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Online Competition Trial Communication 122

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1 Purpose of the Communication

This Communication establishes the criteria for the conduct of a trial of how the Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) could be held as an online event in 2020 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions

This is being trialled as one scenario. There are many scenarios that need to be considered first, all with many complex factors involved. We are just investigating this possibility as one avenue for consideration. Bear in mind that NO decision will be taken lightly & will depend on the information available at the time a decision on AFSC is made. **The current position is that AFSC will take place in Brisbane as published.**

The online competition format will provide the opportunity for **Preliminary and Elementary** athletes who do not go to Nationals to compete. It will also allow officials from all States and who reside overseas an opportunity to participate.

This part of the trial will mainly focus on video and judging. There are further trials to come.

The process being used here with the coaches submitting videos will not be the method used in an online AFSC. In that instance, videos will be recorded by an ISA official.

2. Technical Requirements

ISA By-Laws 311

PRELIMINARY LADIES AND MEN

DURATION OF FREE SKATING	1 minute and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds
<i>Maximum of 4 jump elements</i>	<p>Any jump can be repeated only once and this repetition must be done either in a jump combination or jump sequence.</p> <p>There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences.</p> <p>Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps.</p> <p>A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the two most difficult jumps will be counted.</p>
<i>Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature (abbreviation)</i>	<p>One must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum 4 revolutions in total), NO Flying entry.</p> <p>One must be a spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum 4 revolutions in total); may commence with a Fly.</p>
Step Sequence	There must be one (1) step sequence covering at least ½ the ice surface.
ELIGIBILITY	<p>At close of entries the skater must</p> <p>Be a current financial member of a State Association;</p>
PROGRAM COMPONENTS MARKED	Skating Skills Performance
PROGRAM COMPONENTS FACTOR	2.5
DEDUCTION PER FALL	0.5
MAXIMUM LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	Only features up to Level 1 will be counted

By-Law 312

ELEMENTARY LADIES AND MEN

DURATION OF FREE SKATING	2 minutes +/- 10 seconds.
<i>Maximum of 4 jump elements</i>	<p>Any jump can be repeated only once and this repetition must be done either in a jump combination or jump sequence.</p> <p>There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences.</p> <p>Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps.</p> <p>A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted.</p>
<i>Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature (abbreviation)</i>	<p>One must be a spin combination with or without change of foot (minimum 4 revolutions in total), NO Flying entry.</p> <p>One must be a spin with no change of position and with or without change of foot (minimum 4 revolutions in total), may commence with a Fly.</p>
Step Sequence	There must be one (1) step sequence with fully utilising the ice surface.
ELIGIBILITY	<p>At close of entries the skater must</p> <p>Have not competed in a Basic Novice A or higher Singles Championship event (State, Australian or other).</p>
PROGRAM COMPONENTS MARKED	Skating Skills Performance
PROGRAM COMPONENTS FACTOR	2.5
DEDUCTION PER FALL	0.5
MAXIMUM LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	Only features up to Level 1 will be counted

3. Conduction of the Competition.

- States will call for the nomination of athletes by coaches
- Coaches may nominate ONE skater only of their choice from either Preliminary (Prelim) or Elementary (Elem)
- For the purpose of this trial, Ladies and Men will skate in the same event

- If necessary, States may choose to have an entry fee which can then be used to ensure that the skaters can skate their programs on clean ice at their local rink. States may choose to try to simulate an event giving the skaters a chance to have a small audience and run through on clean ice.
- Nominated skaters skate their programs in their home States between **12- 19 September**, with a State official/Judge present who will be responsible for verifying the time/date the program is skated.
- The State will be responsible for organizing the videoing of the program or giving the coach(s) permission to organise a video person. The video person must stand on the barrier in the centre of the rink and make sure that every part of the skater is in the camera at all times. Please have the phone/camera set at the highest resolution possible.
- Cam Ly (NSW) will set up folders in Google Docs for each event
- The files must be sent to admin@nswisa.com by WeTransfer.com by **5pm 20th September**.
- The files will be named as follows: Division; skaters surname, first name-state
Eg: Preliminary- Noyes, Debbie-NSW
- Only those files received by this date will be considered as entered.

4. Judging of the Competition.

- The OD for Judges/Officials will call for availability and construct the panels from officials available
- An initial judges / technical panel meeting will be held for each panel in the week preceding the event.
- There will be four designated accountants who will each be assigned a Referee & Controller.
- The skaters will be randomly placed into 4 groups: Prelim A; Prelim B; Elem A; Elem B
- There will be Four different Technical Panels and four panels of Judges.
- The list of skaters in each group will be sent alphabetically to both the Referee and the Controller. (21 September)
- Each Controller sends the list of skaters out to their Technical panel who watch the event and then email the Controller with the calls within 2 days of receiving the list of names.
- Only those on the list are to be considered any other will not be watched.
- **Any elements that cannot be viewed in their entirety will be called BASE, in the case of jumps, they will be downgraded.**
- The Controller holds a zoom meeting with their teams and come to a consensus with any discrepant calls and records these on a spreadsheet.
- The Controller then sends a spreadsheet with the calls (minus the levels) to the Referee. (24 September)
- The Controller also sends the spreadsheet to their designated accountant (24 September) with all the levels which the accountant then inputs into the computer and sends back to the Controller for verification.
- The Referee distributes the spreadsheet (minus the levels) to all the judges on the panel.
- The judges have 2 days to watch each team and record their GOE and component scores for each element which they send back to the Referee.
- The Referee inputs all the judges marks onto one spreadsheet which is sent to the LOC account for input.
- After input the Referee is responsible for checking all the input marks.

The results will be announced after 25 September, 2020.

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1.0	24 Aug. 2020	New Communication