



Philippine Skating Union

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

COMMUNICATION 006

Philippine Skating Junior Grand Prix Selection Procedures

1. Overview & Purpose

This document outlines the criteria and process for selecting skaters to represent the Philippines at the ISU Junior Grand Prix series 2026 season onwards. Selection is based on competitive performance, consistency, and readiness.

2. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for selection:

- **ISU Age Eligibility and Membership**
Skaters must be ISU junior-age eligible* and in good standing as members of Philippine Skating at the time of selection.
 - *Minimum of 13 years old, but not yet 19 years old for singles skaters and not yet 21 years old for ice dancers and pairs skaters (or 23 for men in pairs) as of July 1st preceding the competition season
- **National Competition Requirement**
Skaters must also have competed in the **most recently concluded Philippine National Figure Skating Championships**.
- **International Competition Requirement**
Skaters must have competed in **at least two (2)** ISU-sanctioned international competitions in the previous season before vying for a JGP slot. Competitions falling within the ISU calendar from July 1 to May 31.

3. Selection Pool Formation

- Once eligibility is confirmed, Philippine Skating will form a **Selection Pool** made up of all skaters who have satisfied section 2
- The PHSU Technical Committee may, by majority decision, approve the inclusion of other skaters under extenuating circumstances

4. Selection Method

From the Selection Pool, the Committee will choose participants based on:

- Consistency and quality of performances across eligible events.
- Results and scores from Nationals and the required international competitions.
- Confirmation of readiness through a mandatory test skate, to be conducted within the first week of July of the competitive season.

If the number of JGP slots allocated to the Philippines is fewer than the number of eligible skaters, the Committee will rank and prioritize accordingly.

5. Discretionary Selection

To ensure that top talent isn't excluded due to rare circumstances:

- The Committee reserves the right to select skaters on **discretionary grounds** when their competitive record indicates high potential.

Rationale: This ensures that consistent performers are not excluded due to circumstances such as injury, illness, or unforeseen event conflicts.

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6. Petition & Injury/Illness Exception

If a skater is **injured or ill** and therefore **unable** to meet all requirements, they may petition for inclusion:

- The **petition** must be in writing, sent to the Chair of the PHSU Technical Committee **no later than June 1**.
- Must demonstrate **competitive readiness by July 1** through a **test skate** session.
- The demonstration date must be coordinated with the PHSU Technical Committee. The skater's attending physician/medical professional shall **provide written medical clearance** confirming the skater's fitness to participate. The demonstration must take place within two (2) weeks of the declared date of readiness, and **no later than July 1**.
- Skaters recovering for six (6) months or longer from the current season's JGP must participate in at least two (2) competitions, with results submitted to the Technical Committee Chair. These may be:
 - One (1) domestic/regional competition and one (1) ISU-sanctioned international competition, **or**
 - Two (2) ISU-sanctioned international competitions.
 - Competitions subject to the approval of PHSU.
- Skaters may also formally **withdraw from consideration** if they feel unprepared.
- If approved, the skater will be added to the Selection Pool under the injury/illness exception

7. Substitution in Case of Withdrawal

Should a selected skater withdraw or be unable to compete due to subsequent injury/illness:

- The Committee may replace them with the next-highest ranked skater from the pool.
- If injury/illness occurs after selection, the Skater's medical condition must be verified (e.g., Return-to-Play plan). A review panel may be convened to assess whether substitution is warranted.

8. Notification & Announcement

- Selected skaters and any substitutes will be notified in writing (e.g., email) promptly by the second week of July.

9. Required Documents

All skaters in the Selection Pool must submit the following to the PHSU Technical Committee **no later than May 31**:

- Declaration of intent to compete.
- Portfolio of the immediate past season's competitions.
- Medical documentation relevant to petitions or substitutions, signed by the athlete's current attending medical professional. (If applicable)

10. Review & Future Revisions

These procedures may be updated in response to changes in ISU rules or unique circumstances in the Philippine competitive environment.

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