

SECTION 10
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

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Where no specific by-law exists in this section, the appropriate by-laws from other sections of these regulations apply.

A. GENERAL

By-Law 1001

DEFINITION

Synchronized Skating consists of:

1. Short program
See ISU Rule 800.1(a)
2. Free skating
See ISU Rule 800.1(b)

By-Law 1002

CLOTHING

1. General
See ISU Rule 951
2. Penalties
See ISU Rule 843.1(m)

By-Law 1003

MUSIC

1. General
See ISU Rule 991.2(a)
2. Music shall be related to the age and ability of the skaters.

By-Law 1004**AFFILIATION**

Members of any one Synchronized Skating Team must all be members of the same ISA Member. Skaters may not represent more than one ISA Member in the same championship or competition.

Team replacements for international competition must be members of an ISA Member, however this may be different to that of other team members.

By-Law 1005**CALCULATIONS**

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

By-Law 1006**CHANGING TEAMS**

1. Change of Team Form
Any skater wishing to change teams, either temporarily or permanently, must complete the ISA Change of Team Form for signature by all the indicated parties.
2. Residency
Any skater changing teams permanently must comply with the residency and membership requirements of the relevant State Association.

By-Law 1007**INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS**

1. Nominations for ISU Events
Recommendations to the ISA Board for nominations to World Championships, Junior World Championships, other ISU competitions or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member will be made by a panel of International and/or National Senior Synchronized Skating Judges in consultation with the ISA Standing Committee Chairs for Synchronized Skating and High Performance.

2. Team Composition

Any team seeking nomination for World Championships, Junior World Championships, other ISU competitions, or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member must skate in their programs the number of eligible skaters as prescribed by ISU Rule 800.2 or the relevant competition announcement at an ISA Champs Series as published in a policy.

At least 75% of the members of any team nominated for World Championships, Junior World Championships, ISU Competitions, or sanctioned competitions conducted by an ISU Member must have been entered for the same team at the Champs Series and have been present at that event.

3. Team Replacements

Replacement team members may be selected in accordance with Point 2 above and must meet the applicable age and eligibility requirements for Adult, Novice, Junior and Senior events.

By-Laws 1008 to 1010 Reserved

B. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

The general By-Laws in Section 6 (Championships) also apply to Synchronized Skating.

By-Law 1011

CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Australian Championships consist of seven (7) divisions:
 - a) Senior (Section C)
 - b) Junior (Section D)
 - c) Advanced Novice (Section E)
 - d) Basic Novice (Section F)
 - e) Mixed Age (Section G)
 - f) Adult (Section H)
 - g) Advanced Adult (Section I)
 - h) Senior Elite 12 (Section J)

2. The provisions of ISU Rule 109.2(d) are applicable to the inclusion of skaters from foreign ISU Members to compete in Australian Synchronized Teams at an Australian Championship, viz up to 25% (four Skaters on a Team with sixteen Skaters and three Skaters on a Team with twelve Skaters) may be member of an ISU Member different from the one the Team is competing for, provided they have a respective permit from the ISU Member they belong to. Alternates are not included for the calculation of percentage purposes. If the clearance has not been received by the draw, ISA will give permission provided an application for clearance has been received.

3. For Synchronized Teams in Australian competitions only, up to 50% of a team may be from a foreign member provided:
 - a) A maximum of 25% do not have permanent Australian residency,
 - b) Written evidence of Australian residency is provided,
 - c) Permission to vary the team composition from ISU Rule 109.2(d) is given by ISA each season.

4. Australian competitions and championships excluding Australian Figure Skating Championships
 - a) Juvenile (Section K)

By-Law 1012**STARTING ORDER**

See ISU Rule 963

At the discretion of the competition/championship organisers, Junior and Senior Free Skating programs may be skated in the reverse order of the Short Program result.

By-Law 1013**CALL TO START**

See ISU Rule 838

By-Law 1014**BEHAVIOUR OF COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS**

See ISU Rule 839

By-Law 1015**FALLS AND INTERRUPTIONS**

See ISU Rule 953

By-Law 1016**MARKING OF SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SHORT PROGRAM AND FREE PROGRAM**

See ISU Rule 954

By-Law 1017**WARM-UPS**

See ISU Rule 964

By-Law 1018**COMPETITION ORGANISATION**

1. Length and order of events
See ISU Rule 960
2. Ice condition monitoring
See ISU Rule 816.2
3. Judges' seating
See ISU Rule 822.1
4. Gates
Competition organisers must provide separate entry and exit gates to the ice surface.
5. Maps
Competition organisers must provide a rink map showing the entry and exit gates and the location of the judges' seating with the Championship announcement.

Rule 1019**ALTERNATES**

1. Substitutions
See ISU Rule 965.9
2. Numbers
See ISU Rule 800.2
 - a) At registration, teams will be required to confirm the names of the athletes skating the program and the alternates.
 - b) Only skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate.
 - c) The team which skates the program must have the correct team composition by age and citizenship/permanent residency.
 - d) Before an alternate may be substituted into a team, written agreement must be received from the Referee or Chair of the ISA SyS Committee or their delegate.
 - e) Competition Marshalling Officials will verify team composition prior to the team entering the ice for the warm up.
3. Awards
Alternates who have paid an individual entry fee and are confirmed at the draw are entitled to the same privileges and awards as the team members who compete.

By-Law 1020**MINIMUM TEAM SIZE**

1. Definition

Minimum team size must be met at draw of the competition. A team not meeting this requirement will be declared withdrawn.

2. Exhibition

A team declared withdrawn may skate an exhibition with the agreement of the Championship Organising Committee.

3. Changes to Team Composition

Except for withdrawals, team composition may not be changed after close of entries. i.e. Skaters may not be added to the team list without the approval of the Board or their delegate.

By-Law 1021**DETERMINATION AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**

See ISU Rule 843

By-Laws 1022 – 1030 Reserved

By-Law 1031**C. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - SENIOR**

THE SENIOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	Shall be in two parts 1. Short Program 2. Free Skating
DURATION OF SHORT PROGRAM	Maximum 2 minutes and 50 seconds See ISU Rule 952.1
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	4 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds See ISU Rule 952.2(a)
SHORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991.1(a), 991.2, 991.3 and 992.1(a) Senior Short Program elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991.1(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Senior Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF A SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries all team members must: 1. Be current financial members of <u>an ISA Member</u> , 2. Have passed the ISA Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills Test or the ISA <u>Basic Novice Pattern, Competitive or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5).

By-Law 1032**D. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - JUNIOR**

THE JUNIOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	Shall be in two parts 1. Short Program 2. Free Skating
DURATION OF SHORT PROGRAM	Maximum 2 minutes and 50 seconds See ISU Rule 952.1
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes and 30 seconds, plus or minus 10 seconds See ISU Rule 952.2(b)
SHORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991.1(a), 991.2, 991.3 and 992.1(a) Junior Short Program elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991.1(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Junior Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF A JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries all team members must: 1. Be current financial members of an <u>ISA Member</u> , 2. Have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary <u>Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5). In addition: 3. 50% of team members must have passed the ISA Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills Test or <u>Basic Novice Pattern, Competitive or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5), 4. 75% of team members must not have reached the age of nineteen <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition (ISU Rule 108.4(b)).

By-Law 1033**E. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADVANCED NOVICE**

THE ADVANCED NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	A free skating program only
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds <u>See ISU Rule 952.2(c)</u>
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Advanced Novice Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content or in the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least twelve (12) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADVANCED NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries, all team members must: 1. Be current financial members of <u>an ISA Member</u> , 2. Have not attained the age of 17 <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition. In addition: 3. 75% of team members must not have attained the age of 15 years <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition, 4. At least 75% of the team members must have passed the ISA Preliminary Pattern Skills Test or <u>Preliminary Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> its equivalent and 50% must have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary <u>Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5).

By-Law 1034**F. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - BASIC NOVICE**

THE BASIC NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	A free skating program only
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Basic Novice Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content or in the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least nine (9) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF A BASIC NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries, all team members must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be current financial members of an ISA Member, 2. Have not attained the age of 15 <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition. <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Up to 25% of team members may compete in another team in the same Championships, 4. <u>For Australian Competitions</u> - At least 25% of the team members must have passed the ISA Preliminary <u>Pattern Skills Test</u> or <u>Preliminary Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent and no more than 50% of the team members may have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary <u>Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5). 5. <u>For International Competitions</u> - At least 75% of the team members must have passed the ISA Preliminary <u>Pattern Skills Test</u> or <u>Preliminary Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent and no more than 50% of the team members may have passed the ISA Elementary Technical Pattern Skills Test or Elementary <u>Pattern or Solo Dance Test</u> or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5).

By-Law 1035**G. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - MIXED AGE**

THE MIXED AGE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	A free skating program only
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Mixed Age Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least nine (9) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF A MIXED AGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries, all team members must: 1. Be current financial members of <u>an ISA Member</u> . In addition: 2. Up to 25% of team members may compete in another team in the same Championships.

By-Law 1036**H. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADULT**

THE ADULT SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	A free skating program only
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Adult Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication or ISU Adult International Competition Announcement with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least eight (8) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries, all team members must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be current financial members of <u>an ISA Member</u>, 2. Have attained the age of 18 years <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition. <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 75% of team members must have attained the age of 25 years <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition, 4. Up to 25% of team members may compete at a higher level (i.e. Senior or Junior) in the same Championships, 5. The percentage composition as defined in 3 and 4 above, must be maintained in the team that skates the competition program.

By-Law 1037**I. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - ADVANCED ADULT**

THE ADVANCED ADULT SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA	A free skating program only
DURATION OF FREE SKATING	3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds
FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS	See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b). Masters Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication or ISU Adult International Competition Announcement with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.
TEAM COMPOSITION	At least eight (8) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both <u>women</u> and men.
ELIGIBILITY OF AN ADVANCED ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM	At close of entries all team members must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be current financial members of <u>an ISA Member</u>, 2. Have attained the age of 18 years <u>before</u> July 1 preceding the competition. <p>In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Up to 25% of the team members may compete at a higher level (i.e. Senior or Junior) in the same Championships, 4. The percentage composition as defined in 3 above, must be maintained in the team that skates the competition program.

By-Law 1038**J. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – SENIOR ELITE 12**

<u>THE SENIOR ELITE 12 SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</u>	Shall be in two parts 1. <u>Short Program</u> 2. <u>Free Skating</u>
<u>DURATION OF SHORT PROGRAM</u>	<u>Maximum 2 minutes and 50 seconds</u> <u>See ISU Rule 952.1</u>
<u>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</u>	<u>4 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds</u> <u>See ISU Rule 952.2(a)</u>
<u>SHORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>See ISU Rule 991.1(a), 991.2, 991.3 and 992.1(a)</u> <u>Senior Elite 12 Short Program elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.</u>
<u>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>See ISU Rule 991.1(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b).</u> <u>Senior Elite 12 Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content.</u>
<u>TEAM COMPOSITION</u>	<u>Twelve (12) persons and may include both women and men.</u>
<u>ELIGIBILITY OF A SENIOR ELITE 12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM</u>	<u>At close of entries all team members must:</u> 1. <u>Be current financial members of an ISA Member,</u> 2. <u>Have attained the published minimum ISU age before July 1 preceding the competition.</u> 3. <u>Have passed the ISA Basic Novice Technical Pattern Skills Test or the ISA Basic Novice Pattern, Competitive or Solo Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5).</u>

By-Law 1039**K. SYNCHRONIZED SKATING - JUVENILE**

<u>JUVENILE COMPETITION</u>	<u>A free skating program only</u>
<u>DURATION OF FREE SKATING</u>	<u>3 minutes, plus or minus 10 seconds</u>
<u>FREE SKATING REQUIREMENTS</u>	<p><u>See ISU Rule 991(b), 991.2, 991.4 and 992.1(b).</u></p> <p><u>Basic Novice Free Skating elements as per the latest ISU Communication with details of the Well Balanced Synchronized Program Content or in the Synchronized Skating section in the latest ISU Communication on Novice.</u></p>
<u>TEAM COMPOSITION</u>	<u>At least nine (9) but not more than sixteen (16) persons and may include both girls and boys.</u>
<u>ELIGIBILITY OF A JUVENILE TEAM</u>	<p><u>At close of entries, all team members must:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Be current financial members of an ISA Member,</u> 2. <u>Have not attained the age of 13 before July 1 preceding the competition.</u> <p><u>In addition:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>Up to 25% of team members may compete in another team in the same competition,</u> 4. <u>No more than 50% of the team members have passed the ISA Elementary Pattern Skills Test or Elementary Pattern or Solo Dance Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law 607.5).</u>