



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FIGURE SKATING

**COMPETITION SELECTION POLICY
(2023-2024 Season)**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Competition 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 Competition Selection Policy is for the referred 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 2526) to be able to represent Singapore.
International Skating Season	Commences 1 st July 2023 and concludes 30 th June 2024
Current International Skating Season	The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 st July 2022 and to be concluded on the 30 th June 2023.
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 Step Sequence
TES	Technical Element Score
Total Score	Total Segment Score
JGP	ISU Junior Grand Prix Event Series.
International Squad	Figure Skating athletes within the respected division (Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior) who have achieved the SISA Minimum Technical Scores to be considered for selection for ISU Events.
Development Squad	Figure Skating athletes within the respected division (Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior) who have achieved the SISA Minimum Development Technical Scores to be considered for selection to International Events by the SISA Selection Panel
SISA Nominated Qualifying Event	SISA Nominated Qualifying Event/s (local/regional competitions) as published by SISA. Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members ISU 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.
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
ISU Event	ISU Championships, Grand Prix Series and Challenger Series events.
International Event	International competitions organized by an ISU Member as listed on the ISU Calendar of events
Interclub Event	Competitions organized by a club that is open to other ISU members, as defined by ISU Rule 107, paragraph 15.



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 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 may determine and will be required to approve participation in Interclub for International and Development Squad members. Athletes then need to enter these events through SISA in order to retain their Eligibility status.

3 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to any 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 Annual 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 Event that they have been selected for, they must provide documentary evidence to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for further Events.
 - vi. Athletes must confirm to SISA acceptance of their nomination to an Event, within 7 days of being forwarded, via email, the competition announcement.

4 SELECTION TO ISU AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 4.1 In order to be selected by SISA to ISU Events and 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 2023 Singapore National Championships or have been granted an Exceptional Circumstance according to the SISA Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy; and
 - c) have signed and adhered to 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.



5 SISA INTERNATIONAL RANKING

All eligible athletes will be ranked in their respective division based on their Total TES Score, obtained by adding the mean for each of their two highest Technical Element Scores (Short Program and Free Skate) achieved at any two of the following events:

- i. 2023 Singapore National Figure Skating Championships in the respective Division; or
 - ii. 2022/2023 Season International Events in the respective Division or
 - iii. 2023/2024 Season International Events in the respective Division
- i) In the event of a tie in mean scores, then the Athlete with the highest Total Score in any of the events listed in 6 (i)-(iii) will be nominated to the event.
 - ii) In the case of a further tie, then the athlete with the highest mean Short Program TES (where Short Program is skated) will determine the higher rank.

6 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, Southeast Asian Games and the Olympic Winter Games. Separate selection policies for these events will be published by SISA as required.

7 ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS

7.1 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 and
 - iii. have competed in at least one ISU Event in the international skating season.
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota in each discipline has met the above requirements (7.1 a)), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA International Ranking for the Senior division.

7.2 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 and
 - iii. have competed in at least one International Event in the 2023/2024 international skating season.
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota in each discipline has met the above requirements (7.2 a)), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA International Ranking for the Junior division.



8 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.

9 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) According to ISU rules, athletes may enter a maximum of 2 JGP's.
- c) 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.
- d) If more than one athlete has met Section 4.1, the SISA Selection Panel will make selection to JGP's based on all or any of the following criteria:
 - i. SISA International Ranking for the Junior division.
 - ii. ISU World Standings Junior (ISU Communication No. 2550)
 - iii. Development needs (e.g., ISU TES Scores required or to increase World Rankings)
 - iv. Operational and National Sporting Organisation requirements
 - v. Skating program review by a specially convened Judging and Technical Panel by the Selection Panel

10 ISU CHALLENGER SERIES

The ISU Challenger Series events is a series of events to assist Senior Skaters to prepare for ISU Championship events. The series of events is published annually by the ISU prior to the start of each season and are subject to entry quota.

- a) Entries will be allocated to senior age eligible athletes from the SISA Senior International Squad who have:
 - i. met Section 4.1 above; and
 - ii. have competed in at least one ISU Event in the international skating season prior to the competition.
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota in each discipline has met the above requirements (4.1 a)), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA International Ranking for the Senior division.

11 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

International events are listed on the ISU Calendar are open to current Development and International Squad athletes, within their current eligible squad division, who may submit their interest in competing in these competitions to the SISA Selection Panel.

- a) The SISA Selection Panel will make selection to International Events if there are more athletes than the entry quota based on all or any of the following criteria:
 - i. SISA International Ranking for the respective division
 - ii. International Squad members will have priority.



- iii. Development needs
 - iv. Athlete adherence to code of conduct and athlete agreement
 - v. Development squad athletes may be subject to a Skating Program Review by a specially convened Judging and Technical Panel by the Selection Panel prior to confirmation of their nomination by SISA.
- b) The number of athletes selected shall be as determined by the relevant Organising Committee. Subsequently ranked athletes shall be nominated as substitutes.

12 INTERCLUB EVENTS

- a) Athletes may request to nominate for Interclub events that are conducted by an ISU Member club. These competitions are open to both Squad and non-squad skaters. Athletes attending these competitions are not considered international athletes representing Singapore and do not qualify for the SISA Uniform Policy.
- b) Athletes must notify SISA of a request to compete in such events and be granted permission to compete prior to the competition.
- c) Any scores obtained at this competition may be used for consideration for selection for entry into the SISA Development / International Squad after the competition and the SISA Selection Panel has reviewed the competition judging and technical panel.
- d) When Judging Panel and Technical Panel details are available in advance of the competition, the SISA Selection Panel may determine in advance that this competition is a SISA Qualifying Event for obtaining scores for entry into the Development / International Squad.

13 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- a) 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.
- b) The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
 - i. the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - ii. the decision was affected by actual bias.

14 SELECTION PANEL

Mrs Lisa Jelinek	SISA Advisor ISU Technical Controller ISU Judge ISU Data & Replay Operator
Ms Sharon Mellema	International Technical Specialist
Ms Alison Chan	SISA President

REFERENCES

- ISU Rule 102 – ‘Eligibility’
- ISU Rule 103 – ‘Reinstatement as an Eligible person’
- ISU Rule 108 – ‘Age Limits’
- ISU Communication No. 2526 – Rule 109 on Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure
- ISU Rule 131 – Declaration
- ISU Communication No. 2550 – ISU World Standings and ISU Season’s World Ranking For Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
- SISA International Athlete Squad Agreement
- SISA Development Athlete Squad Agreement
- SISA Benchmark Policy – International Policy
- SISA Benchmark Policy – Development Policy
- SISA Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy