



SECTION 600 COMPETITIONS

601 CLASSES OF COMPETITION

Competitions of the Association are classed as:

601.1

Irish National Championships.

601.2

Leinster, Munster, Connaght and Ulster Challenge Shield

601.3

Competitions in Figure Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating.

601.4

Emerald Skate Competition

601.5

National Competition

601.6

Inter Club and International Club Competitions

601.7

All competitions must apply and hold a permit /sanction from the ISAI

602 PARTICIPATION IN SKATING EVENTS NOT ORGANISED BY AN AFFILIATED ORGANISATION

602.1

Competitions and other events involving judging, organised by a non-affiliated organisation, permission must be sought from the ISAI. The ISAI may, at its discretion, sanction the event and permit participation but only where all participants, officials and judges are from Ireland.

602.2

In the case of an event organised by a non-affiliated organisation involving competition and participants from outside Ireland, the event must be sanctioned by the ISU prior to permission being granted by the ISAI for skaters and officials to participate.

602.3

Failure to comply with any part of this rule may result in the participant becoming ineligible.



603 PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS IN IRELAND

603.1

Competitions as set out in Rule 601 are open only to skaters who are eligible members of the ISAI.

603.2

All skaters must comply with all requirements and regulations as set out in the rules of the competition announcement.

603.3

A competitor's coach will only be given accreditation to the events at the appropriate level of their coaching licences.

603.4

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.

603.5

Visiting skaters to Ireland may participate in competitions as set out in 601.3, 601.5 and 601.6 only if they can furnish written permission from their own National Association.

603.6

Visiting skaters to Ireland must abide by all competitions rules, however do not need to hold the required ISAI Test standards should they be part of the event requirement but should have similar from their own federation.

604 PARTICIPATION IN IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

604.1

Irish Championships as set out in Rule 601.1 are open only to skaters who are eligible members of the ISAI.

604.2

Irish Championships as set out in Rule 601.1 are open only to skaters who hold current Irish Citizenship or have been an ordinarily resident in Ireland for 3 years prior to competition.

604.3

All skaters must comply with all requirements and regulations as set out in the rules of the competition announcement.



604 PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Any skater or team selected for, or wishing to compete in any overseas competition shall be governed by the following:

- a) Entry into ALL ISU International Competitions and ISU Championships will be made by the ISAI as per Section 700
- b) Eligible skaters wishing to participate in Inter-Club International competitions held under ISU rules by clubs affiliated to ISU Members need permission from the ISAI to participate. Permission will not be given retrospectively.
- c) Skaters wishing to enter other overseas competitions must first receive written permission from the ISAI before submitting any entry. Full details of the competition and grade to which the entry is being made must be given. The ISAI shall not give permission where the event is not sanctioned by an ISU Member. Permission will not be given retrospectively.
- d) Failure to comply with any part of this rule may result in the skater becoming ineligible.

605 ENTRIES, FEES AND CLOSING DATES FOR COMPETITIONS

605.1

The Board shall set the entry fees for all ISAI competitions.

605.2

The entry form must state:

- a) The event the competitor wishes to enter.
- b) Name, address, membership number and standard.

605.3

All skaters must hold the required tests for the standard entered at the closing date of the entry.

606 WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal of an entry is permitted before the closing of entries. After the closing of entries any skater withdrawing will not be entitled to a reimbursement of entry fees.

607 POSTPONEMENT OF DATE OF COMPETITION

607.1

Postponement of the date of a championship necessitates an extension of the date for the closing of entries for a corresponding period.



607.2

Notification of postponement and extension of the date for the closing of entries must be made public once the decisions have been reached.

607.3

Where possible clubs entering competitors must be notified at once of the postponement so as to permit the withdrawal of entries before the new date for the closing of entries.

607.4

If a competition is cancelled the entry fees shall be returned to the competitors. The skater is responsible for all other expenses. The ISAI accepts no responsibility for financial arrangements made or taken by the skater.

608 NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURIES

The organisers do not accept any liability for damages or injuries sustained by skaters or officials.

609 PRIZES

Cash prizes may be awarded as per ISU Rule 160.

610 COMPETITION OFFICIALS

610.1

Judges, Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists or Computer Operators appointed for competitions held under ISAI rules must be on the ISAI approved list of officials.

610.2

Officials must be appointed by the Board or the National Technical Committee.

610.3

A Judge, Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Technical Specialist or Computer Operator shall not officiate in an event of a competition, nor shall a Judge or Referee officiate where any of the following circumstances exist:

- a) When they are closely related (defined as husband, wife, partner, mother, father, guardian, son, daughter, sister or brother) to the competitor.
- b) When they have been a skating partner of the candidate in the past 12 months in a competition or test.
- c) When they are closely related to either:
 - i) A coach of the candidate or
 - ii) Any person who has been a coach of the candidate in the preceding twelve months.



- d) Except in extenuating circumstances, members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as Referees or Judges in the same panel of any event at any championship, competition even if they represent different clubs.

610.4

When due to extenuating circumstances, an Official is required to officiate contrary to Rule 610.3, the National Technical Committee members present must assume the responsibility to verify the procedures employed and/or the calculated results for the event where conflict exists.

610.5

The Board or Technical Committee shall appoint the following officials for the all competitions:

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- a) Referees and Assistant Referees
 - b) Judges (an odd number) and Substitute Judge
 - c) Secretaries for recording marks
 - d) Timekeepers for the programmes
 - e) Tabulators/data entry operators
 - f) If necessary, supplementary officials to guarantee the orderly conduct of the competition in other respects.
- NB. a) and b) must be eligible persons

611 IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

611.1

The date and venue for the Irish Championships shall be set by the Board. Provision shall be made for alternative dates and venues if conditions prove to be unsuitable.

611.2

The date and venue for the Adult Skating Irish Championships shall be set by Board and will be held annually in conjunction with the Irish Championships.

611.3

The Association shall have the power to enter into agreement with the Club or organisation at the rink the championships are to be held; the agreement to include finance, officials (other than skating officials), competitors' changing rooms and a Secretary's room.

611.4

Irish Championships must be conducted under the Rules and Regulations as defined in the M&A. The Board may empower a Club or Competitions and Events committee to conduct the Irish Championships in association with the Board.



611.5

The Board shall hand to the Secretary of the Association the Announcement and schedules of the events to be skated at the Irish Championships. These schedules will set out in detail the full requirements and regulations for all championship titles.

611.6

The announcement of the Championship are to be posted promptly to member Clubs of the ISAI and will also include any other relevant information.

611.7

The National Championships shall be held at a suitable indoor rink that has a minimum ice surface of 26m by 56m.

611.8

The board reserves the right not to hold the Championships or to introduce the Championship in a staged structured at all standards.

612 CHAMPIONSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

After the closing of entries the organising committee shall publish the names of competitors, starting times and programme of events prior to the start of the event. This information is subject to change if necessary after publication.

613 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

613.1

Irish titles and Irish Adult Skating titles can only be held by Irish citizens and Irish residents.

613.2

For all Singles grades, separate titles for Men and Ladies will be competed for.

613.3

The following titles shall be competed for:

Discipline: Singles, Pair, Ice Dancing and Synchronized

Senior

Junior

Novice

Adult Pre Bronze

Adult Bronze

Adult Silver

Adult Gold



614 CHALLENGE TROPHIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

614.1

The winner or winners of any competition to which a Challenge Trophy is attached shall be entitled to hold possession of the trophy until one month prior to the next competition when it shall be returned to the Secretary of the Association in good order and condition.

614.2

The cost of repairing trophies damaged while in the care of the titleholder will be a charge against the titleholder, unless covered by insurance.

614.3

The engraving of trophies will be the responsibility of the Association.

614.4

No Challenge Trophies may be won outright or taken from Ireland.

618 MARKING

618.1

The 6.0 system may be used for all competitions. The use of the ISU Judging System is strongly encouraged for championship events and should be implemented as soon as financial and practically possible.

618.2

Closed marking maybe used for competition.

618.3

Under the IJS, results are determined by segment scores for Short Program and Free Skate and overall by total points.

618.4

Recording of marks and determination of results shall be as per ISU Rules 352, 353 and 358.

619 ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULT

619.1

The results shall be displayed as soon as possible after the completion of each event.

619.2

Results of Irish Championships shall be published for all concerned as soon as possible following the competition. The ISAI website will display the final results not later than one month following the competition.



620 SCRUTINY OF PROTOCOLS AND PENALTIES

On the recommendation of the Referee the Board may suspend, for such a period as it decides, any Judge who has shown bias or prejudice in marking or who has otherwise proved to be incompetent or unsatisfactory.

621 COMPLAINTS

621.1

Complaints must be lodged verbally with the Referee and confirmed in writing no later than midnight of the day the event was skated. Each protest must be accompanied by the equivalent of an ordinary entrance fee for the event in question.

621.2

Complaints can be lodged only:

- a) By a skater or skaters entered for the competition concerned; or
- b) With the approval of such skater or skaters, by members of the committee organising the competition, or by representatives of skater which have entered competitors.

621.3

Complaints to the participation of a competitor must be lodged verbally a minimum of one hour before the competition's scheduled start.

621.4

If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the competitor is permitted to start, but the displaying of the result and the distribution of the prizes shall be deferred until a decision has been reached.

621.5

Any other complaints must be made verbally no more than thirty minutes after the results have been displayed.

621.6

Any later complaints cannot be considered.

621.7

The Referee decides upon all Complaints.

621.8

If a mistaken result is announced for any competition event the true result shall be publicly communicated as soon as possible and records amended accordingly.

621.9

Complaints concerning the composition of the Judges and Officials for the Irish Championships must be lodged with the association's Secretary within one hour of its announcement.



622 CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS AND COACHES TOWARDS OFFICIALS

622.1

Competitors and coaches must obey implicitly the instructions of the officials in charge of the competition.

622.2

A competitor or coach who, either directly or through a third party, openly expresses themselves in an improper manner regarding the officials or their decisions, or regarding the markings of the Judges may be excluded by the Board of the Association for a definite period from Association competitions and International Competitions.

622.3

Any official or Judge of a competition who learns of improper or irregular conduct or proposals concerning Judges or judging of an event must immediately report the details to the Referee of that event and to the Chairperson of the Association.

622.4

The Board may exclude from participation in NTS tests, Irish Championships, International Competitions and exhibitions for a definite period or forever, any person (whether skater, official or other member of the association) who can be proved to have acted against the Regulations, or otherwise improperly. Before exclusion the person concerned must be informed about the nature of the alleged offence, all facts related to the case, and all evidence available, in order to enable them to defend themselves. If the person concerned does not avail themselves of this opportunity within two months, their right to do so is lost.

623 CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS

623.1

Officials acting on behalf of the Association at championships and NTS tests shall conduct themselves in a dignified manner at all times.

623.2

Officials shall not criticise the result of a competition whilst in the hearing of the general public or the competitors.

623.3

No official of a championship shall disclose any decision or marks before they are made public.

624 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO SKATERS

624.1

All expenses will be the responsibility of the skater.



624.2

The Association has no obligation to reimburse any competitor competing International as an Irish representative.

624.3

At the discretion of the Board, expenses maybe offered not exceeding the amount recommended by the ISU.

625 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO OFFICIALS

625.1

Board and lodging may be supplied for the days of the whole event and for one day before and one day after it by the Association or Club at hotels appointed by them. Any official wishing to stay at another hotel shall receive only the allowance decided by the organising Association or Club. Such officials are responsible for notifying their local addresses to the organising body.

625.2

The Association or Club holding an International Event is permitted to pay the board and lodging expenses for as many officials of each Member Association competing as it desires to invite.

626 MULTIPLE ENTRIES/STANDARDS

626.1

A skater may compete at only one standard in any discipline, Singles, Pairs or Ice Dance per competition.

626.2

In any one discipline a skater may compete in either a regular competition or an Adult Skating competition, but not both, in any one calendar year.

627 DRAWS

627.1

The draws for the starting order of Irish Championships are to be made publicly by the Referee. The Referee should ask the Organiser to check the correct spelling of the names of the competitors and officials.

For Club and other events, a referee, senior judge or member of the organizing committee may conduct the draw for the starting order of the event.

627.2

Starting numbers shall be drawn by each competitor, if present, or by members of the organizing committee.



627.3

The official announcement of the entries and of the panels of officials is made by the referee of each event at the time of the first starting order draw of that event. Preliminary unofficial announcements of entries and officials may be made by the organizers at any time after the close of entries.

627.4

Once a competitor's official practices begin, they may only skate on official practice sessions.

628 WARM UP GROUPS

628.1

For standards Novice to Senior, a maximum of 6 Singles skaters or 4 Pair couples per warm up group will be allowed as per ISU Rule 549 and a maximum of 5 Dance couples as per ISU Rule 636.

628.2

For standards up to and including Gold, a maximum of 8 Singles skaters, 5 Pair couples or 6 Dance couples per warm up group will be allowed.

629 ADOPTION OF ISU COMPETITION REGULATIONS

629.1

In the absence of a relevant ISAI rule covering an specific situation, the appropriate ISU Competition Regulation will be adopted.