

Communication 063

Current ISU Communications

The following ISU Communications are current and are in effect now:

Singles / Pair Skating –

Communication 1649 – Guidelines for International Novice Competitions

Communication 1724 – Scale of Values, Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution

Communication 1741 - Changes in Special Regulations and Technical Rules accepted by the 54th ISU Congress

Ice Dance:

Communication 1522 - chapter III.7 (marking guide for Components of Pattern Dances)

Communication 1522 - chapter III.6.b (extract: upper part only of charts for Characteristics of Grade of Execution for Dance Spins, Dance Lifts, Sets of Sequential/Synchronized Twizzles and Step Sequences)

Communication 1649 – Guidelines for International Novice Competitions

Communication 1677 - Requirements for Technical Rules with ongoing validity Redrafts and updates effective July 1st, 2011

Communication 1686 - Corrections, additions and amendments to ISU Communication 1677

Communication 1738 - Changes in Special Regulations and Technical Rules and Requirements for Technical Rules with ongoing validity

Communication 1739 - Scales of Values

Synchronized Skating

Communication 1740 –Well Balanced Program Content, Difficulty Groups of Elements, Difficulty Groups Features

Technical Panel Handbooks

The ISU have released the Technical Panel Handbooks for Singles, Pair Skating and Ice Dance. These have been sent electronically to all of the NZIFSA Officials and Coaches. These will also be available shortly on the NZIFSA website. The Technical Panel Handbook for Synchronized Skating is due to be published by the ISU on 15 August. This will also be sent out and put up on the website as soon as it is available. Please have a read through and if there is anything that is not clear, do not hesitate to contact me so that this can be discussed and clarified.

Level of Elements for Novice

There appears to be some confusion in regards to the level of spins and steps that can be called for Novice Singles. The maximum of Level 3 applies to the Short Program as well as the Free Skate Program. This is as per the ISU Communication 1649 for Novice Advanced.

NZIFSA 2012 Requirements Sheets for Singles and Pair Skating

The NZIFSA 2012 requirement sheets for Singles and Pair Skating have now been distributed electronically to Judges and Technical Panel members. These have all of the requirements for the grades and any special details regarding falls and maximum levels able to be called listed. Please use these when you are on panels at competitions. The sheets have been trialled and reviewed by

Senior Judges/Technical Controllers with feedback incorporated. The requirements sheets for Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating will be available shortly.

Clarification of Rule 205.1

Rule 205.1 states:

“All single skaters, pairs, dance couples and synchronized teams must have competed at a local Club Championship or a Regional Sub-Association Championship in that discipline and compete in all sections for that grade during the year in order to qualify for Nationals. The Board may give dispensation to skaters who miss these competitions or a section of a grade through illness or injury”.

There is some ambiguity in the wording of this rule that has resulted in it being interpreted in different ways and as a consequence the Board wish to advise members that they may skate in a higher grade at the 2012 NZ National Championships than they did at Club Championships or a Regional Sub-Association Championship provided they:

- competed in the same discipline (e.g. can't skate freeski at Clubs and have that counted for qualification for solo dance at Nationals), and
- skated all programmes of the grade they competed at Club Champs or Regionals – i.e. if that grade has two programmes (e.g. short programme and free), then they must have competed both programmes.
- have passed the correct tests by the close of entries for Nationals.

Juvenile TES points to qualify for 2012 NZ National Championships

The NZIFSA Board, CEO and Technical Director have reviewed the TES points required to qualify in Juvenile for the 2012 NZ Nationals. The Board, at their August meeting, have now set the TES points that a skater must achieve at a Club or Regional Championship to **7.75**. The skater must have achieved this points total in the 2012 NZ competitive season. This is retrospective for the Club and Regional Championships (which does not include AIFSC Autumn Champs or West Auckland Winter Challenge) that have occurred already this competition season. The Secretary of the skater's Home Club must verify that the points total has been achieved and state at which competition the skater attained the points total on the Club Summary form for entries into the 2012 NZ National Championships. Please contact the NZIFSA Test/Competition Director if you have any questions.

Adult Synchronized Skating – Team Numbers

This is to advise Adult Synchronized Skating teams that with the ISU reducing the minimum number of skaters that a team needs to skate to 8, we have also allowed teams to skate at the 2012 NZ Nationals with a minimum of 8 skaters.

Draft 2013 NZIFSA Rules and Regulations

The draft 2013 NZIFSA Rules and Regulations are now available for submissions on the NZIFSA website. The Synchronized Skating rules (Section 600) will be available shortly once the latest ISU Communication is out (due to be published shortly).

TES Points Tables for Selection and Skater Development Policies

The appendices for the NZIFSA Selection and Skater Development Policies are attached. These tables will be used at the 2012 NZ National Championships to determine those skaters who are eligible for Skater Development squads and those who are eligible for Australian and International competition selection.

Appendix A – International Selection

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice Ladies	31.00
Novice Men	36.00	
Junior Ladies	34.00	
Junior Men	40.00	
Senior Ladies	38.00	
Senior Men	48.00	
Dance	Grade	SD and FD Minimum TES
	Novice	19.00 (FD only)
Junior	42.00	
Senior	47.00	
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	16.00 (FS only)
Junior	42.00	
Senior	54.00	
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	19.00 (FS only)
Junior	45.00	
Senior	50.00	

Appendix B – Australian Selection

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Primary Ladies	10.00 (FS only)
Primary Men	10.00 (FS only)	
Intermediate Ladies	12.00 (FS only)	
Intermediate Men	14.00 (FS only)	
Novice Ladies	26.00	
Novice Men	28.00	
Junior Ladies	26.50	
Junior Men	28.00	
Senior Ladies	33.00	
Senior Men	39.00	
Dance	Grade	Combined SD and FD Minimum TES
	Primary	12.00 (FD only)
Novice	14.00 (FD only)	
Junior	30.00	
Senior	40.00	
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Primary	11.00 (FS only)
Novice	15.00 (FS only)	
Junior	30.00	
Senior	40.00	
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Adult	10.00 (FS only)
Novice	13.00 (FS only)	
Junior	38.00	
Senior	40.00	

Appendix A – International Squad Selection

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice Ladies	26.00
Novice Men	28.00	
Junior Ladies	27.00	
Junior Men	30.00	
Senior Ladies	34.50	
Senior Men	41.00	
Dance	Grade	Combined SD and FD Minimum TES
	Novice	16.00 (FD only)
Junior	43.00	
Senior	50.00	
Pairs	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	15.00 (FS only)
Junior	40.00	
Senior	48.00	
Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Novice	18.00 (FS only)
Junior	28.00	
Senior	39.00	

Appendix B – Talent /ID Squad Selection

Singles	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile Ladies	8.00 (FS only)
Juvenile Men	8.00 (FS only)	
Pre Primary Ladies	9.50 (FS only)	
Pre Primary Men	9.00 (FS only)	
Primary Ladies	10.00 (FS only)	
Primary Men	10.50 (FS only)	
Novice Ladies	23.00	
Novice Men	25.00	
Dance	Grade	FD Minimum TES
	Juvenile	5.00
Pre Primary	8.00	
Primary	10.00	
Novice	12.00	
Pairs	Grade	FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile	6.00
Pre Primary	7.00	
Primary	8.00	
Novice	12.00	

Appendix C – Synchronised Skating Development

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

If you have any questions about any of the above information or other technical rules/requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the NZIFSA Technical Director, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, sleadley@xtra.co.nz or NZIFSA Test/Competition Director, Ina Paul, inap@snap.net.nz.

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