



COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Objective

To inform Members of the requirements for entry to South Australia Competitions and State Championships.

Eligibility

All entrants into figure skating competitions held in South Australia must be members of the SAISA or the State Association of their home State, as well as a local club affiliated with SAISA or the relevant State Association.

Definitions

- “Exceptional Circumstances” means circumstances that unforeseen, unavoidable and unexpected, for example a medical emergency.
- “Figure Skating Competitions” mean any competition using Aussie Skate, Theatre on Ice (TOI), Solo Ice Dance (SID), Masters, Ice Skating Australia (ISA), or any category described by the International Skating Union (ISU), ISA and SAISA.
- “Guests” means skaters who are members of an Australian State or Territory Figure Skating Association.
- “South Australian Competitions” means a competition held in South Australia by either SAISA or an affiliated club of SAISA.
- "State Championship" means the South Australian State Championships.

Guests

- Guests may be invited to participate in State Championship events as well as other South Australian Competitions.
- Guests need to advise their home State/Territory Association of their intention to enter.
- Guests cannot win a State 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 and the ISU, where applicable.
- All announcements for South Australian Competitions and State Championships must follow the ISA guidelines and templates.

Competing at Interstate Competitions

- Skaters must skate in an approved competition in South Australia 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, volunteers and other Members of SAISA.

State Championships Divisions

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

There will be two State Championships held in South Australia:

1. South Australian State Championships held in October each year for entry into the Australian Figure Skating Championships; and
2. South Australian Adult State Championships held in January or February each year for entry into the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.

Prerequisites to Enter South Australian State Championships and South Australian Adult State Championships

- Skaters must compete in SA Skate to be eligible to compete in the South Australia State Championships and South Australian Adult State Championships.
- In exceptional circumstances and on approval by SAISA, where the above cannot be met, the skater must compete in a Champ Series event prior to the close of entries for South Australian State Championships, or the South Australian Adult State Championships.
 - To obtain approval to compete at a Champ Series event due to exceptional circumstances, the skater must provide a bye application to SAISA prior to the commencement of SA Skate event.
- The panel of officials for the 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 for SA Skate 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 prior to the close of entries for South Australian State Championships, or South Australian Adult State Championships.
 - 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 close of entries of the South Australian State Championship, or South Australian Adult State Championships.

Byes for SA Skate

- Byes will not be given except in exceptional circumstances. As defined in this policy, exceptional circumstances means circumstances that are unforeseen, unavoidable and unexpected, for example a medical emergency. SA Skate bye applications for non-exceptional circumstances (i.e. pre-booked events or engagements) organised prior to the release of this policy update will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- A certified medical emergency, 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 the Australian Figure Skating Championships, or the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- Following an illness or injury, a certificate of fitness may be required, and this is at the discretion of the SAISA Board.

Selection to the National Championships

- Skaters are required to compete in the South Australian State Championships to be considered for selection to the Australian Figure Skating Championships.
- Skaters are required to compete in the South Australian Adult State Championships to be considered for selection to the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- Selection occurs after each respective State Championships.
- To be put forward for selection skaters must have achieved or surpassed the benchmark score required by ISA as noted in the relevant ISA Communication in effect at the time of entry to the Australian Figure Skating Championships, or the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- The highest placed skater, and the second highest place skater in each division at the South Australian State Championships, or the South Australian Adult 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 Australian Figure Skating Championships the final competition where the score may be earned for SAISA members is South Australian State Championships.
- Where benchmark scores are required for entry to the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships the final competition where the score may be earned for SAISA members is South Australian Adult State Championships.
- 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 prior to the close of entries for the Australian Figure Skating Championships, or the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- The prerequisites for entry to the South Australian State Championships and South Australian Adult State Championships apply.
- Byes will not be given if there are more than 4 skaters in a division.
- A certified medical emergency, 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 the Australian Figure Skating Championships, or the Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships.

- 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.
- 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 refund will be provided for withdrawals that occur after the draw, including medical withdrawals.
 - 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.