

BY-LAW 1: MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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1. Definitions

1.1. In this By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1.1.1. "Affiliated Club" or "Ice Skating Club" means an Ice Skating Club which is a Member of the Association.
- 1.1.2. "Association" means the South Australian Ice Skating Association (SAISA).
- 1.1.3. "By-Law" By-Law means a regulation, rule, policy or determination (however described) of the Association that is subordinate to this Constitution.
- 1.1.4. "Constitution" means the Constitution of the South Australian Ice Skating Association.
- 1.1.5. "Eligible to Compete for South Australia" means eligibility to represent South Australia or to compete in events where State eligibility or residency is required.
- 1.1.6. "Member" means a person admitted to membership in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws.
- 1.1.7. "SAISA Board" or "Council" means the board of management consisting of the Board Members.

2. Membership Categories

2.1. Membership categories shall be as provided for in the Constitution. The rights and obligations attached to each category of membership shall be determined in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

3. General Eligibility to Compete

- 3.1. In general, any Member or otherwise eligible person of the Association who satisfies the entry requirements for a competition or championship shall be eligible to compete in that competition or championship, subject to the exceptions set out in this By-Law.
- 3.2. Membership alone does not confer eligibility to compete in South Australian Championships unless the requirements of Clause 4 are satisfied.

4. Residency Provision for South Australian Championships

- 4.1. No Member of the Association shall be eligible to compete in any South Australian Championship unless South Australia has been the Member's principal or only place of residence for a continuous period of not less than four (4) calendar months immediately prior to the commencement of the Championship concerned.
- 4.2. For the purposes of this By-Law, "principal place of residence" means the Member's primary place of residence for the purposes of training, employment, or education.
- 4.3. Temporary absences from South Australia during the four (4) calendar month period do not break residency, provided the Member's principal place of residence remains in South Australia.
- 4.4. The only exception to clause 4.1 is if the Member is engaged in the disciplines of Synchronised Skating, Pairs, or Ice Dance, and are competing in those disciplines.

5. Invited Interstate and Overseas Competitors

- 5.1. Nothing in Clause 4 shall limit the power of the SAISA Board or Council to invite otherwise eligible individual members of:
 - 5.1.1. Other Ice Skating Australia Inc. Member Associations; or
 - 5.1.2. International Skating Union (ISU) Membersto skate in a South Australian Championship event.
- 5.2 An invited competitor who does not satisfy the residency requirement in Clause 4 may participate in the event but shall not be eligible to be awarded the title of South Australian Champion in any category, notwithstanding that they may place first in that event.

6. Evidence of Residency

- 6.1. The SAISA Board may require a Member to provide reasonable evidence of residency, including but not limited to:
 - 6.1.1. Residential address records;
 - 6.1.2. Club affiliation within South Australia;
 - 6.1.3. Employment or education documentation.

7. Administration

- 7.1. The SAISA Board shall be responsible for determining whether the residency and eligibility requirements of this By-Law have been met.

8. Consistency with Constitution

- 8.1. This By-Law operates subject to the Constitution.
- 8.2. In the event of any inconsistency between this By-Law and the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

9. Continued Membership for Members Residing Interstate

- 9.1. An Member of the Association, who has held membership of the Association in the preceding 12 months, who subsequently relocates outside South Australia may continue to hold membership of the Association, notwithstanding that they no longer satisfy the residency requirement in Clause 4, provided that the Member demonstrates a genuine and ongoing commitment to ice skating within South Australia.

- 9.2. Continued membership under this clause is subject to annual reaffirmation. The Member must, at each annual membership renewal or at such other time as determined by the SAISA Board, complete the SAISA Annual Reaffirmation Declaration in the form approved by the Association, confirming their genuine and ongoing commitment to ice skating in South Australia.
- 9.3. For the purposes of this clause, evidence of a genuine and ongoing commitment may include, but is not limited to:
 - 9.3.1. Ongoing affiliation with a South Australian ice skating club;
 - 9.3.2. Regular training, coaching, judging, officiating, or administrative involvement within South Australia;
 - 9.3.3. Participation in Association activities, events, or governance;
 - 9.3.4. Any other matters reasonably considered relevant by the SAISA Board.
- 9.4. The SAISA Board may refuse, suspend, or revoke continued membership under this clause where it is not satisfied that the Member has demonstrated a genuine and ongoing commitment to ice skating within South Australia.
- 9.5. Continued membership under this clause does not of itself confer eligibility to compete in South Australian Championships, which shall remain subject to the residency requirements set out in Clause 4.
- 9.6. SAISA Annual Reaffirmation Declaration
All Members maintaining membership under this clause must complete the following declaration at each annual membership renewal (or as otherwise directed by the SAISA Board):

South Australian Ice Skating Association – Annual Membership Reaffirmation Declaration

I, _____ [Full Name], a Member of the South Australian Ice Skating Association, hereby declare that:

I have relocated outside South Australia but wish to maintain my membership with SAISA under Clause 9 of the By-Laws.

I continue to demonstrate a genuine and ongoing commitment to ice skating in South Australia, which may include training, coaching, officiating, club participation, governance, or other Association-related activities.

I understand that continued membership under this clause does not automatically confer eligibility to compete in South Australian Championships, which remain subject to the residency requirements in Clause 4.

I acknowledge that the SAISA Board may review this declaration and may refuse, suspend, or revoke my continued membership if it is not satisfied that I meet the requirements of Clause 9.

Signed: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____

If under the age of 18 years of age, this must be completed and signed by a Parent/Legal Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____