



AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL SKATERS' ASSOCIATION INC. LEVEL 0 ACCREDITATION

PURPOSE - To equip coaches with the skills and knowledge necessary to coach through to Aussie Skate level.

1. Level 0 Accreditation

Level 0 Figure Skating accreditation is a recognised level of accreditation within the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

It is both approved and regulated by the Australian Sports Commission.

Ice Skating Australia Inc. (ISA) is the recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for Figure Skating and Australian Professional Skaters' Association Inc. (APSAs) is the recognised coach education provider for Figure Skating.

You must be 14 years of age or over and display a satisfactory level of maturity to be accepted into the Level 0 accreditation program. On completion, you will receive an official Level 0 Coaching card from the ASC.

2. Who will you be qualified to coach?

Level 0 Accreditation will only qualify you to coach Skating School group classes from the Aussie Skate beginner level through to the Aussie Skate Bridge program (or equivalent skating school program.) You will not be qualified or accredited to coach private lessons.

3. Two Courses are required for Level 0 Accreditation

Beginner General Principles

The ASC is the course provider of the Beginner General Principles of Coaching Course.

The Beginner General Principles course must be completed and passed before the Sports Specific course may be undertaken.

This course takes about 6 hours and can be completed online through the ASC website www.ausport.gov You will be required to hand in a photocopy of your certificate with this application form before commencing the Sports Specific course.

Sports Specific Course

APSA is the course provider of the Sports Specific component of Level 0 accreditation, which is a one-day on and off ice course covering the basics of coaching Aussie Skate Classes. The course will follow the syllabus of the ISA Aussie Skate learn to skate program.

It is supplied and presented by APSA in conjunction with ISA and regulated by the Australian Sports Commission.

You will receive a certificate from APSA on successful completion of this course.

4. Sports Specific Course Fees

The cost of the Sports Specific course will include the following:

- Presentation of the modules necessary to complete the course
- Ice Rink and classroom entry
- Required text for the course – Aussie Skate Coaching Manual and DVD
- Registration Fee with the Australian Sports Commission.

5. Minimum test level: ISA Preliminary Pattern

You will need to supply a copy of your ISA Test Certificate/s showing a minimum level of ISA Preliminary.

If you have completed your own skating in another country, you will need to prove equivalency at this level.

6. APSA Membership

Participants must be members of an APSA State Member in the Junior Coach category.

An application form for membership will be provided in the course application. The annual membership, affiliation and insurance fee will be for the following:

- Administration of the registration of your accreditation with the ASC
- Administration of the re-registration of your accreditation, which is necessary every four years. (A fee of \$20 is payable)
- Administration of your updating points that are required to maintain your Level 0 accreditation.
- Organisation of APSA events to be able to earn your update points. APSA provides seminars, workshops, conferences and other events for its members.
- Insurance for coaching through APSA's policy.

Please note – Membership and Insurance fees will be renewable annually on the 1st July.

7. ISA Membership

Participants must be current financial members of Ice Skating Australia through their affiliated State Member.

8. Working With Children Police Check

Participants over the age of 18 must supply a Certificate showing that a police check has been conducted for the purposes of Working with Children, according to the laws of the state in which you live. The cost and procedures to obtain a certificate will vary between each state in Australia.

9. Update Points

The ASC requires coaches of all levels and all sports to continue their learning within their sport. Level 0 accredited Figure Skating Coaches will be required to earn a minimum of 5 points per calendar year to maintain their accreditation. The following events will qualify as updating activities for Level 0 coaches:

- Attending an Aussie Skate competition as a helper / marshal etc.
Standing in on an Aussie Skate/Skate School Class taught by an APSA approved mentor coach.
- Attendance at a skating school meeting in relation to the classes, testing, coaching standards etc.
- Attendance at a coaching course, seminar or workshop provided by APSA / ISA (as listed on the APSA website)

Update points must be logged and forwarded to the APSA Update Officer at info@apsa.net.au

10. Professional Liability and Indemnity Insurance

All APSA affiliated Junior Coaches completing the set requirements and having qualified for Level 0 accreditation will be covered under APSA's insurance policy whilst coaching group classes.

11. ASC Coaches Code of Behaviour / APSA Code of Ethics

An APSA Junior Coach must maintain a professional image at all times. This is easily accomplished if the coach maintains a professional attitude in the way they dress, speak to others at the rink, conduct their classes and present themselves as a role model for the skaters.

All Junior Coaches will be expected to abide by the ASC's Code of Behaviour and APSA's Code of Ethics.