

**NEW ZEALAND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
FIGURE SKATING, ICE DANCE, SYNCHRONIZED SKATING,  
KIWI SKATE AND ADULT SKATING**

**100 SECTION - GENERAL**

**101 DEFINITIONS**

- 101.1 Association means any group of affiliated clubs formed to organise and/or run regional affairs and competitions and shall include Sub-Associations.
- 101.2 Sub-Association means any group of associations or clubs recognised by the NZIFSA as a member Sub-Association.
- 101.3 Affiliated club means a member club of the NZIFSA.
- 101.4 Board means the elected Board of the NZIFSA for the time being.
- 101.5 Constitution shall mean the Constitution of the NZIFSA.
- 101.6 ISU means the International Skating Union.

**102 GENERAL**

These regulations cover all eligible persons in Figure Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating in New Zealand and are binding on the Association, all Sub-Associations and Clubs affiliated to the NZIFSA. However, a Club, Sub-Association or the NZIFSA Board may at its discretion grant a dispensation at a Club, Sub-Association or NZIFSA event respectively by waiving or modifying these regulations as individual needs dictate, as long as this dispensation is seen to be in the general skating interest and one or more of the following situations apply:

- i) The Club, Sub-Association or NZIFSA Board believe the rules to be in error, and have or are writing to the Technical Director to ask for the rule to be changed.
- ii) The Club, Sub-Association or NZIFSA Board believe the rules did not take into consideration the particular circumstance, and have or are writing to the Technical Director to ask for the rule to be changed.
- iii) Unnecessary hardship or unfairness would result by the strict application of the rules.

When a dispensation is granted, a letter granting the dispensation shall set out the rationale for the dispensation and a copy shall be sent to the General Secretary.

In any matter not provided for in these regulations, the Association shall decide the matter having regard to the Regulations of the ISU.

**103 ELIGIBILITY**

- 103.1 ISU Rule 102 applies.
- 103.2 An eligible person is one who is eligible under ISU rules. A person can only be made ineligible through actions taken by the ISU.
- 103.3 Restricted Eligibility: in addition to ISU restrictions on eligibility, a remunerated figure skating coach may not be a Referee, Assistant Referee, Technical Controller, or Judge in competitions held under NZIFSA rules with the exception of those who coach KiwiSkate exclusively.

## **104 SANCTIONING OF EVENTS HELD BY AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS**

- 104.1 All competitions held by affiliated clubs and sub-associations under NZIFSA rules shall be considered to be sanctioned by the NZIFSA. However, a copy of the competition announcement must be forwarded to the Technical Director for verification at least 60 days prior to the date of the competition. This must be approved before public distribution.
- 104.2 Dates for all Club/Sub-Association Competitions must be loaded to the NZIFSA website by 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.
- 104.3 All other competitions held by affiliated clubs and sub-associations, which do not involve participation of skaters or officials from another ISU Member country, shall be considered to be sanctioned by the NZIFSA. All competitions for Kiwi Skate students held by any organisation or persons involved in the Kiwi Skate programme shall be considered to be sanctioned by the NZIFSA.
- 104.4 All ice shows, demonstrations and other events not involving competition or judging and organised by affiliated clubs, sub-associations shall be considered to be sanctioned by the NZIFSA.
- 104.5 Only eligible persons have the permission of the NZIFSA to participate in NZIFSA sanctioned events.
- 104.6 All officials participating in sanctioned events shall be considered to be on NZIFSA approved list of officials for the duration of the competition.
- 104.7 Participation in an unsanctioned event may result in the participant becoming ineligible.

## **105 SANCTIONING OF EVENTS HELD BY UNAFFILIATED GROUPS**

- 105.1 Eligible persons may participate in ice shows, exhibitions and demonstrations organised by non-affiliated groups or persons provided they do not involve competition or judging of any kind. Such events shall be considered to be sanctioned by the NZIFSA and participants have the permission of the NZIFSA to participate.
- 105.2 For competitions and other events involving judging, organised by a non-affiliated organisation, permission must be sought from the NZIFSA at least 30 days prior to the start of the event. The NZIFSA may, at its discretion, sanction the event and permit participation but only where all participants, officials and judges are from New Zealand.
- 105.3 In the case of an event organised by a non-affiliated organisation involving competition that includes participants from outside New Zealand, the event must be sanctioned by the ISU prior to permission being granted by the NZIFSA for skaters and officials to participate.
- 105.4 Failure to comply with any part of this rule may result in the participant becoming ineligible.

## **106 REINSTATEMENT OF AN ELIGIBLE PERSON**

ISU Rule 103 applies

## **107 AWARDS**

### **107.1 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nominations from Clubs and/or individuals must be in the hands of the General Secretary of the Association no later than 1 September each year. The President and Board of the Association will be the selectors for this award. The announcement of the recipient will be made at the NZ National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

#### **Criteria for Nomination for Award**

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club / sub-association
- Take on administrative/organisational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club / sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club / sub-association

### **107.2 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nominations from Clubs and/or individuals must be in the hands of the General Secretary of the Association no later than 1 September each year. The President and the Board of the Association will be the selectors for this award. The announcement of the recipient will be made at the NZ National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

#### **Criteria for Nomination for Award**

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a 'fair play' attitude/good sportsmanship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general
- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, KiwiSkate coaching sessions, etc.

NOTE: While skating achievement is considered, it is not the basis of this award

**Nomination forms for the above awards are available on the NZIFSA website and are due to the General Secretary by 1 September each year.**

### **107.3 THE NORMAN CAMERON CUP OF EXCELLENCE**

The NZIFSA Board will award The Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence to the skater, couple, pair or team who meets the following criteria:

- Has excelled (results based) in skating over the year, in international competitions (including Australia) or who have had an outstanding year in skating.
- The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. If there is no skater, couple, pair or team that fit the criteria that year, then the trophy will be held until the following year.
- The trophy applies to skaters and grades for which there is competition at the New Zealand National Championships.

### **108 TRADEMARKS, LOGOS AND ADVERTISING**

ISU rule 102, part 6(a) shall apply, but only to competitors, at New Zealand National Championships and Sub-Association Championships. All persons are permitted to wear trademarks without restriction while in other off-ice areas. Violations may incur a warning. Disciplinary action may be taken for repeated violations.

Alcohol or tobacco advertising may not appear in any competition programme, announcement or advertising, nor may alcohol or tobacco companies sponsor a competition held under the auspices of the NZIFSA.

### **109 ANTI-DOPING**

#### **109.1 Anti-Doping Rules**

The following documents make up the Anti-Doping Rules:

- a) the current Drug Free Sport New Zealand Anti-Doping Rules (also known as the NZIFSA Anti-Doping Rules),
- b) the current ISU Anti-Doping Rules, and
- c) the New Zealand Olympic Committee and International Olympic Committee Anti-Doping Rules.

## **109.2 Application**

The Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to:

- a) all athletes who are within the jurisdiction of NZIFSA or NZIFSA affiliated organisations;
- b) all athlete support personnel within the jurisdiction of NZIFSA or NZIFSA affiliated organisations; and
- c) all other persons who have acknowledged in writing that they are bound to NZIFSA rules or who are bound through membership in the NZIFSA or who are otherwise bound.

## **109.3 NZIFSA Anti-Doping Tribunal**

Where another authority does not have express powers to decide on a matter involving anti-doping or provides for the NZIFSA Anti-Doping Tribunal to decide on a matter involving anti-doping, the matter shall be decided under the provisions of the NZIFSA Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Policy if such policy exists, otherwise the matter shall be decided by the authority indicated under the Drug Free Sport New Zealand Anti-Doping Rules.

**NOTE: Anti-Doping Rule 107 follows DFSNZ, ISU and WADA requirements.**