



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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ISA COVID-19 Tests Communication 113

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Related Policies/ Procedures/ Forms	By-Laws 204; 311-323		

1 Purpose of the Communication

The 2020 season has been interrupted due to the closure of rinks throughout this pandemic. The calendar for all states is already full and the closure of rinks has meant that skaters have had an extended off season without ice time. Rinks will need to make money from public sessions when they reopen and this will mean limited ice availability for all ice sport disciplines.

Skaters will find it difficult to get back into their training regime, prepare for competitions and prepare for tests all in the allocated ice time when the rinks reopen. We need to be creative with our tests so that skaters are given every opportunity in the limited time that will be available for them to skate tests and qualify for higher levels.

States need to be flexible this season and perhaps judges could attend a club/practice session at rinks where tests can be undertaken outside of traditional test sessions with **prior approval from the state body**. Wavering of eligibility criteria for the pattern test can allow singles skaters to focus on their competitive programs and manage their time more effectively. This could free up test time for synchronized skaters who should be given priority for pattern tests.

2 Application of the Communication

For the period 1 May to 31 December 2020.

3 Communication Statement

In order to provide an opportunity for skaters to test and qualify for divisions easily ISA is prepared to **waiver the 28 days** between failing a test for 2020 (By-Law 204). For the period 1 May 2020 to 31 December 2020 this waiting period is a minimum 24 hours between retest.

Additional Information

Skaters can skate their test in the normal designated traditional test session or judges could also be asked to attend a club/practice session at rinks where tests can be undertaken outside of traditional test sessions with **prior approval from the state body**.

For the period 1 May to 31st December 2020 only number 3 of the eligibility criteria of By-Laws 311-318 for singles and 319-323 for Pairs will be waived.

Reasoning

This means skaters are not required to have the pattern test for that level in order to compete in 2020 but they will need it for 2021 and before they do their next test.

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1.0	TBA	New Communication