



ÍSS Criteria for the season 2020-2021

The ÍSS board publishes criteria for the Elite Group and Sub Elite Group for selection into the National Team and participation of Icelandic competitors at ISU competitions. The elite committee is required under the bylaws of ISS to function as a permanent committee.

1. The elite committee's roles

Each season a criterion is published in accordance to ÍSS's policy. The elite committee's role is to review and manage the performance of competitors considered. The committee submits a conclusion to ÍSS about the competitor's competencies and rankings, as well as reviewing applications for participation abroad and making proposals for contestants who compete on behalf of Iceland at ISU competitions.

The elite committee submits an opinion to the ÍSS board on choosing the Skater of the Year as well as working on policy in cooperation with the ÍSS board.

All results of the committee are submitted in a report form to the ÍSS board for review and approval.

2. Elite groups and ÍSS criteria 2020-2021

Elite groups are offered various services from ÍSS (see ÍSS policy on elites).

2.1 Criteria Technical Element Score (TES)

ÍSS competitors are divided into three categories according to performance and evaluation of the Technical Element Score (TES): Elite Group; Sub Elite Group; and Talent.

*Elite Group (TES)	Short Program	Free Program
Senior Ladies: 15 years and older	23.00	40.00
Junior Ladies: 13-18 year olds	23.00	38.00

In Junior and Senior competitors need to reach the criteria for both short and free programs at an ISU Competition. The criteria does NOT need to be reached at the same competition

Sub elite group (TES)	Short Program	Free Program
Senior Ladies: 15 years and older	17.00	27.00
Junior Ladies: 13-18 year olds	17.00	27.00
Advanced Novice: 10-15 year olds	12.00	21.00

In Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior competitors need to reach the criteria for both short and free program at the same competition

Skaters in Talent are competitors competing in Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior but have not yet reached the minimum criteria.



2.2 Eligibility

Skaters who have reached the criteria for the season of 2020-2021 during the last season (2019-2020) are already eligible for the season. This also applies to competitors moving up a category, that is; from Advanced Novice to Junior and from Junior to Senior. A skater is not eligible to compete internationally until he has finished a competition in, at least, on national level competition.

3. Selection for the National Team and ISU competitions

Many factors are considered in the selection for the National Team and/or ISU competitions.

3.1 Icelandic National Championships

Participation in the National Championships is mandatory. A medical certificate must be submitted if a skater does not compete but wishes to be considered in the selection process.

3.2 Active Competitor

Competitors *must* demonstrate active competition participation during the season. Active competition participation is considered as a minimum of one competitions during the fall semester and one competition during the spring semester. Competitions eligible as active are those who fulfill the minimum for protocol assessment (see article 3.6).

3.3 Participation in ÍSS Elite Group program

Competitors must demonstrate active participation in all ÍSS Elite Group programs. ÍSS gets funding from The National Olympic and Sports Association of Iceland (ÍSí) and needs to comply to their demands for active elite policy and participation in the elite group program. Thus it is crucial that competitors participate in the program. In special circumstances skaters can be exempt from individual parts, this needs to be in discussion with the elite committee.

The Program will, among others, consist of the following:

- Lectures
- Training camps
- Consultation with a physical therapist from ÍSS
- Consultation with the Elite Committee

3.4 Criteria for TES

When skaters are selected for participation in ISU competitions only those, that have reached the valid criteria within the last 12 months before the competition in question, are eligible. The same competition scores can never be considered twice in the same year.



3.5 Elements

ISU short program requirements will be adhered to for elements.

The following applies to elements for Novice, Junior and Senior:

Novice

- Minimum Jump requirements according the ISU Rules
- All spins must have a minimum of level 2
- Step sequence (StSq) must be of a minimum level 2

Junior

- Minimum Jump requirements according the ISU Rules
- All spins must have a minimum of level 2
- Step sequence (StSq) must be of a minimum level 2

Senior

- Minimum Jump requirements according the ISU Rules
- All spins must have a minimum of level 3, one can be of a level 2
- Step sequence (StSq) must be of a minimum level 2

3.5.1 The following is valid for elements performance

- Jumps with a value of -5 or << will not be counted as performed element, unless otherwise is specifically stated.
- If a skater preforms a double jump with a value of -5 or << where he only needs a single jump, it is considered a valid single jump. If a skater preforms a triple jump with a value of -5 where he only needs a double jump, it is considered a valid double jump.
- If a skater performs all elements except for one in the short program, one element can be considered from the free program.

3.5.2 Junior skaters who wish to compete as Seniors at ISU competitions

Skaters can apply to compete in Senior category internationally, but still compete as Juniors at ÍSS tournaments, if they fulfill the age requirements. The respective skater needs to perform the minimum requirements for Seniors in their Junior program.

- Skaters need to meet the Senior TES requirements for the Elite Group in their Junior program.
- Their Junior program shall contain the ISU's minimum element requirements for Senior category.
- In the ÍSS training camp the skater needs to perform their Senior free program. Under special circumstances the program can be performed at another time.



3.6 Protocol Submission

Protocols from ÍSS competitions will automatically be reviewed and evaluated. Protocols from International competitions and Inter-Club competitions, conducted in accordance with ISU rules, are valid for criteria evaluation. For a protocol to be reviewed the panel needs to have:

- Five (5) judges and a three (3) person technical panel (TC/TS/ATS)
- At least one person on the judges' panel and/or technical panel needs to have a minimum qualification of International. Preferably on both sides of the panel.

A request for a protocol to be reviewed from ISU; International; and Inter-Club competitions should be sent to the committee within a week of the last day of competition, with a list of officials at the competition. (The front of the results page or a link to the results is sufficient to confirm the panel).

Protocols from JGP, RIG and Nordics will be reviewed automatically.

Clubs; coach; competitor (who have reached the age of 18); legal guardian of skater are responsible for sending all necessary information to afreksnefnd@iceskate.is.

Process time for each request is two weeks

3.7 Factors for assessment and ratings

Points are given for each factor, with the exception of the clause on participation in the National Championships, active competition participation and participation in the elite program.

All factors considered for the selection on the National Team and/or for ISU competitions are:

- Participation in the National Championships is mandatory (see 3.1)
- Active competition participation is mandatory (see 3.2)
- Active participation in the elite program is mandatory (see 3.3)
- ISU TES criteria in short program gives 1.5 points
- ISU TES criteria in free program gives 1.5 points
- ÍSS TES criteria for Achievement group gives 2 points
- Elements performed gives 1 point.
Level of difficulty and execution can be assessed (see 3.5)
- In the event that two or more skaters have an even score from the above factors an average of the Total Score from the last twelve (12) months will have the deciding factor

ÍSS reserves the right to call for a medical certificate (no older than 6 weeks) to confirm the state of the skater concerned. It should be returned to the committee no later than three weeks prior to the start of competition.



3.8 An example of ranking

Factors	Jóna Jónsdóttir	Helga Helgadóttir	Sigrún Sigurðardóttir
National Championships	Participated	Doctors Certificate	N/A
Active competition participation	Sufficient	Sufficient	N/A
Participation in elite program	Sufficient	Sufficient	N/A
ISU – SP (TES 23)	1.5		
ISU - FP (TES 38/40)			
ÍSS criteria (short and free)	2	2	2
Performed elements	1	1	1
Total score of factors	4.5	3	Not applicable

Here you can see that Jóna Jónsdóttir has 4.5 points and has the highest number of points of those who are considered and is first in line. Second is Helga Helgadóttir with 3 points. But Sigrún Sigurðardóttir is not applicable because she did not participate at the National Championships nor did she turn in a doctor's certificate and she hasn't participated in ÍSS elite program.

Selection will only be performed by ÍSS if a limited number of slots are available or if ÍSS asks for a ranking for a specific project.

4. Competition Participation

4.1 ISU and International competitions

Permission to participate in ISU competitions must be granted by ÍSS. Competitors who have reached the criteria for Elite Group or Sub elite Group can apply for participation in competitions.

Clubs; coaches; competitors (who have reached the age of 18); legal guardian of skater are responsible for sending all relevant information to afreksnefnd@iceskate.is.

Request for participation should be received by the committee at least 2 weeks prior to entry deadline.

In the event of a limited number of entries available a ranking will be made before entry, it is therefore important that time limits are respected.

Note that the RIG is an International competition on the ISU event list.



4.2 International and Inter-Club Competitions

ÍSS must be notified of all participation of all Icelandic competitors in competitions abroad, ie. all International and/or Inter-Club competitions. If protocols should be assessed after the competition, please follow part 3.6.

5. Skater of the Year

The ÍSS Board acknowledges a skater each year for a great success. The recognition goes to a skater that has exceeded above others in the past year and is an exemplary for the sport. The title is issued in December each year and is in compliance with ÍSS Regulation on Skater of the year.

The selection will take place after the Icelandic National Championships and the Elite Committee will provide professional advice on the selection. Their report should be sent to the board for review as soon as possible.