



# Technical Specialists Protocol

**For Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance, Solo Dance & Synchronized  
Skating**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 British Ice Skating (BIS) has developed this protocol to establish a clear pathway for Technical Specialists who wish to be included in the BIS List of Technical Specialists and to potentially progress through the national and international structures if desired.
- 1.2 The protocol includes the entry requirements, the development and promotion pathway, BIS' commitment and Technical Specialists' commitment as well as the rules around conflicts and panels for and events.
- 1.3 This document will be regularly reviewed by the BIS Office and relevant TACs and may be changed from time-to-time to ensure that requirements are correct.

## 2. Overview

Needs Done

## 3. Pre-requisites

- 3.1 Must be a current full or life or volunteer British Ice Skating Member.
- 3.2 Must be a minimum age of 18 years old upon application.
- 3.3 Must not have competed in the previous season in that discipline except adult competition.
- 3.4 Must have the highest knowledge of the technical aspects of the discipline concerned, possess excellent communication and inter-personal skills and be able to take directions and work within a team
- 3.5 Must agree to, and abide by the following:
  - 3.5.1 Code of Conduct
  - 3.5.2 Code of Ethics
  - 3.5.3 Conflict of Interest Policy
  - 3.5.4 Policies & Procedures
  - 3.5.5 GDPR Policy
  - 3.5.6 ISU Code of Ethics (for Technical Specialists with the status of ISU International or ISU Championship)
- 3.6 Must have completed and submitted the full application form to the BIS Office – please allow up to 6 weeks for review from submission. An email will be sent directly to you to confirm the next stage.

## 4. Minimum Requirements

- 4.1 An entry exam which will be conducted (either online or in-person, at the discretion of the relevant TAC) to assess current knowledge and where support may be required. The minimum passing score will be set in conjunction with the relevant TAC. The exam will be delivered by British Ice Skating staff with moderators appointed in conjunction with the relevant TAC. Any queries can be sent to [workforce@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:workforce@iceskating.org.uk).
- 4.2 The entry examination will be set by the relevant TAC and contain questions reflecting entry level knowledge and may include but will not be limited to the following:
  - 4.2.1 General ISU and BIS rules
  - 4.2.2 Theory of the relevant discipline
  - 4.2.3 Simple Element identification
  - 4.2.4 Simple Step identification
- 4.3 An email will be sent directly to you to confirm the next stage. Any persons not reaching the standard may apply to be re-assessed after a period of 6 months has elapsed from the date of the result. If unsuccessful after 2 attempts, a period of 1 year must elapse before a final attempt can be made.

## 5. Probationary TS

- 5.1 Progression through the pathway is dependent upon activity, commitment, Technical Specialist education and appropriate technical controller and mentor reports.
- 5.2 An approved mentor will be assigned by the relevant TAC. They will be introduced through British Ice Skating staff and will provide advice and guidance during the Technical Specialist's initial probationary period and act as a point of contact for any questions. New/additional mentors can be appointed as the official progresses through the Pathway. This can be undertaken in an informal manner as and when required.
- 5.3 A formal introductory seminar will be held at least once per year. This will be facilitated by the British Ice Skating staff in conjunction with moderators selected by the appropriate TAC group. Information which will be delivered will generally cover the following:
  - 5.3.1 Development Pathway

- 5.3.2 Generic Criteria
- 5.3.3 Conflict Rules
- 5.3.4 Expenses Claims
- 5.3.5 Document Processes
- 5.3.6 Code of Conduct

## 6. National Pathway

- 6.1 When confirmed as a Probationary Technical Specialist or a Promoted Technical Specialist, the applicant will be informed officially by the BIS Office and the list of Officials held by BIS will be updated accordingly.
- 6.2 Each discipline has requirements set out in Appendix I, II, III, IV and V showing the requirements for promotion through the different levels of the National TS Pathway for each Discipline and the requirements to be completed by the Technical Specialist. This includes activity, examinations and on-going assessments. **Progression is not automatic.**
- 6.3 It will be the Probationary Technical Specialist's responsibility to maintain a record of their activity and to provide this to British Ice Skating through the Probationary Technical Specialist Activity Form.
- 6.4 The Technical Specialist must also retain information of their activity including panels, rink, event levels and copies of panels from the official protocol to ensure they maintain their own activity records.
- 6.5 The BIS Office will retain records of activity and will progress promotions by submitting recommendations to members of the relevant Discipline Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for approval based on relevant documentation.
- 6.6 Assessment and promotion will be based on continuous assessment at a variety of events including Open events and BIS events as appropriate to the level of TS.
- 6.7 Where competition activity requirements are proving difficult to achieve, the TAC reserves the right to make amendments to the minimum requirements at their discretion and/or to influence panels when possible, to do so to meet requirements when other avenues have been exhausted. Enquiries around this should be made via [workforce@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:workforce@iceskating.org.uk)

## 7. International Pathway

- 7.1 When a Technical Specialist completes the National Requirements to be nominated to the International Skating Union (ISU) for initial appointment to the International Technical Panel, BIS will follow the ISU procedures to progress this application, in accordance with current ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. This will be limited and may depend on performance in BIS recertification examinations.
- 7.2 In addition to their International commitments to remain on the relevant ISU List of Officials, International and ISU Championship Technical Specialists must also comply with their commitments to British Ice Skating, as laid out in section 9. Failure to remain on the BIS List of Technical Specialists may result in the Official not being included on the ISU List of Officials.
- 7.3 All Technical Specialists should complete the International Activity Form when conducting any duties abroad. This should be done within 14 days of returning from the competition.

## 8. Commitment from British Ice Skating

- 8.1 British Ice Skating will commit to providing the necessary training and development for each national Technical Specialist, including National/International Seminars (as relevant), and will cover the expenses for this training, in accordance with the BIS Finance Policy. British Ice Skating will ensure that Technical Controllers and Organisers of National Opens are informed of Technical Specialists who require activity for promotion or to remain on the BIS List of Technical Specialists.
- 8.2 Any issues regarding activity, or lack thereof, experienced by a Technical Specialist should, in the first instance, be referred to the BIS Workforce Team. These issues will be recorded and will be discussed with relevant TAC groups. If activity at National Opens is not available, BIS will ensure that activity will be available to ensure promotion and activity requirements can be met.

## 9. Commitment from Technical Specialists

- 9.1 Technical Specialists must commit the time required to maintain competency and an up-to-date knowledge and to meet the requirements to remain on the BIS National Technical Specialists' List.

- 9.2 Technical Specialists must commit to availability for BIS events in the relevant discipline as below each season:
- 9.2.1 Singles: at least two (2) British Ice Skating Events  
For Technical Specialists at the appropriate level, only one (1) of these events may be a Championship or British qualification event
- 9.2.2 Ice Dance: at least one (1) British Ice Skating Event
- 9.2.3 Solo Dance: at least one (1) British Ice Skating Event
- 9.2.4 Synchronized Skating: at least one (1) British Ice Skating Event
- 9.3 Technical Specialists must officiate at a minimum of two (2) National Open Events per season (if the discipline allows). If a Technical Specialist is not asked to officiate at sufficient Opens, they must raise concerns with the BIS Office.
- 9.4 The Technical Specialist may not be required to officiate on a BIS Panel, depending on the number of officials available. If they are not required, BIS will notify them and this will not be detrimental to their remaining on the BIS List of Technical Specialists.
- 9.5 Technical Specialists for the British Championships will be selected from ISU and International Technical Specialists, National Technical Specialists who have officiated at BIS events, and Technical Specialists who require National Championship activity for promotion.
- 9.6 Technical Specialists who cannot provide availability for two (2) consecutive seasons, will be removed from the BIS List of Technical Specialists unless there are extenuating circumstances. The BIS Office must be notified of any extenuating circumstances as soon as they arise. This should be directed to [workforce@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:workforce@iceskating.org.uk).
- 9.7 BIS will support officials if required to ensure events have been offered to meet requirements. Concerns should be directed to [workforce@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:workforce@iceskating.org.uk).
- 9.8 In extreme circumstances, if a Technical Specialist is asked by BIS to officiate at a National Open as a Technical Controller, this will count towards activity as a Technical Specialist.
- 9.9 To remain on the BIS List of Technical Specialists, attendance at seminars and examinations as arranged by BIS is mandatory every 24 months. Additional seminars may be offered and may be virtual or online.

- 9.10 While the above are minimum requirements, Technical Specialists are expected to commit to regular Technical Panel activity to maintain standards of competency and experience.
- 9.11 Technical Specialists who cannot complete the required activity in the current season due to special circumstances, will remain on the list for an additional 12 months to enable them to complete the activity. These circumstances should be reported to BIS as they arise and cannot be considered at the end of the Season.
- 9.12 Technical Specialists who fail to meet the requirements will be removed from the BIS List of Technical Specialists.
- 9.13 Technical Specialists who have been removed from the list may reapply to become a Technical Specialist at a later date, subject to meeting the relevant minimum requirements at the re-application date.

## 10. Finance and Expenses

- 10.1 Expenses for BIS Events will be reimbursed when appropriate in accordance with the BIS Expenses Policy. Entitlement will depend on whether the Technical Specialist is present with skaters/needs to extend their stay etc. and will be agreed on an individual basis.
- 10.2 Expenses for National Opens will be at the discretion of the Event Organisers. Travel should be reimbursed at the current British Ice Skating rate.
- 10.2.1 Overnight accommodation and all meals must be provided or remunerated by the Event Organisers.
- 10.2.2 Although BIS recognises the commitment of event officials, it does not endorse awarding officials honoraria for their participation at events, and officials should not expect honoraria or gifts as many clubs are unable to cover this additional event expense.
- 10.2.3 However, should the club wish to give officials an honorarium this must not exceed £25 per day. Alternatively, gifts may be given to the officials as a thank you but must not exceed the equivalent value of £25 per day. This is at the discretion of the Event Organisers and is not encouraged.

## 11. Conflict of Interest

Conflict of interest rules are in place, not to question the integrity of any officials, but to ensure transparency and ensure that officials are protected. Please see the Conflict of Interest Guidance.



## 12. Construction of Panels

For all details around construction of panels, please see the Construction of Panels and Permit Policy for the current season.

## 13. Feedback

Any feedback sessions must be authorised through the British Ice Skating Office only and conflicts may apply where relevant. The Technical Controller should provide any feedback unless by prior arrangement a technical specialist is to be involved – this must be authorised by the British Ice Skating Office.

- 13.1 Performance and Futures Squads - Feedback for Performance and Futures Squad skaters must be arranged through the Performance TAC and the British Ice Skating Office with two (2) Technical Officials, with a minimum of one (1) ISU and one (1) International, and one (1) British Ice Skating staff member present. Their coach must also be in attendance.
- 13.2 Development Squad - Feedback for Development Squad skaters must be arranged through the British Ice Skating Office with one (1) or more Technical Specialist who must be championship level or higher in that discipline. Their coach must also be in attendance and either the Technical Controller or an International or ISU Judge.
- 13.3 For non-squad skaters, feedback can be requested through the British Ice Skating Office and will consist of one (1) or more Technical Specialist who must be championship level or higher in that discipline and one (1) International or ISU judge. Their coach must also be in attendance.
- 13.4 Feedback may be available at events including competitions and camps by arrangement of the British Ice Skating Office.
- 13.5 If there is a legitimate query following an event, these can be addressed to the Technical controller/Technical Controller of the event via the British Ice Skating Office. The Technical Specialist may be asked by the Technical Controller for their opinion and feedback.

## 14. Reports

All officials are encouraged to complete reports which they may find relevant. They can be found on the officials only section of the website.

## Appendix I – Singles

	Minimum Requirements	
<b>Probationary Technical Specialist to National 3</b>	To begin training as a Technical Specialist, a candidate must have completed the minimum requirements set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office, including achieving the required score on the entry examination.	
<b>Level Working Towards</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Additional Requirements</b>
<p><b>National Technical Specialist Beginners to National 3</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National Technical Specialist for Beginners to National 3. and can officiate in National Opens at this level.</p> <p>Under Supervision of Mentor - Beginner to 3 Adults Pre-Bronze/Bronze</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 4 different competitions. Technical Controllers report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events.</li> <li>• 280 Free Programmes which can be made up from the following categories               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beginner to National 3</li> <li>○ Adult Pre-Bronze to Bronze</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Attendance at any singles TS seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Examination - This will allow a Technical Specialist to become complete their Beginner to National 3 and become a probationary Technical Specialist at National 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<p><b>National 4 &amp; 5 Technical Specialist</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National 4 &amp; 5 and can officiate in National Opens at this level.</p> <p>Beginner to 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 4 different Open competitions. Technical Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events.</li> <li>• 140 Free Programmes which can be made up from the following categories               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National 4 and 5</li> <li>○ Basic and Intermediate</li> <li>○ Adults Bronze and Silver</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office</li> <li>• Examination - This will allow a Technical Specialist to become complete their National 4 &amp; 5 and become a probationary Technical Specialist at National 6-8.</li> <li>• Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> </ul>

<p>Basic &amp; Intermediate Adults Pre-Bronze to Silver First event at this level must have a mentor on the panel.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Senior National Technical Specialist</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified Senior National Technical Specialist. This means they can officiate all levels.</p> <p>National 1 to 8 Basic Novice to Senior Adults All Levels First event at this level must have a mentor on the panel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 3 different Open competitions. Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events.</li> <li>• 80 Short Programmes &amp; 80 Free Programmes which can be made up from the following categories             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National 6-8</li> <li>• Advanced Novice to Senior</li> <li>• Adult Gold &amp; Masters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<p><b>British Ice Skating Championship Technical Specialist</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must achieve a minimum of 85% at Singles Seminar during Examinations set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor</li> <li>• TS must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway</li> <li>• Commitment to acting as a TS throughout the previous stages must be clearly shown and continued</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ISU International Technical Specialist</b> Once a championship Technical Specialist is considered (through exams and activity which must be communicated through</p>	<p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting and any Post-Event Meetings/Discussion.</li> <li>• Meet the requirements for first appointment as an International Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li> </ul>	

<p>reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the TAC and BIS Office may select the individual to attend ISU Technical Specialist seminar.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li> <li>• Possess good communication skills.</li> <li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li> <li>• Minimum 2 years since competing in an ISU event</li> <li>• Use ISU wording re regular activity etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Promotion to ISU Championship</b></p>	<p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and any Post-Event Meetings/Discussion.</li> <li>• Meet the requirements for first appointment as an ISU Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li> <li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li> <li>• Possess good communication skills.</li> <li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li> </ul>

## Appendix II – Synchronized Skating

	Minimum Requirements	
<b>Probationary Technical Specialist to National 3</b>	To begin Teaching, a candidate must have completed the minimum requirements set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office, including achieving the required score on the entry examination. The required score for the entry examination will be set by the Synchronized Skating TAC.	
	Competition	Additional Requirements
<b>National Technical Specialist Beginners to Juvenile</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements they will become a qualified National Technical Specialist for Beginners to pre-mixed age. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level. Must have mentor on panel for first event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum attendance at 2 different Open competitions. Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum number of 50 programmes should be teched, in the position of TS1 &amp; TS2, from the following categories.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginner</li> <li>Pre-Juvenile</li> <li>Juvenile</li> <li>Pre-Mixed Age</li> <li>Adults</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office</li> <li>Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<b>National Technical Specialist Basic to Advanced Novice</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements they will become a qualified National Technical Specialist for Mixed Age & Advanced Novice. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum attendance at 2 different Open competitions. Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum number of 50 programmes should be teched, in the position of TS1 &amp; TS2, from the following categories               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mixed Age</li> <li>Basic Novice</li> <li>Advanced Novice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Senior National Technical Specialist</b> Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements they will become a qualified Senior National Technical Specialist. This means they can officiate in national Opens at all levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 2 different Open competitions. Controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance. Minimum number of 40 programmes should be teched, in the position of TS1 &amp; TS2, from the following categories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed Age</li> <li>• Junior or Junior B Short</li> <li>• Senior or Senior B Short</li> <li>• Junior or Junior B Free</li> <li>• Senior or Senior B Free</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<p>Requirements</p>		
<p><b>National Championship Technical Specialist</b> Once this level has been achieved by a Technical Specialist, they can officiate at national championship events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass a written and practical examination set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office</li> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment.</li> <li>• Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ISU International Technical Specialist</b></p>	<p>Once a championship Technical Specialist is considered (through examination(s) and acceptable activity, which must be communicated through reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office may nominate the Technical Specialist to attend the ISU Seminar for First Appointment as an International Technical Specialist.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting.</li> <li>• Meet the requirements for first appointment as an International Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li> <li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li> <li>• Possess good communication skills.</li> <li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li> </ul>	

<b>ISU Championship Technical Specialist</b>	<p>Once an ISU International Technical Specialist is considered (through examination(s) and acceptable activity, which must be communicated through reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office may nominate the Technical Specialist to attend the ISU Examination to become an ISU Technical Specialist.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting and Round Table Discussion.</li><li>• Meet the requirements for First Appointment as an ISU Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li><li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li><li>• Possess good communication skills.</li><li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li></ul>
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## Appendix III – Ice Dance & Solo Ice Dance

	Minimum Requirements	
<b>Probationary Technical Specialist</b>	To begin Teaching, a candidate must have completed the minimum requirements set by the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office, including achieving the required score on the entry examination. The required score for the entry examination will be set by the Ice Dance TAC.	
Level Working Towards	Competition	Additional Requirements
<p><b>National Beginner to 3 Technical Specialist</b></p> <p>Once a probationary Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National Beginner to 3 Technical Specialist. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Open competitions up to level 3, for both couples and solo ice dance.</p> <p>They may then be a probationary Technical Specialist for National 4-6.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 3 different Open competitions or qualifiers.</li> <li>• Technical controller report from each event with positive feedback on performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.</li> <li>• Probationary Technical Specialist the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 35 Pattern Dances from:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Beginner Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Beginner Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Pattern Dances from:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Juvenile Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Juvenile Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Free Dance programmes from:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Beginner Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Beginner Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Free Dance programmes from:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Juvenile Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Juvenile Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Activity at Adult events may also be considered.</li> <li>• Where couples are limited, virtual means may be used subject to TAC approval and BIS staff monitoring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office</li> <li>• Attendance at any ice dance seminars that occur throughout the probation period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 12 months to complete.</li> <li>• Maximum of 36 months to complete.</li> </ul>



<p><b>National 4-6 Technical Specialist</b></p> <p>Once a National Beginner to 3 Technical Specialist has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National 4-6 Technical Specialist. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Open competitions at this level.</p> <p>They may then be a probationary Technical Specialist for Junior and Senior.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 4 different Open competitions or qualifiers.</li> <li>• Technical controller report from each event with positive feedback on performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting and Round Table Discussion.</li> <li>• Probation Technical Specialist the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 35 Pattern Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Basic Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Pattern Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intermediate Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Intermediate Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Pattern Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advanced Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Advanced Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Free Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Basic Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Free Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intermediate Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Intermediate Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 35 Free Dances from:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advanced Novice Couples; or</li> <li>▪ Advanced Novice Solo Ice Dance; or</li> <li>▪ A combination of both.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Activity at Adult events may also be considered.</li> <li>• Where couples are limited, virtual means may be used subject to TAC approval and BIS staff monitoring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office</li> <li>• Attendance at any ice dance seminars that occur throughout the probation period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 12 months to complete.</li> <li>• Maximum of 24 months to complete.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>At this point, the pathway splits into Solo Ice Dance and Couples Ice Dance.</b></li> <li>• <b>Technical Specialists fulfilling the respective requirements can qualify as a Couples Ice Dance Technical Specialist, a Solo Ice Dance Technical Specialist, or both.</b></li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Technical Specialists can work towards both qualifications concurrently.</b></li> </ul>		
<p><b>National Senior Technical Specialist (Couples Ice Dance)</b> or <b>National Senior Technical Specialist (Solo Ice Dance)</b></p> <p>Once a National 4-6 Technical Specialist has achieved the respective requirements for Solo Ice Dance, they will become qualified as 'National Senior Technical Specialist (Solo Ice Dance)'. This means they can officiate as appropriate in national Tests, Open competitions and the Solo Dance Championships at this level.</p> <p>Once a National 4-6 Technical Specialist has achieved the respective requirements for Couples Ice Dance, they will become qualified as 'National Senior Technical Specialist (Couples Ice Dance)'. This means they can officiate as appropriate in national tests and Open competitions at this level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum attendance at 4 different Open competitions or qualifiers. Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.</li> <li>• Probationary Technical Specialist the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For Couples Ice Dance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rhythm Dance:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20 x Junior; and</li> <li>▪ 20 x Senior.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Free Dance                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20 x Junior; and</li> <li>▪ 20 x Senior.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>For Solo Ice Dance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rhythm Dance:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 35 x Junior; and</li> <li>▪ 35 x Senior.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Free Dance                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 35 x Junior; and</li> <li>▪ 35 x Senior.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Where couples are limited, virtual means may be used subject to TAC approval and BIS staff monitoring.</li> </ul> </li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Attendance at any ice dance seminars that occur throughout the probation period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 12 months to complete.</li> <li>• Maximum of 24 months to complete.</li> </ul>

	Requirements
<p><b>National Championship Technical Specialist</b></p> <p>Once this level has been achieved by a Technical Specialist, they can officiate at national championship events for both Couples Ice Dance and Solo Ice Dance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve status as both ‘National Senior Technical Specialist – Couples Ice Dance’ and ‘National Senior Technical Specialist – Solo Ice Dance’.</li> <li>• Pass a written and practical examination, set by the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office.</li> <li>• Continuous ongoing assessment.</li> <li>• Attendance at any ice dance seminars which occur throughout the completion period.</li> <li>• Regular feedback sessions from mentor.</li> <li>• Technical Specialist must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.</li> <li>• Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway.</li> <li>• Minimum 6 months to complete.</li> <li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ISU International Technical Specialist</b></p>	<p>Once a Championship Technical Specialist is considered (through examination(s) and acceptable activity, which must be communicated through reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office may nominate the Technical Specialist to attend the ISU Seminar for First Appointment as an International Technical Specialist.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist’s performance and presence\all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.</li> <li>• Meet the requirements for first appointment as an International Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li> <li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li> <li>• Possess good communication skills.</li> <li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li> </ul>

<b>ISU Championship Technical Specialist</b>	<p>Once an ISU International Technical Specialist is considered (through examination(s) and acceptable activity, which must be communicated through reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the Ice Dance TAC and BIS Office may nominate the Technical Specialist to attend the ISU Examination to become an ISU Technical Specialist.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical controller report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary Technical Specialist’s performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Technical Specialists Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.</li><li>• Meet the requirements for First Appointment as an ISU Technical Specialist, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.</li><li>• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.</li><li>• Possess good communication skills.</li><li>• National activity requirements consistently met.</li></ul>
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## Appendix IV – Pairs

This is currently under review but an individual may not become a Pairs TS until they have achieved Senior National Status as a Singles TS.