

BY LAWS OF MACQUARIE ICE SKATING CLUB
Made under Clause 4 (i) i & ii of the MISC Constitution

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Bylaw 1

With regard to Family Membership: Any close relative of a skater (in the absence of a parent) who acts in the manner of a parent or guardian may apply in writing for the privileges under the Family Membership rule.

Bylaw 2

If any skater or their connections in any way mistreat a judge or other official, then the Club Council may, at its discretion, review support for that skater, and reserves the right to take disciplinary action.

Bylaw 3

The Club may give financial sponsorship to its members who have competed internationally or at the Australian Figure Skating Championships. Sponsorships are a privilege, not a right, and the Club Council reserves the right to refuse or to withhold sponsorship as it sees fit.

(a) As soon as reasonably practicable following the Annual General Meeting, the Council will decide how much, if any, money might be prudently afforded to be set aside for international sponsorships in the calendar year in which the Annual General Meeting occurred. Such amount will not exceed \$5,000. This sum is known as the "Pool".

(b) At the discretion of the Club Council, the Pool will be divided between all the successful international sponsorship applicants, except that in no case will one skater/pair/couple/team be granted more than \$1,000.

(c) At the discretion of the Club Council, successful applicants for National sponsorship will be eligible to have reimbursed by the Club their entry fee to the Australian Figure Skating Championships held in the calendar year for which sponsorship is applied. The reimbursements under this clause are made separately to the funds in the Pool.

General application requirements

(d) All applications for sponsorship must be made to the Club within 30 days of the end of the calendar year for which sponsorship is applied.

(e) To be eligible to be considered for sponsorship, a sponsorship applicant must, during the calendar year and for the whole of the calendar year for which application is made:

(1) be a financial member of the Club and of NSWISA, at the appropriate membership levels; and

(2) have skated for Macquarie and no other Club; and

(3) in the case of a pair, couple or team making application for sponsorship, each and every member of the pair, couple or team must have been financial members of the Club, and as a pair, couple or team must have skated for the Club and no other Club; and

(4) must not have received \$1,000 or more in total in financial support or grants (other than prize money or appearance money) from the International Skating Union, the International Olympic Committee, the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Olympic Winter Institute, or from any international, national or state ice-skating association, however called, or from any club other than the Club; and

(5) have competed at Macquarie Club Championships in the year for which sponsorship is applied, unless that competition did not offer the applicant's appropriate competitive division, or unless granted a bye by the Council. The Council may grant the applicant a bye if the applicant has, within 14 days of the date of the relevant Macquarie Club Championships, attended an ISU-sanctioned competition for which the applicant has been nominated for Ice Skating Australia; or in other exceptional circumstances. The bye must be applied for prior to the end of the calendar year for which sponsorship is applied.

(6) For each individual type of sponsorship applied for, an applicant must have made a bona fide effort for the benefit of the Club, to the satisfaction of the Club Council.

Additional application requirements

(f) International sponsorship - ISU Championship Events

(1) Application for sponsorship may be made by a skater/pair/couple/team who or which is selected by Ice Skating Australia to compete in men's, ladies, pairs, dance or synchronized at an ISU Championship competition, or in an ISU Senior Grand Prix competition, or in a Junior Grand Prix Final competition.

(2) The competition must have been held outside Australia, and the applicant must have actually competed at the event.

(3) An application by a skater/pair/couple/team pursuant to this subclause may be approved only once per calendar year.

(f) International sponsorship - ISU Sanctioned Events

(1) Application for sponsorship may be made by a skater/pair/couple/team who or which is selected by Ice Skating Australia to compete in men's, ladies, pairs, dance, synchronized or Theatre on Ice at an ISU sanctioned competition, other than an event in subclause (3) (f) above.

(2) The competition must have been held outside Australia, and the applicant must have actually competed at the event.

(3) An application by a skater/pair/couple/team pursuant to this subclause may be approved only once per calendar year.

Bylaw 4

Club Championships

(a) Each entrant must be a financial member of the Club, or a financial member of another club affiliated with NSWISA or other State Association, or a guest skater invited by the event convenor.

(b) If deemed necessary by the Club executive because of organisational or other limitations (for example, limited ice time), preference to skate will be given to Club members.

(c) The MISC Club Champion of a division is the highest placed MISC home club member skating in that division.

- (d) Only a home club member of MISC may hold a MISC Club Championship title or Club title.

Bylaw 5

As far as practicable, the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at such a time so that the Club vote at the NSWISA AGM may be determined by the Club membership at large in the General Business of that meeting. If, in any year, it is not practicable to hold the Annual General Meeting in advance of the NSWISA AGM, the Club Council shall determine the Club vote and direct its NSWISA representative accordingly.

Bylaw 6

Employees of Macquarie Ice Rink are ineligible to be members of the Macquarie Ice Skating Club Council and/or its Sub-committees.

Bylaw 7

The Club's Test Officer shall be responsible for co-ordinating with NSWISA in relation to the organisation of tests, and shall be assisted by other Club Council members from time to time, as requested by the Test Officer.

Bylaw 8 - Child Protection

Each member of the Club must act in such a manner as to give full effect to the provisions and intent of the Club's Child Protection and Member Protection Policy, adopted 7 October 2006, as amended and published from time to time.

Bylaw 9 - Public Officer

- (a) The Public Officer is responsible for lodging documents with the Office of Fair Trading (and keeping the Club's Certificate of Incorporation.)
- (b) A change in name or address of the Public Officer must be notified to the Office of Fair Trading within fourteen days.

Bylaw 10 - Dispute Resolution

The Council will make every effort to resolve, in a fair and equitable manner, any disputes as they arise. Unresolvable disputes will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the current MISC Constitution.

Bylaw 11 – reimbursement of NSWISA membership to Council members

While it remains a requirement of NSWISA that all Council members be financial members of NSWISA at a minimum level prescribed by NSWISA, the Club will reimburse to each Council member the cost of the cheapest NSWISA membership level which meets the minimum level.

- (a) Reimbursement under this bylaw can only be made in arrears for the prior club year (March to March), and applications for reimbursement will be accepted for consideration following the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- (b) Each Council member seeking applying for reimbursement under this bylaw:
- (1) is required to produce to the Club evidence of the NSWISA membership expense; and
 - (2) must have attended at least 80% of Council meetings in the club year prior to the application for reimbursement, or have been unable to meet this requirement because of exceptional circumstances.