



## **Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Policy Document**

Affiliated to Ice Skating Australia Inc.

### **Victorian State Squad Participant Procedure**

<b>Authority</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc.
<b>Application</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. State Squad Members
<b>Related Documents</b>	Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Constitution, Objects & Rules

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidance in determining the participants in the Ice Skating Victoria Inc. (ISV) State Squad program.

#### **Aim**

The aim of the Ice Skating Victoria Inc. State Squad program is to assist Victoria's National level skaters, increase their level of competitiveness and in particular support their preparation for National and International Competition. This program is designed to leverage the considerable expertise of our officials and judges in providing guidance and support to those selected skaters, assisting them to further develop as top-level athletes in our sport.

All State Squad participants will have the intent of competing at the Australian Figure Skating Championships of that State Squad year. The State Squad program will run from April until the Victorian Figure Skating Championships of that year.

#### **Participant Application Criteria**

Those skaters who represented Victoria in the Singles discipline, including the Adult division, at the prior year Australian Figure Skating Championships will be invited to participate in the squad. These athletes having been selected have:

- Achieved the minimum required qualification score in their division and
- Completed the season with a top 4 TES in the division in which they competed within the state of Victoria.

Following the announcement each year, of the launch of the SQUAD, expressions of interest will be taken from those wishing to participate in the ISV State Squad who

meet the following criteria:

- A current financial member of ISV Inc.
- A current financial member of an ISV affiliated club
- Were actively competing in 2015 (solid competition history with strong results)
- Have shown significant development during the 2015 demonstrated by improvement in overall score, TES, or progression through the levels.
- Must have a minimum of Pre-Primary test level (both patterns and program) or if in Adult divisions, must compete at Silver level or above
- Have executed in competition a level 2 spin or Level 2 Footwork, a solid double and an axel.
- Intend to compete at the Australian Figure Skating Championships
- Demonstrate the required athlete attitude and behaviour as outlined in the Ice Skating Australia Inc. and Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Codes of Ethics
- Able to commit to actively participate in the State Squad sessions.

Note: If a skater does not meet the above criteria (due to a recent injury, or other extraordinary reasons) they may still submit an application. The selection panel will consider the application based on the reasons provided.

### **State Squad Selection Process**

Annually in March of each year, the ISV Council will formally send invitations to participate in the State Squad Program to the State Team representatives in the singles discipline (including Adult divisions) for the prior year.

The council, via the newsletter communication, will then request expressions of interest be submitted from ISV members wishing also to be part of the State Squad program. It will be the skater's responsibility to complete an application and submit it to ISV by the closing date.

Applications will be compiled and full competition history for the prior year including

- Highest TES
- Highest Total Score
- Average TES
- Average Total Score
- International benchmark score ranking
- International competition performance
- Performance at nominated Benchmark events &
- Performance at local (Victorian competitions).

Applicants will be ranked, based on this criteria with input also being sort from a minimum of three senior judges/officials. The ISV Council will review the Squad applicants, formally approving those identified. Letters of invite will be sent from the President of ISV Inc. to the successful applicants along with letters advising those that have not been successful.

### **Availability of Places in the ISV State Squad**

Places in the squad are limited and it is anticipated that there will be more applicants than there are places available. Those athletes that are selected will be the most competitive athletes in their respective division within the state.

The maximum number of State Squad participants will be determined on a yearly basis at the discretion of the ISV Council. More or less places may be made available in each subsequent year according to financial constraints and availability of resources/ice time.

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