



SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

Colours Policy

SAFSA Colours Awarding Protocol (Athletes)

1. Purpose

To define the criteria and procedures for awarding SAFSA Colours, including certificates, track suits, and blazer scrolls, based on athletes' competition levels, scores, and event participation.

2. Scope

Applies to all athletes competing under SAFSA across all disciplines (Singles, Pairs, Solo Dance, Couples Dance, Synchro) and competitive streams (Inter-Club/Competitive Stream and Championship Stream).

3. Definitions

- **International Club Score:**

All athletes who qualify for and competed at the National Championships (Championship Stream) will be deemed to have achieved a valid International Club Score and will be eligible to participate in international club events.

- **SAFSA Score:**

A score achieved at a SAFSA-approved qualifying event—such as a Provincial, Inter-Provincial, or National Championship—that meets the South African International Selections Committee (ISC) standard and is judged by a panel meeting the ISC **SAFSA standards score**, will be eligible to attend an international Club competition, ISU published Club Competition, hosted by an ISU member federation. The athlete qualifies for inclusion in the selection process by the International Selections Committee (ISC).

- Attaining the SAFSA score and attendance of an ISU published (other than an ISU published Club competition) event, does not make an athlete eligible to receive Federation Colours.

- **ISU Score:**

A score achieved at a SAFSA-approved qualifying event—such as a Provincial, Inter-Provincial, or National Championship—that meets the South African International Selections Committee (ISC) standard and is judged by a panel meeting meeting the ISC **ISU standards score**, will be eligible to attend an international Club competition, ISU published Club Competition or ISU published event, hosted by an ISU member federation. The athlete qualifies for inclusion in the selection process by the International Selections Committee (ISC).

- Attaining the published ISU score, and attendance of an ISU published (other than an ISU published Club competition) from the advanced novice section and higher, could make an athlete eligible to receive Federation Colours.

- **Track Suit:**

Official attire awarded based on level and eligibility:

- **Provincial Track Suit:**

- Issued by a provincial/regional SAFSA member to athletes representing their province/region.

- **SAFSA CLUB Track Suit ("FIGURE SKATING" Embroidered):**

- Awarded to athletes eligible for international club events who meet SAFSA eligibility and ISC-determined SAFSA qualifying scores and competed at the competition.
 - International Club events are events defined as any competition published on the ISU website and clearly listed as ISU Club competitions, or Club competitions hosted and published by any ISU member federations.
 - Any competition published on the ISU website up to Advanced Novice sections (Singles, Pairs, Solo & Couples) and Novice section (Synchro) will be considered Club competitions.
 - Any competition where an Adult in the Competitive stream competes in, are considered Club competitions.
 - This track suit is NOT equivalent to receiving Federation Colours.
 - The track suit would have a SAFSA (Square logo) on the front and "FIGURE SKATING" embroidered on the back. No National flag on the track suit.
 - An athlete does not receive Federation colours by achieving a published SAFSA score.

- SAFSA COLOURS Track Suit ("South Africa" Embroidered):

- Awarded to athletes who have achieved the ISC-determined **ISU** qualifying score, meet SAFSA's eligibility criteria, and have competed at ISU-published events, from the **Advanced Novice level upward** in **Singles, Pairs, Solo Dance, Couples Dance**, and from the **Novice level upward** in **Synchronized Skating**.
- Athletes will be awarded Federation Colours, which includes a SAFSA Blazer and Scrolls.
- The track suit would have a SAFSA (Round logo) on the front and "FIGURE SKATING" embroidered on the back. A National flag on the track suit.

- PROTEA/OLYMPIC Track Suit:

- Awarded through SASCOC for World Championships, Four Continent Championships and/or Olympic participation.

• Federation Colours:

Official SAFSA recognition awarded to athletes who meet ISC score criteria and compete in ISU-published events from Advanced Novice (Novice for Synchro) section upwards.

• Blazer + Scroll:

Formal recognition of Federation Colours, awarded from Advanced Novice section (Novice for Synchro) and above.

4. General Principles

- SAFSA Colours are awarded based on verified scores and participation in SAFSA-approved or ISU-recognised competitions.
- Recognition varies by level and score type (International Club or ISU selections score) determined by the ISC.
- Track suits and scrolls are awarded according to the athlete's level and event type.
- Entry and award responsibility lies with either the Province, SAFSA or SASCOC, depending on the competition.

5. Awarding Criteria by Stream and Level

The Awarding criteria per Section is summarized in the attached Annexure H

6. Awarding Procedures

- Verification: Scores must be verified by the relevant authority (Province and SAFSA).
- Application: Entry and award applications are submitted. See Forms
- Approval: SAFSA reviews and confirms eligibility.
- Notification: Athletes are informed of awards.
- Presentation: Certificates, track suits, and scrolls are presented at appropriate events.

7. Responsibilities

- Provinces: Manage International Club-level entries and awards.
- SAFSA: Manage ISU-level entries via ORS, approvals, and Federation Colours.
- Athletes: Must meet eligibility and participate in approved events.

8. Review and Amendments

This protocol is reviewed annually or as required by changes in ISU regulations or SAFSA competition structures.