



Aussie Skate™ Update

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As the Sport Development Chair for Ice Skating Australia, I am pleased to provide you with an update.

It has been a difficult year for many of us, however we are looking forward to 2021 for the Aussie Skate™ Program. There is a lot of work happening behind the scenes which will bring benefits for members and improve the program for stakeholders. There are also some exciting new initiatives for next year which this brief update will cover.

For any enquiries about the program, please use aussie.skate@isa.org.au.

Curriculum Review

In conjunction with APSA, the curriculum is currently undergoing a review. There may be some new elements incorporated and some restructuring of levels. We will endeavour to provide an update of this as soon as possible.

Aussie Skate™ App

From 1st January 2021 there will be a new App for the Skate™ Program. This will cover the curriculum with descriptions and videos of the elements. The App will be part of all new and renewed memberships. It will be available via Apple Store and Google Play Store. For others wanting to download the App there will be a charge of \$5. Details will be available soon.

Aussie Skate™ Calculation

The new Aussie Skate™ Judging system will be introduced for all competitions. Logistics including the use of the International Judging System software to facilitate the running of competitions. Training will be available to assist with associations, clubs and rinks to implement the system. Further information will be released over the next couple of months.

Competitions

For skaters competing in divisions from Tiny Tots 2 through to Intermediate 2 there will be new program patterns. These will be available through the App and also on the Aussie Skate™ page on the Ice Skating Australia website.

Membership Registration

2021 Membership registrations commence from 1st January. A new membership is \$30 and renewal is \$17. The new App will be part of all memberships.

The link for 2021 registrations is

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=41924>

It will be available on the ISA website shortly.

Badges

There are no changes the pricing and ordering of badges for tests. It is recommended that any costs for badges be incorporated into the testing structure.

Testing

One question that I do get asked about is who is able to judge Aussie Skate™ tests. Tests can be judged by either coaches or state association judges. This depends on the rink running the program and their requirements. If you would like further clarification about this please ask.

Also recently Glenorchy Ice Skating Rink used Jotform to test judging. The judges used the Jotform form on their phones so could judge online rather than use paper copies of test forms. This also enabled all results to be put into a spreadsheet and the parents could receive a text message of the results. If you would like further information please contact myself.

Online Competitions

With ISA recently undertaking online events, one of the services that I would like to consider for the program is the ability to have online competitions. This would be for rinks that do not have local judges but would like offer competitions for skaters participating in the program. For those rinks who are interested please feel free to contact myself to discuss further.

Regards

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