

600 SECTION - SYNCHRONIZED SKATING RULES

601 DEFINITION OF SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Synchronized skating involves a team of nine to sixteen skaters (eight to sixteen for Adult and Mixed Age teams) performing various elements and transitions to music. "Synchronized skating" refers to the quality of skating, importance of unison, speed and flow, the accuracy of the formations and precision of the team, incorporated into a programme of a specified time limit. The objective is for the skaters to perform as one unit as opposed to individual soloists.

For definitions of the terms used in Synchronized Skating refer to current ISU Rules.

602 REQUIREMENTS FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

602.1 Synchronized skating is judged and marked in accordance with the current edition of the ISU Special Regulations - Synchronized Skating and subsequent ISU Communications. The marking of Synchronized skating will use the IJS as specified in the competition announcement. New ISU Communications will not be valid for New Zealand competitions that commence within two weeks of the date of publication.

603 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

603.1 All participants must be eligible skaters as defined in Rule 103 of the Regulations. All team members must be members of the Club the team represents, but it is not necessary for it to be their home Club. Men and women can skate on the same team.

603.2 Members of teams with age limits must be able to provide proof of age if requested to the Referee and/or organising committee of the competition for which the team is entered.

603.3 Teams may enter more than one division using different music and a different routine with a minimum change of 50% of the skaters. Skaters who compete on an Adult team may also skate on a Senior or Mixed Age team but may **not** also skate on a Basic Novice, Advanced Novice or Junior team in any one season.

603.4 All Synchronized Teams must qualify for the New Zealand National Championships as per Rule 205.

603.5 Participation in International Competitions – As per current ISU Rules up to 25% of a Synchronized Skating team may be from a foreign Member, if so permitted by the National Association of the country in which the skater is a citizen, but such skaters shall only represent one Member in the course of the same year (July 1 – June 30).

604 SYNCHRONIZED SKATING PROGRAMMES

604.1 **Short Programme** for Junior and Senior grades only:

Requirements shall be as per current ISU Regulations and relevant ISU communications for Junior and Senior respectively.

604.2 **Free skating programmes** for all grades:

BASIC NOVICE

As per current requirements for Basic Novice as published in ISU Communications.

MIXED AGE

As per current requirements for Mixed Age as published in ISU Communications.

ADVANCED NOVICE

As per current requirements for Advanced Novice as published in ISU Communications.

JUNIOR

Requirements shall be as per current ISU Regulations and relevant ISU communications for Junior.

SENIOR

Requirements shall be as per current ISU Regulations and relevant ISU communications for Senior.

SENIOR ELITE 12

Requirements shall be as per current ISU Regulations and relevant ISU communications for Senior Elite 12.

ADULT Programme length: 3 minutes +/- 10 seconds

Must include the following five required elements:

- Intersection Element
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection) is optional and will be counted if executed correctly
- Pivoting Element – Block
- Traveling Element
- Linear Element – Line
- Choice of: Mixed Element OR Artistic Element (Block, Circle, Line, Wheel)

NOTE: Maximum Element levels can be skated, and the level will be called as executed. Vaults, Group Lifts and un-sustained lifts are not permitted. Deductions for falls and interruptions shall be halved from standard Junior/Senior deductions.

NOTE: Teams wishing to compete in competitions in Australia or internationally need to check the competition announcement to ensure that the programme meets the time and element requirements for that competition as they may differ from NZIFSA rules.

ELEMENTARY GRADE – GUIDELINES FOR CLUB AND SUB-ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS/COMPETITIONS

In the Elementary Section of Synchronized Skating competitions each team will skate a free skate programme only. A team may consist of 8 to 16 skaters.

Eligibility for Elementary Grade - skaters may hold Preliminary Stroking or Preliminary Pattern Dance but no higher stroking or pattern dance test.

Requirements for Elementary Grade (Programme length: 2 minutes 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds)

A well balanced **Elementary free skate programme may contain a maximum of five elements chosen from:**

- one (1) block
- one (1) circle
- one (1) line
- one (1) wheel
- one (1) intersection

605 MUSIC

Any music including vocal music using lyrics is permitted. However, the teams must skate the programme in time to the music. Additions of the sounds of applause or cheers are not permitted.

606 DRESS CODE

The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. Costumes may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.

The decorations on costumes must be non-detachable.

Accessories, feathers and props are not permitted.

Clothing not meeting the foregoing requirements will be penalised. The deduction will be made from the Total Score.

607 SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITIONS

607.1 Warm up periods: As per current ISU Rules.

607.2 All draws for skating order shall be conducted as per Rule 213.