

SECTION 7

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Amended March 2021

By-Law 700

GENERAL

1. Regulations of State associations must include all Association requirements, and may also include additional requirements.
2. Complete compliance with all requirements may be waived in special circumstances. In a case where a State Association feels such circumstances exist, an application for dispensation may be forwarded to the Chair Judges and Officials stating the reasons for such application.
3. It is the responsibility of State Associations to nominate as Judges, Referees and Technical Officials, only competent, reliable, tested and impartial individuals. State Associations should require their Judges and referees to attend or join electronically properly certified Schools or Seminars before being nominated to serve.

By-Law 701

ELIGIBILITY

1. Individuals who have reached the age of 16 years may be appointed as a Competition Judge or Technical Official by any State Association for Competitions or Tests
2. Individuals who have reached the age of 18 years may be appointed as a Judge or Technical Official for Association Championships and National Championships
3. Where possible, only those under the age of 70 years should officiate as Judges or Technical Officials.

By-Law 702

COMPETITIONS, CHAMPIONSHIPS, TRAINING & QUALIFICATION

1. Any individual nominated as a Judge or Technical Official for Association Championships, must first have satisfactorily completed an approved training program. For the purpose of these regulations, an approved program would comprise the following:
 - a) Familiarisation with appropriate skating and judging regulations, and content of ISU Judging Handbooks;
 - b) Completion of a period of competition training, prior to appointment as a State Competition Judge or Technical Official;
 - c) Completion of one year satisfactory competition training, together with a satisfactory performance in a probationary capacity at a State Championship, prior to appointment as a State Championship Judge or Technical Official;
 - d) A satisfactory performance at a State Championship in the relevant area, i.e. free skating, ice dancing or synchronized skating.
2. In addition, prior to appointment as a Judge or Technical Official for Association Championships, an individual must have:
 - a) Acted satisfactorily in a probationary capacity in an Australian Championship Basic Novice A, Intermediate or Advanced Novice event.

- b) Passed an online or written examination as formulated by the Chair of Judging and Officials and approved by the ISA Board of Management.
3. A first appointment as a Judge or Technical Official may be made at a level no higher than Advanced Novice.
4. To be eligible for promotion to act at a higher level at the Australian Championship, the Judge or Technical Official must previously have performed satisfactorily at the preceding level, and have acted satisfactorily in a probationary capacity at the level to which promotion is sought.
5. To be eligible for promotion to Senior Championship Judge or Technical Official, the Judge or Technical Official must have judged in the Australian Championships in at least two of the preceding three years.
6. Any individual to be nominated as a Referee for Association Championships should have served satisfactorily as a Senior Championship Judge in at least two of the three years immediately preceding nomination and officiated satisfactorily as a Referee in State Championships during this time.
7. A first appointment as a Referee may be made at a level no higher than Advanced Novice.
8. To be eligible for promotion to a higher level of Australian Championship refereeing, the Referee must previously have performed satisfactorily at the preceding level.

By-Law 703

TESTS, TRAINING & QUALIFICATION

1. An individual nominated as a Judge for Association Tests, must first have satisfactorily completed an approved training program. For the purpose of these regulations, an approved program would comprise the following:
 - a) Familiarisation with the appropriate skating and judging regulations, and contents of ISU Judging Handbooks;
 - b) Completion of one year of satisfactory competition judging;
 - c) Completion of a period of test trainee judging prior to appointment; such experience may be gained concurrently with competition judging experience. (NB: After completion of each test on which a trainee has acted, the Referee for that test must submit a written report on the performance of the Trainee Judge to the appropriate State Association.)
2. To be eligible for promotion to a higher level of test judging, the Judge must have performed satisfactorily at the preceding level, and acted satisfactorily in a probationary capacity at the higher level.
3. A judge acting as a Test Referee must be sufficiently experienced and competent to exercise control at the level of test being conducted.

By-Law 704

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. One month prior to the ISA AGM, each State Association must submit to the Chair Judges and Officials a list of names of those individuals appointed to State Judging Panels and/or whose nominations are recommended at the various test and competitive levels for both Australian and International Judges and Technical Officials.
2. By recommending an individual, the State Association attests the nominee's participation in approved training programs and State Championships at the levels required and verifies the nominee's qualifications for appointment under these Regulations.
3. All individuals recommended must be members of the State Association making the recommendation.

By-Law 705**APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES**

1. The Chair Judges and Officials will provide to the Council at the Annual Meeting a list of names of those individuals whose nominations are recommended for appointment to the various Judging and Technical Officials Panels for the ISA Board of Management endorsement.
2. Association Championship Judges and Technical Officials must not compete in Association Championships.
3. Association Championship Judges and Technical Officials who do not act once at three successive Australian Championships shall be placed on an inactive list at their current level. Re-appointment to the active list shall be made only after probationary acting an Australian Championship at the same level.
4. State Associations may appoint Judges and Technical officials for State Championships in accordance with their own regulations.
5. Judges and Technical officials for Interstate Competitions may be nominated by their State Associations in accordance with their own regulations, and appointed by the organiser.
6. For any other matters pertaining to judging and technical officials appointment procedures, the spirit of the Regulations of the ISU shall prevail.

By-Law 706**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

At the conclusion of each Australian Championship event, a closed meeting will be held with the Referee, Technical Controller and appropriate Judges in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting will act as a training session, to collect material to prepare the Referee's and Technical Controller's Reports, and to discuss any matter arising during the judging, and for the purpose of international judging nominations, will be considered to constitute a national seminar.

These meetings may be conducted by electronic means.

By-Law 707**DUTIES OF JUDGES AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

The duties of Judges and Technical Officials are those enunciated in the current ISU Regulations in so far as they can be made applicable in the Australian context. At all times the spirit of the ISU Regulations shall prevail.

By-Laws 708**DUTIES & POWERS OF REFEREES**

The duties and powers of a Referee are those enunciated in the current ISU Regulations in so far as they can be made applicable in the Australian context. At all times the spirit of the ISU Regulations shall prevail.

By-Laws 709

Skaters Reviews/Feedback Sessions conducted by Judges and/or Technical Officials are limited to 14 days prior to Test session /Club event and 30 days prior to State / National Championship to avoid any perceived conflict.

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