

# Singapore Ice Skating Association

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### Update to Members

#### Low Level Competition Sections – Update

At the recent ISU Global Seminar, at which Lisa Jelinek, Director Technical and Officials was a participant, the ISU made the following recommendations for when using IJS for result calculation for low level competitions.

It has been recommended that for these low levels that the assignment of levels of difficulty not be assigned for the spins, spirals and steps and that all elements will be assigned a level 1, **regardless of content** or in those cases where the element does not meet the requirements a level 0.

This is to encourage the low-level skaters to perform well executed, good quality basic elements within the range of the abilities of the skater. Rather than, in the majority of cases, poorly executed and failed attempts at difficult features to which the skaters do not have the necessary skill level or ability to undertake in a safe manner.

If a skater attempts a feature or difficult variation for any spins, spirals or steps in these levels it will be ignored for an increase of level and will only be evaluated by the judges in terms of the GOE of the element.

This move is seen as a positive step, as it will encourage our developing skaters to master the basics of the various skating elements first, which will assist them in forming a solid foundation and skill base for the learning of the more difficult aspects of the elements.

In another move to assist the development of our future skaters, it as been recommended that the weighting for the program components factors be modified to reflect the importance of the Skating Skills and Performance/Execution areas of the Program Components for the low-level skaters.

The updated Program Components weighting factors are:

- Skating Skills – 1.00
- Transitions – 0.75
- Performance / Execution – 1.00
- Choreography – 0.75
- Interpretation – 0.75

**SISA will be adopting these recommendations, effective immediately, for all competition levels from Pre-Primary and below.**

#### Nominations to International Competitions

SISA are pleased to announce the following nominations to ISU International Competitions, and wish these skaters well in their preparations and upcoming competition:

- ISU Junior Grand Prix, Hungary – Anja Chong
- ISU Junior Grand Prix, USA – Brittany Lau, who has also joined the National Team
- ISU Junior Grand Prix, Germany – Sarah Paw

**Lisa Jelinek**

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