



NATIONAL A-COMPETITION REGULATIONS SEASON 2022-2023

General rules:

- All skaters who are member of a Belgian skating club can participate in National A-Competitions according **their age, obtained Figure Skating Level and PCS level.**
- Citizenship requirements :
 - In order to participate in **national A-competitions** and **regional Championships** the skater must have the Belgian citizenship or have a release or at least started the release procedure.
 - To participate in **Belgian Championships** in a **Novice** category the skater needs to have the Belgian citizenship or have a release or at least started the release procedure.
 - To participate in **Belgian Championships** in **Junior or Senior category** the skater needs to have the Belgian citizenship or have a clearance.

For more information, see latest ISU communication n° 2030 – Rule 109

- Remarks for the categories:
All Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice skaters age wise who have obtained their **Advanced Novice Figure Skating level and minimum an Advanced Novice PCS level** will participate in the Advanced Novice categories.

If they have a Senior Figure Skating level and minimum a Junior PCS level and the age requirement, they can participate in Junior categories.

Once a skater has competed in a category, the skater cannot participate in a lower category in the following Belgian National and International interclub A-Competitions anymore.

- A skater who obtains a higher Figure Skating Level or a PCS level can participate in A-Competitions in the same category for **a maximum period of three (3) months** starting from the day the skater obtains the new level. In 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.

However, skaters can **choose** to upgrade earlier within the three (3) month period. In such case the club must inform the National secretary and the Responsible National Competitions about the respective competition **at least ten (10) days before** the first competition day.

National General Secretary: secretariaat.kbkf@telenet.be

Responsible National Competitions: ludod@telenet.be

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

Warm-up:

- **Singles Girls and Boys for all Novice sub-categories:** warm up groups may be maximum up to eight (8) skaters with a preference of six (6) skaters per warm-up group.
- **Junior and Senior Women and Men** may warm up together. The warm-up groups may be maximum up to six (6) skaters.
- If there are less than three Boys/Men in a category, the Boys/Men will warm up together in the first warm-up group of the Girls/Women. If there are three Boys/Men or more, they will warm up separately. The competition will always start with the Boys/Men.
- An on-ice line up of the skaters in a warm-up group before the actual warming up is not allowed in National A-competitions. It is only allowed in International Interclub A-competitions and National Championships.

Price awarding ceremony:

- National Hymns are **NOT** allowed, except at Championships.

Categories with more than 36 skaters:

- If there are categories of more than **36** entries, these categories will be divided into two groups based on age by July 1st preceding the competition. Organizing Clubs are allowed to divide into smaller groups as well using the same criteria. Categories of **18** skaters or less **will not** be divided.

Organizing clubs:

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

BASIC NOVICE

Has not reached the age of thirteen (13) by July 1st preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with the following minimum requirements can participate in this category.

Basic Novice Figure Skating level with a PCS Basic Novice level or a higher level

Free Skating Program for Girls & Boys:

In accordance with ISU communication **2489** Single Skating Basic Novice (or subsequent updates).

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE

Has not reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1st preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with the following minimum requirements can participate in this category.

Intermediate Novice Figure Skating level with a PCS Intermediate Novice level or a higher level

Free Skating Program for Girls & Boys:

In accordance with ISU communication **2489** Single Skating Intermediate Novice (or subsequent updates).

ADVANCED NOVICE

Has reached at least the age of nine (9) but not reached the age of fifteen (15) by July 1st preceding the competition for Girls and Boys.

Only skaters with the following minimum requirements can participate in this category.

Advanced Novice Figure Skating with a PCS Advanced Novice level or a higher level

Short Program & Free Skating Program for Girls and Boys:

In accordance with ISU communication **2489** Single Skating Advanced Novice (or subsequent updates).

Remark: see ISU communication 2494 for all novice categories

JUNIOR

Has reached at least the age of twelve (12) but not reached the age of nineteen (19) by July 1st preceding the competition for Women and Men.

Only skaters with the following minimum requirements can participate in this category.

Junior Figure Skating level with a PCS Junior level or a higher level

Short Program for Women & Men:

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 3 for 2022-2023.

Free Skating Program for Women & Men:

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Singles & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication 2494.

SENIOR

Has reached at least the age of fourteen (14) by July 1st preceding the competition for Women and Men.

Only skaters with the following minimum requirements can participate in this category.

Senior Figure Skating level with a PCS Senior level or a higher level

Short Program for Women & Men:

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 611, paragraphs 1 and 2.

Free Skating Program for Women & Men:

The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2021 Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communication 2494.