

## SECTION 6

### CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

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#### **By-Law 600**

The next ISU seasonal elements as published in ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules and ISA seasonal elements will take effect in Australia from dates as announced by ISA Board. This will apply to ISA Member Competitions including affiliated club competitions.

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### **By-Law 601**

Ice Skating Australia will, if practicable, conduct annual Australian Championships at places and dates to be decided by the ISA Board, and announced immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the year preceding that in which the events are to be held.

#### **By-Law 602**

The Australian Championship Events will, so far as possible, be held in turn by each of the ISA Members where adequate facilities are available for the conduct of the event.

#### **By-Law 603 Reserved**

#### **By-Law 604**

##### **TITLES**

1. The title "Australian Champion" shall be awarded only to persons who, at the time of the commencement of the applicable Australian Championship are:

Men and Women (Boys and Girls) who are Australian citizens or have been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

OR

A Pair or Ice Dance couple with at least one partner who is an Australian citizen and the other partner must be a citizen or resident of the country of an ISU Member or has been ordinarily resident in Australia for a period of not less than one year

OR

Synchronized teams with at least 75% of the team who are Australian citizens.

2. The title “Australian Champion” shall be awarded to the winner of each discipline and announced categories at the Australian Championship Events.

3. The winner of Singles Championship event shall bear the title:  
 “Australian (Men’s/Women’s) Champion for (year)”  
 “Australian Junior (Men’s/Women’s) Champion for (year)”  
 “Australian (category) (Men’s/Women’s/Boy’s/Girl’s) Champion for (year)”

The winner of Pair Skating Championship event shall bear the title:

- “Australian Pair Champions for (year)”  
 “Australian Junior Pair Champions for (year)”  
 “Australian (category) Pair Champions for (year)”

The winner of Ice Dance Championship event shall bear the title:

- “Australian Ice Dance Champions for (year)”  
 “Australian Junior Ice Dance Champions for (year)”  
 “Australian (category) Ice Dance Champions for (year)”

The winner of Solo Ice Dance Championship event shall bear the title:

- “Australian Solo Ice Dance Champion for (year)”  
“Australian Junior Solo Ice Dance Champion for (year)”  
“Australian (category) Solo Ice Dance Champion for (year)”

The winner of Synchronized Championship event shall bear the title:

- “Australian Synchronized Team Champion for (year)”  
 “Australian Junior Synchronized Team Champion for (year)”  
 “Australian (category) Synchronized Team Champion for (year)”

The winner of Adult Championship event shall bear the title:

- “Australian Adult (category/discipline) (Men’s/Women’s) Champion(s) for (year)”

### **By-Law 605**

#### **ORGANISATION OF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

1. The organisation of Australian Championship Events shall be under the general control of the ISA Board, who may delegate the organisation of the event to an ISA Member or club, or a specially designated Committee.
2. Australian Championship Events may be held at different times or places for different disciplines and categories as may be required to meet conditions or circumstances.
3. The announcement of an Australian Championship event should be published no later than two (2) calendar months before the first day of the event.

### **By-Law 606**

#### **AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPETITION RULES**

1. No amendment to existing Australian Championship rules and regulations may be made within two (2) calendar months before the first day of the particular Australian Championship Event.
2. New categories may be introduced only if published by ISU/ISA with an effective date at least two (2) calendar months before the first day of the particular event.
3. New season technical elements and competition rules published in communications by ISU/ISA will be implemented on the date as published via ISA Communications to be in the best interests of the athletes.

**By-Law 607****ELIGIBILITY**

1. Participation in an Australian Championship is open to a person belonging to an ISA Member, who is eligible and has achieved the required minimum Total Elements Score in accordance with the conditions applicable to the particular event.
2. Participants in an Australian Championship must be approved and entered by an ISA Member.
3. A participant may represent only one ISA Member in the same Australian Championship regardless of the number of disciplines they have entered.
4. The ISA Board may, in its discretion, allow persons from other ISU Members to participate in an Australian Championship Event.
5. Invited participants from other ISU Members competing in the Australian Championships must meet Australian entry standards and requirements in all respects. Such skaters must meet the specified test requirements, or their own equivalent, and may not compete in a lower category than that in which they have competed in their National Federation.

**By-Law 608****AWARDS**

1. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the Champion and the second and third placed competitors respectively.
2. Invited participants from other ISU members, who place in any of the three (3) positions in an Australian Championship event, will be given appropriate medals, in addition to the medals awarded to the three highest-placed Australian competitors.

**By-Law 609****OFFICIALS**

1. All Officials for Australian Championship events will be selected by the Chair, ISA Judging and Officials or their delegate.
2. Nominations for all Officials shall be submitted to the Chair, ISA Judging and Officials no later than 28 days preceding the first day of the competition.
3. The following Officials are recommended:
  - (a) Referee;
  - (b) A panel of a minimum of five (5) Judges which can include the Referee as one (1) Judge;
  - (c) A Technical Controller;
  - (d) Two (2) Technical Specialists;
  - (e) Data and Replay Operators.
4. The following competition personnel are necessary and are selected and managed by the Organising Committee:
  - (a) An announcer to summon the Competitors and to read the scores and results;
  - (b) One (1) accountant to manage the ISU Judging System; and
  - (c) Supplementary personnel (if necessary) to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.

5. So far as possible, there will be at least one Judge from each ISA Member, but no ISA Member should have a majority of Judges on any panel.
6. The Chair, ISA Judges and Officials, or if not present at the event, their delegate shall have the power to decide any variation from these requirements, which are rendered necessary by circumstances.

#### **By-Law 610**

##### **ENTRIES**

1. Entry for an Australian Championship shall be made by the participant's ISA Member no later than 28 days preceding the first day of the competition.
2. Entries shall be forwarded to the Organising Committee and the Administration Officer in writing, accompanied by the required entry fees.
3. Each ISA Member shall be entitled to nominate up to four (4) entrants in each Australian Championship discipline and category who have achieved the required minimum Total Elements Score for the Australian Championship as published by Ice Skating Australia.
4. The host ISA Member may nominate a fifth entrant in each discipline and category who has achieved the required minimum Total Elements Score for the Australian Championship as published by Ice Skating Australia.
5. Title holders may defend their titles without being counted in an ISA Member quota in any discipline and category where defence of title is permitted.
6. The ISA Board may, in its discretion, accept further entries for any discipline and category from any ISA Member. The participants must have achieved the required minimum Total Elements Score for the Australian Championship and will be ranked accordingly for inclusion at the Australian Championship Event.
7. Entry fees payable shall be set by the ISA Board each year in conjunction with the Organising Committee.
8. The ISA Board may accept entries after the closing date upon payment of double the entry fee with agreement of the Organising Committee.

#### **By-Law 611**

##### **SKATING ORDER FOR FREE SKATING AND FREE DANCE**

There will be no draw for the order of skating for the Free Skate or Free Dance section of a competition in categories which have a Short Program or Rhythm/Pattern Dance Program. Competitors will skate in reverse order to their places in the preceding segment of the competition (if there is one), that is, with the best place Competitor skating last. The order of skating between tied Competitors shall be determined by a separate draw.

For events with a Short Program or only a Free Skate or Free Dance, the normal draw process for skating order will still be performed.

**By-Law 612****SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of six (6) categories:

- (a) Senior Men and Women (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Junior Men and Women (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Advanced Novice Boys and Girls (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (d) Intermediate Men and Women (Free Skate only)
- (e) Intermediate Novice Boys and Girls (Free Skate only)
- (f) Basic Novice Boys and Girls (Free Skate only)

**By-Law 613****PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of four (4) categories:

- (a) Senior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (d) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)

**By-Law 614****ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of five (5) categories:

- (a) Senior (Rhythm Dance and Free Dance)
- (b) Junior (Rhythm Dance and Free Dance)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (d) Intermediate Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (e) Basic Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

**By-Law 615****SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of seven (7) categories:

- (a) Senior/Senior Elite (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (b) Junior (Short Program and Free Skate)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Free Skate only)
- (d) Basic Novice (Free Skate only)
- (e) Mixed Age (Free Skate only)
- (f) Advanced Adult (Free Skate only)
- (g) Adult (Free Skate only)



**By-Law 616****ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of seventeen (17) categories:

- (a) Adult Masters Elite Singles (Free Skate only)
- (b) Adult Masters Singles (Free Skate only)
- (c) Adult Gold Singles (Free Skate only)
- (d) Adult Silver Singles (Free Skate only)
- (e) Adult Bronze Singles (Free Skate only)
- (f) Adult Masters Elite Pair (Free Skate only)
- (g) Adult Masters Pair (Free Skate only)
- (h) Adult Intermediate Pair (Free Skate only)
- (i) Adult Pair (Free Skate only)
- (j) Adult Masters Elite Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (k) Adult Masters Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (l) Adult Gold Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (m) Adult Silver Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (n) Adult Masters Elite Solo Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (o) Adult Masters Solo Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (p) Adult Gold Solo Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (q) Adult Silver Solo Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

**By-Law 617****SOLO ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA**

Consists of five (5) categories:

- (a) Senior (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (b) Junior (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (c) Advanced Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (d) Intermediate Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)
- (e) Basic Novice (Pattern Dance and Free Dance)

**By-Laws 618 – 619 Reserved**

**ISA MEMBER COMPETITIONS AND OTHER COMPETITIONS****By-Law 620**

1. Ice Skating Australia, after consultation with ISA Members, shall publish a calendar of events as soon as possible at the start of every calendar year, and update the information as required.
2. The announcement of an ISA Member Competition should be made no later than two (2) calendar months before the first day of the event.
3. The ISA Member or affiliated club organising the event must notify Ice Skating Australia and ISA Members, via email if possible, of the link to the competition announcement and documentation no later than two (2) calendar months before the first day of the event.
4. The competition announcement must follow the ISA approved template, ensuring that individual requirements are stated clearly.
5. An Organising Committee may communicate directly with participants belonging to another ISA Member concerning participation in the competition, provided the ISA Member concerned is copied on all communications.
6. An ISA Member Competition must not be scheduled in the three (3) days preceding or following any of the Australian Championships.
7. ISA Member and Club Competitions must follow ISU and ISA Regulations. Recreational type events may have different categories and requirements provided it is clearly communicated in the competition announcement and are conducted in the spirit of the ISU.
8. In the case of an omission in the competition announcement or discrepancy between it and ISU and/or ISA regulations, the Competition Convener and Referee may decide in the best interests of the participants.
9. Depending on the number of entries, Preliminary, Elementary, Adult Pewter and Adult Copper may be split according to age. A separate Men's category may be held if three or more entries are received. If less than three entries are received, the Men/Women or Boys/Girls category(s) may be combined assuming the required elements are the same.
10. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, if different categories are combined in one warm-up group due to low entry numbers, the length of the warm-up for all skaters will be determined by the category with the longest allowed time.
11. An announcement of an Online Competition must be published no later than two (2) calendar months before the first day of the event.

**By-Law 621****AUSSIE SKATE™ COMPETITION**

1. Participants who have passed any Preliminary Test but no higher, at close of entries may compete at Aussie Skate level provided:
  - (a) Participants have not competed in any Preliminary or Adult category in singles, ice dance, solo ice dance, or pair skating competition, and
  - (b) For Pair Skating and Ice Dance, only one partner has passed any Preliminary Test,
  - (c) For Theatre on Ice they have only competed in a Novice or Adult team,
  - (d) For Synchronized Skating they have only competed in a Juvenile, Basic Novice, Advanced Novice or Adult (excluding Advanced Adult) team, and
  - (e) A minimum of 75% of an Aussie Skate synchronized team on the ice in competition has not passed any Preliminary Test or higher.

In the event that any calculation results in a fraction of less than one whole team member, the result will be rounded up in the event that the fraction is 0.5 or more, and rounded down when the fraction is less than 0.5.