



Philippine Skating Union

The official governing body of figure and speed skating in the Philippines

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Transfer of Nation

The Philippine Skating Union (PHSU), as a member of the International Skating Union (ISU), recognizes the importance of clear and fair guidelines regarding the transfer of national representation. This policy outlines the requirements and procedures for athletes seeking to represent the Philippines in international competitions, as well as the conditions under which athletes may request release to compete for another federation.

Transfer to the Philippines

1. Citizenship

- Athletes must hold Philippine citizenship (either full or dual) **and** possess a valid Philippine passport.
- The Philippine Skating Union (PHSU) and all International Skating Union (ISU) member federations will adhere to the provisions set forth in **ISU Communication 1420**.
- All incoming athletes shall be responsible for handling their own citizenship processing and documentation.

2. Federation Release

- If applicable, athletes must secure a release in good standing from their current national federation.
- The ISU requires all transfer of nations requests, with complete supporting documentation, to be received between **June 1 and July 1** for singles skaters.
- For pairs and ice dance teams, applications may be considered throughout the year.

3. PHSU Testing

- Athletes are required to complete the necessary PHSU skating skills and freestyle tests, either virtually or in person, at the level corresponding to the events in which they intend to compete.

4. National Championships Participation

- Athletes must participate in the Philippine National Championships under the appropriate national category.

Please note: Requirements 1–3 must be fulfilled **prior to** participation in the National Championships (requirement 4).



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Transfer out of the Philippines

The Philippine Skating Union (PHSU) respects the rights of athletes to pursue opportunities abroad. At the same time, the PHSU has a responsibility to ensure that the resources and support dedicated to athlete development are properly recognized. Release conditions therefore take into account the level of support that an athlete has received from or through the PHSU, whether directly or indirectly (including but not limited to assistance from the Philippine Sports Commission, the International Skating Union, the International Olympic Committee, or private sponsors).

1. Athletes with Limited Support

- Athletes who have received minimal or no support through the PHSU may be eligible for release after a **minimum of one (1) year** from their **last active competing season**.

2. Athletes with Substantial Support

- Athletes who have received cumulative support amounting to PHP 1,000,000 or more throughout their period of active competition for the Philippines may be eligible for release after a **minimum of two (2) years** from their **last active competing season**.
- The PHSU may, where necessary, extend this period to ensure fairness in recognizing the support provided and to safeguard the continuity of Philippine skating programs, not exceeding three (3) years.
- The PHSU may also reduce the required period if the athlete returns the equivalent total amount of funding or resources received, subject to Board approval.

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