

South Australian Ice Skating Association Inc Guidelines Competitions and Championships

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GUIDELINES

Objective

To inform Members of the requirements to enter competitions & championships

Eligibility

- All entrants into figure skating competitions held in SA using Aussie Skate, Theatre on Ice(TOI), Solo Dance, Masters, Ice Skating Australia (ISA), or any category described by the International Skating Union (ISU), ISA and SAISA must be members of the SAISA or the State Association of their home State

Guests

- Guests may be invited to participate in Championship events as well as other Competitions
- Guests need to advise their home State of their intention to enter
- Guests cannot win a championship title
- Guest competitors are awarded a duplicate placing if placed ahead of (or equal to) SA representatives

Program of events

- All events must follow the rules and current recommendations of the ISA
- All announcements for interstate competitions must follow the ISA guidelines

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Competing at Interstate competitions

- Skaters must skate in an approved competition in SA before being considered for endorsement to any interstate competition
- All members attending interstate competitions are considered representatives of SA and must conduct themselves in accordance with the SAISA Code of Conduct
 - This applies to skaters, chaperones and other Members

State Championships

Divisions

- The levels to be included in the State Championships in any year will be determined by the SAISA Board

Prerequisites

- Skaters must compete in at least one benchmark/champ series event prior to the close of entries for State Championships. An example of an approved event would be SA Skate
- The panel of officials for the benchmark/champ series event must be in accordance with the ISA Champ Series Event Policy
- In exceptional circumstances, where the above cannot be met and a bye has been granted to the skater, the skater may at the discretion of SAISA be assessed by a panel of SAISA appointed judges through a paid viewing
- All programs must be performed on the full ice surface required for the division
- Should the above prove not possible because of interstate or overseas training the skater should apply to the SAISA Board for an alternative assessment such as:
 - a video (if requested) plus the published marks of an approved interstate or overseas competition held within 2 months of the closing date of the State Championships

Selection to the National Championships

- Skaters are required to compete in the State Championships to be considered for selection to the National Championships
- Selection occurs after the State Championships
- To be put forward for selection skaters must have achieved or surpassed the benchmark score required by ISA (Communication 144) to enter the National Championships.
- The highest placed skater, and the second highest place skater in each division at the State Championships will be put forward providing they have achieved the benchmark score
- The third and fourth put forward will be determined by their national ranking as determined by SAISA but only if they have achieved the benchmark score
- Where benchmark scores are required for entry to the National Championships the final competition where the score may be earned for SAISA members is SAISA State Championships

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- In the event of the National Championships being held more than 16 weeks after the State Championships, a further assessment may be required
- All skaters selected for the State Team must adhere to the SAISA Uniform Policy

Byes for State Championships

- Byes will not be given except in exceptional circumstances and in no circumstances if an assessment of skating proficiency has not / cannot be made by a SAISA appointed judging panel
- The prerequisites for entry to the State Championships apply
- Byes will not be given if there is more than 1 skater in a division
- A certified illness or injury needs to be supported by a medical certificate signed by a registered practitioner who is not a family member and it must be legible and relevant to selection for Nationals. Following an illness or injury, a certificate of fitness may be required and this is at the discretion of the SAISA Board

Endorsement of Entries

- Entrants must be endorsed members of a State and an affiliated Club or a Skate School
- Entrants must be of good standing
- SAISA reserves the right to refuse entry without explanation

Competition Refunds and Late entries

- Refunds for all SAISA competitions will have the following conditions:
 - A withdrawal before the draw will receive a refund of the entry fees less 20%
 - No withdrawal including medical occurring after the draw will receive a refund
 - An entry is 'late' if it is postmarked or date stamped electronically after the closing date
 - Late entries where approved will incur a 'late' fee
 - The late fee must be paid before the draw or the entry will be excluded
 - Late entries will only be accepted up to the draw or at the discretion of the SAISA Board