

SECTION 700

COMPETITIONS

701 GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION

- 701.1 All competitions in both Figure and Speed will be conducted under the Rules of Competition as set by ISU.
- 701.2 Local Rules of competition **MUST** be clearly stated in the competition announcement. These must be adhered to.
- 701.3 In the absence of a relevant ISAI rule covering a specific situation, the appropriate ISU Regulation will be adopted.
- 701.4 All national (Irish) competitions must apply and hold a permit /sanction from the ISAI. All international competitions must be sanctioned by the appropriate ISU member.
- 701.5 Competitions are open to skaters who are eligible members. Skaters are responsible for maintaining their eligibility in order to compete.
- 701.6 International skaters (skaters from another ISU Member) may participate in Irish club competitions only if they can furnish written confirmation of good standing from their national federation.
- 701.7 Accreditation will only be given to a competitor's coach who is registered with the ISAI.
- 701.8 Accreditation will be extended as a professional courtesy to any visiting coach with a competitor as long as they are registered with any ISU member federation or ice skating coaching body.

702 INTER CLUB COMPETITION

- 702.1 INTER CLUB competitions are defined as competitions in ISU Rule 107 paragraph 15.
- 702.2 All skaters must comply with all requirements and regulations as set out in the rules of the competition announcement.
- 702.3 Eligible skaters, wishing to participate in INTER CLUB competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members **MUST** have in Figure Competitions passed FREESTYLE Level 3, and in Speed have Emerald Skate Level 6.
- 702.4 Eligible skaters, wishing to participate in INTER CLUB competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members **MUST** enter the

competition representing an Irish Club as per ISU Rule 107 Paragraph 15(b) (iii).

- 702.5 Eligible skaters, wishing to participate in INTER CLUB competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members shall inform their Club and the entry will be done either by the CLUB or the individual depending on the Club's rules. The ISAI does not make any of these CLUB entries.
- 702.6 It is the eligible skater's responsibility to ensure the INTER CLUB competition they enter is sanctioned and held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members. A skater's continued eligibility is the skater's responsibility.

703 ADULT/MASTER COMPETITION

- 703.1 Adult competitions are defined as competitions in ISU Rule 107 paragraph 12.
- 703.2 Participation in Adult skating competitions is open to all skaters provided their ages fall within the limits specified. All skaters must comply with all requirements and regulations as set out in the rules of the competition announcement. Competition entry is done directly by the skater.
- 703.3 Adults wishing to participate in Adult competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members MUST enter the competition representing an Irish Club.
- 703.3 Skaters who participate in Adult category competitions may not compete in any other category in the same season.
- 703.4 Eligible skaters, wishing to participate in INTER CLUB competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members shall inform their Club and the entry will be done either by the CLUB or the individual depending on the Club's rules. The ISAI does not make any of these CLUB entries.
- 703.5 It is the eligible skater's responsibility to ensure the INTER CLUB competition they enter is sanctioned and held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members. A skater's continued eligibility is the skater's responsibility.

704 IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 704.1 Irish Championships include all ISU disciplines. Irish National Figure Skating Championship and Irish National Speed Championships titles are exclusive to the ISAI.
- 704.2 The date and venue for the National Championships shall be set by the Board. Provision shall be made for alternative dates and venues if conditions prove to be unsuitable

- 704.3 The National Championships shall be held at a suitable indoor rink that has a minimum ice surface of 26m by 56m.
- 704.4 The Association shall have the power to enter into agreement with a Club or organisation to organise Nationals on their behalf.
- 704.5 Officials from any ISU member federation are eligible to officiate at the applicable National Championships to supplement officials affiliated with the ISAI.
- 704.6 If necessary and/or deemed appropriate in order to ensure appropriate facilities, sufficient numbers and/or qualifications of officials, adequate numbers of participants, or sufficient quality of competition, the ISAI Board may arrange for one or more National Championship competitions to be held in conjunction with any other ISU member federation's sanctioned event.
- 704.7 All disciplines will be competed for as per ISU categories and regulations in Figure and Speed.

FIGURE	SHORT TRACK	SPEED
Advanced Novice	Junior	Junior
Junior	Senior	Senior
Senior		

- 704.8 National Championships are open to eligible members who hold current Irish Citizenship or have been ordinarily resident in Ireland for 1 year prior to competition.
- 704.9 Multiple National Championships may be combined into a single event at the discretion of the ISAI Board.
- 704.10 All skaters must comply with all requirements and regulations as set out in the rules of the competition announcement.
- 704.11 Trophies will only be awarded to Senior winners only. In the event an athlete wins the title for 7 consecutive years he / she will be awarded the trophy outright.
- 704.12 The overall Champion at all ISAI speed championships will be decided on the basis of points accumulated in the individual events. The points system used shall be defined by the ISAI Board.
- 704.13 The Board reserves the right not to hold the Championships or to introduce the Championships in a staged structure at all standards.

705 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- 705.1 International competitions are defined as competitions in ISU Rule 107 paragraphs 1 to 11 and 13.
- 705.2 Entry into ALL International competitions will be made by the ISAI Board.
- 705.3 ONLY athletes from the season's National Team will form the pool of skaters from which the Board will consider selection for SENIOR and JUNIOR competition.
- 705.4 A skater entered into an International Competition will be representing Ireland as per the ISU Regulation 109.
- 705.5 The Board reserve the right to select competitors from the previous season's National Figure Championships to enter into Advanced Novice Competition.

706 COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- 706.1 Judges, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists and Data and Replay Operators appointed for competitions held under ISAI rules must be on the ISAI approved list of officials or another ISU member federation and or the ISU list.
- 706.2 A Judge, Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Technical Specialist or Data and Replay Operator shall not officiate in an event of a competition, where there is a conflict of interest as defined by the Code of Conduct (Section 200)
- 706.3 The Board will select from the pool of eligible qualified officials to participate at International Competition for Ireland as appropriate. Officials must also comply with all ISU regulations.

707 COMPETITION PROTESTS AND APPEALS

The ISAI adopts the ISU Rules 123 and 124 in their entirety. In said rules the ISU Council will be substituted by the ISAI Board where appropriate.

708 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Competition/Event organiser will be responsible for meeting all requirements set out in the Sanction Agreement and all other services required by the ISAI and typically expected of a competition/event host. Specifically, all organising committees shall ensure:

- that all arrangements for safety and emergency responses are addressed and respected;
- that a sufficient number of qualified officials are available to complete all duties;

- that officials are provided rest breaks and meals/snacks throughout the competition/event.

709 IRISH NATIONAL RECORDS

An Irish National Record in any discipline at Junior or Senior level can only be achieved at any one of the following competitions

- An Irish Championship
- An International Competition
- An ISU Event
- An ISU Championship
- An Olympic Winter Games

710 PARTICIPATION IN SKATING EVENTS NOT ORGANISED BY AN AFFILIATED ORGANISATION

710.1 A member may only compete or participate in events sanctioned by the ISAI, or any other ISU member federation or the ISU.

710.2 Please refer to ISU Rule 107 paragraph 18

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