

NZIFSA Funding Policy

Version 11.0 (reviewed and reconfirmed without change 29 Mar 2026)

1. Policy Aims and Considerations

This policy aims to set out the terms and amounts of funding which will be made available to those persons eligible under the Selection Policy or those appointed by the board to represent New Zealand at International events specified in this Policy

The purpose of funding is to achieve particular aims of the Association.

The maximum amount funded is subject to budgetary considerations and is likely to vary from year to year. Income, other expenditure, the number of athletes and officials representing New Zealand in a season, and the number of events attended will all impact the maximum funding that the NZIFSA will be able to provide.

All funding amounts are quoted as and shall be paid in NZ Dollars.

2. Travel and Reimbursement Policy Applies to All Funding

All funding provided for by this policy is also subject to the terms of the Travel and Reimbursement Policy (please refer to details of this policy before submitting a claim). Funding will only be paid once the event for which the funding allocation had been advised has been completed and proof of participation in the event provided.

3. Travel and Accommodation

Except where explicitly noted otherwise, funding is provided for reimbursement of approved travel and accommodation expenses only. Accommodation en-route will not be funded unless it is both an organised part of team travel and reduces the overall cost of travel.

Only economy class airfares will be funded.

4. Contributions for Coaches

Where funding is provided for coaches, funding will be provided for an athlete to take their New Zealand based primary coach. Where another coach is used, the maximum funding provided will be less.

Funding for a primary coach is provided for travel and accommodation for the time the skater/s is competing only.

Funding for a coach other than the athlete's/team's New Zealand based primary coach is provided for coaching fees only.

Parents/caregivers may not act as coaches unless they are Coach Members of the NZIFSA and have been the primary coach for their child for more than one year.

Where two or more athletes use the same coach, only one primary coach contribution will be provided.

5. Funding Season

The funding season is defined as approximately one year between New Zealand Nationals events. Within this document season always refers to funding season.

6. Funding is Maximum

All amounts shown are the maximum that may be reimbursed (subject to the Travel and Reimbursement Policy). Where a percentage is given, only that percentage of the total reimbursable expenses will be reimbursed (up to the maximum given).

7. Qualifying Bonuses

Events	Discipline	Criteria	Max Qualifying Bonus
Worlds / Junior Worlds / Youth Winter Olympic Games / Winter Olympic Games	Singles, Pairs, Dance	Skater participates	\$825 per skater
		Skater reaches free skate round	Additional \$825 per skater
ISU Synchronized World Championship or Junior World Championship	Synchronized Skating	In the top 2/3 of the field	\$4,000 per team
Junior GP's/ Senior Challenger Series	Singles, Pairs, Dance	In the top 2/3 of the field	\$550 per skater
Four Continents	Singles, Pairs, Dance	Skater participates	\$550 per skater
		Skater reaches free skate round	Additional \$550 per skater

8. Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance Competitors

All required documentation must be completed in full and submitted to the appointed NZIFSA Official by the date set by the NZIFSA. Failure to comply will result in your entry not being submitted to the organizing committee and no funding will be made available.

Athletes are encouraged to attend two International Competitions on the same trip.

Events	Max. Funding per Athlete per Event	Max. Funding per Coach per Event	Max. Events Funded per Season
Worlds / Junior Worlds / Youth Winter Olympic Games*	\$1,375	NZ based Primary: \$1,100 Other: \$440	1
Four Continents	\$1,100	NZ based Primary: \$825 Other: \$385	1
International Competitions including Junior Grand Prix (ISU Listed) (Only International A Team Representatives are funded)	1 st event: 75% up to \$1,100	NZ based Primary: \$825 Other: \$385	Senior/Junior – 2 Novice – 1 event only
	2 nd event: 75% up to \$550**	NZ based Primary/Other: \$385	
	2 nd event: (separate trip) 75% up to \$1,100	NZ based Primary: \$825 Other: \$385	International A Team skaters can do more at own expense
Inter-Club Internationals other than New Zealand (not ISU events) for Development Squad members	\$275	Primary/Other: \$110	1
ISU Dance, Pair or Singles Seminars	Individually assessed up to a maximum of \$660 per skater from a maximum pool of \$3,300 in total for any seminar***	Individually assessed up to a maximum of \$440 per coach from a maximum pool of \$1760 in total for any seminar***	1

* Winter Olympic Games are fully funded.

** Costs and remuneration for the 1st and 2nd events will be combined where a skater attends two events.

*** The figure allowed per skater is a maximum. Each skater's share is reduced when the product of the maximum per skater and the number of skaters exceeds the total pool.

9. Synchronized Skating Teams

Events	Max. Funding per Event	Max. Funding per Coach per Event	Max. Events Funded per Season
Worlds	\$150 per team member, Maximum \$3,000 per team	NZ based Primary: \$1,100 Other: \$440	1
International Competitions (ISU listed) (Only International A Team Representatives are funded)	\$100 per team member, Maximum \$2,000 per team	NZ based Primary: \$825 Other: \$385	1
ISU Synchronized Skating Seminar	Individually assessed up to a maximum of \$660 per skater from a maximum pool of \$3,300 in total for any seminar*	\$ Individually assessed up to a maximum of \$440 per coach from a maximum pool of \$1,760 in total for any seminar*	1

* The figure allowed per skater is a maximum. Each skater's share is reduced when the product of the maximum per skater and the number of skaters exceeds the total pool.

10. Team Leaders

- a) A Team Leader will normally be appointed by the Board where there are two or more skaters/pairs/couples attending an international competition. A skater's coach or parent cannot be appointed as a funded Team Leader.
- b) Where only 1 skater/pair/couple is attending an international competition, the coach or a parent/partner may be named as a Team Leader to ensure they have access to the information given to Team Leaders, but will be unfunded.

Events	Max. Funding per Official per Event	Max. Events Funded per Season
Singles/Pairs/Dance/ Synchronized Team leader at ISU Championships and ISU Internationals	For events in North/South America, Asia and Oceania, \$1,650 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition	1*
	For events in Europe and South Africa, \$2,750 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition	

* Normally a person may be selected for a team leader position only once per funding season, however if circumstances require an individual to serve as team leader at more than one competition, funding will be provided in all cases

11. Novice to Senior National Judges / Officials

Events	Max. Funding per Event	Max. Events Funded
Australian Figure Skating Championships	\$220 per judge/official from a maximum pool of \$1,100 per annum. Judges/Officials must apply to the NZIFSA and be accepted by ISA to be eligible for funding.	1 per year
ISU Seminars in Australia*	\$220 per judge/official from a maximum pool of \$1,100 per seminar. Judges/Officials must apply to the NZIFSA and be accepted by ISU/ISA to attend seminar to be eligible for funding.	1 per 4 years per discipline

* Where ISU Seminars in Australia are held in conjunction with the Australian Figure Skating Championships, the officials can only claim funding as if attending one event.

12. International and ISU Judges / Officials

Events	Max. Funding per Official per Event	Max. Events Funded
ISU Internationals	75% up to \$1,650*	1 per 2 years per discipline
ISU Seminars in Australia (except around Australian Nationals)	\$220	1 per season
ISU Seminars (rest of World)	75% up to \$1,100	1 per 4 years per discipline
ISU Exams	75% up to \$1,320**	1 per discipline

* Funding will only be provided where NZ skaters are competing, unless required for an activity.

** Officials who do not pass their ISU exam are liable for any food and accommodation costs incurred.

13. Board, Operations and Development Group Members

Events	Max. Funding per Event	Max. Events Funded
ISU Congress	Up to \$3,300 for airfares plus up to \$1,650 for accommodation for two persons	1 per 2 years (President and 1 nominated representative) NOTE: Others may attend at own cost and with the Board's approval.

14 Reimbursements outside Policy

No reimbursements or expenditure may be made outside this policy without specific approval of the Board.