations Chairperson shall both only be in attendance. The National Secretary attends the meetings to formulate the minutes of the meetings and the Rules and Regulations Chairperson shall endeavour to ensure that all deliberations and decisions of the ISC are within the provisions of these rules.

- 1.1.5 All provinces will, within seven (7) days after the completion of an ISC meeting, be informed by means of the minutes of the ISC meeting of the names of the skaters/pairs/couples/teams selected to represent South Africa, and the sections for which they are selected.
- 1.1.6 No correspondence relating to the decisions of the ISC will be entertained other than official clarification requests or queries submitted by a Provincial Chairperson and directed to the President within seven (7) days of the publication of the decisions by means of the minutes of the meeting of the ISC. The President must respond to such queries within seven (7) days after receiving the clarification request or query. Under no circumstance may any person, including a skater, parent, guardian, coach or Provincial Committee member liaise directly or indirectly by any means with the members of the ISC, with the exception of the President, regarding the decisions made during any of its meetings.

1.2 Selection process

- 1.2.1 Prior to the International Selections Committee meeting called by the President, the Rules and Regulations Chairperson together with the National Secretary will complete the ranking sheet as defined by rule N1.5. This sheet will then be presented to the ISC members at the meeting to verify the completeness and accuracy of the contents.
- 1.2.2 The ISC will inform the Provincial Chairpersons within seven (7) days after the ISC meeting regarding the athletes that have been selected to represent the SAFSA internationally. Included in this note will be the section for which the athlete has been selection as well as the international level ie ISU Championship, ISU Challenger, ISU Junior Grand Prix and Club. Provincial Chairpersons are to respond to the National Secretary with the acceptance of the selection per athlete and inform the National Secretary which competitions the athlete intends to compete in based on the selection category approved by the ISC.
- 1.2.3 In all cases and based on the rules that follow where more than one (1) athlete may be eligible to be entered (thus meet all the minimum entry requirements) into an international competition or

championship, a Type A classed competitor defined by rule Q.1.3.1 shall always take precedence over a Type B classed competitor defined by rule Q.1.3.2 irrespective of whether the ranking of the Type B classed competitor is higher than the ranking of the Type A classed competitor.

1.3 General minimum requirements for nomination eligibility for all skating disciplines

1.3.1 To be selected for International Competitions and Championships, all Selectee's whether competing as individuals or as a member of a pair, couple or team shall meet the following minimum requirements in the sole opinion of the members of the ISC with regards to the following criteria:

1.3.1.1 The Selectee must be an Eligible SAFSA member and may only be a Type A or Type B classed competitor in accordance with rule Q.1.3.1 or Q.1.3.2, respectively;

1.3.1.2 The Selectee must meet the age requirements for the section concerned at the International Competition or Championship;

1.3.1.3 The Selectee must not be serving any Anti-Doping sanction;

1.3.1.4 The Selectee must whilst competing and training demonstrate stamina of an acceptable level;

1.3.1.5 The Selectee must meet the minimum technical ability as recommended by the NJTC and any discipline-specific provisions listed in these rules;

1.3.1.6 The Selectee must display exemplary conduct as a sportsperson and thus representative of SAFSA and South Africa and must be in good standing;

1.3.1.7 The Selectee must have competed in the most recent National Championships in the discipline in which the Selectee wishes to be selected unless otherwise permitted by these rules. In the case that injury or incapacity results in the nominated Selectee not being able to compete in the National

championship, such injury or incapacity must be supported by a medical certificate which may also be vetted by a SAFSA appointed Medical Practitioner, indicating such injury or incapacity;

1.3.1.8 Any Selectee who is not a South African citizen (only Type B classed competitor in accordance with rule Q.1.3.2) and/or who has previously represented another ISU recognised National Federation or Association at an ISU International Competition or Championship and is selected to represent South Africa internationally, 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 Selectee is selected; and

1.3.1.9 The Selectee must meet the minimum technical entry score and any other minimum requirements for the competitions or championships they are selected for as set by the ISU or the organising committee of the ISU Competition or Championship.

1.4 Monitoring of Selectee's performances prior, during and subsequent to competing in International Competitions and Championships

1.4.1 Subsequently to the selection of the Selectee for any International Competition or Championship, such Selectee is subject to continuous review by the SAFSA Council and the ISC. The selection of a Selectee for a specific International Competition or Championship may be withdrawn by the SAFSA Council or ISC up to thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the International Competition or Championship irrespective of whether any costs relating to the attendance of the International Competition or Championship have already been incurred. No claim against SAFSA for reimbursement of these costs may be lodged by the Selectee if a Selectee's selection is withdrawn due to non-compliance with any of the provisions listed in rule N.1.3.

- 1.4.2 The ISC may nominate one (1) or more Judge(s), to monitor the Selectee's progress and training prior, during and subsequent to the Selectee competing in ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games and the ISU Senior, Challenger and Junior Grand Prix's. When possible and if desirable and at the sole discretion of the ISC, this monitoring should take place twice with a minimum period of two (2) weeks between each monitoring. The Judge(s) shall not be required to inform the Selectee of the date or time of such monitoring. The Judge(s) shall be required to submit the report including a recommendation if the selection should be confirmed or withdrawn within two (2) days of the monitoring event to the President who shall forward the report to the remainder of the ISC members.
- 1.4.3 In the case that the majority of ISC members of the selection panel for the discipline agree with the recommendation by the monitoring Judge(s) that the Selectee no longer meets or is in violation of any of the provisions listed in rule N.1.3 and that the selection should thus be withdrawn, the President shall declare the selection null and void and notify in writing the Provincial Chairperson of the Province in which the Selectee is registered of the decision. The Provincial Chairperson shall inform the Selectee and applicable coach, in writing, of such decision.
- 1.4.4 The Selectee shall have the right to appeal the decision to the SAFSA Council within five (5) days of the President's written notification. The Selectee shall appear before three (3) representatives nominated by the President, one (1) of which must be a Judge, to hear the appeal. None of the representatives may have been party to the monitoring and decision making process resulting in the nullification of the international selection and none of the representatives may be a member of the Province in which the Selectee is registered. The Selectee during the appeal shall have the right to nominate one (1) spokesperson on his/her behalf. The outcome of this appeal, decided through a majority vote of the three (3) appeal representatives, shall be notified within seven (7) days in writing to the President, all SAFSA Council members and the Provincial Chairperson referred to in N.1.4.3 who in turn shall notify the Selectee and coach. The decision of the SAFSA Council appeal representatives shall be final and no further correspondence relating to the

appeal from any person including the Selectee, Provincial Chairperson, the President or any other ISC members shall be entered into.

- 1.4.5 In the event that the Selectee does not appeal the decision of the ISC or the final decision of the appeal representatives of the SAFSA Council upholds the decision of the ISC, the ISC may, at their discretion, select an alternate skater/pair/couple/team to compete in the particular International Competition or Championship in his/her/their/its stead.

1.5 Selection Criteria and minimum requirements for Singles Skating

- 1.5.1 An athlete may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the athlete 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 ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs.
- 1.5.2 Notwithstanding N.1.5.1, a Junior level athlete may be nominated to compete in the Senior section of an ISU Championship if he/she has attained the minimum technical and other requirements for the Senior section at these ISU Championships. Similarly, Novice skaters, under rare and extenuating circumstances, can be nominated to partake in a Junior section internationally, provided that the minimum Junior score has been obtained in a local South African qualifying competition (Provincial, Interprovincial or National Championships).
- 1.5.3 An athlete may only be nominated to compete in a section other than Novice, Junior or Senior section if the athlete 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 ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs.
- 1.5.4 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.

- 1.5.5 The athlete must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results the set Minimum International Qualification Score listed in the table below. Additionally, for all international competitions (excluding club competitions), the Selectee must be ranked in the top five (5) athletes of the section as per the ranking schedule in Rule N1.5. If the Selectee attains the minimum international score but is not ranked in the top five (5) for the section concerned, they may then only compete in an international club event.

In the case of the Senior, Junior and Novice sections, the athletes International Qualification Score is calculated using the athletes Final Score (the total of the Short Program and Free Skating Program Segment Scores). In the case of an athlete aged 13 years and younger, the athlete's Minimum International Qualification Score is calculated using the athletes Free Skating Total Segment Score only:

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>ISU Grand Prix (Jnr and Snr)</u>	<u>ISU Challenger</u>	<u>Four Continents</u>	<u>Snr / Jnr Worlds</u>
Senior (Total Score)	L	85	90	95	95	100	100
	M	100	105	110	110	120	120
Junior (Total Score)	L	75	80	85			90
	M	80	85	95			100
Advanced Novice (Total Score)	L	60	65				
	M	65	70				
Basic Nov. A or equivalent (FSP Score only)	G	22	25				
	B	22	25				
Sections ≤ 10 Years old (FSP Score only)	G	15	18				
	B	15	18				

- 1.5.6 If more than one athlete meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.5.1, N.1.5.2, N.1.5.3 and N.1.5.5 for a specific international competition or championship and section (Senior, Junior, Novice or Age group), the athlete's shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to the formula listed in N.1.5.7 with the highest ranked

athlete receiving first preference for the international competition or championship requested and so forth, subject to rule N.1.2.3,

- 1.5.7 The NJS scores are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows: $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Average of the Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$. The score to be used shall be, in the case of the Senior, Junior and Novice sections, 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 sections, the Total Free Skating Segment Score.
- 1.5.8 If an athlete was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.5.4, the Final Score or Total Free Skating Segment Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes 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 ISC meeting takes place, 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 skater's National Ranking Score and Minimum International Qualification Score referred to in N.1.5.5.
- 1.5.10 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower to the requested section the athlete is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the athlete to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior, (c) Novice, (d) Pre-Novice and (e) Juvenile.

Should an athlete be unable to compete in any one Interprovincial or Provincial Championship Event during the complete season defined in N.1.5.4, due to having been previously selected by the International Selections Committee to participate in an International competition or championships event

which occurs within a two (2) week window period (both prior and subsequent) of the local Championship Event, the score obtained in such International competition or championship may be used with no penalty to substitute the non-participation in the local Championships Event.

1.5.11 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior World Championships, (b) Four Continents Championships, (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition and (d) ISU Junior World Championships, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more athletes if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any athlete's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1st of July to 30th of June) to calculate an athlete's Combined National and International Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:

1.5.11.1 When in the case of the (a) ISU Senior Worlds Championships, (b) ISU Junior Worlds Championship or (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition, the highest and second highest ranked athletes based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the ISU Four Continents Championships and/or both athletes competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;

1.5.11.2 When in the case of the ISU Four Continents Championship, the highest and second highest ranked athletes based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;

1.5.11.3 The decision whether the results obtained by the athletes are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective athlete's International Ranking

Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.

- 1.5.11.4 To calculate an athlete's International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score and 1.75 X Four Continents Championship Final Score.
- 1.5.11.5 The athlete with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the athlete complying with all other provisions within the rules.
- 1.5.11.6 If an athlete, after the ISC meeting and who is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.5.5, the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate athlete if an alternate was selected as part of the preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

1.6 Selection Criteria and minimum requirements for Pair Skating

- 1.6.1 A Pair may only be selected to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if both members of the Pair

have competed together at least once (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 ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs.

- 1.6.2 Notwithstanding rule N.1.6.1, a Junior level Pair may be nominated to compete in the Senior section of an ISU Championship if the Pair has attained the minimum technical and other requirements for the Senior section at these ISU Championships.
- 1.6.3. 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.
- 1.6.4 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 International Qualification 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.

If more than one Pair meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.6.1, N.1.6.2 and N.1.6.4 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the Pairs shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to the formula listed in N.1.6.5 with the highest ranked Pair receiving first preference for the international competition or championship requested and so forth.

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>Four Continents</u>	<u>Worlds Olympics</u>
Senior	85	90	93	95
Junior	61.50	64.50		67.90
Novice	42.80	44.60		
Pre-Novice	26.20	28.00		

- 1.6.5 The NJS scores listed in the submission form are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows: $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Average of the Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National}$

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.

- 1.6.6 If a Pair was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.6.3, the Final Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes 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 ISC, 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.
- 1.6.7 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.6.6 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.6.4.
- 1.6.8 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower the requested section the Pair is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the Pair to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior, (c) Novice and (d) Pre-Novice.

Should a Pair be unable to compete in any one Interprovincial or Provincial Championship Event during the complete season defined in N.1.6.3, due to having been previously selected by the International Selections Committee to participate in an International competition or championships event which occurs within a two (2) week window period (both prior and subsequent) of the local Championship Event, the score obtained in such International competition or championship may be used with no penalty to substitute the non-participation in the local Championships Event.

- 1.6.9 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior World Championships, (b) Four Continents Championships, (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition and (d) ISU Junior World Championships, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more Pairs if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the

SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any Pair's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1st of July to 30th of June) to calculate a Pair's Combined National and Inter-national Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:

- 1.6.9.1 When in the case of the ISU Senior World Championships, ISU Junior World Championships or Olympic Winter Games Competition, the highest and second highest ranked Pairs based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the ISU Four Continents Championships and/or both Pairs competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.6.9.2 When in the case of the ISU Four Continents Championship, the highest and second highest ranked Pairs based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.6.9.3 The decision whether the results obtained by the Pairs are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective Pair's International Ranking Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.
- 1.6.9.4 To calculate Pairs International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score and 1.75 X Four Continents Championship Final Score.

- 1.6.9.5 The Pair with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the Pair complying with all other provisions within the rules.
- 1.6.9.6 If a Pair, after the ISC meeting and who is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.6.4 the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate Pair if an alternate was selected as part of the preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

1.7 Selection Requirements for Ice Dancing

- 1.7.1 The International Selections Committee must ensure that the general provisions listed in Clauses N.1.1 are adhered to.
- 1.7.2 Any couple wishing to compete internationally must compete in the most recent National Championships.
- 1.7.3 The International Selections Committee shall select a couple based on the technical ability of the couple.

1.8 Selection Requirements for Synchronised Skating Teams

- 1.8.1 The ISC must ensure that the provisions of Clauses F.3.1 through F.3.4, N.1.8.2.1 through N.1.8.2.5 and N.1.8.4.1 through N.1.8.4.7 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 ISC may not select the team for international competitions or championships.

1.8.2 A Synchronised Skating team may only be selected to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the Team prior to the ISC meeting for Synchronised Skating:

1.8.2.1 competed in the most recent National Championships;

1.8.2.2 competed in at least one (1) of the three Interprovincial Championships during a complete skating season;

1.8.2.3 competed in the most recent Provincial Championship in the Province in which the team is registered;

1.8.2.4 contains team members where at least fifty percent (50%) of the individuals have competed in 1.8.2.1 and 1.8.2.3; and

1.8.2.5 contains no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the team that competed at an Interprovincial or Provincial Championships preceding the International Selections Committee meeting. The seventy-five percent (75%) shall be determined from the team members plus any team reserves but shall not include the team alternates.

1.8.3. 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.

1.8.4 If a Synchronised Skating team that is selected by the ISC 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 ISC 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:

1.8.4.1 A written submission to the ISC must be made by the Provincial Chairperson to motivate the reason for the substitute skaters. The ISC shall immediately, in writing, declare the original selection as

null and void and notify the Provincial Chairperson of such decision.

- 1.8.4.2 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 ISC must be informed of the name(s) of the substitute skater(s).
 - 1.8.4.3 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.
 - 1.8.4.4 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) ISC members or nominated representatives.
 - 1.8.4.5 A written submission by both of the ISC members or nominated representative must be made to the full ISC indicating the date, time, place and the standard of the program(s) evaluated.
 - 1.8.4.6 The ISC 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 the ISC 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.
 - 1.8.4.7 The ISC must inform the Provincial Chairperson who in turn must inform the team and coach, as soon as possible and in writing, of the final decision of the ISC.
- 1.8.5 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 International Qualification 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	63.3	63.3	68.6
Junior	50.5	50.5	55.0
Novice	17.8	17.8	

- 1.8.6 If more than one Synchronised Skating team meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.8.1, N.1.8.2, N.1.8.3, N.1.8.4 and N.1.8.5 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the teams shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to the formula listed in N.1.8.7 with the highest ranked team receiving first preference and so forth.
- 1.8.7 The NJS scores listed in the submission form are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows: $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Average of the Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$. 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.
- 1.8.8 If a Synchronised Skating team was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.8.3, the Final Score or Total Free Skating Segment Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes 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 ISC, 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.
- 1.8.9 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.8.8 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.8.5.

- 1.8.10 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower to the requested section the Synchronised Skating team is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the Synchronised Skating team to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior and (c) Novice.

Should a Synchronised Team be unable to compete in any one Interprovincial or Provincial Championship Event during the complete season defined in N.1.8.3, due to having been previously selected by the International Selections Committee to participate in an International competition or championships event which occurs within a two (2) week window period (both prior and subsequent) of the local Championship Event, the score obtained in such International competition or championship may be used with no penalty to substitute the non-participation in the local Championships Event.

- 1.8.11 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior Synchronised World Championships and (b) ISU Junior World Championship, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more Synchronised Skating teams if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any Synchronised Skating team's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1st of July to 30th of June) to calculate a Synchronised Skating team's Combined National and International Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:

- 1.8.11.1 When the highest and second highest ranked Synchronised Skating team's based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately

in equivalent ISU International Competitions;

- 1.8.11.2 The decision whether the results obtained by the Synchronised Skating teams are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective Synchronised Skating team's International Ranking Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.
- 1.8.11.3 To calculate a Synchronised Skating team's International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score.
- 1.8.11.4 The Synchronised Skating team with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the Synchronised Skating team complying with all other provisions within the rules.
- 1.8.11.5 If the Synchronised Skating team, after the ISC meeting and which is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.8.5, the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate Synchronised Skating team if an

alternate was selected as part of the preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

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 four (4) weeks immediately preceding the date of the National Championships or, under exceptional circumstances, another date decided by the Council 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:

Senior sections:	1 st July to 30 th June
Junior sections:	1 st July to 30 th June
Novice sections:	1 st July to 30 th June
Pre-Novice Ice Dance section:	1 st July to 30 th 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 been 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 ISC, 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 ISC shall evaluate all nominations based on the nominees 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 ISC 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 ISC reserves the right to make such provisional nominations at the ISC 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 ISC

shall make a final decision based on the information submitted once the provisions of N.4.2 have been complied with.

- 4.7 The ISC 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 President must announce to the members of the ISC 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.