



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 (Australian Figure Skating Championships).

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 .
- 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, or ISA Communication.
- 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 are 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 at VFSC a skater attains the VFSC minimum Standard Score and wins their division, they will not automatically qualify for AFSC. They must, at some stage during the competitive season, have attained ISV's AFSC Qualification Score.

AFSC Qualification Score

All athletes, excepting the Junior and Senior divisions, are required to compete at VFSC to be considered for nomination to the AFSC.

All other ISV skaters intending on competing at AFSC will be required to skate at 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 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.
- 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 or International 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 (ISA Rule 610).

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 on a case by case basis, including, but not limited to, competition history, 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, or earlier if conditions have been met and ISV cannot exceed their ISA allocation.

Calculation of the VFSC Standard Score and AFSC Qualification Score

ISV's VFSC Standard and AFSC Qualifying scores are determined based on the ISU Scale of Values (SOV) and a theoretical program that the Council deems to be of sufficient standard to generate a score that is both realistic and attainable for athletes. ISV reserve the right to generate a Qualifying Score using unconventional means if the situation arises.

Calculation of Scores:

- Relies on a SOV generated score that ISV deem attainable
 - As a guideline, this is mostly structured on a Base value of elements for each division and a GOE score of 0.

VFSC Standard Technical Element Score (Standard TES):

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

AFSC Qualification Technical Element Score (Qualifying TES):

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

Intermediate Novice ageing out:

Any athlete who has a qualifying score in Intermediate Novice, then ages into Intermediate (ISA) in that season, will be allowed to retain their scores achieved in Intermediate Novice for the purpose of being nominated for AFSC in Intermediate (ISA).

This only applies to the Intermediate Novice division as the elements and duration of program for Intermediate Novice and Intermediate (ISA) are identical with the only differentiator being age.

AFSC Qualification Carry over Score

There are two ways in which an ISV athlete 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), or more, 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 25% 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 NSWFSC 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:

- Basic Novice – Free Skate (FS), Free Dance (FD)
- Intermediate Novice – Free Skate (FS), Free Dance (FD)
- Intermediate (ISA) - Free Skate (FS)
- Advanced Novice – Short Program (SP), Free Dance (FD)
- Junior and Senior - Short Program / Rhythm Dance (SP/RD)
- Adult Silver, Gold, Masters, Elite, Synchro - Free Skate (FS)

The Qualification Scores for the 2019 season are as follows:

Table A

Division	TES	Division	TES
Basic Novice Ladies	8.8	Basic Novice Men	8.8
Intermediate Novice Ladies	10.6	Intermediate Novice Men	10.6
Intermediate (ISA) Ladies	10.6	Intermediate (ISA) Men	10.6
Advanced Novice Ladies	10.4	Advanced Novice Men	No Athletes
Junior Ladies	12.4	Junior Men	12.9
Senior Ladies	14.0	Senior Men	No Athletes
Senior Dance	14.6	Advanced Novice Dance	No teams
Adult Silver Ladies	8.0	Adult Silver Men	No Athletes
Adult Gold Ladies	10.6	Adult Gold Men	No Athletes
Adult Masters Ladies	12.0	Adult Masters Men	No Athletes
Adult Elite Ladies	12.0	Adult Elite Men	No Athletes
Adult Sys	10.5	Basic Novice Sys	7.0
Mixed Age Sys	No Team	Junior Sys	6.5

The Standard Scores at VFSC for the 2019 season are as follows:

Table B

Division	TES	Division	TES
Basic Novice Ladies	7.0	Basic Novice A Men	7.0
Intermediate Novice Ladies	8.5	Basic Novice B Men	8.5
Intermediate (ISA) Ladies	8.5	Intermediate (ISA) Men	8.5
Advanced Novice Ladies	8.5	Advanced Novice Men	8.9 - No Athletes
Junior Ladies	10.0	Junior Men	10.2
Senior Ladies	10.9	Senior Men	12.2 - No Athletes
Senior Dance	11.7	Advanced Novice Dance	6.8 - No teams
Adult Silver Ladies	6.3	Adult Silver Men	6.3 - No Athletes
Adult Gold Ladies	8.5	Adult Gold Men	8.5 - No Athletes
Adult Masters Ladies	9.6	Adult Masters Men	9.6 - No Athletes
Adult Elite Ladies	9.6	Adult Elite Men	9.6 - No Athletes
Adult Sys	9.3	Basic Novice Sys	8.4
Mixed Age Sys		Junior Sys	5.2

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