

NZISA Skater Development Policy

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This policy sets out criteria for New Zealand ice figure skaters to be selected to participate in NZISA and other development programmes.

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3 NZISA Skater Development Policy for Tier level Ice Figure Skaters

Selected skaters are ranked in skater development tiers, as defined below:

High-Performance

Inclusion is based on results at the Junior and Senior World Championships (Single, Ice Dance, Pairs and Synchronized) each year and will be open to those singles skaters who finish in the top 24, those pairs and synchronized skating teams who finish in the top 16, and those ice dance couples who finish in the top 19. However, singles skaters, pairs, ice dance couples and synchronized teams must also finish at or above the 20th percentile, (e.g. with 19 competitors – must finish 15th or above). Competitors who withdraw will not be considered in the determination of percentiles.

International Development

Inclusion is based on results at the New Zealand, Australian National Championships or International Competitions each year for Novice, Junior and Senior grades and will be open to those skaters who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES) and who are not older than the maximum age that would be allowed at ISU Competitions and Championships or, for Novice, by the ISU Guidelines for Novice. Those singles skaters who have not reached the age of 17 as at 1st July in the year of competition, are in Junior or Senior and do not meet the minimum TES points but meet the Novice TES below will be included in the International Development tier level. For dance couples and pairs competing in Junior and Senior where the lady meets the age requirements and the man has not reached the age of 19 as of 1st July in the year of competition will be included in the International Development tier level if they meet the minimum TES for Novice as below.

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice Ladies	23.75
	Novice Men	27.94
	Junior Ladies	26.68*
	Junior Men	34.17*
	Senior Ladies	34.61*
	Senior Men	43.70*
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES
	Novice	16.32 (FD only – no OD internationally)
	Junior	43.52
	Senior	50.18
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	29.52
	Junior	42.83
	Senior	50.87
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	18.10 (FS only)
	Junior	28.80*
	Senior	39.60*

*Min TES points reduced due to less elements being in each of these grades from 2008-2009 ISU season.

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These minimum scores are derived from International competition results and are based on the marks of those skaters who finished at the 5th percentile point for the grade.

NOTE: No compulsory dance TES totals are included due to the difference in the number of sequences and/or sections for each dance to be awarded GOEs on.

Talent ID/Age Development Skaters

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships, Selection Competition or Australian National Championships each year and will be open to those skaters in Juvenile to Pre Primary grades who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES). Skaters in this development tier must not have reached the age of 12 as at 1st July preceding the NZ National Championships that year to be included in this development tier. Skaters who are in the Primary and Novice categories and have not reached the age of 14 as at 1st July preceding the NZ National Championships and do not qualify under any other development level may also be included.

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile Ladies	16.00
Juvenile Men	15.50	
Pre Primary Ladies	20.00	
Pre Primary Men	19.00	
Primary Ladies	21.00	
Primary Men	22.00	
Novice Ladies	22.00	
Novice Men	25.00	
Dance	Grade	Combined OD and FD Minimum TES
	Juvenile	7.00 (OD only)
Pre Primary	8.00 (OD only)	
Primary	14.00 (OD and FS)	
Novice	15.00 (OD and FS)	
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile	10.00
Pre Primary	12.00	
Primary	15.00	
Novice	25.00	

NOTE: No compulsory dance TES totals are included due to the difference in the number of sequences and/or sections for each dance to be awarded GOEs on.

Synchronized Skating Development

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships or Australian National Championships each year and will be open to Juvenile to Senior teams who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES).

Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile	10.00 (FS only)
Novice	13.00 (FS only)	
Junior	23.00*	
Senior	30.00*	

*Min TES points reduced due to less elements being in each of these grades from 2008-2009 ISU season.

Publication of Minimum Technical Element Scores

The minimum required points total for Technical Element Scores for each skater development level and for each grade would need to be reviewed on an annual basis to take into account changing standards of skating, elements required to be performed and rule changes that affects the Scale of Values for elements, the level of the elements that can be achieved and the number and level of the skaters in the grade. The minimum TES scores will be published by 31 July each year. This allows

for minimum TES scores to be adjusted due to changes at ISU Congress and/or through ISU Communications for the next ISU skating season.

4 Announcement of skaters for Development levels

The announcement of those skaters named for Skaters Development levels will be made at the conclusion of the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

5 Appeals

Appeals on selection to any of the Skater Development levels may be made only on the basis that the score for a skater or skaters at the New Zealand National Championships was not correctly calculated and that the error would have otherwise resulted in the skater's selection. Appeals on other grounds will not be considered including appeals on the basis that an element or its level was incorrectly called or that GOEs or programme components fell outside of any guidelines or rules. Appeals must be lodged within 7 days of the announcement of selections. Selections will be considered provisional until all appeals have been heard and decided.

6 Monitoring of Skaters

Monitoring of skaters named to Developmental Tier levels of continued training and form will be the responsibility of the Skaters' Development Committee or their appointed representatives. Monitoring will involve skaters completing goal setting documents, setting target dates and receiving feedback on programmes. Skaters will then be monitored at training sessions, club and regional competitions and Australian and New Zealand National Championships throughout the year.

Skaters who are not able to train or train fully due to injury, serious or lengthy illness or other issues will need to notify the Skaters' Development Committee or assigned representative. Notification is the responsibility of the skater. Target dates or goals can then be monitored and reset (if necessary) according to training being resumed.

Skaters who discontinue skating for more than 6 months (other than for reasons of injury or illness) or receive three monitoring reports, with a rating of mediocre or below, within 6 months will be discontinued from the Development programme. Skaters discontinued from the programme will have the opportunity to regain selection to the Development programme at the next NZ National Championships.

NZISA Selection Procedure for Skater Development Tier Levels

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Purpose

The following procedure shall be observed in determining selections covered by this Policy in order to minimise the possibility of errors made when announcing selections.

Changes to this Procedure

This procedure may be altered at any time by a resolution of Council.

Selection Procedure

The following procedure shall be observed in determining selection to the Skater Development Tier levels described above.

- a) Prior to New Zealand Nationals, the following items shall be prepared:
 - Two copies of a recent printout of the “Skaters' TC Status, Age, Highest Tests and Competition Grade” report.
 - Two copies of the Selection Policy.
 - Copies of the attached selection worksheets in quantities for two copies to be filled in for all skaters in each relevant grade.
- b) After all programmes in each grade at New Zealand Nationals are completed, a printout from ISUCalcFS of Output -> Protocol -> Details for the free skating event should be obtained. This report will show the TES scores for each skater for all programmes.
- c) The Protocol Details obtained from ISUCalcFS should be signed by the referee of the event to indicate that he or she is not aware of any outstanding issues or protests regarding the grade.
- d) Making use of the “Skaters' TC Status, Age, Highest Tests and Competition Grade” report and the Protocol Details from ISUCalcFS obtained above, two members of Council, the Technical Committee, or Senior Judges shall independently fill out the selection worksheets without discussion between themselves and without comparing results.
- e) The President or a Senior Official nominated by the President shall compare and verify the selections shown in the worksheets are identical. In the event of any inconsistencies or errors, the President or Senior Official shall verify the corrected selection worksheets with the person who filled in the selection worksheet.

