Singapore Ice Skating Association

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NOTICE TO ALL NON-SINGAPORE CITIZENS WHO INTEND TO PARTICIPATE AT THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

IF YOU INTEND TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION INTO THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL OR DEVELOPMENT TEAMS TO REPRESENT SINGAPORE IN REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ISU EVENTS -

PLEASE FAMILIARISE YOURSELVES WITH **ISU COMMUNICATION 1420 AND ISU RULE 109** WHICH ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. ADDITIONALLY, SISA ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY APPLIES (This policy is available from www.sisa.org.sg)

Please note that ISU Communication no. 1420 specifically states:

- That the skater needs to have "a minimum residence of one year in the country of the Member that the skater seeks to represent."
- It also states that "residence is a question of fact, and, to establish residence a person must be physically present in a place for a period of time with an intention to remain. In order for a person to be residing somewhere there must be a notion of permanence or an intention to stay for an indefinite period of time."
- It further states that the purpose of ISU Rule 109 "is to make it possible for skaters, who have decided to permanently change the country in which they are living, to continue their competitive skating, and <u>not</u> to make it possible for skaters to lightly jump from one Member to another."
- Communication 1420 states that "in exceptional cases, when changes meeting the requirements of Rule 109 occur after July 1, (e.g. granting of a new citizenship or completing the one year residence period), the Members' application may be submitted to the ISU Secretariat after July 1, but not later than thirty days before the first day of the event in which the Member desires to enter the skater.

Note that since ISU Communication 1649 covering all Novices is now widely adopted by ISU member countries hosting competitions, SISA will now also apply this clearance requirements to skaters in all Novices categories(in addition to Junior and Senior skaters) as these skaters may become eligible for selection under the SISA Athletes Selection Policy.

SISA will assist in processing the clearance applications to ISU so that these skaters may participate at the Singapore National Figure Skating Championships. However, SISA holds no promise that ISU will accede to our request to expedite the processing of the applications.

Therefore, foreign skaters who meet all the conditions specified by ISU Rule 109 and ISU Communication 1420 and wish to seek clearance need to submit the following documents to reach SISA latest by **5pm of 16th February 2012**. SISA will consolidate all applications by the closing time of 16th February 2012 and submit them to ISU-



- 1) ISU Clearance Certificate application forms (see attached ISU communication no. 1420, pages 8-9)
- 2) a certified true copy of his/her passport
- 3) a certified true copy of the document showing his/her Singapore permanent residency status
- 4) a release letter obtained from the national skating association of his/her original ISU country or country of citizenship.

Exceptions:

- According to Communication 1420, a release letter from the association of a skater's country of citizenship is not necessary "only in a case that the skater has either never lived in the country of which he/she is a citizen or at least has never skated in any national competition in that country, the permit may be replaced by a Declaration signed by the skater (or by the parents in case of a minor skater) in which such facts are clearly and unambiguously stated." In this situation, the skater may apply for ISU clearance with a written declaration instead of a release letter from the association of his/her country of citizenship. A sample Foreign Skater's Declaration form is attached to this communication.
- Please refer to the complete ISU Communication No. 1420 and ISU Rule 109 for exceptions which are not specifically mentioned here but which may be applicable to very specific situations.

Since the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) has the primary responsibility to give full, correct and true information on all facts and circumstances relating to a skater's nationality, residence, past activities etc., in the submission of the application to ISU, SISA reserves the right to reject application which is lacking in requisite documents or, to hold in abeyance application which requires further clarification. Under such circumstances, SISA shall not be held liable for an applicant's inability to participate at the Championship. All applicants are advised to do their due diligence in this area and to plan early as processing time could vary.

ALL NON-SINGAPORE CITIZENS OR SINGAPORE PERMANENT RESIDENTS WHO CANNOT FULFILL THE CONDITIONS IN ISU RULE 109 AND ISU COMMUNICATION 1420 CAN SKATE AS 'GUEST SKATER', REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY OF HIS/HER CITIZENSHIP.

Alison Chan Secretary General Singapore Ice Skating Association 13th February 2012

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FOREIGN SKATER'S DECLARATION

(For non-Singapore citizens who are seeking ISU clearance as mandated in ISU Rule 109 and ISU Communication 1420)

Ι,	l, (full r	name of skater as in passport),	
hc	holder of passport number issued by (Country of Issue), hereby declare on this day (full date) that I		
•	 have never lived in	(Country where passport was	
	and/or,		
•	 have never skated in any national competition in (Country where passport was issued) of which I am a citizen, 		
I have also never skated in any International competition or ISU Championships for another Member Country of ISU.			
I further declare that the above stated information is true and without any ambiguity.			
Si	Signature of skater		
	If skater is a below 18 years old, the follow signed by a parent of the skater.	wing must be completed and	
Ι,		lame of Parent),	

I,	(Name of Parent),	
father/mother/legal guardian (delete where not applicable) of		
	(Name of Skater), hereby confirms that	
the aforementioned information is true and without ambiguity		
Signature of Parent: _		
Date:		