

ISU Rule 109

(extracted from International Skating Union Constitution and General Regulations 2010)

1. Participation in Competitions

The International Competitions, listed in Rule 107, paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 organized by Members, may be entered only by competitors who belong to a Member and for whom the entry can be made only through the respective Members. For participation in the Olympic Winter Games, Rule 126 applies.

2. a) In principle, a Skater may compete only as a member of the Member of the country of which he is a citizen;

b) a Skater may compete for the Member of the country of which he is not a citizen if he fulfils the following conditions:

- i) he has resided for at least one year in that country and has been permitted to compete for that Member by the National Association of the country of which he is a citizen, or he has resided for at least one year in that country and he (or his parents if he is not of age) has applied for citizenship in that country;
- ii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first International Competition as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the twelve (12) preceding months;
- iii) before July 1st immediately prior to his first ISU Championship as a member of the Member, he has not competed in any International Competition or ISU Championship for another Member during the twenty-four (24) preceding months;
- iv) Any denial of a request for permit by the Member submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) above may be the subject of a request to the Council by the involved Skater or any involved Member for exceptional permission as provided in paragraph 5 of this Rule;

c) in the case of a pair or an ice dance couple, one partner at least must be a citizen of the country of the Member for which the pair or dance couple competes. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other Member. The residence and permit requirements and the waiting periods stated above in paragraph 2.b, (i), (ii), and (iii) and in paragraph 3 do not apply to such partner. However, if such partner has

already represented another Member, regardless of the discipline, the permit from the Member the Skater represented is required and the waiting period 12 months from the day of the last competition in which the Skater represented another Member applies;

d) in the case of Synchronized Skating Teams, up to 25% of a team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country of which the Skater is a citizen, but such Skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same year (July 1-June 30). Restrictions specified in paragraph 2 b) do not apply.

3. If a Skater, who has already represented one Member in an International Competition or ISU Championship, intends to compete in the future for another Member, regardless of the grounds on which the possibility of such change is based, such Skater shall be subject to the waiting periods set forth in subparagraphs 2 b), (ii) and (iii) above.

4. In the course of the same year (July 1st–June 30th) a Skater may skate in competitions and exhibitions for only one and the same Member or affiliated club.

5. Exceptions to paragraphs 2 & 3 of this Rule may be granted by the Council of the ISU, which may also enter a competitor for an event (see also Rule 115, paragraph 5 and Rules 130 and 131). A competitor nominated by the ISU does not count in the quota of the country of his citizenship or residence. The Council may also reject an application from a Member for a permission that a Skater who has or had foreign citizenship may compete for that Member, although the formalities and requirements stated in this Rule have been met, if in the opinion of the Council granting such application would be contrary to the purpose and spirit of the Rule. (e.g. in case that a Member tries to “import” several athletes with foreign citizenship, in particular when such athletes should form a new national team of such Member or its substantial part);

6. In exceptional cases, the Council of the ISU may permit eligible persons to take part in competitions in countries in which there is no Member.