

**N****INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMS SELECTIONS****1 Selections for International Competitions****1.1 General**

- 1.1.1 The ISC (ISC), comprising of the Singles and Pairs, Ice Dancing and Synchronised Skating selections panels, shall meet after the conclusion of the annual SAFSA National Championships and may be convened at other times.
- 1.1.2 All meetings of the ISC selections panels shall be convened and chaired by the President or his or her nominee. The President or his or her nominee shall notify the SAFSA Council of his or her intention to convene an ISC meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The notification by the President must also indicate the competitive period (start and end months) that will be under consideration.
- 1.1.3 The ISC selections panels shall consist of the Judges drawn and appointed at the most recent Annual General Meeting of the SAFSA Council, President, the National Secretary and the Rules and Regulations Chairperson or another SAFSA member appointed by the Council if the Rules and Regulations Chairperson is an appointed Judge on one (1) or more of the three (3) selection panels. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the drawn Judges but no less than three (3).
- 1.1.4 Only the President and the appointed Judges shall each have one (1) vote and the National Secretary and Rules and Regulations Chairperson shall both only be in attendance. The National Secretary attends the meetings to formulate the minutes of the meetings and the Rules and Regulations Chairperson shall endeavour to ensure that all deliberations and decisions of the ISC are within the provisions of these rules.
- 1.1.5 All provinces will, within seven (7) days after the completion of an ISC meeting, be informed by means of the minutes of the ISC meeting of the names of the skaters/pairs/couples/teams selected to represent South Africa in a particular International Competition or Championship.

- 1.1.6 No correspondence relating to the decisions of the ISC will be entertained other than official clarification requests or queries submitted by a Provincial Chairperson and directed to the President within seven (7) days of the publication of the decisions by means of the minutes of the meeting of the ISC. The President must respond to such queries within seven (7) days after receiving the clarification request or query. Under no circumstance may any person, including a skater, parent, guardian, coach or Provincial Committee member liaise directly or indirectly by any means with the members of the ISC, with the exception of the President, regarding the decisions made during any of its meetings.
- 1.2 Nominations for international selections
  - 1.2.1 The Provincial Chairpersons shall at least fourteen (14) days prior to the ISC meeting submit to the National Secretary on the prescribed form (Appendix 16) the names and all the required details of Singles Skaters, Pairs, Couples and/or Teams (hereinafter referred to as the Selectee), recommended to compete and represent South Africa in International Competitions and Championships to be held during the announced competitive period. Such submissions must be signed by the Provincial Chairperson who, by signing the submission, confirms that all the information included in the form is factually correct with no errors.
  - 1.2.2 It should be noted that in an effort to balance or optimise the exposure, experience, development and preparation needs of as many nominated Selectee's recommended for International Competitions and Championships, the ISC reserves the right to limit, due to the scarceness and/or entry restrictions of certain competitions and championships, or increase the number of International Competitions or Championships that a Provincial Chairperson has included in the submission for a nominated Selectee.
- 1.3 General minimum requirements for nomination eligibility for all skating disciplines
  - 1.3.1 To be selected for International Competitions and Championships, all nominated Selectee's whether competing as individuals or as a member of a pair, couple or team shall meet the following minimum

requirements in the sole opinion of the members of the ISC with regards to the following criteria:

- 1.3.1.1 The nominated Selectee must be an Eligible SAFSA member;
- 1.3.1.2 The nominated Selectee must meet the age requirements for the section concerned at the International Competition or Championship;
- 1.3.1.3 The nominated Selectee must not be serving any Anti-Doping sanction;
- 1.3.1.4 The nominated Selectee must whilst competing and training demonstrate stamina of an acceptable level;
- 1.3.1.5 The nominated Selectee must meet the minimum technical ability as recommended by the NJTC and any discipline-specific provisions listed in these rules;
- 1.3.1.6 The nominated Selectee must display exemplary conduct as a sportsperson and thus representative of SAFSA and South Africa;
- 1.3.1.7 The nominated Selectee must have competed in the most recent National Championships in the discipline in which the Selectee wishes to be selected unless otherwise permitted by these rules;
- 1.3.1.8 Any nominated Selectee who is not a South African citizen and/or who has previously represented another ISU recognised National Federation or Association at an ISU International Competition or Championship and is selected to represent South Africa internationally, must meet the ISU requirements with regards to citizenship, residence periods, minimum waiting periods and required permits prior to the start of the ISU Competition or Championship for which the Selectee is selected; and
- 1.3.1.9 The nominated Selectee must meet the minimum entry requirements for the competitions or championships listed in the form and set by the ISU or the organising committee of the ISU Competition or Championship.

- 1.4 Monitoring of Selectee's performances prior, during and subsequent to competing in International Competitions and Championships

- 1.4.1 Subsequently to the selection of a nominated Selectee for any International Competition or Championship, such Selectee is subject to continuous review by the SAFSA Council and the ISC. The selection of a Selectee for a specific International Competition or Championship may be withdrawn by the SAFSA Council or ISC up to fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the International Competition or Championship irrespective of whether any costs relating to the attendance of the International Competition or Championship have already been incurred. No claim against SAFSA for reimbursement of these costs may be lodged by the Selectee if a Selectee's selection is withdrawn due to non-compliance with any of the provisions listed in rule N.1.3.
- 1.4.2 The ISC may nominate one (1) or more Judge(s), to monitor the Selectee's progress and training prior, during and subsequent to the Selectee competing in ISU Championships, the Olympic Winter Games and the ISU Senior and Junior Grand Prix's. When possible and if desirable and at the sole discretion of the ISC, this monitoring should take place twice with a minimum period of two (2) weeks between each monitoring. The Judge(s) shall not be required to inform the Selectee of the date or time of such monitoring. The Judge(s) shall be required to submit the report including a recommendation if the selection should be confirmed or withdrawn within two (2) days of the monitoring event to the President who shall forward the report to the remainder of the ISC members.
- 1.4.3 In the case that the majority of ISC members of the selection panel for the discipline agree with the recommendation by the monitoring Judge(s) that the Selectee no longer meets or is in violation of any of the provisions listed in rule N.1.3 and that the selection should thus be withdrawn, the President shall declare the selection null and void and notify in writing the Provincial Chairperson of the Province in which the Selectee is registered of the decision. The Provincial Chairperson shall inform the Selectee and applicable coach, in writing, of such decision.
- 1.4.4 The Selectee shall have the right to appeal the decision to the SAFSA Council within five (5) days of the President's written notification. The Selectee shall appear before three (3) representatives

nominated by the President, one (1) of which must be a Judge, to hear the appeal. None of the representatives may have been party to the monitoring and decision making process resulting in the nullification of the international selection and none of the representatives may be a member of the Province in which the Selectee is registered. The Selectee during the appeal shall have the right to nominate one (1) spokesperson on his/her behalf. The outcome of this appeal, decided through a majority vote of the three (3) appeal representatives, shall be notified within seven (7) days in writing to the President, all SAFSA Council members and the Provincial Chairperson referred to in N.1.4.3 who in turn shall notify the Selectee and coach. The decision of the SAFSA Council appeal representatives shall be final and no further correspondence relating to the appeal from any person including the Selectee, Provincial Chairperson, the President or any other ISC members shall be entered into.

- 1.4.5 In the event that the Selectee does not appeal the decision of the ISC or the final decision of the appeal representatives of the SAFSA Council upholds the decision of the ISC, the ISC may, at their discretion, select an alternate skater/pair/couple/team to compete in the particular International Competition or Championship in his/her/their/its stead.
- 1.5 Selection Criteria and minimum requirements for Singles Skating
- 1.5.1 An athlete may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the athlete has at least once competed (in both the Short and Free Skating programs) in the section concerned at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs.
- 1.5.2 An athlete may only be nominated to compete in a section other than Novice, Junior or Senior section if the athlete has at least once competed in the Pre-Novice (the Short and Free Skating programs) or Juvenile (Free Skating programs) sections at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs

- 1.5.3 A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.
- 1.5.4 The athlete must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set Minimum International Qualification Score listed in the table below for the section requested at the international competition or championship:

Competition Section	Gender	Club International	ISU International	Four Continents	Worlds Olympics
Senior (Total Score)	L	72.0	75.0	85.0	85.0
	M	89.0	93.0	98.0	98.0
Junior (Total Score)	L	60.0	63.0		68.0
	M	65.0	71.0		75.0
Advanced Novice (Total Score)	L	42.0	46.0		
	M	45.0	52.0		
Basic Nov. A or equivalent (FSP Score only)	G	17.0	21.0		
	B	17.0	21.0		
Sections ≤ 10 Years old (FSP Score only)	G	12.0	13.5		
	B	12.0	13.5		

In the case of the Senior, Junior and Novice sections, the athletes International Qualification Score is calculated using the athletes Final Score (the total of the Short Program and Free Skating Program Segment Scores). In the case of an athlete aged 13 years and younger, the athlete's Minimum International Qualification Score is calculated using the athletes Free Skating Total Segment Score only.

- 1.5.5 If more than one athlete meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.5.1, N.1.5.2 and N.1.5.4 for a specific international competition or championship and section (Senior, Junior, Novice or Age group), the athlete's shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to

the formula listed in N.1.5.6 with the highest ranked athlete receiving first preference for the international competition or championship requested and so forth.

- 1.5.6 The NJS scores listed in the submission form are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows:  $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$ . The score to be used shall be, in the case of the Senior, Junior and Novice sections, the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs and in the case of the Pre-Novice and Juvenile sections, the Total Free Skating Segment Score.
- 1.5.7 If an athlete was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.5.3, the Final Score or Total Free Skating Segment Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the ISC, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.
- 1.5.8 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.5.7 applies to both the skater's National Ranking Score and Minimum International Qualification Score referred to in N.1.5.4.
- 1.5.9 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower to the requested section the athlete is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the athlete to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior, (c) Novice, (d) Pre-Novice and (e) Juvenile.
- 1.5.10 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior World Championships, (b) Four Continents Championships, (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition and (d) ISU Junior World Championships, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC

only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more athletes if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any athlete's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1<sup>st</sup> of July to 30<sup>th</sup> of June) to calculate an athlete's Combined National and International Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:

- 1.5.10.1 When in the case of the (a) ISU Senior Worlds Championships, (b) ISU Junior Worlds Championship or (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition, the highest and second highest ranked athletes based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the ISU Four Continents Championships and/or both athletes competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.5.10.2 When in the case of the ISU Four Continents Championship, the highest and second highest ranked athletes based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.5.10.3 The decision whether the results obtained by the athletes are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective athlete's International Ranking Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.
- 1.5.10.4 To calculate an athlete's International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are

weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score and 1.75 X Four Continents Championship Final Score.

1.5.10.5 The athlete with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the athlete complying with all other provisions within the rules.

1.5.10.6 If an athlete, after the ISC meeting and who is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.5.4, the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate athlete if an alternate was selected as part of the preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

## 1.6 Selection Requirements for Pair Skating

1.6.1 A Pair may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if both members of the Pair have together at least once competed (in both the short and free skating programs) in the section concerned at an Interprovincial or National Championship during a complete skating season prior to the ISC meeting for Singles and Pairs.

1.6.2. A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.

- 1.6.3 The Pair must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set Minimum International Qualification Score (total of Short and Free Skating programs Segment Scores) listed in the table below for the section requested at the International Competition or Championship.

Competition Section	Club International	ISU International	Four Continents	Worlds Olympics
Senior	71.40	74.40	79.00	79.00
Junior	61.50	64.50		67.90
Novice	42.80	44.60		
Pre-Novice	26.20	28.00		

- 1.6.4 If more than one Pair meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.6.1, N.1.6.2 and N.1.6.3 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the Pairs shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to the formula listed in N.1.6.5 with the highest ranked Pair receiving first preference for the international competition or championship requested and so forth.
- 1.6.5 The NJS scores listed in the submission form are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows:  $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$ . The score to be used shall be the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs.
- 1.6.6 If a Pair was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.6.2, the Final Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the ISC, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.

- 1.6.7 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.6.6 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.6.3.
- 1.6.8 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower the requested section the Pair is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the Pair to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior, (c) Novice and (d) Pre-Novice.
- 1.6.9 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior World Championships, (b) Four Continents Championships, (c) Olympic Winter Games Competition and (d) ISU Junior World Championships, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more Pairs if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any Pair's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1<sup>st</sup> of July to 30<sup>th</sup> of June) to calculate a Pair's Combined National and International Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:
- 1.6.9.1 When in the case of the ISU Senior World Championships, ISU Junior World Championships or Olympic Winter Games Competition, the highest and second highest ranked Pairs based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the ISU Four Continents Championships and/or both Pairs competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.6.9.2 When in the case of the ISU Four Continents Championship, the highest and second highest ranked Pairs based

on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;

- 1.6.9.3 The decision whether the results obtained by the Pairs are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective Pair's International Ranking Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.
- 1.6.9.4 To calculate Pairs International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score and 1.75 X Four Continents Championship Final Score.
- 1.6.9.5 The Pair with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the Pair complying with all other provisions within the rules.
- 1.6.9.6 If a Pair, after the ISC meeting and who is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.6.3 the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate Pair if an alternate was selected as part of the

preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

#### 1.7 Selection Requirements for Ice Dancing

- 1.7.1 The International Selections Committee must ensure that the general provisions listed in Clauses N.1.1 are adhered to.
- 1.7.2 Any couple wishing to compete internationally must compete in the most recent National Championships.
- 1.7.3 The International Selections Committee shall select a couple based on the technical ability of the couple.

#### 1.8 Selection Requirements for Synchronised Skating Teams

- 1.8.1 The ISC must ensure that the provisions of Clauses F.3.1 through F.3.4, N.1.8.2.1 through N.1.8.2.5 and N.1.8.4.1 through N.1.8.4.7 in the case of substitution of a team member(s) have been strictly adhered to. If any of these provisions have not been complied with, the ISC may not select the team for international competitions or championships.
- 1.8.2 A Synchronised Skating team may only be nominated to compete in the Novice, Junior or Senior section if the Team prior to the ISC meeting for Synchronised Skating:
  - 1.8.2.1 competed in the most recent National Championships;
  - 1.8.2.2 competed in at least one (1) of the three Interprovincial Championships during a complete skating season;
  - 1.8.2.3 competed in the most recent Provincial Championship in the Province in which the team is registered;
  - 1.8.2.4 contains team members where at least fifty percent (50%) of the individuals have competed in 1.8.2.1 and 1.8.2.3; and
  - 1.8.2.5 contains no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the team that skated at the National Championships. The seventy-five percent (75%) shall be determined from the team members plus any team

reserves but shall not include the team alternates.

- 1.8.3. A complete skating season is defined as the period prior to the meeting that consists of the most recent National and the three Interprovincial Championships if all three were held.
- 1.8.4. If a Synchronised Skating team that is selected by the ISC to compete at an International Competition or Championship finds itself, due to resignation by or injury to a team member, in the situation that the number of team members is less than the number listed on the team roster at the time that the ISC made its decision, such team may include substitute skaters up to the number that the team consisted of at the time of selection subject to the following provisions:
  - 1.8.4.1. A written submission to the ISC must be made by the Provincial Chairperson to motivate the reason for the substitute skaters. The ISC shall immediately, in writing, declare the original selection as null and void and notify the Provincial Chairperson of such decision.
  - 1.8.4.2. The substitute skaters must be selected by means of a trial and selections process that conforms to the provisions of Clauses F.3.1 through F.3.4. Once the selection(s) has/have taken place, the ISC must be informed of the name(s) of the substitute skater(s).
  - 1.8.4.3. The substitute skater(s) must pass the equivalent test(s) required by SAFSA to compete at the National Championships no later than six (6) weeks prior to the team competing internationally.
  - 1.8.4.4. The team with the substitute skater(s) must perform the short program, if applicable, and free skating program for evaluation at least four (4) weeks prior to competing internationally in the presence of at least two (2) ISC members or nominated representatives.

- 1.8.4.5 A written submission by both of the ISC members or nominated representative must be made to the full ISC indicating the date, time, place and the standard of the program(s) evaluated.
- 1.8.4.6 The ISC must evaluate the written submissions within one (1) week of receiving the submissions and, if the team meets all the provisions of this rule and the ISC is of the opinion that the standard of the team is equivalent or better than the standard of the competitive programs that the selection was originally based upon, may reinstate the selection.
- 1.8.4.7 The ISC must inform the Provincial Chairperson who in turn must inform the team and coach, as soon as possible and in writing, of the final decision of the ISC.
- 1.8.5 The Synchronised Skating team must have equalled or exceeded in at least one of the Championship results listed in the nomination form (Appendix 16) the set Minimum International Qualification Score (total of Short and Free Skating programs Segment Scores) in the case of the Senior and Junior sections and the Free Skating Total Segment Score in the case of the Novice section listed in the table below for the section requested at the International Competition or Championship.

<u>Competition Section</u>	<u>Club International</u>	<u>ISU International</u>	<u>Worlds</u>
Senior	72.00	75.50	80.80
Junior	55.00	60.70	
Novice	14.75	16.30	

- 1.8.6 If more than one Synchronised Skating team meets the minimum requirements listed in N.1.8.1, N.1.8.2, N.1.8.3, N.1.8.4 and N.1.8.5 for a specific international competition or championship and section, the teams shall be ranked by means of a National Ranking Score calculated according to the formula listed in N.1.8.7 with the highest ranked team receiving first preference and so forth.

- 1.8.7 The NJS scores listed in the submission form are used to calculate the National Ranking Score that is calculated as follows:  $[1.00 \times \text{Provincial Score}] + [1.25 \times (\text{Sum of the two highest Interprovincial scores})] + [1.50 \times \text{National Championship score}]$ . The score to be used shall be in the case of the Senior and Junior sections the Final Score which is the sum of the Total Segment Scores for the Short and Free Skating Programs. In the case of the Novice section the score to be used shall be the Free Skating Program Total Segment Score.
- 1.8.8 If a Synchronised Skating team was unable to compete in any one of the championships during the complete season defined in N.1.8.3, the Final Score or Total Free Skating Segment Score from the previous season may be used for calculation purposes but this score will be penalised by a factor of 0.9. If a particular Championship has not yet taken place by the time the submission is reviewed by the ISC, the score from the previous season for the particular Championship (if available) must be used and will not be penalised by the 0.9 factor.
- 1.8.9 The penalty factor of 0.9 referred to in N.1.8.8 applies to both the ranking and the minimum scores referred to in N.1.8.5.
- 1.8.10 Only scores obtained in sections at the National, Interprovincial and Provincial Championships that are the same or lower to the requested section the Synchronised Skating team is requesting to compete in are used to determine the ranking and never from a section higher than the requested section the Provincial Chairperson is requesting the Synchronised Skating team to compete in. The order of sections, from highest to lowest, is as follows: (a) Senior, (b) Junior and (c) Novice.
- 1.8.11 In the case of the (a) ISU Senior Synchronised World Championships and (b) ISU Junior World Championship, the ISC may, at its sole discretion, decide to make at the time of the meeting of the ISC only a preliminary selection based on the National Ranking Score of one (1) or more Synchronised Skating teams if such preliminary selection does not jeopardise the SAFSA Executive's ability to meet the deadline for the submission of final entries for the listed competitions and championships above. The ISC may decide to also include any Synchronised

Skating team's international results obtained during or subsequent to the current ISU skating season (1<sup>st</sup> of July to 30<sup>th</sup> of June) to calculate a Synchronised Skating team's Combined National and International Ranking Score and that may result in the preliminary selection being confirmed, modified or withdrawn according to the following provisions and in the following circumstances:

- 1.8.11.1 When the highest and second highest ranked Synchronised Skating team's based on their National Ranking Score both competed in the same or separately in equivalent ISU International Competitions;
- 1.8.11.2 The decision whether the results obtained by the Synchronised Skating teams are, at different ISU International Competitions, comparable and can be included to calculate the respective Synchronised Skating team's International Ranking Score since the ISU International Competitions can be considered equivalent lies solely with the members of the ISC.
- 1.8.11.3 To calculate a Synchronised Skating team's International Ranking Score, the National Ranking Score is added to the weighted International Competition and/or Championship Final Scores, which are weighted as follows: 1.65 X International Competition Final Score and 1.75 X Four Continents Championship Final Score.
- 1.8.11.4 The Synchronised Skating team with the highest Combined National and International Ranking Score shall receive the highest ranking for the International Competition or Championship requested and the preliminary selection shall be confirmed or modified accordingly subject to the Synchronised Skating team complying with all other provisions within the rules.
- 1.8.11.5 If the Synchronised Skating team, after the ISC meeting and which is subject to a preliminary selection, subsequently

competes in an ISU International Competition or Championship and achieves a Final Score that is five (5) points less than the Minimum International Qualification Score for the section and competition or championship listed in N.1.8.5, the ISC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to withdraw, subject to monitoring, and thus cancel the preliminary selection(s) for subsequent ISU Competitions and Championships, including the Olympic Winter Games. In such cases, the ISC may select the alternate Synchronised Skating team if an alternate was selected as part of the preliminary selection and continues to meet the provisions of the rules for the International Competition and Championship.

## **2 National Championships**

- 2.1 Immediately subsequent to the holding of a Provincial Championship, the Judges officiating at such Championship shall submit to the Provincial Committee concerned the names of Skaters/Pairs/Couples/Teams recommended for inclusion in the team for National Championships.
- 2.2 Any Skaters/Pairs/Couples/Teams whose name has been submitted to a Provincial Committee in accordance with provision N.2.1 shall, not later than four (4) weeks immediately preceding the date of the National Championships or, under exceptional circumstances, another date decided by the Council in respect of which his/her/their/its name was so submitted, have successfully completed the tests specified from time to time by the National Technical Committee as being requirements for participating in the event concerned.
- 2.3 The final selection shall be made by the Provincial Technical Committee concerned and for the purposes thereof such Committee, may in exceptional circumstances select Skaters/Pairs/Couples/Teams who have, for reasons beyond their control, been unable to participate in the immediately preceding Provincial Championships.
- 2.4 No competitor may compete in two sections in the same discipline at the National Championships in the same skating year as defined in provision N.2.5 with the exception

of Synchronised Skating team members that may skate in different sections but must meet the requirements as stipulated in Section F.2.6 of these regulations.

- 2.5 The skating year is defined (unless for exceptional reasons announced otherwise by the National Technical Committee) as follows:

Senior sections: 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Junior sections: 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Novice sections: 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Pre-Novice Ice Dance section: 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June  
All other sections: Commencing on the day following the end of the National Championship and ending on the final day of the following National Championship.

- 2.6 Where the members of a Pair, Ice Dancing couple or Synchronised Skating Team fall under the jurisdiction of two or more different Provincial Committees they may compete in a National or Interprovincial Competition but any points won by such members shall be shared by the Provinces concerned. In the case of Synchronised Teams the points shall be divided in relation to the number of Provincial competitors relative to the number of skaters in the team.

### **3 Selection of skaters for development programmes funded nationally through the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and Lotto South Africa**

- 3.1 The funding made available by SASCOC and Lotto S.A. is primarily to assist elite athletes in their preparation for participation in high level international championships and the Olympic Winter Games.
- 3.2 Members of the Council must submit the names of potential athletes who could benefit from the above program to the International Selection Committee for consideration. The International Selections Committee must consider the submissions and draw up a proposed list of participants according to the specifications of the organisation (SASCOC or Lotto SA) providing the development assistance and submit the list to the Council for final approval.
- 3.3 The Executive must subsequently submit this list to the organisation (SASCOC or Lotto SA) providing the development assistance for consideration.

#### **4 Selection of Team Leaders and other members of teams attending International Competitions and Championships**

- 4.1 The Provincial, NJTC and SAPSU Chairpersons may submit nominations for Team Leaders for ISU Championships at the same time that nominations for skaters/pairs/couples /teams are submitted to attend International Competitions and Championships.
- 4.2 Such nominations:
- 4.2.1 must be SAFSA members who ideally have been or currently are members of Provincial Committees, sub-committees of the Council, Judges or Coaches;
  - 4.2.2 should, subject to the provisions in N.4.2.1, ideally not be a direct family member or coach of a competitor(s) taking part at the specific International Championship;
  - 4.2.3 must be accompanied by a short CV of the nominee that must also include information regarding the activities of the individual relating to Figure Skating over the past years;
  - 4.2.4 must be accompanied by a motivation relating to the criteria listed in N.4.4 from the Provincial, NJTC or SAPSU Committee as to the competency of the nominee for the position nominated and how the opportunity to act as Team Leader will benefit SAFSA as a whole; and
  - 4.2.5 must be accompanied by a letter that declares that the person being nominated agrees to act as Team Leader for the specified event and is willing to assume the specified duties and the expenses not covered by the ISU relating to the event.
- 4.3 Should the person being nominated as Team Leader also be a member of the ISC, the person will be required to recuse themselves entirely from the decision making process so as to avoid situations of conflicts of interests.
- 4.4 The ISC shall evaluate all nominations based on the nominees experience in managing teams and knowledge of the ISU rules and regulations relating to International Championships and specifically their knowledge relating to the:
- 4.4.1 Submission of protests and objections;
  - 4.4.2 Anti-Doping regulations and processes;
  - 4.4.3 Processes relating to the withdrawal of competitors;

- 4.4.4 ISU Championship processes and procedures; and
  - 4.4.5 Basic medical assistance (first aid) to athletes.
- 4.5 The ISC shall endeavour to appoint a balanced set of Team Leaders for the four annual ISU Championships representing both technical (Judges and Coaches) and administrative (members of Provincial Committee's and the Council) members of SAFSA.
- 4.6 Should no or an insufficient number of persons be nominated for Team Leaders at ISU Championships, the ISC reserves the right to make such provisional nominations at the ISC meeting being held. The provisions of N.4.3 also apply and the provisions of N.4.2 must be complied with no later than two (2) weeks after the provisional nomination has been made otherwise the provisional nomination shall lapse. The ISC shall make a final decision based on the information submitted once the provisions of N.4.2 have been complied with.
- 4.7 The ISC should endeavour to select an Alternative Team Leader for all ISU Championships should unforeseen circumstances so arise that the Team Leader selected can no longer act as a Team Leader for the event in question.
- 4.8 The President must announce to the members of the ISC and the Council all the athletes, SAFSA Officials, Team Doctors and/or Physiotherapists that are to be listed on the official entry form for the ISU Championship prior to the entry form being submitted to the ISU.