



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FIGURE SKATING

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD BENCHMARK POLICY For 2018/2019

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Development Squad Benchmark Policy is to establish the minimum standards for athletes used to determine selection to the SISA Development Squad.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to all eligible figure skating athletes, and members of SISA.
- 1.3 This Development Squad Benchmark Policy commences at the beginning of the 2018/2019 Season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Executive Committee.
- 1.4 The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

Eligible	Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2030) to be able to represent Singapore.
2017/2018 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 st July 2017 and concluded on the 30 th June 2018.
2018/2019 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2018 and concludes on the 30 th June 2019.
SISA National Championships	2018 SISA National Championships
TES	Technical Element Score
SISA Nominated Qualifying Event	SISA Nominated Benchmark Event/s (local/regional competitions) as published by SISA. Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members Rule 107.14 (eg. Asian Junior Skating Challenge events) may be included, following an evaluation on the judge and technical panel qualifications by the SISA Selection Panel following the competition.
SISA Minimum Development Technical Element Scores (TES)	The minimum standard for Novice A, Novice B, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior for figure skating athletes to be considered for selection for membership of the Development Squad.
Senior Equalized Score	A Senior Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value for the Choreographic Sequence
Novice A Equalized Score	A Novice B Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value of a base single axel jump.
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.

2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) has overall and final responsibility for all performance criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, a panel of up to five but no less than three National Selectors (SISA Selection Panel) whose task will be to consider athlete/s based on the performance criteria outlined below for the SISA Development Squad.
- 2.3 The SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion take into consideration exceptional circumstances as per SISA Exceptional Circumstances and Medical Notification Policy. The SISA Selection Panel will only consider exceptional circumstances if the athlete/s fulfills Section 3.1 (below) and has entered into the SISA National Championships. Athletes must advise the SISA executive in writing including the reasons of the exceptional circumstance before the end of the SISA National Championships. A decision in each case of exceptional circumstances will be made by the SISA Selection Panel.
- 2.4 The SISA 2018/2019 Development Squad will be published at the end of the 2017/2018 Season and updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark event/s.

3 QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 In order to be included in the SISA Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. be an individual member of SISA. All dues must be paid and forms completed prior to the SISA National Championships.
 - ii. Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108
 - iii. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 – ‘Update to Rule 109 ‘
 - iv. Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103)
- 3.2 Athletes will be included in the SISA Development Squad when they have:
 - i. met Section 3.1 (above) and have competed in the respective division at the 2018 Singapore Figure Skating National Championships:

Division at Nationals	International Squad
Novice A or Novice B	Novice A/B
Advanced Novice	Advanced Novice
Junior	Junior
Senior	Junior and/or Senior

AND

- ii. achieved at least one of the following performance criteria:

- a. Achieved the 2017/2018 SISA Development Squad Minimum Technical Element Scores (short and Free) at an ISU international event in the 2017/2018 Season or nominated Benchmark Event:

		<u>SHORT</u>	<u>FREE</u>
SENIOR DIVISION	Ladies	12.5	21.5
	Men	12.9	22.8
JUNIOR DIVISION OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR DIVISION	Ladies	11.6	16.2
	Men	12.4	17.8
ADVANCED NOVICE DIVISION	Ladies	10.5	13.8
	Men	10.9	14.0
NOVICE B DIVISION	Ladies/Men		10.2
NOVICE A DIVISION	Ladies/Men		9.1

- b. Achieved the 2018/2019 SISA Development Squad Minimum Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) at the 2018 Singapore National Figure Skating Championships or SISA Nominated Qualifying event/s:

		<u>SHORT</u>	<u>FREE</u>
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NOVICE A DIVISION	Ladies/Men		9.1

4 NOVICE A / NOVICE B SELECTION

- 4.1 In circumstances where an athlete has passed the SISA Novice B Test and is therefore competing in Novice B at the Singapore Figure Skating National Championships, but are too young to compete internationally in Novice B, they will be required to obtain the Novice A equalized score in order to be eligible for selection for the Novice A Development Squad.

5 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 5.1 For all appeals regarding an athletes' inclusion in the SISA Development Squad (Figure Skating), an official appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the President, Singapore Ice Skating Association no more than 3 days following the announcement. Failing which no appeal will be entertained.
- 5.2 The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
- i. the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - ii. the decision was affected by actual bias.

REFERENCES

- [Annex 1](#) ISU Rule 102 – 'Eligibility'
ISU Rule 103 – 'Reinstatement as an Eligible person'
- [Annex 2](#) ISU Rule 108 – 'Age Limits'
- [Annex 6](#) ISU Communication 2030 – 'Update to Rule 109 on
Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure'