



Judges Protocol

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

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1. Introduction

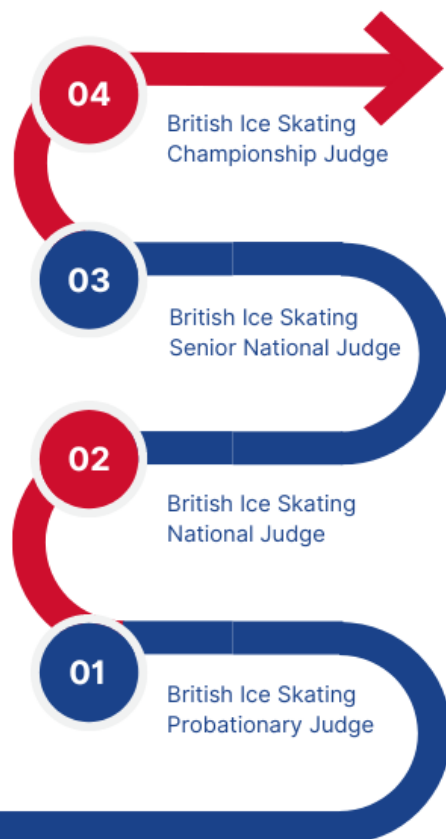
- 1.1 British Ice Skating (BIS) has developed this protocol to establish a clear pathway for Judges who wish to be included in the BIS List of Judges and to progress through the national and international structures.
- 1.2 The protocol includes the entry requirements, the development and promotion pathway, BIS' commitment and Judges' commitment as well as the rules around conflicts and panels for tests 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

Judge

Progression Pathway

Judges are required for all figure skating disciplines as well as synchronized skating. They evaluate the quality of the elements and the performance of a skater/team in a competition or test. They may officiate at a competition or test session at or below the level they have been trained and appointed to in one or more disciplines of singles, pairs, ice dance or synchronized skating.



3. Pre-requisites

- 3.1 Must be a current full or life British Ice Skating Member.
- 3.2 Must be a minimum age of 18 years old upon application.
- 3.3 Must be an eligible person, in accordance with ISU Rule 102.
- 3.4 Must have a high level of knowledge and understanding of the discipline they are applying for.

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 judges 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.

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
- 4.2.5 Program Components

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.

5. Probationary Judging

5.1 Progression through the pathway is dependent upon activity, commitment, judge education and appropriate referee 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 judge'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 twice 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 National Tests Structure
 - 5.3.3 Generic Criteria
 - 5.3.4 Conflict Rules
 - 5.3.5 Expenses Claims
 - 5.3.6 Document Processes
 - 5.3.7 Code of Conduct
 - 5.3.8 "How to Judge" Presentation

6. National Pathway

- 6.1 When confirmed as a Probationary Judge or a Promoted Judge, the applicant will be informed officially by the BIS Office and all Test Organisers will be notified.
- 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 Judging Pathway for each Discipline and the requirements to be completed by the judge. This includes activity, examinations and on-going assessments. **Progression is not automatic.**
- 6.3 It will be the Probationary Judge's responsibility to maintain a record of their activity and to provide this to British Ice Skating through the Probationary Judge Activity Form.
- 6.4 The BIS Office will retain records of activity for tests and competitions and will progress promotions by submitting recommendations to the Judge members of the relevant Discipline Technical Advisory Committee Judges (TAC) for approval based on relevant documentation.

- 6.5 The Judge must also retain information of their activity including panels, rink, test levels and results to ensure they maintain their own activity records.
- 6.6 Assessment and promotion will be based on continuous assessment.
- 6.7 Where test sessions are proving difficult to get activity, the TAC reserves the right to make amendments to the minimum requirements at their discretion. Enquiries around this should be made via workforce@iceskating.org.uk

7. International Pathway

- 7.1 When a judge completes the National Requirements to be nominated to the International Skating Union (ISU) for initial appointment to the International Judging panel, BIS will follow the ISU procedures to progress this application, in accordance with current ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance.
- 7.2 In addition to their International commitments to remain on the relevant ISU List of Officials, International and ISU Championship Judges must also comply with their commitments to British Ice Skating, as laid out in section 9. Failure to remain on the BIS List of Judges may result in the Official not being included on the ISU List of Officials.
- 7.3 All judges 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 judge, 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 Referees and Organisers of National Opens are informed of judges who require activity for promotion or to remain on the BIS List of Judges.
- 8.2 BIS will ensure that Test Organisers are aware of Probationary Judges, to facilitate the requirement for test sessions in the pathway and for Judges who require Test activity to remain on the BIS Judging Panel.
- 8.3 Any issues regarding activity, or lack thereof, experienced by a judge should, in the first instance, be referred to the BIS Workforce Team. These issues will be recorded

and relevant TAC groups will be liaised with. 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 Judges

- 9.1 Judges must commit the time required to meet the requirements to remain on the BIS National Judges' List.
- 9.2 Judges 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 – at least one of these must not be a championships or qualifying 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 Judges must officiate at a minimum of two (2) BIS test sessions and one (1) National Open Event per season (if the discipline allows). If a judge is not asked to officiate at sufficient tests or Opens, they must raise concerns with the BIS Office.
- 9.4 The judge 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 Judges.
- 9.5 Judges for the British Championships will be selected from ISU and International judges, National Judges who have officiated at BIS events, and Judges who require National Championship activity for promotion.
- 9.6 Judges who cannot provide availability for two (2) consecutive seasons, will be removed from the BIS List of Judges 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.
- 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.
- 9.8 Where judges attend National Opens as a Referee, this will count towards judging activity.
- 9.9 To remain on the BIS List of Judges, 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, judges are expected to commit to regular judging activity to maintain standards and experience.
- 9.11 Judges who cannot complete the required activity in the current season for any special circumstances, will remain on the list for an additional 12 months to enable them to complete the activity.
- 9.12 Judges who fail to meet the requirements will be removed from the BIS List of Judges.
- 9.13 Judges who have been removed from the list may reapply to become a judge 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 and Tests will be reimbursed in accordance with the BIS Expenses Policy.
- 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 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

All feedback sessions must be authorised through the British Ice Skating Office and conflicts may apply where relevant.

- 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) judges, 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 judge who must be championship level or higher in that discipline. Their coach must also be in attendance.
- 13.3 For non-squad skaters, feedback can be requested through the British Ice Skating Office and will consist of one (1) or more judge who must be championship level or higher in that discipline. 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 Feedback may be provided at test sessions via the results sheets given to skaters.
- 13.6 If there is a legitimate query following an event, these can be addressed to the Referee/Technical Controller/Judge of the event/test via the British Ice Skating Office.

14. Delivering Presentations

Please see the Delivering Presentations Protocol for more details about delivering Presentations.

15. 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			
Probationary Judge to National 3		To begin judging, 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. The required score for the entry examination will be set by the Singles & Pairs TAC.	
Level Working Towards	Test Session	Competition	Additional Requirements
National Judge Beginners to National 3 Once a probationary judge has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National Judge for Beginners to National 3. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level. They may then be a probationary judge for National 4 & 5	This is currently under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum attendance at 3 different Open competitions. Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events. Free Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner x 70 National 1 x 70 National 2 x 70 National 3 x 70 Adult events in the categories of Pre-Bronze and Bronze may also be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office. Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period. Regular feedback sessions from mentor. Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level. Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. Minimum 6 months to complete.
National 4 & 5 Judge Once a probationary judge has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified National 4 & 5. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level. Once all requirements including Examination – Part B are completed the judge may become Probationary National 6 – 8 Judge.	This is currently under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum attendance at 3 different Open competitions. Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events. Free Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National 4 x 70 National 5 x 70 Adult events in the categories of Silver, Gold and Masters may also be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination - Part A – This will complete the judge's pathway to becoming a National 4 & 5 judge Examination - Part B – This will allow a judge to become a probationary judge at National 6-8. Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period. Regular feedback sessions from mentor. Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. • Minimum 6 months to complete.
<p>Senior National Judge Once a probationary judge has achieved all requirements, they will become a qualified Senior National Judge. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at all levels.</p>	<p>This is currently under review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum attendance at 3 different Open competitions. Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance. Minimum numbers are outlined below and should be considered over all events. • Short Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 6 x 35 • National 7 x 30 • National 8 x 15 • Free Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 6 x 35 • National 7 x 30 • National 8 x 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office. • Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period. • Regular feedback sessions from mentor. • Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level. • Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. • Minimum 6 months to complete.
Requirements			
<p>British Ice Skating Championship Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass a written and practical examination, set by the Singles and Pairs TAC and BIS Office. • Continuous ongoing assessment. • Attendance at any singles seminars which occur throughout the completion period. • Regular feedback sessions from mentor. • Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level. • Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. • Minimum 6 months to complete. • 		
<p>ISU International Judge Once a championship judge is considered (through exams and activity which must be communicated through reports of multiple officials) to be performing with excellence, the TAC and BIS Office may select</p>	<p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Judges Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion. • Meet the requirements for first appointment as an International Judge, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations. • High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline. • Possess good communication skills. • National activity requirements consistently met. 		

the individual to attend ISU judging seminar.	
Promotion to ISU Championship	This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance and presence at all event meetings, including Initial Judges Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.• Meet the requirements for first appointment as an ISU Judge, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.• Possess good communication skills.• National activity requirements consistently met.

Appendix II – Synchronized Skating

	Minimum Requirements	
Probationary Judge to National 3	To begin judging, 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
National Judge Beginners to Juvenile Once a probationary judge has achieved all requirements they will become a qualified National Judge for Beginners to Basic Novice. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum attendance at 2 different Open competitions. Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance. Minimum number of 50 programmes should be judged from the following categories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner Pre-Juvenile Juvenile Mixed Age Inclusive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period. Regular feedback sessions from mentor. Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level. Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. Minimum 6 months to complete.
National Judge Basic to Advanced Novice Once a probationary judge has achieved all requirements they will become a qualified National Judge for Intermediate & Advanced Novice. This means they can officiate in national Tests and Opens at this level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum attendance at 2 different Open competitions. Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance. Minimum number of 50 programmes should be judged from the following categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults Basic Novice Intermediate Novice Advanced Novice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous ongoing assessment, which may include written and/or practical examination(s) set by the Synchronized Skating TAC and BIS Office. Attendance at any synchronized skating seminars which occur throughout the completion period. Regular feedback sessions from mentor. Judge must demonstrate a clear understanding of evaluation at this level. Annual Appraisal at the end of the season to review for continued participation on the pathway. Minimum 6 months to complete.

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

ISU Championship Judge	<p>Once an ISU International Judge 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 judge to attend the ISU Examination to become an ISU Judge.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge's performance and presence all event meetings, including Initial Judges Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting and Round Table Discussion.• Meet the requirements for First Appointment as an ISU Judge, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.• Possess good communication skills.• National activity requirements consistently met.
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Appendix III – Ice Dance & Solo Ice Dance

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

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

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

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

ISU Championship Judge	<p>Once an ISU International Judge 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 judge to attend the ISU Examination to become an ISU Judge.</p> <p>This nomination is contingent on the following being satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referee report from each event must show positive feedback of the probationary judge’s performance and presence all event meetings, including Initial Judges Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting, and Round Table Discussion.• Meet the requirements for First Appointment as an ISU Judge, as set out in Rule 413 of the ISU Special Regulations.• High level of technical knowledge in the relevant discipline.• Possess good communication skills.• National activity requirements consistently met.
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Appendix IV – Pairs

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Appendix V – Skills

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