



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

FIGURE SKATING

SQUAD SELECTION POLICY 2026/2027 season

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Figure Skating 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 Competition & Event Regulations, Article 9.3) and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2526) to be able to represent Singapore.
2025/2026 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2025 and concludes on the 30 th June 2026.
2026/2027 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2026 and concludes on the 30 th June 2027.
ISU Events	ISU Championships ISU Junior Grand Prix
International Competitions	All other competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication/Calendar (https://isu-skating.com/figure-skating/events/)
Exceptional Circumstances	- 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 Combined Total Element Scores (CTES)	Combined Total Element Scores – The sum of a skater's Total Element Score from Short Program and Free Skating segments of an event (Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior)
TES	Total Element Score (Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice)
Senior Equalized Score	A Senior Free Skate Total 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 2026/2027 Squad will be published and subsequently updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark Events.

3 QUALIFICATION (Due to the absence of an Olympic-sized rink in Singapore, there will be no 2026 Nationals and shall not be part of the selection criteria)

- 3.1 To be selected for the SISA International or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. Be an individual member of SISA
 - ii. Adhere to category Age Limits - **ISU Competition & Event Regulations, Article 9.3**
 - iii. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2526 – **ISU Competition & Event Regulations, Article 8**
 - iv. **Adhere to ISU Eligibilities in accordance with the ISU Competition & Event Regulations.**
- 3.2 Squad members from the 2025/2026 season who achieved an International / Development squad TES/CTES within the season will be offered the squad agreement for the 2026/2027 season.
- 3.3 Age (In accordance with ISU **Competition & Event Regulations Article 9.3**)

Category	Age as of 1 July 2026
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/CTES** in a SISA Nominated Benchmark Event (Clause 4) to represent Singapore at their **new competition level**.
 - ii. If **an existing squad member** is still age-eligible for the lower level, he/she may continue to represent Singapore at the lower level.
- 3.4 New athletes will be included in the SISA International or Development Squad when they have:
 - i. Fulfilled all of Section 3.1(i) to (iv) **and**
 - ii. Achieved the SISA Minimum Combined **Total** Element Scores (Short **Program** and Free **Skate**) or **TES (Free Skate)** at a SISA Nominated Benchmark Event.
- 3.5 **The skater's highest Total Element Score in the Short Program and the Free Skating used to calculate the CTES may be achieved at different competitions.**

3.6 SISA Minimum Combined **Total** Element Scores (CTES) Requirement

		<u>International</u>	<u>Development</u>
SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	42.2	34.3
	Men	47.9	36.2
JUNIOR CATEGORY OR SENIOR EQUALISED SCORE IN SENIOR CATEGORY	Women	34.8	28.3
	Men	41.0	31.7
ADVANCED NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls	28.5	24.7
	Boys	29.3	24.6
INTERMEDIATE NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys	12.5	10.5
BASIC NOVICE CATEGORY	Girls/Boys	11.7	9.3

4 2026/2027 SISA NOMINATED BENCHMARK EVENTS

- ISU Events
- International Competitions on the ISU Calendar
- Other competitions within the 2026/2027 season as approved by SISA (skaters may also submit a request 2 months in advance for consideration by SISA of a competition)

5 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 In order to confirm and maintain his/her selection in the International or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - Sign and comply with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - Abide by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - Complete the ISU Declaration Form
 - Submit an annual training and competition plan (YPI), including key performance indicators (KPIs), in consultation with your coach.
 - Submit the Competition Selection Form, stating the competitions that you would like to be considered for selection in the 2026/2027 Season.
 - 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 or 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 into the SISA General Manager with documentary evidence of his/her reasons (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 athlete's inclusion in the SISA International or Development Squad, an official appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the President of the 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

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