



Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Policy Document

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AFSC QUALIFICATION SCORES POLICY

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Purpose

The ISV Council maintains the responsibility to promote the improvement of skating standards in all athletes who aim to compete at the AFSC.

The purpose of this policy is to define:

- The minimum **Standard Score** acceptable to claim a State Championship title at the VFSC (Victorian Figure Skating Championships), and
- The minimum **Qualifying Score** required for selection to the AFSC (Australian Figure Skating Championships).
- The process whereby a carry over Qualifying Score can be attained by the athletes.
- Provide a pathway for athletes to target ISA Benchmark scores in preparation for International selection.

These scores will guide the decisions of the ISV Council in the selection of athletes aiming to qualify for the AFSC, and will provide guidance for athletes, coaches and parents in relation to the qualifying score required for selection.

Scope

This policy applies to all athletes who aim to compete at both the VFSC and AFSC, including those members competing in the Adult stream.

Responsibilities

ISV Council

The ISV Council is responsible for the following:

- Annual review of this procedure to ensure its currency and to incorporate changes where required, including amending the minimum standards and scores in relation to any updates to the ISU Scale of Values (SOV - as released in ISU Communications).
- Maintain a record of athletes' scores from nominated qualification events.
- At VFSC, and prior to the AFSC, review all nominated skaters to confirm they have met the requirements.

Athlete and Coaches

The athlete and coach is responsible for the following:

- Understanding the requirements of this procedure as it relates to minimum standards and base value scores.
- Remaining updated on all Technical and Regulations Communications for the relevant level of competition, including meeting the test, age and other requirements of eligibility specified in the published rules of the relevant event.
- Ensuring that all requirements are met for competing in Championship events, including up to date membership, tests and Proof of Age requirements prior to the closing of entries for all events (as outlined in the ISA Rulebook).

Policy

The intent of setting a minimum standard is to promote and reward higher standards of performance in each division, and set a benchmark for success at AFSC.

VFSC Standard Score

To claim a championship title at VFSC, the minimum Standard Score required is based on approximately 80% of the AFSC Qualification Score (see Table B)

If a skater attains the VFSC Standard Score and wins their division championship, they will not automatically qualify for AFSC. They must also, at some stage during the competitive season, have attained the AFSC Qualification Score.

AFSC Qualification Score

All athletes will need to attain the ISV Qualification Score to be considered for nomination to the AFSC.

All ISV skaters intending on competing at Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) will be required to skate at Victorian Figure Skating Championships (VFSC) unless a bye is granted at the discretion of the Council. Request for a bye must be submitted in writing to the Council prior to the VFSC. For further details, see the relevant policy on the ISV Policies and Procedures web page.

- Athletes have the opportunity to attain a qualifying score at any ISA Benchmark Event or event nominated by ISV in Victoria and around Australia in order to be considered for nomination to the Victorian team for the AFSC each year.
- New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships
- An ISU approved International event will also be considered as a qualifying event for the purposes of using the score attained. Other interstate competitions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Nomination to AFSC

ISV may nominate up to (4) four entrants into each AFSC championship event, except where Victoria is the host state when (5) entrants may be nominated (Rule 519).

Out of those skaters who have attained the qualifying score in each division, places will be allocated based on the highest scores achieved until such time as Victoria's allotment is complete.

ISV Council reserves the right to potentially send one discretionary skater per division. The athletes who may qualify for the discretionary spot will be placed in a pool and their individual circumstances will be taken into account, including competition history and individual progress and development.

The final disposition of the discretionary skaters will be decided at the scheduled ISV Council meeting following completion of the VFSC event.

Calculation of the VFSC Standard Score and AFSC Qualification Score

The ISV Standard and Qualifying scores are determined based on the ISU Scale of Values and a theoretical program that the Council deems to be of sufficient standard to generate a score that is both realistic and attainable for all athletes.

Calculation of Scores:

- Relies on a SOV generated score that ISV deem attainable
- Structured on the base value of elements for each division

VFSC Standard Technical Element Score (Standard TES):

This score is based on approximately 80% of the Qualifying score and is deemed to be the minimum score attainable to claim a Championship title.

AFSC Qualification Technical Element Score (Qualifying TES):

This score is calculated on the competition requirements from each division, taking the base Scale of Value and incorporating them into a theoretical program. It is not ISV's intent to set this score higher than the ISA Benchmark score for consideration to International competitions.

AFSC Qualification Carry over Score

There are two ways in which an ISV skater can attain a carry over ISV qualifying score for AFSC. They will both enable a valid score for the season following the one being skated

- 1) By a consistent attainment of the required divisional qualifying score throughout the season. This seeks to reward consistent high level skating throughout the season
- 2) By attaining their season's best at AFSC. This seeks to reward high level skating at AFSC.

The structure of those two methods is as follows:

Consistent attainment of the required divisional qualifying score throughout the season (option 1)

- Athletes must attain the divisional ISV qualifying score four (4) times throughout the season in the division they intend to compete at AFSC.
- The AFSC of the current season being competed counts as two (2) qualifying scores.
- These qualifying scores must be attained at approved ISV qualifying events, as detailed in this policy, or as determined by ISV.
- The highest of these four (4) scores will be taken as the score for the following season.
- This method is available to all Singles, Dance or Synch Teams.

Attaining their season's best at AFSC (option 2)

- Season's Best (SB) at the Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) must be higher than the ISV Qualifying score for that division.
- The SB must be attained following the same principle as qualifying a place on Team Victoria for the AFSC ie. it is based on Technical Element Score (TES) scores for the programs as listed in this policy
- This method is available to all Singles, Dance or Synch Teams.

Conditions:

The following must be satisfied in order for this attained score to be valid.

- If an athlete moves up a division in the following season they will be required to earn a new qualifying score in the higher division, as per policy. Therefore the bonus becomes redundant.
- If a Dance team attains a carry over bonus, splits in the off season and reforms with different partners, the bonus is redundant and the new teams will be required to attain a new qualifying score even if they remain in the same division. That is, the Dance team pairing must remain the same for the bonus to apply.
- If a Synchronised team attains a carry over bonus then the team composition changes in the off season such that more than 75% of the original team who attained the score are not there, the bonus is redundant and the new team will be required to attain a new qualifying score even if they remain in the same division. That is, if more than 25% of the team changes, the bonus becomes redundant.
- In the case of Discretionary skaters who do not have an ISV qualifying score, their SB at AFSC must be higher than the ISV Qualifying score for their division.
- Any athlete who has a carry over Qualifying score will still be ranked on that score against other athletes in the division who attain a score during the season in order to determine selection to Team Victoria.

Examples:

An athlete may attain a Qualifying score at Crystal Challenge and VFSC then another score at AFSC. This would give them the carry over bonus as they have two scores and one from AFSC, which counts as two scores, giving a total of four scores.

An athlete may attain a qualifying score at Hollins Trophy, Crystal Challenge, VFSC and NSWFC but miss it at AFSC. They would still obtain the carry over bonus as they have four qualifying scores during the season.

An athlete may get a qualifying score at Crystal Challenge only but then get a SB at AFSC. This would give them the carry over bonus due to the SB at AFSC.

Technical Element Scores

The TES will be based on the programs as indicated below:

- ISU Basic Novice A– Free Skate (FS), Dance (FD)
- ISU Basic Novice B– Free Skate (FS), Dance (FD)
- Intermediate - Free Skate (FS)
- Advanced Novice – Short Program (SP), Dance (FD)
- Junior - Short Program (SP)
- Senior - Short Program (SP)
- Adult Silver - Free Skate (FS)
- Adult Gold - Free Skate (FS)
- Adult Masters – Free Skate (FS)
- Adult Elite - Free Skate (FS)

The Qualification Scores for the 2017 season are as follows:

Table A

Division	TES	Division	TES
Basic Novice A Ladies	8.8	Basic Novice A Men	8.8
Basic Novice B Ladies	10.3	Basic Novice B Men	10.9
Intermediate Ladies	10.3	Intermediate Men	10.9
Advanced Novice Ladies	10.8	Advanced Novice Men	11.2
Junior Ladies	12.8	Junior Men	13.2 - No Athletes
Senior Ladies	13.6	Senior Men	15.2 - No Athletes
Basic Novice B Dance	5.3 - No teams	Advanced Novice Dance	8.5 - No teams
Adult Silver Ladies	10.6	Adult Silver Men	10.6
Adult Gold Ladies	11.1	Adult Gold Men	11.1
Adult Masters Ladies	12.8	Adult Masters Men	12.8
Adult Elite Ladies	12.8	Adult Elite Men	12.8
Adult/Mixed Age Sys	11.6	Basic Novice Sys	10.5
Junior Sys	7.1		

The Standard Scores at VFSC for the 2014 season are as follows:

Table B

Division	TES	Division	TES
Basic Novice A Ladies	7.0	Basic Novice A Men	7.0
Basic Novice B Ladies	8.3	Basic Novice B Men	8.9
Intermediate Ladies	8.3	Intermediate Men	8.9
Advanced Novice Ladies	8.5	Advanced Novice Men	8.9
Junior Ladies	10.2	Junior Men	10.7 - No Athletes
Senior Ladies	10.9	Senior Men	12.2 - No Athletes
Basic Novice B Dance	4.2 - No teams	Advanced Novice Dance	6.8 - No teams
Adult Silver Ladies	8.7	Adult Silver Men	8.7
Adult Gold Ladies	8.9	Adult Gold Men	8.9
Adult Masters Ladies	10.2	Adult Masters Men	10.2
Adult Elite Ladies	10.2	Adult Elite Men	10.2
Adult Synchro	9.3	Basic Novice Synchro	8.4
Junior Synchro	5.7		

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ISV Inc. may, at its discretion, review and amend details in this document in response to changing circumstances. All changes will be notified to membership.