

## **ISAI COMMUNICATION 13**

## **Upholding Integrity in ISAI Membership Eligibility**

The Ice Skating Association of Ireland advises that providing false information to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to illegally secure an Irish passport is a criminal offence.

Unfortunately, the ISAI has recently received a number of reports regarding individuals who may be attempting to obtain an Irish Passport illegally.

Therefore, the ISAI now reserves the right to:

- Report any suspicions about eligibility for an Irish passport to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and/or Gardai for further investigation.
- Report any person identified to have provided false information to support an Irish passport application to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade/Gardai.
- The ISAI will also report the matter to any other skating federation for which those participating in or supporting this illegal activity are a member.
- The International Skating Union will also be informed of any investigation that is initiated.
- The ISAI reserves the right to request additional information regarding an individual's eligibility for ISAI membership. .
- The ISAI can take any action deemed necessary and proportionate to validate an individual's entitlement to be an ISAI member.
- Whilst an investigation is ongoing the ISAI have the right to suspend an individual's ISAI membership.

All ISAI members and affiliated clubs have a responsibility if it is disclosed to them or is brought to their attention to dissuade individuals from taking this course of action to secure an Irish passport illegally. They should also pass any relevant information to the ISAI in a prompt manner.

The ISAI asks our current and potential members for their understanding and cooperation with these measures to ensure the ongoing integrity and reputation of ice skating in Ireland.

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