

**ANNEXURE D – SECTION SKILLS & STAR TEST REQUIREMENTS (MEDAL & CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION)**

This Annexure sets out the minimum eligibility requirements for participation and qualification in SAFSA-sanctioned competitions, including the South African Competitive Finals and the National Championships. For each discipline and section, it specifies the required Skills Levels, Dance Patterns or Dance Skills, and Star Test requirements, and, in the case of Synchronised Skating, the applicable team composition, including team and reserve limits.

The second part of this Annexure outlines the requirements for the awarding and recognition of Star Test medals and certificates. Compliance with these requirements, read together with the relevant SAFSA Rules and Annexures, is mandatory for eligibility to compete, qualify and receive recognition at the respective events.

**1. COMPETITIVE STREAM REQUIREMENTS****Competitive Stream – Finals Qualification Requirements**

Athletes competing in the Competitive Stream are not required to complete a Star Test to qualify for entry into the South African Competitive Finals. Eligibility to compete in the Competitive Stream is determined solely by compliance with the Skills Level and/or Dance Skills requirements, as applicable to the discipline and section, and as set out in the tables below and the relevant Annexures.

Athletes in the Championship Stream who have not qualified for the South African National Championships may still be eligible to compete in the corresponding Competitive Stream age sections (for example, Under 11, Under 14, etc.), if they meet the applicable Competitive Stream eligibility requirements.

As there is no Star Test qualification requirement for the Competitive Stream, qualification for the South African Competitive Finals is based exclusively on the official SAFSA rankings published from time to time on the SAFSA website. The final qualification list for the Competitive Finals will be determined using the most recent rankings published following the conclusion of the final National Championships qualification event of the season.

| <b>Singles</b>               | <b>Skills Levels</b> |                |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Section</b>               | <b>Minimum</b>       | <b>Maximum</b> |
| Bronze                       | No Level             | No Level       |
| Silver                       | 1                    | 2              |
| Gold                         | 2                    | 3              |
| Platinum                     | 3                    | No Max         |
| Competitive u11              | 1                    | No Max         |
| Competitive u14              | 2                    | No Max         |
| Competitive u16              | 2                    | No Max         |
| Competitive u19              | 3                    | No Max         |
| Competitive 19+              | 4                    | No Max         |
| Adult Introductory Artistic  | No Level             | No Level       |
| Adult Bronze Artistic        | 1                    | 1              |
| Adult Silver Artistic        | 1                    | 2              |
| Adult Gold Artistic          | 2                    | 3              |
| Adult Masters Artistic       | 2                    | None           |
| Adult Introductory Technical | No Level             | No Level       |
| Adult Bronze Technical       | 1                    | 1              |
| Adult Silver Technical       | 1                    | 2              |
| Adult Gold Technical         | 2                    | 3              |
| Adult Masters Technical      | 2                    | None           |

| Pairs                        | Skills Levels |          |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Section                      | Minimum       | Maximum  |
| Bronze                       | No Level      | No Level |
| Silver                       | 1             | 2        |
| Gold                         | 2             | 3        |
| Platinum                     | 3             | No Max   |
| Competitive u11              | 1             | No Max   |
| Competitive u14              | 2             | No Max   |
| Competitive u16              | 3             | No Max   |
| Competitive u19              | 4             | No Max   |
| Competitive 19+              | 4             | No Max   |
| Adult Introductory           | No Level      | No Level |
| Adult Bronze Artistic        | 1             | 1        |
| Adult Silver Artistic        | 1             | 2        |
| Adult Gold Artistic          | 2             | 3        |
| Adult Masters Artistic       | 2             | None     |
| Adult Introductory Technical | No Level      | No Level |
| Adult Bronze Technical       | 1             | 1        |
| Adult Silver Technical       | 1             | 2        |
| Adult Gold Technical         | 2             | 3        |
| Adult Masters Technical      | 2             | None     |

| <b>Solo</b>        | <b>Skills Level</b> |                | <b>Dance Pattern Tests</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Section</b>     | <b>Minimum</b>      | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Minimum</b>             |
| Bronze             | No Level            | No Level       | None                       |
| Silver             | 1                   | 2              | None                       |
| Gold               | 2                   | 3              | Pewter                     |
| Platinum           | 3                   | No Max         | Pewter                     |
| Adult Introductory | No Level            | No Level       | None                       |
| Adult Bronze       | 1                   | 1              | None                       |
| Adult Silver       | 1                   | 2              | None                       |
| Adult Gold         | 2                   | 3              | Pewter                     |
| Adult Masters      | 2                   | None           | Pewter                     |

| <b>Couple</b>      | <b>Skills Level</b> |                | <b>Dance Pattern Tests</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Section</b>     | <b>Minimum</b>      | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Minimum</b>             |
| Bronze             | No Level            | No Level       | None                       |
| Silver             | 1                   | 2              | None                       |
| Gold               | 2                   | 3              | Pewter                     |
| Platinum           | 3                   | No Max         | Pewter                     |
| Adult Introductory | No Level            | No Level       | None                       |
| Adult Bronze       | 1                   | 1              | None                       |
| Adult Silver       | 1                   | 2              | None                       |
| Adult Gold         | 2                   | 3              | Pewter                     |
| Adult Masters      | 2                   | None           | Pewter                     |

| Synchronised Skating | Skills Level |          | Team Composition |         |                  |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Section              | Minimum      | Maximum  | Minimum          | Maximum | Maximum Reserves |
| Bronze               | No Level     | No Level | 9                | 12      | 4                |
| Silver               | 1            | No Max   | 9                | 12      | 4                |
| Adult Introductory   | No Level     | No Level | 9                | 12      | 4                |
| Adult Team           | 1            | No Max   | 9                | 12      | 4                |
| Adult Masters        | 2            | No Max   | 9                | 12      | 4                |

## 2. CHAMPIONSHIP STREAM

### Championship Stream – National Championships Qualification Requirements

The Championship Stream is subject to stricter qualification criteria, particularly with regard to age eligibility and Star Test requirements, in order to qualify for entry into the National Championships. Athletes in the Championship Stream must meet the prescribed age limits and must have successfully completed the required Star Test for their discipline and section, in accordance with the relevant SAFSA Rules and Annexures. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory for National Championships consideration.

### National Championships Entry Limits and Hosting Constraints

Notwithstanding compliance with age, skill and Star Test requirements, entry into the National Championships may be limited by the National Championships Local Organising Committee (LOC) due to practical constraints, including but not limited to available ice time, schedule capacity and logistical considerations necessary to stage a National Championship to the required standard.

In such instances, National Rankings and seasonal performance indicators shall play a key role in determining acceptance of entries within affected sections. Details of any entry limits and the criteria applied shall be communicated through the applicable SAFSA Communications for the skating season.

| Singles<br>Section  | Skills Levels |         | Star Requirements |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
|                     | Minimum       | Maximum |                   |
| Juvenile            | 1             | No Max  | Pewter            |
| Basic Novice        | 2             | No Max  | Bronze            |
| Intermediate Novice | 2             | No Max  | Inter Silver      |
| Advanced Novice     | 3             | No Max  | Silver            |
| Junior              | 4             | No Max  | Inter Gold        |
| Senior              | 4             | No Max  | Gold              |

| Pairs<br>Section | Skills Levels |         | Star Requirements |
|------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
|                  | Minimum       | Maximum |                   |
| Juvenile         | 1             | No Max  | Pewter Star       |
| Basic Novice     | 2             | No Max  | Bronze Star       |
| Advanced Novice  | 3             | No Max  | Silver Star       |
| Junior           | 4             | No Max  | Inter-Gold Star   |
| Senior           | 4             | No Max  | Gold Star         |

| Solo Dance          | Skills Level |         | Pattern Dance Level |         | Star Requirement  |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Section             | Minimum      | Maximum | Minimum             | Maximum | Bronze Star       |
| Basic Novice        | 1            | No Max  | Pewter              | None    | Bronze Star       |
| Intermediate Novice | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Inter Silver Star |
| Advanced Novice     | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Silver Star       |
| Junior              | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Inter Gold Star   |
| Senior              | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Gold Star         |

| Couple Dance        | Skills Level |         | Pattern Dance Level |         | Star Requirement  |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Section             | Minimum      | Maximum | Minimum             | Maximum | Bronze Star       |
| Basic Novice        | 1            | No Max  | Pewter              | None    | Bronze Star       |
| Intermediate Novice | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Inter Silver Star |
| Advanced Novice     | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Silver Star       |
| Junior              | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Inter Gold Star   |
| Senior              | 2            | No Max  | Pewter & Bronze     | None    | Gold Star         |

| Synchronised | Skills Level |         | SAFSA Team Composition |         |                  | Star Test Requirement |
|--------------|--------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Section      | Minimum      | Maximum | Minimum                | Maximum | Maximum Reserves |                       |
| Mixed Age    | 2            | No Max  | 9                      | 16      | 4                | Inter Silver Star     |
| Novice       | 3            | No Max  | 9                      | 16      | 4                | Silver Star           |
| Junior       | 4            | No Max  | 12                     | 16      | 4                | Inter Gold Star       |
| Senior       | 4            | No Max  | 12                     | 16      | 4                | Gold Star             |
| Elite 12     | 4            | No Max  | 12                     | 12      | 4                | Gold Star             |
| Synchro 9    | 4            | No Max  | 9                      | 9       | 2                | Gold Star             |

**\*Disclaimer: Senior Team Composition for International Events is a minimum of 12 skaters. For ISU Championship events, a minimum of 16.**

## SKILLS & STARS MEDALS & CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION

The following sets out the procedures and criteria for the implementation of the Skills Test and Star Test recognition rules of the South African Figure Skating Association (SAFSA). It defines the manner in which successful completion of approved tests is acknowledged, the authority responsible for issuing certificates, pins, and medals, and the presentation thereof at provincial and national level. The purpose of this Annexure is to ensure consistent, transparent, and uniform recognition of members' achievements across all disciplines and levels in accordance with SAFSA regulations.

### SKILLS TESTS

| SKATING SKILLS LEVELS | DANCE SKILLS                    | RECOGNITION BY |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Level 1               | Pewter Pattern Dance Test       | Province       |
| Level 2               | Bronze Pattern Dance Test       | Province       |
| Level 3               | Inter-Silver Pattern Dance Test | Province       |
| Level 4               | Silver Pattern Dance Test       | Province       |
| Level 5               | Inter-Gold Pattern Dance Test   | Province       |
| Level 6               | Gold Pattern Dance Test         | SAFSA          |

### STAR TESTS

#### SINGLES

| SECTION             | STAR MEDAL        | RECOGNITION BY |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Juvenile            | Pewter Star       | Province       |
| Basic Novice        | Bronze Star       | Province       |
| Intermediate Novice | Inter Silver Star | Province       |
| Advanced Novice     | Silver Star       | Province       |
| Junior              | Inter-Gold Star   | Province       |
| Senior              | Gold Star         | SAFSA          |

**PAIRS**

| SECTION         | STAR MEDAL      | RECOGNITION BY |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Juvenile        | Pewter Star     | Province       |
| Basic Novice    | Bronze Star     | Province       |
| Advanced Novice | Silver Star     | Province       |
| Junior          | Inter-Gold Star | Province       |
| Senior          | Gold Star       | SAFSA          |

**SOLO DANCE**

| SECTION             | STAR MEDAL        | RECOGNITION BY |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Basic Novice        | Bronze Star       | Province       |
| Intermediate Novice | Inter Silver Star | Province       |
| Advanced Novice     | Silver Star       | Province       |
| Junior              | Inter-Gold Star   | Province       |
| Senior              | Gold Star         | SAFSA          |

**COUPLE DANCE**

| SECTION             | STAR MEDAL        | RECOGNITION BY |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Basic Novice        | Bronze Star       | Province       |
| Intermediate Novice | Inter Silver Star | Province       |
| Advanced Novice     | Silver Star       | Province       |
| Junior              | Inter-Gold Star   | Province       |
| Senior              | Gold Star         | SAFSA          |

**SYNCHRONISED SKATING**

| SECTION                      | STAR MEDAL        | RECOGNITION BY |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Mixed Age                    | Inter-Silver Star | Province       |
| Novice                       | Silver Star       | Province       |
| Junior                       | Inter Gold Star   | Province       |
| Senior, Elite 12 & Synchro 9 | Gold Star         | SAFSA          |