Criteria of the selection for the participation in the ISU competitions for the seasons 2024-25, 2025-26 and Olympic Games 2026

In accordance with the decisions of the Council of the Cyprus Skating Federation and based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee, the ISU rules and the Constitution of the Cyprus Skating Federation, the following criteria apply for the 2024-25 and 2025-26:

1. General requirements

- 1.1. Registration in the Cyprus Skating Federation.
- 1.2. Citizenship as per ISU Rule 109 Citizenship / Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure. Each athlete must provide a passport or a document confirming their compliance with the Federation's requirements, such as a Clearance Certificate or a passport indicating citizenship of the Republic of Cyprus.
- 1.3. Skaters / couples participating in the following ISU Figure Skating Championships must have reached the Minimum Total Elements Scores required for the respective competition.
- 1.4. For the ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) or other competitions that do not require Minimum Total Elements Scores, the previous requirement (1.3) is not applicable.

2. Criteria for Senior Categories

- 2.1. Participation in the ISU European Championships 2025 and the ISU World Championships 2025, the following minimum requirements are obligatory:
 - Participation in the Cyprus National Competition 2024 (ISU CS Denis Ten Memorial Challenge 2024).
 - Participation in two (2) other International Competitions at the athlete's choice not later than January 12th, 2025.
- 2.2. Participation in the ISU European Championships 2026, the ISU World Championships 2026 and the Olympic Games 2026, the following minimum requirements are obligatory:
 - Participation in the Cyprus National Competition 2025 (competition will be defined in summer 2025).

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• Participation in two (2) other International Competitions at the athlete's choice **not later than**December 15th, 2025 (This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the deadlines of the Winter Olympic Games 2026).

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3. Criteria for Junior Categories

- 3.1. Participation in the ISU World Junior Championships 2025, the following minimum requirements are obligatory:
 - Cyprus National Competition 2024 (Denis Ten Memorial Challenge 2024).
 - Participation in two (2) other International Competitions at the athlete's choice not later than May 15th, 2024
- 3.2. Criteria for Participation in the Junior Grand Prix (JGP) of the season 2025-2026

Participation in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of the season 2025-2026 (next ISU season), the following minimum requirements are obligatory:

- Cyprus National Competition 2024 (Denis Ten Memorial Challenge 2024).
- Participation in two (2) other International Competitions at the athlete's choice until May 15th, 2025.
- 3.3. Participation in the ISU World Junior Championships 2026, the following minimum requirements are obligatory:
 - Cyprus National Competition 2024 (competition will be defined in 2025).
 - Participation in two (2) other International Competitions at the athlete's choice not later than January 12th, 2026
- 4. The selection of the athletes that meet the above-mentioned requirements will be based on the **Evaluation System** described below.

4.1. **TOTAL ELEMENTS SCORE** from the Cyprus National Championships and 2 (two) other International Competitions:

	Competitions	Percentage Value
A	Cyprus National Championships	40%
В	International Competition 1	30%
С	International Competition 2	30%

Total Points = $A \times 0.4 + B \times 0.3 + C \times 0.3$

4.2. International Competitions must be in the ISU calendar and must consist of a minimum number of officials as below:

Technical Panel

- o TC
- \circ TS
- o ATS

Judge Panel

It must consist of at least 5 judges

- 4.3. The achieved Total Points are valid ONLY for one season (as defined by ISU: 1st July 30th June).
- 4.4. The athletes that achieved the best points in the Evaluation System will participate in the competitions according to the order below:

4.4.1. Senior categories

1st Place (**Total Points of the season 2024-25**) → Participation in the ISU European Championships 2025 and the ISU World Championships 2025.

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2nd Place (**Total Points of the season 2024-25**) → Substitution in the ISU European Championships 2025 and the ISU World Championships 2025.

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1st Place (**Total Points of the season 2025-26**) → The athlete with the best Total Points participates in (2) competitions: Olympic Games 2026 (if qualification for Cyprus achieved) and participation in one (1) of the following competitions of his/her choice between ISU European Championships 2026 and ISU World Championships 2026.

2nd Place (**Total Points of the season 2025-26**) → Participation in one (1) of the following competitions: ISU European Championships 2026, ISU World Championships 2026, according to the choice of the athlete achieved the 1st Place.

4.4.2. Junior categories

a) ISU Junior World Championships 2026

1st Place (**Total Points of the season 2025-26 until January 12th, 2026**) → ISU Junior World Championships 2026 - Participation

 2^{nd} Place (Total Points of the season 2025-26 until January 12^{th} , 2026) \rightarrow ISU Junior World Championships 2026 - Substitution

b) ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions 2025-26

The selection of the athletes will be based on the **Total Points** achieved in the **season 2024-25 until May 15th, 2025,** as indicated below:

- I. In case of allocation of two (2) JGPs for Cyprus
 - 1st Place → Participation in one (1) JGP and Substitution in one (1) JGP
 - 2nd Place → Participation in one (1) JGP and Substitution in one (1) JGP
- II. In case of allocation of three (3) JGPs for Cyprus
 - 1^{st} Place \rightarrow Participation in (2) JGPs
 - 2^{nd} Place \rightarrow Participation in one (1) JGP
 - 2^{nd} Place \rightarrow Substitution in two (2) JGPs of the athlete of the 1^{st} Place
 - 3^{rd} Place \rightarrow Substitution in one (1) JGP of the athlete of the 2^{rd} Place.

Note: If the scores of the 3rd athlete are not significantly lower than the scores of the 1st and 2nd athletes, the Council of the Cyprus Skating Federation has the power to allocate 1 JPG per athlete and allocate the substitutions in a different way.

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III. In case of allocation of four (4) JGPs for Cyprus

1st Place → Participation in two (2) JGPs

2nd Place → Participation in two (2) JGPs

3rd Place → Substitution in all JGPs

<u>Note:</u> If the scores of the 3rd athlete are not significantly lower than the scores of the 2nd athlete, the Council of the Cyprus Skating Federation has the power to allocate 2 JPGs for 1st athlete and 1 JGP for the other 2 athletes and allocate the substitutions in a different way.

IV. In case of allocation of five (5) JGPs for Cyprus

 1^{st} Place \rightarrow Participation in two (2) JGPs

2nd Place → Participation in two (2) JGPs

3rd Place → Participation in one (1) JGP and Substitution in the other 4 JGPs

V. In case of allocation of six (6) JGPs for Cyprus

 1^{st} Place \rightarrow Participation in two (2) JGPs

2nd Place → Participation in two (2) JGPs

 3^{rd} Place \rightarrow Participation in two (2) JGP

Substitution in all JGPs will be allocated randomly.

<u>Note:</u> The athletes' selection related to the place/city holding the JGP competition will be according to the place achieved in the Evaluation System.

c) ISU Junior World Championships 2026

1st Place (Total Points of the season 2025-26 until January 12th, 2026) → ISU Junior World Championships 2026 - Participation

 2^{nd} Place (Total Points of the season 2025-26 until January 12^{th} , 2026) \rightarrow ISU Junior World Championships 2026 - Substitution

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Clarifications

Clarification 1: These criteria replace any previous criteria and/or rules adopted by Cyprus Skating Federation until the season 2023-24 and they have immediate effect.

Clarification 2: If an athlete for serious reasons cannot participate in the National Championships, he/she must immediately inform the Council and the Council will decide give the permission to participate in a different competition (ISU CS with parallel Junior competition / Advance Novice) considering the reasons given.

Clarification 3: According to the Constitution of the Cyprus Federation (CYP), it is mandatory for all coaches representing any Cyprus Team in International Competitions, including ISU events, to be registered with the Federation.

Clarification 4: All expenses related to the participation in the Cyprus National Championships 2024 and 2025 will not be covered by the Federation.

Clarification 5: The Council of the Cyprus Skating Federation has the competence and keeps the right to change all, or part of the criteria described above. In such case, a new letter will be announced and distributed.