

## **NOTES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE PATHWAY FLOWCHART**

The flowchart demonstrates how talented skaters are identified in RJS (6.0) and IJS tests and competitions.

Once identified they are eligible to apply to become members of the Regional Development Pathway Teams (RDPT)

Skaters meeting Performance Team Selection Criteria are then eligible to apply to become members of the Performance team.

### **1) Skate UK**

All skaters are advised to enter our sport by completing a NISA Approved Skate UK course. These courses are designed to give a good basic grounding in our sport and even if skaters do not continue into the competitive 'stream' they can continue for many years enjoying the recreational side to our sport.

### **2) NISA Tests and Competitions**

- As soon as skaters are ready to join NISA and become competitive skaters they start a journey which could ultimately take them to the Olympics.
- Skaters in the NISA test structure may also compete in RJS (6.0) competitions .

### **3) Talent Identification (TID) in RJS (6.0) Tests and Competitions**

- Skaters with talent (see Talent Identification Documents) may apply to join the Regional Development Pathway Teams– (5)

### **4) Talent Identification (TID) in IJS Competitions.**

- When skaters are competent they may move from RJS (6.0) Events into the IJS system which will allow entry into:
  - IJS competitions in the UK
  - IJS British Championships
  - IJS International Club competitions

- IJS tests are applied for and awarded from scores attained in IJS competitions. They are not skated at separate test sessions.
- All skaters may compete in International club competitions subject to registering their entry with NISA in order to protect their Eligible status.
- Skaters meeting the IJS Talent Identification Criteria (TID) (4) may apply to join the Regional Development Pathway Teams (RDPT). (5)
- Skaters may apply to be accepted to the RDPT by submitting the NISA RDPT tests application forms which include RJS/IJS test and age confirmation according to the TID criteria for tests.
- Application by test will commence prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 but with age relevant to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, referees of RJS (6.0) Open competitions and NISA Championship will be responsible for completing TID reports with details of recommended skaters selected against the TID competition criteria.
- Ages set against TID criteria for 2009/10 may be subject to change once the first applications and recommendations have been received and considered.
- NISA records all Season's Best IJS scores within a National Ranking list available on the NISA website.
- Scores for NISA National rankings and for acceptance to the Regional Development Pathway Teams (RDPT) will be accepted from all competitions which are run with acceptable panels.(see announcement) .
- It is a skater's own responsibility to submit scores to NISA.

#### **5) Regional Development Pathway Teams**

- The first stage in setting up the RDPT system is to acknowledge skaters in order that they may have access to any available funding for RDPT members.
- The Regional Development Pathway Teams will consist of both RJS and IJS skaters.
- Skaters may be included within the RDPT at any time within the season.

- RJS (6.0) team members may also qualify through IJS in due course.
- From the RDPT, skaters with IJS National Ranking scores will be considered for selection to International competitions and Junior Grand Prix.
- Priority will be given to Performance Team skaters before RDPT skaters when competitions are allocated.
- Skaters who have been injured or out of competition for a valid reason may be included within the RDPT.
- Skaters will not be removed from RDPT immediately they reach the upper age per test or competition.

## **6) PERFORMANCE TEAM**

- Skaters will be invited at the start of each season to join the Performance Team.
- The NISA Performance Selection Criteria and National Ranking system will identify skaters who qualify to the Performance Team.
- Scores for National Ranking lists and for the Performance Team will be accepted from all competitions which are run with acceptable panels (see announcement)
- It is skater's own responsibility to submit best SP or CD&OD scores for consideration towards inclusion in the Performance Team and for inclusion in the National Ranking lists.
- Skaters may be included within the Performance Team at any time in the season subject to amendment of the Selection Criteria (SP or CD+OD points) as a result of an increase or decrease by ISU in the number of elements as at 1<sup>st</sup> July. ISU changes to any other mathematical factor will not be considered.
- Skaters who have been injured or out of competition for a valid reason may be included within the Performance Team.

- From the Performance Team skaters may be allocated International competitions and Junior Grand Prix,(7) Senior Grand Prix, ISU Championships and Olympics (8)
- Priority will be given to Performance skaters before RDPT skaters when International competitions and Junior Grand Prix are allocated.

**(7) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND JUNIOR GRAND PRIX**

- All the above events on the ISU calendar may be open to RDPT and Performance Team members.
- Any entry places at these events that are not allocated to Performance Team members may be allocated to RDPT members (4).
- RDPT team members must make application to enter these events on the NISA International competition application form once NISA has published the available list of entry places.

**(8) SENIOR GRAND PRIX, ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS & WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES**

- Entry to Senior Grand Prix is by invitation
- Normally only skaters from the Performance Team (6) may be eligible for selection/invitation to these events.

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**Additional notes:**

These notes and the flowchart will form part of the main NISA Development and Performance manual which will include specific Selection Criteria.

Adults and Synchro may be included in due course.