ISA Communication 195

Section 6 – Championships and Competitions: By-Law Amendments

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1. Purpose of the Communication

This Communication advises ISA Members, Organising Committees and Participants of amendments to Section 6 – Championships and Competitions of the ISA By-Laws.

The amendments clarify competition requirements, eligibility verification responsibilities, seasonal technical requirements, Championship titles and category structures, and provide greater consistency in the administration of ISA Member Competitions and other competitions.

2. Application of the Communication

The amendments apply to Australian Championships, ISA Member Competitions and other competitions conducted in accordance with Section 6 of the ISA By-Laws, as applicable.

The amendments relating to Adult Championship titles and Adult age-class titles apply to the relevant Adult Championship events. The amendments relating to Preliminary, Elementary, Adult Pewter and Adult Copper categories apply to ISA Member Competitions and other competitions.

The seasonal technical requirements provisions apply to all ISA Member Competitions, including competitions conducted by affiliated clubs.

3. Communication Details

The key changes are:

Seasonal Requirements – BY-LAW 600

- ISU and ISA seasonal elements and technical requirements will take effect on the dates determined and published by the ISA Board.
- New seasonal technical requirements and competition rules published by ISU or ISA will be implemented from the date published by ISA.
- The Competition Season is defined as **1 July to 30 June**.

Adult Championship Titles – BY-LAW 604.3 & BY-LAW 617

- Adult Singles Championship titles will identify the applicable **age class**.
- Each Adult Singles age class is recognised as a separate Championship title.

Championship Entries – BY-LAW 610

- The **ISA Member must verify eligibility at the close of entries**, including current financial membership, Proof of Age (POA) number, Date of Birth, prerequisite tests and verified TES/CTES.
- An ISA Member must not submit an entry where the participant does not meet the applicable eligibility requirements.

Competition Entries – BY-LAWS 620.5 & 620.6

- The **Participant is responsible** for meeting all eligibility requirements of the category entered **at the time of entry** and for providing accurate information for verification.
- The participant's ISA Member must verify eligibility of each entry at the close of entries, including and not limited to current financial membership, Proof of Age (POA) number, Date of Birth and the required prerequisite tests.

Preliminary and Elementary – BY-LAW 620.11

- Preliminary and Elementary will normally be conducted separately for Men/Boys and Women/Girls.
- Where fewer than three entries are received in a gender category, the Organising Committee may combine genders where the required elements are identical.
- Organising Committees may divide these categories into:

  11 years and under

  12 years and over
- Age is determined as at **1 July immediately preceding the event**. The Organising Committee may conduct the age classes separately or together.

Adult Pewter and Adult Copper – BY-LAW 620.12

- These categories will not be divided into age classes.
- They will normally be conducted separately for Men and Women.
- Where fewer than three entries are received in a gender category, the Organising Committee may combine genders where the required elements are identical.

Adult and Non-Adult Competition Pathway – BY-LAW 620.14

- A Participant may compete in an Adult Category and a non-Adult category during the same Competition Season. However, once a Participant competes in a **non-Adult category**, they cannot subsequently return to an Adult Category during that Competition Season.
- This restriction does **not** apply to Synchronized Skating or Theatre On Ice (TOI).

ISA Member Representation – BY-LAW 620.15

- A Participant may represent **only one ISA Member in the same Event**, regardless of the number of disciplines entered.

Synchronized Skating Officials – BY-LAW 609.3

- Specific official requirements have been introduced for the Senior9 and Junior9 Synchronized Skating categories, including a minimum of six Judges and no Technical Panel.