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ISI Recreational Competitions

All members of SISA, affiliated clubs and coaches are advised that eligible officials and skaters **may not** take part in ISI based or similar recreational skating competitions. If they do participate then they will thereby lose their eligibility (Rule 102, paragraphs 1 b), 2 (ii), (iii) and 7 a)). In particular it is important to note that Rule 103, paragraph 3 states that no reinstatement is allowed for such cases.

The consequences of a skater losing their eligibility is that they will no longer be able to participate in ISU sanctioned skating competitions organised by SISA or any other ISU member federation. As ISU sanctioned competitions are conducted under ISU Regulations and by ISU recognised officials.

An eligible skater may participate in these recreational events as long as they **only** perform an exhibition, without judging or results. If an exhibition is performed then ISU Rules 436, 594 and 794 concerning Exhibitions, in particular paragraphs 5, 6 and 11 of each rule, must be observed.

This ruling in relation to Recreational Competitions was released by the ISU in Circular Letter, no 582 to all member federations in 2002, and is still current.

SISA Executive has recently received a request from a group of members requesting permission to compete in an upcoming ISI competition. After much investigation and communication with top officials within the ISU and USFSA, SISA **cannot** in good conscience grant permission for these skaters to compete in these recreational competitions.

The information received from the USFSA, is that the USFSA do not sanction ISI competitions, that the USFSA has a 'joint statement of cooperation', they recognise the right of individuals to choose to participate (based on certain criteria). However they do not recognise, advertise or endorse the ISI competitions, participants or medallists. USFSA have explicitly stated that they do not sanction ISI events.

All skaters, parents and coaches are reminded that they must seek permission from SISA if they want to compete in competitions that are conducted outside of Singapore. This process is required, as SISA is responsible to ensure its members only compete in sanctioned competitions conducted under the ISU regulations.

SISA cannot stop a skater from participating in these competitions, but if they do so, then the skater, parents and coach must realise the consequences of their actions, as stated in this communication.

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