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ISA International Benchmark

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Related Policies / Procedures / Forms:	Policy HP-03 International Competition Selection Criteria Policy HP-04 Medical Notification and Clearance Policy HP-05 International Championship Selection Criteria		

1. Purpose of the Policy

This policy establishes the minimum standards for Novice, Junior and Senior athletes to be eligible for the International Pool of athletes who are then considered for selection to ISU international events in the 2014/2015 season.

2. Application of Policy

This policy applies to all eligible Australian Novice, Junior and Senior Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance athletes.

3. Definitions

In this policy the following definitions apply:

Abbreviation	Definition
AFSC	Australian Figure Skating Championships
Eligible	Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 (as per age limits commencing 1 July 2014) and meet all ISU and ISA citizenship and residency requirements to be able to represent Australia.
Current International Skating Season	Commences 1 st July 2014 and concludes 31 st May 2015
ISA Benchmark Events	2014 Wintersun Competition, 2014 Margaret Joynton-Smith Trophy, 2014 Hollins Trophy
ISU Minimum Technical Score	The 2014/2015 ISU Minimum Technical Score as published by ISU
ISU World Standing	A skaters World Standing as defined by the International Skating Union towards the conclusion of the 2013/2014 Season (ie. 1 May 2014)
Previous International Skating Season	The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 st July 2013 and concluded on the 31 st May 2014
Senior Equalized Score	A Senior Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value for the Choreographic Sequence
TES	Technical Element Score

4. Policy Statement

All eligible Novice, Junior and Senior athletes in Singles/Pairs/Ice Dance who meet either Section A (4.1) **OR** Section B (4.2) **OR** Section C (4.3) criteria will be included in the International Pool for the Current International Skating Season.

The International Pool will be published in HP Communications at the start of the 2014/2015 season and updated following 2014 ISA Benchmark Events and 2014 AFSC.

Athletes who do not compete at the 2014 Australian Figure Skating Championships and do not gain an Exceptional Circumstance according to the ISA Medical Policy and Procedures will be removed

from the list. Furthermore, athletes who provide notification of retirement or a partnership split in Ice Dance and Pairs will also be removed from the list.

4.1. **SECTION A**

Athletes in the Junior or Senior divisions who have:

- a) Participated in a 2014 ISU Championship Event (Junior Worlds, Four Continents, Worlds, Olympic Winter Games)

OR

- b) Achieved the 2013/2014 ISU Minimum Technical Score for Championships (ie. Junior Worlds, Four Continents or Worlds) (short and free) in the Previous International Skating Season (ie. 2013/2014 International Skating Season) at an ISU international event.

OR

- c) Have an ISU World Standing

4.2. **SECTION B**

Athletes in the Junior or Senior divisions who have achieved the 2013/2014 ISA Minimum Technical Score (short and free) in the Previous International Skating Season (ie. 2013/2014 International Skating Season) at an ISU international event.

2013/2014 ISA Minimum Technical Scores

Senior			Junior		
Men	SP 19.0	FS 33.0	Men	SP 17.0	FS 30.0
Ladies	SP 15.0	FS 23.0	Ladies	SP 15.0	FS 21.0
Pairs	SP 17.0	FS 28.0	Pairs	SP 14.0	FS 26.0
Ice Dance	SD 16.0	FD 25.0	Ice Dance	SD 14.0	FD 23.0

4.3. **SECTION C**

Athletes who achieve the following at the 2014 ISA Selection Events or the 2014 AFSC.

a) **Senior Division**

Obtain the 2014/2015 Senior ISA Minimum Technical Score (Short and Free) in the Senior division:

Men	SP 17.0	FS 32.0
Ladies	SP 15.0	FS 23.0
Pairs	SP 14.0	FS 27.0
Ice Dance*	SD 13.0	FD 19.0

b) **Junior Division**

Obtain the 2014/2015 Junior OR Senior Equalized ISA Minimum Technical Score (Short and Free) in the Junior or Senior divisions:

Men	SP 14.0	FS 26.0
Ladies	SP 13.0	FS 19.0
Pairs	SP 11.0	FS 22.0
Ice Dance*	SD 12.0	FD 18.0

c) **Novice Division**

Obtain the 2014/2015 Novice ISA Minimum Technical Score (Short and Free) in the Novice division:

Men	SP 8.0	FS 17.0
Ladies	SP 7.0	FS 13.0
Pairs	SP 7.0	FS 12.0
Ice Dance*	SD 7.0	FD 10.0

* Interim scores to be finalised after ISU congress due to pending changes

Change History

Version	Approval Date	Change
5.0	9 th Jan 2015	Revised Scores for 2014/2015 International Skating Season
4.0	13 th May 2014	Policy for 2014/2015 International Skating Season
3.0	14 May 2013	Policy for 2013/2014 International Skating Season
2.0	11 September 2012	Clarified which seasons ISU Minimum Technical Score was being used as a reference.
1.0	20 June 2012	New Policy