



## **SECTION 100 GENERAL**

### **101 DEFINITIONS**

- 101.1** ISAI means the Ice Skating Association of Ireland.
- 101.2** Association means the Ice Skating Association of Ireland.
- 101.3** (Local) Club means any group formed to organise and/or run regional affairs and competitions within Ireland.
- 101.4** Affiliated club means a member club of the ISAI.
- 101.5** The Board means the current Directors of the ISAI.
- 101.6** Constitution shall mean the Constitution of the ISAI.
- 101.7** ISU means the International Skating Union.
- 101.8** OFI means the Olympic Federation of Ireland.
- 101.9** IOC means the International Olympic Committee.
- 101.10** WADA means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

### **102 GENERAL**

#### **102.1**

The Board may, at its discretion, waive or modify certain parts of these regulations as individual needs dictate. All changes will be communicated as and when they take effect.

#### **102.2**

The ISAI holds all rights to its activities and is entitled to organise ISAI events directly, with the full cooperation of the ISAI member concerned or other appointed bodies.

#### **102.3**

In any matter not provided for in these regulations, the Association shall decide the matter having regard to the Regulations of the ISU.



#### **102.4**

These Regulations govern the Figure Skating and Speed Skating branches of the ISU and are binding to all ISAI members.

#### **102.5**

Participation in any ISAI event/activity requires membership.

#### **102.6**

All changes made by the ISU that affect these ISAI rules and regulations shall be incorporated into these rules and regulations, effective on the same date the ISU changes take effect.

### **103 MEMBERSHIP**

#### **103.1**

The membership criteria of the ISAI Association are set out in the ISAI Constitution.

#### **103.2**

Membership criteria for ALL Voting Members are as per Section 2, Article 3 of the ISAI Constitution.

#### **103.3**

As per Section 2, Article 3.10 of the ISAI Constitution, the additional Non-Voting membership categories are set out in the Rules and Regulations as follows:

- Emerald Membership
- Seasonal Membership
- Youth Membership
- Competitive Partner Membership

##### **103.3.1 Emerald Membership**

This category of membership is for any individual participating in skating activities on the island of Ireland. An Emerald Member is entitled only to enter competitions or club competitions in Ireland. The Emerald Member is entitled to receive notice of Association general meetings in accordance with the Constitution, but is not permitted to speak or vote at such meetings. The criteria for an individual to join as an Emerald Member:

- Must be ordinarily resident in Ireland
- Must not have tested out of the ISAI Emerald Skate Programme in Figure or Speed.

##### **103.3.2 Seasonal Membership**

This membership category is based on the skating season in Ireland, from October to February. It is solely for any individual participating in ISAI skating programs, competitions, and events in Ireland. The criteria for an individual to join as a Seasonal



Member:

- Be ordinarily resident in Ireland
- Must be participating in any of the ISAI Emerald Skate Programs in Ireland

### **103.3.3 Youth Membership**

This membership category is for any individual participating in ISAI and other ISU member federation skating programs, competitions, and events. A Youth Member is entitled to enter club competitions or higher competitions as per the ISAI Rules and Regulations. It entitles the member to receive notification of the Association's general meetings in accordance with the Constitution, but does not permit the member to speak or vote at such meetings. A Youth Member is entitled to be accompanied by a guardian at any such meeting. The criteria for an individual to qualify as a Youth Member are:

- Be an Irish citizen **OR** Be Ordinarily resident in Ireland for a minimum of 1 year
- Be under the age of 18 on the date of joining.

### **103.3.4 Competitive Partner Membership**

This category of membership is for any individual who has a critical partnership with an ISAI member in Ice Dance or Pairs participating in skating programs, competitions, and events of the ISAI and other ISU member federations. A Competitive Partner Member is entitled to enter club competitions or higher, as per the ISAI Rules and Regulations. It entitles the member to receive notification of Association's general meetings, as per the Constitution, but does not allow the member to speak or vote at such meetings. Such a skater, who is vital to a competitive pair and/or dance team, will be deemed a member **ONLY** as long as they remain vital to the competitive pair or dance team. The criteria to join as a Competitive Partner are that the individual **MUST**:

- Be part of a competitive Pair or Ice Dance team, where the other skater **is** either a Full or Youth member.
- The partner must comply with ISU Rule 109.
- Be released from their national federation at no cost to the ISAI.

### **103.4**

Membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors for each class of membership. Fees may be periodically reviewed and changed to reflect current costs.

## **104 GOOD STANDING**

### **104.1**

Member in good standing means that:

- All membership fees and other financial debts and/or obligations owed to the ISAI have been paid in full,
- The member is not subject to an ISAI disciplinary process,
- The member remains compliant with ISAI, ISU, OFI, and IOC Rules and Regulations,
- The member remains compliant with WADA anti-doping rules.

### **104.2**

A member "Not in Good Standing" will be:

- Ineligible to participate in ISAI activities,
- Ineligible to utilise any membership privileges, such as voting at annual or special meetings, holding office,
- Ineligible to compete in ISAI or ISU member federation competitions, including Irish National Championships,
- Ineligible to participate in any testing sessions or exhibitions.

### **104.3**

'Good Standing' shall be reinstated once:

- All outstanding financial obligations of the member to the ISAI have been met,
- Satisfactory completion of the disciplinary process,
- Member is compliant with ISAI, ISU, OFI and IOC Rules and Regulations,
- Member is compliant with WADA anti-doping rules.

## **105 ELIGIBILITY**

### **105.1**

The ISAI adopts ISU Rule 102 and 103 in its entirety. It is the members' responsibility to familiarise themselves with these important rules.

An eligible person is one who elects to take part only in competitions which are:

- i. Sanctioned by the ISAI, any ISU Member and/or the ISU,
- ii. Conducted by ISAI, any ISU Member and/or ISU recognised and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors, Stewards and others; and
- iii. Conducted under ISAI, any ISU Member and/or the ISU Regulations.

### **105.2**

A person becomes ineligible to participate in ISAI, any ISU Member and/or ISU activities and competitions by:

- i. Failing to adhere to the Competition Rules and Regulations of the ISAI, and or an ISU Member Federation, in particular as laid out in Section 700, in any capacity in a skating competition, exhibition or tour in any of the sport disciplines of the ISU,
- ii. Skating or officiating in a competition conducted by Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards, etc.) not on the approved list of the ISAI, ISU Member Federation or on the ISU approved list,
- iii. Skating or officiating in an event not sanctioned by the ISAI, ISU Member and/or the ISU
- iv. Otherwise violating ISU Rule 102.

### **105.3 Retained Eligibility**

A skater may receive payments for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances and still remain eligible, provided:

- i. Such a skater complies with all conditions established by the ISAI.
- ii. Payments or other benefits to be received by such skater for any skating appearance are made through the ISAI or at least with full information on such payments or benefits given by such skater to the ISAI.
- iii. Such a skater complies with all other provisions of ISU Rule 102;
- iv. Eligible persons who receive payment or benefits in kind for activities involving skating should apply for Retained Eligibility and authorisation prior to receipt of such payments
- v. Retained Eligible persons who receive payment or benefits in kind for activities involving skating activity must submit an annual income report.
- vi. Retained Eligible persons who receive payment from coaching activities must submit an annual income report.

The ISAI shall monitor its skaters to ensure they remain eligible. It is the skater's responsibility to ensure that they do not participate in competitions or events that would render them ineligible. The ISAI will not intervene in the activities of an individual skater, but should their actions contravene these regulations, the ISAI will remove their eligibility status.

## **106 TRADEMARKS**

All ISAI eligible members must comply with all ISU regulations on Trademarks and conditions laid out in an Athlete Agreement.



# ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

## CHANGE LOG

Version	Date	Changes	Author or Editor	Approved by Board
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