

**2010 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM  
ICE SKATING AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED  
NOMINATION CRITERIA – FIGURE SKATING**

**1 Shadow Team**

- (1) Ice Skating Australia will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the AOC's Shadow Team. The AOC may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) Ice Skating Australia will advise the AOC of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (3) No athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the athlete has signed the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Attachment 1) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Attachment 2) and provided it to The Secretary, Ice Skating Australia at PO Box 3266, North Strathfield, NSW 2137.
- (4) In order to be chosen by Ice Skating Australia as a member of the Shadow Team each athlete must:
  - (a) have competed in the 2008 or 2009 ISU Four Continents Championships; or
  - (b) have placed in the top 3 in the Senior Division of the 2008 or 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships; or
  - (c) have participated at the:
    - (i) 2006 Olympic Winter Games; or
    - (ii) 2007 or 2008 ISU World Championships; or
    - (iii) 2008 or 2009 ISU Junior World Championships.
- (5) Ice Skating Australia will provide all athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Guide to Selection, the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria. The AOC Selection By-Law and the Qualification System are available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).
- (6) If an athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the Selection By-Law, Ice Skating Australia may suspend or terminate the athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

**2 Performance Standards for Nomination**

Ice Skating Australia will only nominate athletes for selection by the AOC according to the following procedure:

- (1) ***Australia qualifies at the 2009 ISU World Championships***
  - (a) If Australia qualifies a place to participate in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games at the 2009 ISU World Championships in accordance with the ISU Qualification system then the athlete/s with the highest aggregate score as a result of the sum of their two highest Total Points Scores achieved in that event at any two of the following competitions:

- i. 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, Los Angeles, USA 23-29 March 2009; or
- ii. 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships; Sydney, Australia 17-22 August 2009; or
- iii. 2009 ISU Senior Grand Prix Events as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time; or
- iv. subject to Clause 2(1) (b), 2009 ISU Senior International Competitions between 23 August 2009 and 10 December 2009 as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time

will be nominated to the AOC for selection in that event for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

- (b) Total Points Scores achieved at any ISU Senior International Competitions between 23 August 2009 and 10 December 2009 will be subject to a score validation undertaken by the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel.

The Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel will review the ISU Senior International Competition results at the conclusion of each event and advise athletes who competed in that event within 7 days if the event score achieved is a valid Total Points Score for the purposes of clause 2(1)(a) of this Nomination Criteria.

When validating a Total Points Score achieved at an ISU Senior International Competition, the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel will evaluate against the following criteria:

- i. there must be at least 8 Singles skaters from a minimum of four ISU Member Nations (for Singles); or
- ii. there must be at least 6 Ice Dance Couples from a minimum of four ISU Member Nations (for Ice Dancing); or
- iii. there must be at least 5 Pairs from a minimum of three ISU Member Nations (for Pairs); and
- iv. the Technical Panel (Technical Controller and 2 Technical Specialists) must be from three different ISU Member Nations; and
- v. the scores of the judges at the event must be consistent with other ISU international events as determined by the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel in their sole and absolute discretion.

If the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel determine that a Total Points Score achieved at an ISU Senior International Competition fails to meet any of the above criteria, the Total Points Score achieved at that event cannot be used as one of the highest Total Points Score for the purposes of Clause 2(1)(a) of this Nomination Criteria.

For the avoidance of doubt, athletes considering competing in any 2009 ISU Senior International Competition should discuss the suitability of the event with the ISA High Performance Operational Director prior to competition in that event.

**(2) *Australia does not qualify at the 2009 ISU World Championships***

- (a) If Australia does not qualify a place to participate in an event in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games at the 2009 ISU World Championships in accordance with the ISU Qualification System then the athlete/s with the highest Total Points Score achieved at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships in that event, subject to clause 4, will be chosen to compete in the designated ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, Nebelhorn Trophy in Oberstdorf, Germany on 24 – 27 September 2009; and

- (b) If the athlete/s qualifies a place for Australia to participate in that event at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games at the designated ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf then the athlete/s will be nominated to the AOC for selection in that event for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

### 3 **Nomination of Athletes**

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of athletes for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team, Ice Skating Australia will:

- (1) only nominate athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (2) only nominate those athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (3) only nominate those athletes who have signed the Athlete Nomination Form as issued by the AOC from time to time;
- (4) not nominate more athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;
- (5) not nominate athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.

### 4 **Illness/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances**

- (1) In considering the performance of athletes at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships required under Clause 2 (2) of this Nomination Criteria, the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel may, in their discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- (2) The Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel will only consider the extenuating circumstances if the athlete/s has achieved an Olympic Qualifying Benchmark Score at:
  - (a) ISU Four Continents Championships 2009, 2 -8 Vancouver Canada February 2009; or
  - (b) ISU Junior World Championships 2009, Sofia Bulgaria 22 February -1 March 2009; or
  - (c) Hollins Trophy 2009, Sydney Australia 6-8 June 2009;and the 2009 Australian Champion does not achieve an Olympic Qualifying Benchmark Score at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships.
- (3) For the purposes of this clause 4, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete and/or attend the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships due to injury or illness;
- (4) Athletes unable to compete at the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships are required under this Nomination Criteria to advise the Ice Skating Australia Board of Management in writing of this fact and the reasons before the end of the 2009 Australian Figure Skating Championships.
- (5) Athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by Ice Skating Australia.
- (6) A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Ice Skating Australia Selection Panel on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the AOC.

### 5 **Making of Nominations**

Nominations by Ice Skating Australia must be received by the AOC by 10:00am on *Friday 22 January 2010*. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the Ice Skating Australia Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The 10:00am on *Friday 22 January 2010* deadline for the making of nominations by Ice Skating Australia applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

**6 Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by Ice Skating Australia with the prior written approval of the AOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by Ice Skating Australia via email to all State Associations, posted on the Ice Skating Australia website and emailed directly to all members of the Shadow Team.

**7 Interpretation**

Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

“ISA” means Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

“ISU” means the International Skating Union

“Olympic Qualifying Benchmark Score” means a range of Total Point Scores that would put an athlete/s in strong contention to qualify a place for Australia at the Olympic Qualifying Competition, namely:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Total Points Score</b>
Men's Singles	145
Ladies Singles	120
Ice Dancing	110
Pair Skating	100

“Total Points Score” means:

For Singles and Pair Skating events the sum of the Total Segment Scores in the Short and Free Skating Programs

For Ice Dancing events the sum of the Total Segment Scores in the Compulsory, Original and Free Dances

“Selection Panel” means the individuals' appointed by Ice Skating Australia from time to time comprising:

The ISA High Performance Operational Director

An ISU Championship or International Technical Specialist for the discipline as nominated by ISA

An ISU Championship Judge for the discipline as nominated by ISA

**8 Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

**Attachment 1**  
**2010 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM**  
**CONSENT TO SHADOW TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

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*[Insert name of Athlete]*

I consent to being a member of the Shadow Team for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading:

- 1 I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the terms of the AOC Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to my sport and my NF's Nomination Criteria in force and as amended from time to time. I acknowledge that all members of the Shadow Team will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms.
- 2 The AOC's Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the AOC's Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria will be posted to the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)) along with the Qualification System applicable to my event.
- 3 The decision whether or not to nominate me to the AOC for selection in the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of my NF.
- 4 If my NF decides to nominate me for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team I will be required to complete an Athlete Acknowledgement as determined by the AOC from time to time.
- 5 In the event that my NF nominates me to the AOC for selection in the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team is subject to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of the AOC.
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  - (1) I have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought or would have the tendency to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure, or which would be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC, or as a result of which my membership would not be in the best interests of the Australian Olympic Team or the Shadow Team;
  - (2) I have not at any time been convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
  - (3) I have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to my NF and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (1) or (2) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which I have been convicted, and consent to my NF and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of my criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consent to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
  - (4) any matter arising under (1), (2) or (3) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

**DISCLOSURE**

**(Please identify if there are any matters to be disclosed in respect of paragraph 6(1), (2) or (3) above ie identify any disreputable conduct, criminal convictions or criminal charges.)**

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7 My contact details are: Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

8 I will notify my NF in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise my NF in writing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment. Any announcement to be made or notice required to be sent pursuant to the AOC’s Selection By-Law may be sent to one or more of the above contacts, or such other contact as notified in writing by me, and in the case of:

- (1) post, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the announcement or notice, and to have been received by me on the third business day after the date of its posting. Any announcement or notice sent by post to me overseas will be forwarded by air mail;
- (2) facsimile transmission, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the facsimile transmission and transmitting it to the number supplied by me and to have been received by me the next business day after the date of its transmission; and
- (3) email, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the email address and transmitting it to the address supplied by me and to have been received by me on the next business day after the date of transmission unless the AOC or NF is advised that the transmission failed to send to the addressee.

9 If I wish to utilise Specialised Equipment at the Games, I will submit a request in writing to the AOC Director of Sport no later than 6 months prior to the Games. This request is subject to the approval of the AOC in accordance with the 2010 Australian Olympic Team Membership Agreement – Athletes.

10 This consent is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Name

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Witness Signature

**Attachment 2**

**AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MINORS**

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*[Insert name of Athlete]*

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the Athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the Athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the Consent to Shadow Team Membership;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Selection By-Law and the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Figure Skating (“the Selection Terms”) and have fully explained to the Athlete the Selection Terms. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the Selection Terms in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the Athlete has read the Selection Terms and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands their meaning and effect;
4. the Selection Terms are for the benefit of the Athlete;
5. the Athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team, may be terminated in the event of any breach of the Selection Terms; and
6. this acknowledgement is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian )  
In the presence of: )

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(Parent/Guardian's signature)

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(Witness' signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)