



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FIGURE SKATING

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION POLICY For 2018/2019

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) International Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection for international events.
- 1.3 This International Selection Policy is for the current international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Executive Committee.
- 1.4 The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

Eligible	Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2030) to be able to represent Singapore.
Current International Skating Season	Commences 1 st July 2018 and concludes 30 th June 2019
Previous International Skating Season	The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 st July 2018 and concluded on the 30 th June 2019.
ISU Minimum Technical Score	The ISU Minimum Technical Scores for Short Program and Free Skating as determined and published by ISU for each international skating season.
SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores	The SISA Minimum Technical Scores for Short Program and Free Skating as published by SISA in the SISA International Squad Benchmark Policy.
Senior Equalized Score	A Senior Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value for the Choreographic Sequence
TES	Technical Element Score
JGP	ISU Junior Grand Prix Event. Athletes may enter up to a maximum of 2 JGP's per season.
Exceptional circumstances	Means an inability to compete at the SISA National Championships due to injury or illness.
International Squad	Figure Skating athletes within the respected division (Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior) who have achieved the minimum standard (SISA Minimum Technical Scores) to be considered for selection for ISU international events
Development Squad	Figure Skating athletes within the respected division (Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior) who have achieved the minimum standard (SISA Minimum Development Technical Scores)

	to be considered for selection to selected ISU international events by the SISA Selection Panel
SISA Nominated Qualifying Event	<p>SISA Nominated Qualifying Event/s (local/regional competitions) as published by SISA.</p> <p>Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members Rule 107.14 (eg. Asian Junior Skating Challenge events) may be included, following an evaluation on the judge and technical panel qualifications by the SISA Selection Panel following the competition.</p>
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
ISU International Event	An event listed on the ISU Figure Skating Event Calendar and as defined in ISU Rule 107.4

2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) has overall and final responsibility for all selection criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, a panel of up to five but no less than three National Selectors (SISA Selection Panel) whose task will be to select the best possible teams to represent Singapore.
- 2.3 The SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion take into consideration exceptional circumstances when selecting athletes for ISU International Events. Athletes must advise the SISA Executive in writing of this fact and the reasons. A decision in each case of exceptional circumstances will be made by the SISA Selection Panel.
- 2.4 The SISA Selection Panel will not determine participation in other International Competitions and/or events not listed on the ISU Calendar. Skaters may enter these events through personal application on the condition that the competition is registered and sanctioned by SISA in order to retain their Eligibility status.

3 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to any ISU International event in the current international Skating Season must submit their interest to SISA by the notified due date.
 - i. signed and complied with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - ii. abided by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - iii. completed the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
 - iv. maintained a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete. If an athlete has a loss of fitness, form or suffers an injury or illness that prevents

the athlete from competing or training for extended periods of time, he/she must notify the SISA Selection Panel. The SISA Selection Panel has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.

- v. If an athlete is unable to attend an international event that they have been selected for, they must provide documentary evidence to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for further ISU International Events.
- vi. Athletes must confirm to SISA acceptance of their nomination to an international competition, within 7 days of being forwarded, via email, the competition announcement.

4 SELECTION TO ISU INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

4.1 In order to be selected by SISA to ISU International Events, each athlete must:

- a) be included in the relevant division of the SISA International Squad according to the SISA International Squad Benchmark Policy; and
- b) have competed in the 2018 Singapore National Championships or have been granted an Exceptional Circumstance according to the SISA International Squad Benchmark Policy; and
- c) have signed the SISA Athlete Agreement; and
- d) be ISU eligible (ISU Rule 108)

4.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if:

- a) an athlete has met the above requirements 4.1(a)-(d) for selection; and
- b) the maximum number of Athletes permitted by Entry Quotas or Qualification System should be selected.

4.3 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EVENTS

Athletes must satisfy additional citizenship requirements and qualification systems as specified by IOC and SNOC for participation in the Winter Youth Olympic Games, Asian Winter Games, South East Asian Games and the Olympic Winter Games. Separate selection policies for these events will be published by SISA as required.

4.4 ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.4.1 World Figure Skating Championships and Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

Entries to Senior ISU Championship Events (World Figure Skating Championships, Four Continents Figure Skating Championships), are subject to entry quotas and ISU minimum Technical Scores as published by the ISU.

- a) Senior ISU Championships will be allocated to senior age eligible athletes from the SISA Senior International Squad who have:
 - i. met Section 4.1 above; and

- ii. achieved the ISU minimum Technical Scores for the relevant ISU Championship as set out by ISU.
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota in each discipline has met the above requirements (4.1), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on:
 - i) The highest mean for each of their two highest Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) achieved at any two of the following events:
 - i. 2018 World Figure Skating Championships;
 - ii. 2018 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships;
 - iii. 2019 Singapore National Figure Skating Championships in the Senior Division;
 - iv. 2018/2019 ISU International Events in the Senior Division as published on the official ISU Event Calendar
 - ii) In the event of a tie in mean scores, then the Athlete with the highest Total Score in any of the events listed in 4.4.1 (b)(i) will be nominated to the event.

4.4.2 Junior World Championships

Entries to the ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championship are subject to entry quotas and ISU minimum Technical Scores as published by the ISU.

- a) ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championship will be allocated to junior age eligible athletes from the SISA Senior or Junior International Squad who have:
 - i. met Section 4.1 above; and
 - ii. achieved the ISU minimum Technical Scores for relevant ISU Championship as set out by ISU
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota in each discipline has met the above requirements (4.1), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on:
 - i) The highest mean for each of their two highest Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) achieved at any two of the following events:
 - i. 2018 World Figure Skating Championships (Senior Equalised Score);
 - ii. 2018 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (Senior Equalised Score);
 - iii. 2018 World Junior Figure Skating Championships;
 - iv. 2019 Singapore National Figure Skating Championships in the Junior Division / Senior Division (Senior Equalized Score); or
 - v. 2018/2019 ISU International Events in the Junior Division / Senior Division (Senior Equalized Score) as published on the official ISU Event Calendar
 - ii) In the event of a tie in mean scores, then the Athlete with the highest Total Score or Senior Equalised Score in any of the events listed in 4.4.2 (b)(i) will be nominated to the event.

4.5 ISU SENIOR GRAND PRIX

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating is by invitation only. Athletes shall be assigned as per ISU Rules and Regulations.

4.6 ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

The ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) events and ISU entry quotas for the current international season are published by ISU prior to the start of each season.

- a) JGP's will be allocated to junior age eligible athletes from the SISA Senior or Junior International Squad who have met Section 4.1 above.
- b) The SISA Selection Panel will make selection to JGP's based on the following:
 - i. ISU World Standings
 - ii. Technical Element Scores or Senior Equalized Technical Element Scores
 - iii. Development needs (e.g. ISU TES Scores required or to increase World Rankings)
 - iv. Operational and National Sporting Organisation requirements
 - v. Athlete adherence to code of conduct and athlete agreement
- c) According to ISU rules, athletes may enter a maximum of 2 JGP's.
- d) The number of athletes selected shall be as determined by the SISA Selection Panel based upon the ISU entry quota. Subsequently ranked athletes shall be nominated as substitutes.

4.7 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Refer to the ISU website (www.isu.org) for the latest information regarding ISU International Events (Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior).

ISU International Events will be allocated to age eligible athletes from the respective SISA International Squad division who have met Section 4.1 above.

- a) The SISA Selection Panel will make selection to ISU International Events based on the following:
 - i. ISU World Standings
 - ii. Technical Element Scores or Senior Equalized Technical Element Scores
 - iii. Development needs (e.g. ISU TES Scores required or to increase World Rankings)
 - iv. Operational and National Sporting Organisation requirements
 - v. Athlete adherence to code of conduct and athlete agreement

- b) The number of athletes selected shall be as determined by the relevant Organising Committee. Subsequently ranked athletes shall be nominated as substitutes.

4.8 REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion take into consideration selection to the following Regional ISU International Competitions, on a case by case basis for athletes who have met 4.1 (b)(c)(d), and who are included in the SISA Development Squad and where places are within the quota available for the competition. The list may be updated as further competitions become available.

- i. 2018 Asian Open Trophy
- ii. 2019 Ice Mall Cup
- iii. 2019 Oceania International Novice Competition

The selected ISU International Event must be deemed by the SISA Selection Panel to provide an additional development opportunity and benefit for the athlete (e.g. assist athlete to obtain a higher TES Score).

5 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 5.1 For all appeals regarding international selection, an official appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the President, Singapore Ice Skating Association no more than 3 days following the announcement. Failing which no appeal will be entertained.
- 5.2 The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
- a) the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - b) the decision was affected by actual bias.

REFERENCES

ISU Rule 102 – ‘Eligibility’
 ISU Rule 103 – ‘Reinstatement as an Eligible person’
 ISU Rule 108 – ‘Age Limits’
 ISU Communication 2030 – Rule 109 on Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure
 ISU Rule 131 - Declaration