



## Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Policy Document

Affiliated to Ice Skating Australia Inc.

### **Aussie Skate™ to ISA – Testing and Competing Policy**

<b>Authority</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc.
<b>Application</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Members
<b>Related Documents</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Constitution, Objects & Rules; Ice Skating Australia Rulebook, Sections 4 and 5; ISA Technical Patterns and Programs forms and all related updates and communications as per ISA ISU communications

**Aussie Skate™** is the national learn-to-skate program designed by Ice Skating Australia, and implemented by rinks and clubs all around Australia.

Aussie Skate™ is the feeder program to all other Australian skating programs, from club competition to State and National Championships.

**Ice Skating Australia (ISA)** is the national governing body for Figure Skating in Australia. Ice Skating Australia is a member of the International Skating Union (ISU) and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC).

### ***Aussie Skate™, ISA TESTS, and Ice Skating Victoria (ISV)***

#### **ELIGIBILITY TO TEST**

A skater who has either attained the Aussie Skate 'Free Skate 4 level', (or the adult equivalent) **or** who has the skills to do so, may begin testing into the Ice Skating Australia (ISA) testing system. ISV runs these tests on behalf of ISA.

## VICTORIAN CANDIDATES

As outlined in the ISV Inc. Individual Membership Policy, every Victorian candidate for a test must hold:

- Financial membership of ISV Inc., having paid the required fees
- Financial membership of an ISV Affiliated Club
- A full junior or senior membership of Ice Skating Victoria

## INTERSTATE CANDIDATES

Test candidates from interstate who wish to test in an ISV Inc. organised test, must:

- Be a financial member of their home State association, having paid the required fees
- Be a financial member of their relevant State Affiliated Club.
- Pay a fee for ice time used, per minute, based on the current market rate
- Hold a full junior or senior membership of their respective state

## **NOTES**

ISA Test Levels and Rules are outlined in the ISA Rulebook, Section 4, Tests:

<http://www.isa.org.au/isarulebook.htm>

Further information on tests and patterns can be found on the ISA website under Test Forms:

<http://isa.org.au/technical/test-forms>

Online test entry links, the ISV Test Protocol, and links to all information about membership can be found on the ISV website:

<http://iceskatingvictoria.org.au/events/tests/>

<http://iceskatingvictoria.org.au/about-isv/membership/>

<http://iceskatingvictoria.org.au/about-isv/policies-procedures/>

## **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

As outlined in the ISV Inc. Individual Membership Policy, all Victorian entrants (**AUSSIE SKATE AND ISA LEVELS**) who wish to participate in an ISV Affiliated Club competition or ISV State organised competition, must be both:

- A financial member of ISV Inc., having paid the required fees, and
- A financial member of an ISV Affiliated Club.

Entrants and candidates from INTERSTATE who wish to participate in an ISV Affiliated Club competition or ISV State organised test or competition, must be both:

- A financial member of their home State association, having paid the required fees, and
- A financial member of a relevant State Affiliated Club.

## **Notes about Aussie Skate**

Aussie-Skate entrants or candidates who are actively competing and testing may take **Associate Membership** of ISV Inc. for a **maximum of one (1) year only** (or part thereof to the year ending 30 September).

After the first year of ISV Associate membership, Aussie Skate entrants must apply for **FULL Junior or Senior Membership** of ISV Inc., and pay the appropriate fee.

\***Aussie Skaters** who intend on **testing** into the **ISA levels** must have **full junior or senior membership** of Ice Skating Victoria at the time of the test booking.

\* A skater cannot test into ISA Preliminary level with an associate membership.

## **Notes about Competing**

A skater may not compete at a level lower than the level at which that skater has previously competed in a Local, State or National competition or championship.

A skater may not compete in a level lower than their current highest test level, whether that is an Aussie Skate or an ISA test level.

Adults who compete in Adult ISA level Divisions are exempt from this rule, as outlined in the relevant ISA Technical and Regulations Communication (currently No 36 V2, dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012)

All skaters who have attained an ISA level test in Preliminary or above, may NOT compete in Aussie Skate divisions.

**Examples:**

- Alex has recently tested into Free Skate 3. The last time he competed, he skated in the Free Skate 1 division. Alex can no longer skate in Free Skate 1, and may only compete at Free Skate 3 level.
- Briony entered into the Preliminary Ladies division for the Crystal Challenge competition scheduled for September 15. She tested her Elementary test on September 7<sup>th</sup>, and passed. As there was only one week between the test and competition, and entries had closed for the competition, Briony is allowed to skate at Preliminary level. However, the next time she competes, she must skate in the Elementary division.
- Karen was competing in the Freeski 4 division of Aussie Skate. She tested into ISA Preliminary level in June. She entered into a competition in August in Freeski 4 and was not permitted to compete because she had passed her Preliminary level test.

**Notes about ADULT DIVISIONS**

Adults may participate in the Aussie Skate™ learn-to-skate program, however there are some exceptions to the testing and competing pathway for Adults.

Information can be found on the ISA website under Technical information.

<http://www.isa.org.au/technical>

Although Adults must meet minimum requirements in order to compete at national level, they are permitted to compete at a level lower than that at which they have tested.

For example, an adult skater may have completed an elementary pattern test, and are qualified to compete in Silver level, however they may choose to and be permitted to compete in Bronze level.

2012 ISA Technical and Regulations Communication – No 36 – v2 states:

All test requirements are the minimum required to compete in a particular level, but skaters can have a higher test level and compete in the section.

For clarification or any updates to this rule, please see the latest ISU and ISA communications.

## **Age Limitations at ISA Levels (these rules must be referenced against current ISA communications)**

There are some age limitations and concessions that apply to skaters in competition.

One common rule applies at Primary to Senior level - A skater may not compete at a level lower than the level at which that skater has previously competed in a State or National competition or championship.

The following ISA document **Section 5** of the ISA Rulebook, outlines the age perimeters for skaters from Primary/Intermediate to Senior level. These rules are outlined for Australian national championship events, however the rules apply at all levels of competition.

<http://www.isa.org.au/isarulebook.htm>

Section 5.

### **Examples:**

#### Primary/Intermediate

- Primary level skaters aged 14 years and over on July 1st in the year in which the event takes place, must compete in the Intermediate division.
- Primary level skaters who are under 14 years of age by July 1st in the year in which the event takes place, will compete in the Primary division.

#### Novice/Junior/Senior

- Novice level skaters who have not reached the age of 16 by July 1st in the year in which the event takes place, and who have won a previous Novice Championship event, may continue to compete in the Novice division and defend their title.
- Junior level skaters who have not reached the age of 19 by July 1st in the year in which the event takes place, and have won a previous Junior Championship event, may continue to compete in the Junior division and defend their title.

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