



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FIGURE SKATING

SQUAD SELECTION POLICY For 2024/2025

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Squad Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore internationally.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible figure skating athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection into the International or Development Squad and in consideration of the skater's selection and participation in ISU Events, International and Regional Competitions.
- 1.3 This Policy is for the current international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Board.
- 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.
2023/2024 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2023 and concludes on the 30 th June 2024.
2024/2025 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2024 and concludes on the 30 th June 2025.
SISA National Championships	2023 SISA National Championships
ISU Events	ISU Championships ISU Junior Grand Prix
International Competitions	All other competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU as defined in ISU Rule 107.3 (https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar) Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members Rule 107.15 (e.g. 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.
Exceptional Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical accompanied by Medical Certificate - Direct clash with National Level or School Examination accompanied by exam schedule/notice - Unable to obtain time-off or leave from National Service Obligations - Compassionate Leave - Compulsory school activities with school notice - Examination Leave
SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores (TES)	The minimum standard for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior.
Senior Equalized Score	A Senior Free Skate Technical Element Score, less the value for the Step Sequence
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five, but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Board.
SISA Mandated Events	Training, Events and Competitions.

2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Board has overall and final responsibility for all performance criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA Board 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 consider athlete/s based on the performance criteria outlined below for the SISA International / Development Squad.
- 2.3 The SISA 2024/2025 Squad will be published and subsequently updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark event/s.

3 QUALIFICATION (Due to the absence of an Olympic-sized rink in Singapore, the annual Nationals will not be part of the selection criteria)

- 3.1 In order to be selected into the SISA International or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. Be an individual member of SISA
 - ii. Adhere to category Age Limits - ISU Rule 108
 - iii. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2526 – ‘Update to Rule 109’
 - iv. Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103)
- 3.2 All existing Squad members will be invited to renew their Squad status.
- 3.3 Age (In accordance to ISU Rule 108)

Category	Age as of 1 July 2024
Basic Novice	Has not reached the age of 14
Intermediate Novice	Has not reached the age of 16
Advanced Novice	Has reached the age of 10 but not reached the age of 16
Junior	Has reached the age of 13 but not reached the age of 19
Senior	Has reached the age of 17

- i. Should an existing squad member test up during the season, he/she will have to participate and obtain the required TES in a SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4) to represent Singapore at their tested level.
 - ii. If the skater is still age eligible for the lower level, he/she may continue to represent Singapore at the lower level.
- 3.4 Athletes will be included in the SISA International or Development Squad when they have:
 - i. Fulfill all of Section 3.1(i) to (iv) **and**
 - ii. Achieve the SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) at either of the following:
 - a. 2024/2025 ISU Events, International Competition & SISA Sanctioned Events
 - b. SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4)

- 3.5 Existing Squad members accepting to retain or improve their Squad status in either the SISA International or Development Squads are required to:
- i. Fulfill all of Section 3.1(i) to (iv) and
 - ii. For International Squad; Participate in at least one (1) competition on the ISU Calendar by 31 December 2024. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the Squad status. Unless prior notification has been provided to compete by March 2025. (For Junior skaters looking to be selected for the JGP, please refer to the Competition Selection Policy.) or
 - iii. For Development Squad; Participate in at least one (1) competition as per SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4) by 31 December 2024. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the Squad status.
 - iv. To improve their Squad status by achieving the SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores (Short and Free) at either of the following:
 - a. 2024/2025 ISU Events, International Competition & SISA Sanctioned Events
 - b. SISA Nominated Qualifying events (Clause 4)

SISA Minimum Technical Element Scores Requirement

International Squad		<u>SHORT</u>	<u>FREE</u>
SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	14.08	26.44
	Men	16.49	28.70
JUNIOR CATEGORY OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	12.90	20.44
	Men	13.47	27.70
ADVANCED NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls	11.07	15.48
	Boys	11.07	16.25
INTERMEDIATE NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys		12.79
BASIC NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys		11.92

Development Squad		<u>SHORT</u>	<u>FREE</u>
SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	12.17	20.92
	Men	12.78	22.25
JUNIOR CATEGORY OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	10.85	16.02
	Men	12.21	17.01
ADVANCED NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls	9.63	13.54
	Boys	10.03	13.89
INTERMEDIATE NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys		9.87
BASIC NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys		9.0

4 2024/2025 SISA NOMINATED QUALIFYING EVENTS

- (a) ISU Events
- (b) International Competitions on the ISU Calendar
- (c) SISA Sanctioned Competition
- (d) Overseas competition approved by the selection panel (skaters may also put up a request at least 2 months ahead of the competition)

5 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 In order to confirm and maintain his/her selection in the International and Development Squad, each athlete must:
- (a) Sign and comply with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - (b) Abide by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - (c) Complete the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
 - (d) Submit an annual training and competition plan (YPI) including key performance indicators (KPIs) in consultation with your coach.
 - (e) Maintain a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete (i.e., at least commit to 80% of training per week as per indication in the YPI). 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 within 48 hours of being diagnosed. The SISA Selection Panel also has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.
- 5.2 If an athlete is unable to attend any assigned events, he/she must write in to the SISA General Manager with documentary evidence of his/her reasons (for e.g., medical certificate) to the SISA Selection Panel to be considered for future events and/or to be retained on the squad.
- 5.3 If an athlete is unable to comply with the SISA Mandated and/or Assigned Events, it must only be due to the Exceptional Circumstances to be retained in the squad.
- 5.4 If a selected athlete, through his/her misconduct brings SISA or the sport of skating into disrepute, he/she may be removed from the International and Development Squad by the SISA Selection Panel in consultation with the SISA Board.

6 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 6.1 For all appeals regarding an athletes' inclusion in the SISA International or Development Squad, 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.
- 6.2 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.

7 SELECTION PANEL

Mr Leonard Cheah	SISA Assistant Treasurer
Mrs Lisa Jelinek	ISU Technical Controller, ISU Judge and SISA Advisor
Ms Sharon Mellema	ISU International Technical Specialist