

## **SECTION 800**

### **SELECTIONS AND REPRESENTATION FOR IRELAND**

#### **801 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION**

- 801.1 The ISAI Board is responsible each year for selecting the athletes to the National Team from the pool of athletes that meet the discipline criteria as stated in 803.
- 801.2 Only National Team Member(s) have the potential to be selected and entered by the ISAI to compete at ISU Championships, ISU Events and International competitions.
- 801.3 The National Team will consist of Junior and Senior standards only in Figure and Speed disciplines.
- 801.4 The selection of an athlete will be made by the ISAI Board of Directors by the 1<sup>st</sup> June each year. The athlete will be notified by email thereafter.
- 801.5 The board may select up to 5 athletes of both genders for each discipline and standard in both Figure and Speed.
- 801.6 The Board reserves the right to screen a skater independently at a competition of the Board's choice in exceptional circumstances where a skater, who meets all other selection criteria except 803.1(2), has had to withdraw from the preceding Irish National Championships. Exceptional circumstances are those circumstances beyond their control i.e. a family bereavement, travel disruptions or medical grounds in the weeks after the entry deadline. The athlete must provide supporting documentation and evidence to the ISAI. All costs associated with the screening will be borne by the skater.

#### **802 CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL TEAM**

- 802.1 The Board, prior to any overseas tours by a National Team Member(s), shall adopt a list of requirements for all Team Member(s). These requirements may be altered from time to time depending on the country to be visited.
- 802.2 All Team Member(s) must complete and sign an Athlete's Agreement prior to entering the first competition of the season.
- 802.3 The Board may at its discretion select a Team Leader, Official, Coach and one or more Judge(s) to travel with the Team Member(s). If such selections are made these officials will be required to monitor and submit a report to the Board on the performance of the Team Member(s).



- 802.4 If an injury occurs after selection for a competition, a medical clearance is required before departure to ensure that the skater complies with ISU Rule 141. The medical clearance is to be sent to the ISAI info email account ([info@isai.ie](mailto:info@isai.ie)). Should you be unfit to compete, a Medical Certificate is required to support your withdrawal from the competition and as proof for the organising committee. This Medical Certificate is to be sent to the ISAI info email account ([info@isai.ie](mailto:info@isai.ie)).
- 802.5 All Team Member(s) representing Ireland at ISU Championship and ISU events must wear the designated Team Ireland uniform. Teamwear must be worn at official practices, draws, on and off the ice as appropriate and in the Kiss and Cry. The ISAI may provide representatives with a suitable Irish uniform or tracksuit.
- 802.6 The ISAI may pay the entry fees for Team Member(s) selected for International competitions. The completion of the official entry has to be made through the ISAI. Team Member(s) may be required to submit certain forms to the ISAI in advance of such entry.
- 802.7 A Team Member competing at an international competition is required to provide their own travel and medical insurance which should provide cover for injuries obtained during competitions or practice. All National Team members accept it is their responsibility to be adequately insured for their sport and will bear all costs associated with cancellation or injury.
- 802.8 Prize monies awarded at ISU events to Team Member(s) will be paid directly to the ISAI by the ISU. These monies will be reimbursed by the ISAI to the Team Member(s) who placed at the event. Up to 10% of these winnings is payable to ISAI as per ISU Rule 102.
- 802.9 If funding is available, the ISAI may consider contributing towards some of the expenses of the selected Team Member(s) and official(s) to ISU Championship and ISU events, and selected International competitions. The ISAI Board's determination of the use of any available funding will be final and binding.
- 802.10 In the case of pair and ice dance teams at least 1 skater must meet ISAI Membership and selection criteria. The other partner must comply with ISU Rule 109. Such a skater who is vital to a pair or dance team will be deemed a member ONLY as long as they are vital to the pair or dance team and will have no voting rights but all other benefits and responsibilities of Membership.

### **803 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FIGURE SKATING**

- 803.1 To be consider in the pool of athletes for selection to the National Team and International representation of IRELAND at all ISU Championship and ISU events and International Competition the skater(s) must meet all of the following criteria:



1. Be an ISAI Member in Good Standing
2. Have placed 1-5 at the preceding Irish National Championships in the relevant competitive category.
3. Demonstrate the Technical Standard as specified by the ISU programme requirements for the relevant competitive category. This will be confirmed from competition protocols from the season or previous season.
4. Meet ISU age criteria for the relevant competitive category
5. Be able to fulfil the requirements as set out within ISU regulations, in particular Rule 109
6. Hold a current Irish Passport (except in the case of 802.8 above)
7. Hold the ISAI Short Programme and Free Skating tests for the relevant competitive category.

**804 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPEED SKATING**

804.1 To be consider in the pool of athletes for selection to the National Team and International representation of IRELAND at all ISU events and International Competition the skater(s) must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be an ISAI Member in Good Standing
2. Hold a current Irish Passport
3. Be able to fulfil the requirements as set out within ISU regulations, in particular Rule 109
4. Must meet ISU age criteria for the relevant competitive category
5. For Long Track have achieved at least 1 of the following race times in the season or previous season by the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Distance Long Track	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m	5000m
Senior Men	41	1.22,00	2.07,00		8.30:00
Junior men	55,00	1.45,00	2.35,00	5.25,00	
Senior Ladies	45	1.30,00	2.20,00	5.00,00	
Junior Ladies	60,00	1.50,00	2.40,00	5.30,00	

6. For Short Track have achieved the following race times in the season or previous season by the 1<sup>st</sup> May.



Distance Short Track	500m
Senior Men	50 sec
Junior men	55 sec
Senior Ladies	53 sec
Junior Ladies	60 sec

## **805 COMPETITION ENTRY**

- 805.1 All National Team Members may self-select entry to International Competitions. These self-selected competitions will be self-funded. Where there is a country quota, entry will be made on a first come basis.
- 805.2 All competition entry to International Competitions must be made through the ISAI. National Team members will have to submit entry forms in good time. No entry will be made after the closing date of the competition.
- 805.3 The ISAI Board will select athletes, from the National Team, to enter into ISU Championships and ISU Events.