

## Victorian Figure Skating Championships Policy

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<b>Related Policies/ Procedures/Forms:</b>	Team Victoria Selection Policy		

### 1. Purpose

To outline the special rules and processes that are required for the Victorian Figure Skating Championships (VFSC).

### 2. Application

This policy applies to all who intend to compete, officiate, volunteer or coach at the VFSC.

### 3. Category and Segment

#### 3.1 Singles

- a. Senior Women and Men (SP and FS)
- b. Junior Women and Men (SP and FS)
- c. Advanced Novice Women and Men (SP and FS)
- d. Intermediate Women and Men (FS)
- e. Intermediate Novice Girls and Boys (FS)
- f. Basic Novice Girls and Boys (FS)

#### 3.2 Pair

- a. Senior (SP and FS)
- b. Junior (SP and FS)
- c. Advanced Novice (SP and FS)
- d. Basic Novice (FS)

### 3.3 Ice Dance (Team and Solo)

- a. Senior (RD and FD)
- b. Junior (RD and FD)
- c. Advanced Novice (PD and FD)
- d. Intermediate Novice (PD and FD)
- e. Basic Novice (PD and FD)

### 3.4 Synchronized Skating

- a. Senior (SP and FS)
- b. Junior (SP and FS)
- c. Advanced Novice (FS)
- d. Basic Novice (FS)
- e. Mixed Age (FS)
- f. Advanced Adult (FS)
- g. Adult (FS)

### 3.5 Adult

- a. Adult Elite Masters Singles (FS)
- b. Adult Masters Singles (FS)
- c. Adult Gold Singles (FS)
- d. Adult Silver Singles (FS)
- e. Adult Elite Masters Pair (FS)
- f. Adult Masters Pair (FS)
- g. Adult Pair (FS)
- h. Adult Elite Masters Dance (RD and FD)
- i. Adult Masters Dance (RD and FD)
- j. Adult Gold Dance (RD and FD)
- k. Adult Silver Dance (RD and FD)

### 3.6 Age group separation

ISU categories are not divided into age groups for the Championship events. This includes Basic Novice to Senior. Separation of Adult categories will follow ISA Communications and By-Laws.

## 4. Victorian State Champion Titles

### 4.1 Awarding the Title

To be eligible for a Victorian State Championship title, an athlete must satisfy all of the criteria in the Victorian Figure Skating Championships (VFSC) and Southern Cross Trophy (SCT) official Announcement. In addition, they must have been a member of the Association for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the event date.

The highest placed Victorian athlete who obtains the required Championship score and who satisfies the above eligibility criteria will be awarded the title of Victorian State Champion for their respective category. Athletes hold this title for a period of twelve (12) months, or until the commencement of the next VFSC, whichever comes sooner.

## 4.2 Victorian Championship TES (Total Element Score) 2025

There is no longer a requirement for ISV athletes to obtain a specific TES score to be considered as the Victorian State Champion.

## 5. Awards

### 5.1 Medals

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the VFSC Champion, second and third placed competitors respectively. Invited participants from other ISA or ISU members who place in any of the three positions in a VFSC event will be given appropriate medals in addition to the three highest placed Victorian competitors.

### 5.2 Champion Trophies

The Victorian State Champion receives, in addition to any other medal they may have been awarded:

- i. Their name engraved on the perpetual trophy for the respective category
- ii. A miniature cup to keep

Victorian State Champions may request to loan the perpetual trophy on the provisions that:

- i. It does not leave the State of Victoria
- ii. On request of the Board, it is returned to Ice Skating Victoria as soon as is practical
- iii. Any damage caused to the perpetual trophy by the State Champion is to be fixed at their expense
- iv. If the perpetual trophy is lost or stolen, the State Champion will be responsible for the replacement of the trophy, including the reinstatement of all previous engravings.

All loans of perpetual trophies will be at the discretion of the Board.

## 6. Champ Series

The Board will vote to apply to ISA each year for inclusion of VFSC in the ISA Champ Series. At the time of application to ISA, the Board will determine which disciplines they will be included in the application at their sole discretion.

## 7. Judging

If the VFSC has been awarded with ISA Champ Series status, the judging/technical panels at the VFSC must conform to the requirements as set out by ISA in the relevant policies or Communications. If these requirements are not able to be met, an exemption must be obtained from ISA.

The IJS Video replay system must be available to the technical panel and all judges throughout the event.

## 8. Conduct

All athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, family and invited guests must maintain the highest level of personal and professional behaviour, and engage with one another in a respectful manner. All personnel must also abide by the ISV Code of Ethics and Behaviour policy as well as the code of conduct requirements of the host rink.

## 8. Definitions

<b>Association</b>	means Ice Skating Victoria Inc
<b>Athlete</b>	means an individual who participates in figure skating either in training, competing or testing.
<b>Board</b>	means the Directors of the Association
<b>Competitor</b>	means the athletes entered in the event
<b>ISA</b>	Ice Skating Australia
<b>ISV</b>	Ice Skating Victoria
<b>VFSC</b>	Victorian Figure Skating Championships
<b>SP / FS</b>	Short Program / Free Skate
<b>PD / RD / FD</b>	Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance
<b>TES</b>	Total Element Score

## 9. Version history

<b>Version</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Changes</b>
5.0	Mar 2025	Removal of VFSC TES score requirements
4.0	Oct 2024	Update of required scores based on ISA Communication 156. Minor format edits.
3.0	Aug 2023	Update of divisions to categories in line with ISU and FSM nomenclature. Update of required scores based on ISA Communication 147. Minor format edits.
2.0	Dec 2022	Update of scores and update of Ladies to Women in line with ISU. Changing award process to reflect current practices.
1.0	Jan 2021	Initial version