



Judges and Technical Officials Policy and Procedure

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Related Documents	ISA By-Laws – Section 2 – Tests – By-Law 208 ISA By-Laws – Section 7 – Judges and Officials ISA National Panels – Judges and Technical Officials (as per current panels available on ISA website) ISA-15 Member Protection Policy ISA-16 Code of Ethics and Behaviour ISA-17 Social Media Code of Conduct ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018 (particularly Rule 351) Relevant and current ISU and ISA Communications		

1. Purpose of the Policy

This policy outlines the requirements and expectations of Officials who are accredited by FSAT. This includes

- Judges
- Referees
- Technical Controllers
- Technical Specialists, and
- Data Entry Operators and Video Operators

This policy also outlines pathways for judging development.

2. Application of the Policy

This policy applies to all Officials listed in section 1 of this policy as well as the FSAT Judging Convenor and FSAT.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Trial Judging - Aussie Skate

The Trial Judge must trial at six Aussie Skate events. This can include competition or test judging. At the end of each event the Referee/Judge will review results with the Trial Judge. If the Referee/Judge is satisfied the Trial Judge is competent, the Trial Judge can be added to the List of Aussie Skate Judges by advising FSAT and the Judging Convenor.

The Referee/Judge evaluating the Trial Judge must be listed on the ISA National Judges Panels List.

3.2 Trial Judging – International Judging System

- Must have judged Aussie Skate (competitions and tests) for at least 12 months and accumulated 20 points (see Section 3.8).
- Trial Judges may attend interstate events (competitions or tests) to gain experience with larger fields and wider range of skaters. This may include Online events run by ISA. The Trial Judge shall communicate with FSAT and attending of interstate event/s is to be arranged via the FSAT Judging Convenor.
- The Judging Convenor will organise for a Senior Judge/Referee at an interstate event to monitor/review the Trial Judge.
- If the Trial Judge attends a competition where round table discussions are held, a report can be asked for from the event Referee of Trial Judge's performance.
- If no round table discussion is held at the interstate event, the Trial Judge may be asked to present judging papers to FSAT Judging Convenor. The papers will be evaluated by an FSAT judge against protocols from the event.
- The Trial Judge should trial at 3 events (either Tasmanian or interstate) at a minimum before being considered as an official Judge. At the completion of 3 events, the event referee will report to FSAT and the Judging Convenor and advise whether they deem the Trial Judge competent.

3.3 Technical Controller

For State Championships, the Technical Controller must be listed on the current ISA National Technical Panel List. They cannot be a Technical Controller for an event higher than recognised by ISA. If there are divisions higher than the official is qualified, a Technical Controller must be sought from interstate.

Other Judges may trial as a Technical Controller during events.

3.4 Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialist

For State Championships, the Technical Specialist must be on the current ISA National Technical Panel List. If there is no Technical Specialist available within FSAT, a Technical Specialist should be sourced from interstate.

The Assistant Technical Specialist may be used from current coaches or a Technical Controller.

In the event that a Technical Specialist is unable to attend in person (due to restrictions with entry to the state of Tasmania), FSAT will endeavour to provide a video stream for a Technical Specialist to view during the event. Element confirmation will be undertaken via phone conversation at an appropriate time during the competition.

3.5 Referee

For Aussie Skate events the Referee must be listed on the ISA National Judges Panel List.

For FSAT held IJS events the Referee must be listed on the ISA National Judges Panel List. For Senior/Junior events the Referee must be a Senior ISA National Judge.

3.6 Data Entry and Accountant

For State Championships the Data Entry Operator and/or Accountant must be listed on the ISA National Technical Panel List.

For all other events a competent person who has had training on the system can be used.

3.7 ISA Testing

- Judges must be listed on the ISA National Judges Panel List as a Test Judge.
- Judges can evaluate tests as per ISA By-Law 209.
- Trial Judges will complete test papers and hand them to Test Referee for evaluation of competency as per section 3.2.

3.8 Judging Accreditation via Point system

In order to maintain judging accreditation, Judges must obtain at least 30 points throughout the calendar year in order to remain accredited. This is similar to coaching accreditation. This is to ensure Judges maintain current knowledge and experience. Points can be earned by participating in FSAT or interstate events.

Event/Activity	Points
ISU Seminar (Singles, Pairs, Dance, Synchronized)	15
AFSC	15
Interstate IJS Competition	10
FSAT or interstate held seminar (Judging or Participant)	10
FSAT IJS Competition (including State Championships)	10
ISA Online Events - Judging	5
Round Table participation after event –FSAT, Interstate or Online	5
Aussie Skate Test Session	5
Aussie Skate Competition	5
Artistic and other equivalent competitions held by FSAT	5
ISA Judges Test (organised by ISA)	5
Skater Feedback Session	5
ISA Test (per test) – FSAT or Interstate	2

In the event that a judge has not been able to achieve the required points (eg illness, absence), FSAT can use their discretion to decide if the Judge will maintain their accreditation.

3.9 Conflicts of Interest

Judges and Technical Officials must make Competition and Test Convenors aware of any conflicts of interest (i.e. Judge or Technical Official has relatives or students in the Test or Competition Level) in officiating at events. In the event of a conflict the official will not be placed on panels and cannot be present in the judging area during the event.

3.10 Working with Vulnerable Children

All Judges and Technical Officials must hold a current Working with Vulnerable Persons Check. If the official is from interstate, they must hold an equivalent check from their state.

3.12 Interstate Officials

FSAT may request officials from interstate for the following reasons:

- Fill panels for competitions
- Bring in expertise where required for levels

Officials from interstate must be listed on the ISA National Judges or Technical Panels.

3.13 Association Membership

Tasmanian Officials must be a current member of FSAT to Judge either in Tasmania or interstate.

Officials from interstate must be a member of their home state association.

3.14 Currency of Accreditation

An official will be deemed inactive if they do not:

- participate in judging activities for a period of 2 years
- maintain their accreditation points
- are not a current member of FSAT

Records of Events/Activities will be maintained by the FSAT Judging Convenor.

3.15 Code of Conduct

All officials must abide by:

- ISA-15 Member Protection Policy
- ISA-16 Code of Ethics and Behaviour
- ISA-17 Social Media Code of Conduct
- ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2018 – Rule 351

If a person believes that an official is in breach of any of the above, they must put their complaint in writing to FSAT. FSAT will investigate the complaint. If the complaint is substantiated FSAT may:

- Revoke the individual's membership with no refund of membership fees
- Remove the official's Judging or Technical status
- Cease any training or accreditation overseen by FSAT

Change History

Version	Approval Date	Change
1	August 2015	Development of Policy
2	6 th July 2021	Review and re-formatting of Policy