

NZIFSA Skater Development Policy

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1 Policy Aims

This policy sets out criteria for New Zealand Ice Figure Skaters to be selected to participate in NZIFSA and other development programmes. The policy aims to identify those skaters who are achieving above the level we expect to see for their age group, or are competing internationally or approaching a level where they are almost competitive internationally.

2 NZIFSA Skater Development Policy for Tier Level Ice Figure Skaters

Selected skaters are ranked in skater development tiers, as defined below:

High-Performance

Inclusion is based on results at the Junior and Senior World Championships, Four Continents Championship, Senior Grand Prix each year and will be open to those singles pairs and dance couples who compete in the short program/dance and qualify for the freeski/freedance at any of these events. Also includes those skaters who qualify for Junior/Senior Grand Prix Finals.

Development Skaters

Inclusion is based on results at the North Islands or South Island Championships, or New Zealand National Championships.

Selection is open to all skaters who meet:

- the age requirements specified in Appendix A as at 1st July preceding the North Island, South Island or National Championships; and
- achieve the Total Element Score (TES) (see Appendix A) at either the North Island or South Island Championships or New Zealand National Championships.

Those singles skaters who have not reached the age of 15 as at 1st July in the year of competition, are in Junior or Senior and do not meet the minimum TES points, but whose adjusted TES (see Appendix B) meets the Advanced Novice TES (see Appendix A), will be included in the Development tier level. Dance couples and pairs competing in Junior and Senior where the lady has not reached the age of 15 as of 1st July and the man has not reached the age of 17 as of 1st July in the year of competition will be included in the Development tier level if their adjusted TES meets the minimum TES for Advanced Novice (see Appendix A). The TES will be adjusted to reflect the element requirements for the lower grade.

Those singles skaters who have not reached the age of 19 as at 1st July in the year of competition, are in Senior and do not meet the minimum TES points, but whose adjusted TES (see Appendix B) meets the Junior TES (see Appendix A), will be included in the Development tier level. Dance couples and pairs competing in Senior where the lady has not reached the age of 19 as of 1st July and the man has not reached the age of 21 as of 1st July in the year of competition will be included in the Development tier level if their adjusted TES meets the minimum TES for Junior (see Appendix A). The TES will be adjusted to reflect the element requirements for the lower grade.

Synchronized Skating Development

Inclusion is based on results at North Islands or South Island Championships, or New Zealand National Championships each year and will be open to Basic Novice to Senior teams who meet the minimum Total Element Score (TES) in Appendix A. 75% of the skaters must meet the age requirements specified in Appendix A.

For a Synchronized Skating team to retain their selection to the Development Squad 75% of the team must have been listed for the team that was selected at the previous New Zealand National Championships.

Publication of Minimum Technical Element Scores

The minimum TES points required for each level will be reviewed on an annual basis to take into account changing requirements and standards, and adjustments made by the ISU for the following ISU skating season. The minimum TES score will be published by 31 July each year.

3 Announcement of skaters for Development levels

A provisional announcement of those skaters who qualify for Skater Development levels will be made within 48 hours of the conclusion of the North Island and South Island Championships and the New Zealand National Championships or at the social function afterwards. Selections will be confirmed within one week of the end of the North Island, South Island and New Zealand National Championships. Any corrections to the provisional announcement will be discussed with the skater(s) concerned prior to publication.

Skaters are selected to the development squad for the period to the end of the New Zealand National Championships the following year, unless skaters discontinue skating or do not meet the monitoring requirements outlined in section 5.

4 Appeals

Appeals on selection to any of the Skater Development levels may be made only on the basis that the score for a skater or skaters at the North Island, South Island or New Zealand National Championships was not correctly calculated and that the error would have otherwise resulted in the skater's selection. Appeals on other grounds will not be considered including appeals on the basis that an element or its level was incorrectly called or that GOEs or programme components fell outside of any guidelines or rules. Appeals must be lodged within 7 days of the confirmed announcement of selections. Selections will be considered provisional until all appeals have been heard and decided.

5 Monitoring of Skaters

Monitoring of skaters named to Developmental Tier levels of continued training and form will be the responsibility of the Skaters' Development Director or their appointed representatives. Monitoring will involve skaters completing goal setting documents, setting target dates and receiving feedback on programmes. Skaters will then be monitored at training sessions, club and regional competitions and Australian and New Zealand National Championships throughout the year.

Skaters who are not able to train or train fully due to injury, serious or lengthy illness or other issues will need to notify the Skaters' Development Director or assigned representative. Notification is the responsibility of the skater. Target dates or goals can then be monitored and reset (if necessary) according to training being resumed.

Skaters who discontinue skating for more than 6 months (other than for reasons of injury or illness) or receive three monitoring reports, with a rating of mediocre or below, within 6 months will be discontinued from the Development programme. Skaters discontinued from the programme will have the opportunity to regain selection to the Development programme at the next North Island or South Island Championships or New Zealand National Championships.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Development Squad Selection

| Singles | Grade | Age – as at 1 st July preceding the competition | 2020 Combined SP and FS Minimum TES |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Pre Elementary | Under 9 | 4.50 (FS only) |
| | Elementary | Under 10 | 6.50 (FS only) |
| | Juvenile | Under 12 | 8.25 (FS only) |
| | Basic Novice | Under 13 | 8.50 (FS only) |
| | <u>Intermediate Novice Under 12</u> | <u>Under 12</u> | 10.75 (FS only) |
| | Intermediate Novice Ladies | Under 14 | 10.75 (FS only) |
| | Intermediate Novice Men | Under 14 | 12.00 (FS only) |
| | <u>Advanced Novice Under 12</u> | <u>Under 12</u> | 26.50 |
| | Advanced Novice Ladies | Under 15 | 26.50 |
| | Advanced Novice Men | Under 15 | 29.75 |
| | <u>Junior Under 12</u> | <u>Under 12</u> | 36.00 |
| | Junior Ladies | Under 19 | 36.00 |
| | Junior Men | Under 19 | 45.50 |
| | Senior Ladies | No age limit | 48.50 |
| | Senior Men | No age limit | 60.25 |
| Dance | Grade | Age – as at 1 st July preceding the competition | Combined SD and FD Minimum TES |
| | Juvenile | Under 12 | 15.00 (0.5x (PD1+PD2) +FD) |
| | Basic Novice | Under 13 | 15.75 (0.5x (PD1+PD2) +FD) |
| | Intermediate Novice | Under 14 | 26.25 (0.75x (PD1+PD2) +FD) |
| | Advanced Novice | Ladies – under 15 | 41.75 (PD1+PD2+FD) |
| | | Men – under 17 | |
| | Junior | Ladies – under 19 | 50.00 |
| | | Men – under 21 | |
| Senior | No age limit | 66.50 | |

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| Pairs | Grade | Age – as at 1st July preceding the competition | Combined SP and FS Minimum TES |
| | Juvenile | Under 12 | 7.50 (FS Only) |
| | Pre Novice | Under 13 | 8.75 (FS Only) |
| | Basic Novice | Under 14 | 6.00 (FS Only) |
| | Advanced Novice | Ladies – under 15 | 35.50 |
| | | Men – under 17 | |
| | Junior | Ladies – under 19 | 50.00 |
| | | Men – under 21 | |
| Senior | No age limit | 58.00 | |
| Synchronised Skating | Grade | Age – as at 1st July preceding the competition | Combined SP and FS Minimum TES |
| | Basic Novice | Under 15 | 11.50 (FS only) |
| | Advanced Novice | Under 15 | 17.50 (FS only) |
| | Junior | Under 19 | 40.00 |
| | Senior | Must have reached 15 | 49.50 |

APPENDIX B – ADJUSTMENT OF TES FOR SINGLES

| Grades | Adjustment to SP TES | Adjustment to FS TES |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Senior to Junior | Nil | Remove the choreographic sequence |
| Junior to Advanced Novice | Remove the flying spin Remove the 1.1 highlight distribution bonus | Remove the spin in one position, and the lowest value jump element. Level 4 spins will be altered to Level 3. Remove the 1.1 highlight distribution bonus. |