



## NATIONAL A-COMPETITION REGULATIONS SEASON 2017-2018

### **General rules:**

Members of Belgian skating clubs can participate in Belgian National A-Competitions according to their age and obtained Figure Skating Level.

There will be **NO** category *Pre-Miniemen* in National A-Competitions.

### **Remarks for the categories:**

The categories Miniemen and Novice A will be divided according to the obtained Figure Skating Level Test of the skaters.

The categories Advanced Novice and Juniors will be divided into age groups.

### **Miniemen - Girls and Boys:**

- All Miniemen skaters who have obtained their Miniemen level will participate in the Miniemen category Group 1
- All Miniemen skaters who have obtained their Novice A or a higher level will participate in the Miniemen category Group 2

### **Novice A Girls and Boys:**

- All Novice A skaters who have obtained their Novice A level will participate in the Novice A category Group 1
- All Novice A skaters who have obtained their Novice B level or Advanced Novice level will participate in the Novice A category Group 2.
- Novice A skaters who have obtained their Advanced Novice level **may** participate in the Advanced Novice category Group 1.
- All Novice A skaters who have obtained their Junior level **must** participate in the Advanced Novice category group U13.

### **Novice B Girls and Boys:**

- Novice B skaters who have obtained their Advanced Novice level **may** participate in the Advanced Novice category Group 2.
- All Novice B skaters who have obtained their Junior level **must** to participate in the Advanced Novice category Group U15.

### **Advanced Novice Girls and Boys:**

- All Novice A and Novice B skaters age wise who have obtained their Junior level will participate in the Advanced Novice categories which are divided in two age groups.
- Advanced Novice who are Novice A by age will participate in the Advanced Novice category Group U13 (means under 13 years)
- Advanced Novice who are Novice B by age will participate in the Advanced Novice category Group U15 (means under 15 years)

**Junior Ladies & Men:**

- All Junior skaters age wise need to have obtained their Junior level.
- Junior Ladies who has reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition will participate in Junior Ladies Group U17 (means under 17 years)
- Junior Ladies who has reached the age of seventeen (17) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition will participate in Junior Ladies Group U19 (means under 19 years)
- Junior skaters who have reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition and have obtained their Senior level may participate in the Senior category.
- Once a skater starts to compete in a category, she/he cannot participate in a lower category in the following Belgian National and International Interclub A-Competitions anymore.

**Conditions in case of a new figure skating level obtained:**

- In the categories Miniemen and Novice A, skaters who obtains a higher Figure Skating Level Test, will be divided in the next National A-Competition immediately into a higher group in these categories.
- A skater who obtains a higher Figure Skating Level Test, can participate in National A-Competitions in the same category for **a maximum period of three (3) months** starting from the day the skater obtained the new level. In National A-Competitions of which the first competition day is three (3) months after the skater obtained the new level, the skater needs to participate in the new category.
- A skater can also immediately upgrade to a higher category after obtaining a higher level for the following National A-Competitions, if it's the skater's choice but it's not mandatory.
- In case of an upgrade to a higher category within three (3) months, the club has to inform the National General Secretary, the Regional Secretary and the Responsible National Competitions about the respective competition at least two (2) weeks before the first competition day.

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**Combined national competitions:**

- If National A-, B-, C- and/or Adults Competitions are combined in one competition, skaters who can compete in A-competitions **are only allowed** to start in the A-competition.

**Citizenship requirements:**

- See latest ISU communication n° 2030 – Rule 109

**Warm-up:**

- **Miniemen Girls and Boys** warm-up groups **can be maximum up to eight (8)** skaters.
- **All Novice Divisions Girls and Boys** warm up groups **can be maximum up to eight (8)** skaters with a preference of six (6) skaters per warm-up group.
- **Junior and Senior Ladies and Men** need to have separate warm-up groups, (according ISU rules). The warm-up groups **can be maximum up to six (6)** skaters.
- **Novice A Boys, Novice B Boys and Advanced Novice Boys** can be put together in one warm-up group. **Miniemen Boys** need to have a separate warm-up group.
- Boys/Men can skate before or after the Girls/Ladies categories.
- The referee may combine warm-up groups in view of the number of skaters in those groups.

**Organizing clubs:**

- All Belgian clubs who organize a National A-competition need to put these regulations of the federation KBKF/FRBPA in their announcement for the categories for which they are valid.

## MINIEMEN

Has not reached the age of 10 by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with a **Miniemen and/or a higher level** can participate in this category.

**Free Skating Program for Girls & Boys:**

**Duration:** 2:30 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 4 minutes.

There will be **no** Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Free program.

**A well balanced Free Skating Program for Miniemen singles Girls and Boys must contain:**

a) Maximum of **4 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump for Girls and Boys.**

There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences.

Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps.

A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the two (2) most difficult jumps will be counted.

Any single and double jumps (including Double Axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total.

Triple jumps are **NOT** permitted.

b) There must be a maximum of **two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation)**

**One (1) combination spin:** a combination spin with a change of foot minimum eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot minimum six (6) revolutions.

**One (1) spin with no change of position:** a spin in one position with a change of foot minimum eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot minimum six (6) revolutions.

In both spins flying entries **ARE** allowed.

c) For Girls and Boys there must be **one (1) step sequence with fully utilizing the ice surface.**

**The Program Components are only judges in:**

- Skating Skills
- Performance

**Component factor:** The multiplying factor of the Component Score is:

Free Skating: 2.5

**Level explanation:**

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted.

Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

If a **double Axel (2A)** is executed and called by the Technical Panel (no < or <<) in the program, a bonus of 0.5 will be given **ONCE** even if there is a fall.

**Fall -0.5Pt**

## NOVICE A

Has reached at least the age of ten (10) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.  
Has not reached the age of thirteen (13) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with a **Novice A and/or up to Advanced Novice level** can participate in this category.

### Free Skating Program for Girls & Boys:

In accordance with ISU communication 2024 Single Skating Basic Novice A (or subsequent updates).

**Duration:** 2:30 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes.

There will be **no** Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Free Program.

### The Program components are only judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance

**Component factor:** The multiplying factor of the Components Score is:

Free Skating: 2.5

### Level explanation:

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted.  
Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

If a **double Axel (2A)** is executed and called by the Technical Panel (no < or <<) in the program, a bonus of 0.5 will be given **ONCE** even if there is a fall.

**FALL -0.5 Pt**

## NOVICE B

Has reached at least the age of thirteen (13) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.  
Has not reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with a **Novice B level and/or Advanced Novice level** can participate in this category.

### Free Skating Program for Girls & Boys:

In accordance with ISU communication 2024 Single Skating Basic Novice B (or subsequent updates).

**Duration:** 3:00 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes.

There will be **no** Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Free Program.

### The Program Components are only judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance
- Interpretation

**Component factor:** The multiplying factor of the Components Score is:

Free Skating: 1.7 for Girls  
2.0 for Boys

### Level explanation:

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 2** will be counted.

Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

If a **double Axel (2A) and/or a triple jump** is executed and called by the Technical Panel (no < or <<) in the program, a bonus of 0.5 will be given **ONCE** for a double Axel (2A) and **ONCE** for each different triple jump even if there is a fall.

**FALL -0.5 Pt**

## **ADVANCED NOVICE**

Has reached at least the age of ten (10) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.  
Has not reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with an **Advanced novice level and/or a higher level** can participate in this category.

### **Short Program for Girls and Boys:**

In accordance with ISU communication 2024 Single Skating Advanced Novice (or subsequent updates).

**Duration:** 2:20 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes.

There will be **no** Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Short and Free Skating Program.

### **Free Skating Program for Girls and Boys:**

In accordance with ISU communication 2024 Single Skating Advanced Novice (or subsequent updates).

**Duration:** Girls: 3:00 min +/- 10 sec.  
Boys: 3:30 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes for Short Program and Free Skating Program each.

There will be **no** Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Short and Free Skating Program.

### **The Program Components are only judged in:**

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance
- Interpretation

**Component factor:** The multiplying factor of the Components Score is:

Short Program: 1.7 for Girls  
2.0 for Boys

Free Skating: 1.6 for Girls  
1.8 for Boys

### **Level explanation:**

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 3** will be counted.  
Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

In **SHORT** program and **FREE** Skating, if a **double Axel (2A) and/or a triple jump** is executed and called by the Technical Panel (no < or <<) in the program, a bonus of 0.5 will be given **ONCE** for a double Axel (2A) and **ONCE** for each **different** triple jump even if there is a fall.

**FALL -0.5 Pt:**

## **JUNIOR**

Has reached at least the age of thirteen (13) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Ladies and Men.  
Has not reached the age of nineteen (19) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Ladies and Men.

Only skaters with a **Junior level and/or a higher level** can participate in this category.

### **Short Program for Ladies & Men:**

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2017/2018.

**Duration:** 2:40 min +/- 10 sec.

### **Free Skating Program for Ladies & Men:**

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication.

Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program".

**Duration:** Ladies: 3:30 min +/- 10 sec.  
Men: 4:00 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes for Short program and Free Skating each.

There will be a Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Short and Free Skating Program.

### **The program components:**

- Skating Skills
- Transition
- Performance
- Composition
- Interpretation of the Music

**Component factor:** In accordance with ISU Rule 353, paragraph 1 m) the multiplying factor of the Program Components Score is:

Short program: 0.8 Ladies  
1.0 Men

Free Skating: 1.6 Ladies  
2.0 Men

### **Level explanation:**

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 4** will be counted.  
Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

In **SHORT** program and **FREE** Skating, if a **triple jump** is executed and called by the Technical Panel (no < or <<) in the program, a bonus of 1.0 will be given **ONCE** for each **different** triple jump even if there is a fall.

**FALL -1.0 Pt**

## **SENIOR**

Has reached at least the age of fifteen (15) by July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition for Ladies and Men. Only skaters with a **Senior and/or Master level** can participate in this category.

### **Short Program for Ladies & Men:**

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

**Duration:** 2:40 min +/- 10sec.

### **Free Skating Program for Ladies & Men:**

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2016 Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced program".

**Duration:** Ladies: 4:00 min +/- 10 sec.  
Men: 4:30 min +/- 10 sec.

**Warm-up:** 6 minutes for Short Program and Free Skating program each.

There will be a Bonus for jump elements performed in the second half of the Short and Free Skating Program.

### **The program components:**

- Skating Skills
- Transition
- Performance
- Composition
- Interpretation of the Music

**Component factor:** In accordance with ISU Rule 353, paragraph 1 m) the multiplying factor of the Program Components Score is:

Short program:	0.8 Ladies
	1.0 Men
Free Skating:	1.6 Ladies
	2.0 Men

### **Level explanation:**

All elements, which are subject to levels, only features up to **Level 4** will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

### **Increase deduction for multiple falls in Senior Single Skating:**

-1.0 for the first and the second fall, -2.0 for the third and fourth falls, -3.0 for the fifth and any further falls.