



SKATE AUSTRALIA VICTORIA SPEED

Victorian Speed Team Selection Criteria

1. Objective:

Select Victorian team members, male and female, junior, senior and master, who are considered by the selection panel to be competitive for the National Championships, in accordance with the criteria below.

Skate Australia Victoria Speed (SAV Speed) has a responsibility to send athletes who meet minimum standards suitable for National competition, including speed, skill, tactics and prior racing experience.

2. Selection Panel:

- 2.1 The selection panel will consist of the Victorian State Team Coach(es) forming a selection panel of 3. The final selections will be discussed and decided upon and final approval will be by the SAV Speed committee.
- 2.2 The selectors will be voted on and elected by the SAV Speed Committee. They must be an official with an accreditation of no lower than level 2 or coaches with an accreditation no lower than level 1.
- 2.3 A call for nominations of selectors will be made prior to the Victorian Championships. Selectors will be required to apply for the position in writing and should have a sound knowledge of the rules and skating skill/speed required to be competitive on a national level.

3. Selectors Policy:

When selecting the Victorian team, the selectors will take into account a number of factors as listed below. This will also fall in line with the objective stated above.

3.1. Selectors will analyze the following criteria: (not in any particular order of importance):

- 3.1.1. An athlete's racing approach (e.g., aggressive vs. passive).
- 3.1.2. An athlete's skating ability
- 3.1.3. Athletes racing skills and tactics
- 3.1.4. An athlete's ability to work as part of a team and contribute toward a team result.
- 3.1.5. Physical ability (e.g. fitness & speed).
- 3.1.6. Racing ability under pressure.
- 3.1.7. Attitude towards racing, opponents and general.
- 3.1.8. Performance at the Victorian Championships (including times and results).

- 3.1.9. Past behavior will also be taken into consideration and any athlete that has brought Skate Australia into disrepute **may** be excluded from final selection.

4. Selection Trials:

Selections will take place through the following process:

- 4.1 The current SAV Speed racing season will be the main selection basis with the final selection opportunity being the Victorian Championships.
- 4.2 A team will be announced after the conclusion of the 2012 Victorian Championships.
 - 4.2.1 All final team members, except those who can provide evidence of a prior commitment and a letter asking for special dispensation must attend all Victorian team training sessions at a time and venue yet to be determined.

5. Eligibility:

To be eligible for selection an athlete must meet the following requirements:

- 5.1. Must be a competitive financial member of SAV Speed.
- 5.2. Must comply with the eligibility criteria to compete at the Victorian Championships.
- 5.3. Must have competed in the 2012 Victorian Championships.
- 5.4. Athlete's duration in the sport.

SAV Speed does not make a policy of selecting athletes, who are new to the sport, therefore all athletes who have not been a full competitive level member for at least 6 months in the current membership year or have less than 6 months of previous racing experience **may** not be considered for selection.

- 5.5 If 5.2 or 5.3 cannot be satisfied an athlete may still be eligible if a letter stating why is submitted to the SAV Speed Committee and Selectors. The letter must be submitted no less than 3 weeks prior to the 2012 Victorian Championships.

6. Allocation of Specific Events

Athletes will be informed of the events that they are recommended to compete in. The events will be allocated based on what the Victorian State Team Coach(es) and selectors believe to be in the best interest of the selected athlete to get the best possible results for that particular athlete. The selection of events is open for discussion between the athlete and the Victorian State Team Coach(es), to either better understand or come to a compromise.

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7. Removal from Selected Team:

Athletes may be removed from the selected team for any of the following:

- a) Breaches or fails to observe this Policy, the SAV Speed Constitution or Regulations; or
- b) by reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Selectors or the Coach(es) (after having received advice from a medical practitioner); or
- c) Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the ASADA Anti Doping Policy

Athletes will be considered to be ineligible for selection to or continued membership of the Victorian Team as follows:

Any participant may be removed from the Victorian team by the SAV Speed Committee as the circumstances may require, including where the athlete has failed to sustain his or her performance and attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the participant and the participant had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels.

8. Appeals

An appeal on selection may be lodged in writing within 7 days to be reviewed by the SAVS committee. The appeal must state the grounds of appeal along with a fee of \$100 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.

SAV Speed Committee

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