



Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Policy Document

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Individual Membership Policy

Authority	Ice Skating Victoria Inc.
Application	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Individual Members
Related Documents	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Constitution, Objects & Rules Aussie Skate to ISA - Testing and Competing Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

- o To ensure that Ice Skating Victoria Inc. (“The Association”) continues to meet the membership needs of individuals on a fair and equitable basis
- o To provide guidelines for application for and renewal of annual membership
- o To outline classes of membership and their guidelines
- o To define understandings for testing and competing

POLICY

Obligation of Members

1. All members of the Association, and all other persons claiming standing as participants in the activities of a Member or of the Association are bound by Ice Skating Victoria Inc.’s Constitution, Objects & Rules, and associated Policies, Regulations and Guidelines, and are subject to all decisions of the Council of the Association.
2. All skaters who actively participate in the sport of Figure Skating and Synchronised Skating in Victoria, by taking tests or by entering competitions must be financial members of both, Ice Skating Victoria Inc., and an Affiliated Club of Ice Skating Victoria Inc.
3. All Singles Skaters, Pair Skaters, Ice Dance and Synchronized Teams must have competed at the Victorian Figure Skating Championships in that discipline during the year to be considered for qualification and nomination to the Australian Figure Skating Championships.

4. The Association may give dispensation concurrently or retrospectively to skaters who are unable to participate in these competitions as outlined: -
 - a. Through illness or injury, when supported by a medical certificate
 - b. Junior and Senior level skaters who are engaged to compete at an international level competition
 - c. Any special or unique situation considered to have merit by the Association

Please Note: Application must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association in order for skaters to be considered for such special dispensation.

5. Any person registering for new membership, or membership renewal must nominate their home club at the time of registration, and that Club shall be deemed to be that Member's representative club in the relevant branch of the sport for that membership year, 1st October to 30th September.

If any member wishes to make a change to their nominated representative club during the course of the financial year, both the Association and the Club must be informed in writing, and the change must be acknowledged by both Club and State before the skater may next compete or test.

All inquiries may be made in the first instance to the Membership Secretary at memberships@iceskatingvictoria.org.au

Financial Year

The financial year for Ice Skating Victoria is from 1st October to 30th September.

Membership Classes

Individual members will belong to one of the following classes:

1. **Voting**

a) Senior Skating	\$150 (\$125 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)
b) Officials/Judges	\$75 (\$50 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)
c) Junior Skating	\$150 (\$125 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)
d) Honorary	Free

2. **Non-voting**

a) Associate Aussie Skate	\$75 Competitive 1 st year only)
b) Basic	\$150 (\$125 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)
c) Masters Limited	\$75 (\$50 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)
e) Theatre on Ice	\$75 (\$50 plus \$25 ISA Registration fee)

Classes of Membership ~ Outlined

1. Voting:

a) SENIOR SKATING

- **Senior Skating** member, which shall apply to an eligible person aged 16 years and over by September 30 each year, who has applied for and been admitted to voting membership by the Association as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions.

b) SENIOR NON-SKATING

- **Officials / Judges / Volunteers** member, which shall apply to an eligible person aged 16 years and over by September 30th, who has applied for and been admitted to voting membership by the Association, as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in a non-skating capacity, including as a member of the ISV Council and/or as a representative to ISA and/or as a Judge or Official, and/or as a volunteer (minimum 20 hours per annum).

c) JUNIOR SKATING

- **Junior Skating** member, which shall apply to an eligible person under 16 years of age by September 30 each year, who has applied for and been admitted to membership by the Association as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions.

- i. **NOTE:** All Junior Skating members may nominate one (1) parent or guardian (who does not also have to be a Senior Member), who may enter a vote on their behalf, either in person or by proxy.
- ii. At the General Meeting, the nominated proxy may vote only with the provision of the child's membership number.

d) HONORARY

- **Honorary** life member, which shall apply to persons who have been granted and accepted the status of honorary life membership of the Association.

- (i) Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Council of the Association at any time, or by Special Resolution in a General Meeting, on any eligible person in recognition of valuable service to the Association or to the sport of Figure Skating and or synchronised Skating. Acceptance of membership by an Honorary Member shall be deemed acceptance of and submission to these Rules, and the Objects of the Association.
- (ii) Thereafter Honorary Members shall be deemed in all respects to hold voting membership rights except as herein provided. They shall not be required to pay membership fees. The Council of the association may annul the Honorary membership of any person at any time should they fail to following all applicable regulations, policies and codes of conduct endorsed by Ice Skating Victoria Inc. and Ice Skating Australia.

2. Non-voting:

a) ASSOCIATE – Aussie Skate

➤ **Associate** Member, which shall apply to persons of any age who have applied to the Council of the Association for membership who do not propose to take part in any competition, or test of championship associated with the Association, other than competitions or tests associated with the Aussie Skate™ Program, and who have been admitted to such class of membership by the Council as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules.

- a. The following conditions apply to Associate membership: -
- b. Associate membership shall be for a maximum period of one (1) year or part thereof.
- c. Associate members may at any time during the year of membership, be admitted to Senior membership or Junior membership as is appropriate, by applying to the Council of the Association.
- d. Upon being admitted, the applicant must pay any difference in the total initial subscription for the current year between that payable for an associate member and a Senior or Junior member. (This rule will not apply after June 30th of each financial year)
- e. At the conclusion of the year of Associate membership, skaters must register with the Association for full Senior or Junior membership as is appropriate.

b) BASIC

➤ **Basic** Member, which shall apply to an eligible person who has applied for and been admitted to membership by the Council as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions.

Basic membership incorporates the following conditions:

- a) The skater does not reside, or has not held residency within the State of Victoria for a minimum period of 6 months out of the previous 12 months.
- b) The skater is unable to participate in and contribute to the culture of a Victorian Figure Skating club and community in a skating capacity or on a volunteer basis at events and competitions.
- c) Basic members will not automatically qualify for consideration of financial support or funding.

- d) Basic members will skate at one (1) interstate level competition within any State of Australia, as well as the Victorian Figure Skating Championships in that discipline during the year in order to be recommended for representation at the Australian Figure Skating Championships, unless the skater has applied for and been given special dispensation. (see 'Obligation of Members')
- e) Basic members are not obliged to test in the State of Victoria, however their membership permits them the right to test in Victoria with the benefits of ISV membership, such as subsidised testing fees.

c) MASTERS LIMITED

- **Masters Limited** Member, which shall apply to persons over the age of 18 who have applied to the Council of the Association for membership and who do not propose to take part in more than one (1) major competition per annum, and who have been admitted to such class of membership by the Council as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules.

The following conditions apply to Masters Limited membership: -

- I. Masters Limited membership is a limited participation membership.
- II. Masters members may at any time during the year of membership, be admitted to Senior membership by applying to the Council of the Association.
- III. Skaters who wish to enter more than one (1) competition per year, must upgrade to Senior Membership before close of entry of the relevant competition.
- IV. Skaters are permitted to skate in any/all non-judged events as outlined by the relevant Club.

d) Theatre On Ice Membership

- **Theatre On Ice (TOI)**Members, which shall apply to persons who have applied to the Council of the Association for membership and who propose to take part in Theatre On Ice competitions ONLY, and who have been admitted to such class of membership by the Council as provided in the ISV Constitution, Objects and Rules.

The following conditions apply to TOI memberships: -

- I. TOI membership is a limited participation membership.
- II. TOI members may at any time during the year of membership, be admitted to Senior membership by applying to the Council of the Association.
- III. TOI Skaters who wish to enter an event other than a TOI event in the financial year, must upgrade to Senior Membership before close of entry of the relevant competition.
- IV. TOI Skaters are permitted to skate in any/all non-judged events as outlined by the relevant Club.

Membership Renewal

Skaters who compete or test must have registered for combined ISV and Club membership at the close of entries for any scheduled Test session in Victoria, for any ISV Inc., or ISV sanctioned Club event, as well as for any interstate level event.

If full financial membership is not held at the time of entry, then that skater MAY NOT COMPETE OR TEST.

It is the obligation of all Senior members, and the parent/guardian of all Junior and Associate Aussie Skate members to ensure that membership registration is current and up to date.

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