



1. INTRODUCTION

This Sanction document has been provided to all clubs that have skaters nominating for the 2016 Victorian Open Speed Skating Championships. It is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure all skaters nominating do so with full knowledge of the contents of this Sanction.

1.1 Dates, times and venues

DATE and TIMES	VENUE	EVENTS
Saturday 22 nd Oct. 2016 Warm-up 8.30am Racing 9.00 – 11.00am	Casey Fields Criterium Track 160 Berwick-Cranbourne Road Cranbourne East	ROAD 100mt Sprint
Saturday 22 nd Oct. 2016 Warm-up 2.00pm Racing Starts 2.15pm	Dandenong Outdoor Netball Complex Greaves Reserve (off Bennett St)	ROAD
Sunday 23 rd Oct. 2016 Warm-up 8.00am Racing Starts 8.30am	Dandenong Outdoor Netball Complex Greaves Reserve (off Bennett St)	TRACK

1.2 Rules

- 1.2.1 Race distances and events, where applicable, are generally as per the schedule for the 2016 Australian Championships, except for relevant variations as outlined in this Sanction.
- 1.2.2 All races shall be conducted according to the FIRS CIC Regulations 2016. All indoor races shall be conducted according to the current Australian Speed Rule Book where applicable.
- 1.2.3 If there are three (3) or less competitors in any event, the event may be run concurrently with another event of the same distance. This will be left to the discretion of the Chief Referee. The Chief Referee may also allow events to be run concurrently even if there are more than three competitors in any event, where the Chief Referee deems this as appropriate and safe.
- 1.2.4 Where a division of only one athlete has nominated, that division will not be run and the competitor will be placed in a division where the Chief Referee deems appropriate and safe (where possible).
- 1.2.5 The Chief Clerk will make available copies of all appropriate Rulebooks. Under no circumstances are they to be removed from the Clerks table.
- 1.2.6 Skaters wishing to be considered for selection into the Australian teams as defined in the next Australian Championship Speed Schedule must advise the selectors of their intention to do so prior to the start of the Victorian Open Championships. Cadet-age skaters (ages 11-13) may also be considered for selection at Oceania Championships by indicating that interest to the selectors prior to the start of the Victorian Open Championships.
- 1.2.7 Masters divisions are for skaters aged 30 and over and there are three divisions, namely Masters A (age 29-41), Masters B (age 42-53) and Masters C (age 54+). An older skater can nominate in a lower age group if desired and approved by the SAVS Committee. Divisions will be combined where there is only one nomination.

- 1.2.8 If a skater is “nominating up” in a higher age or ability division, then the skater must have demonstrated that they are of appropriate ability to compete in the higher division. If the Championship Director or the Chief Referee considers that the skater is not of appropriate ability, then they may direct that the skater race in a more appropriate division.
- 1.2.9 Males and females do not compete in the same event i.e. separate races for males and females. However, the Chief Referee may allow events to be run concurrently, where the Chief Referee deems this as appropriate and safe. The exception to this is the Under 10 age division, which will be a combined male / female division.
- 1.2.10 No foreign substance may be introduced onto skating wheels or any skating surface without the prior approval of the Chief Referee.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1 2016 Victorian Championships

- 2.1.1 All competitors must be currently registered ‘Competitive’ members of Skate Australia at the time of nominating. International skaters must be current financial members of their Federation and able to provide written confirmation.
- 2.1.2 All competitors nominating must be members of a currently registered Skate Australia club or be an unattached member of Skate Australia.
- 2.1.3 Nominations for Track & Road events will only be accepted from skaters who have competed in at least three Track & three Road SAVS Racing Series events since the 2015 Victorian Championships. The 2016 Denis Harris Cup will also count as a Road and a Track qualifying event. This requirement does not apply to interstate skaters or to marathon events.

2.2 Selection for 2017 Australian Championships

- 2.2.1 The selectors for the team to represent Victoria at the following years Australian Championships will be appointed as per the current Victorian Team Selection policy document.
- 2.2.2 Selection for the Victorian team to compete in the Australian Championships shall be based on performance during all competitions, including the Victorian Open Championships, scheduled up to the closing date for nominations for the following Australian Championships. The selectors may select fewer skaters than the maximum permitted for any or all track and/or road events if there are either insufficient skaters or, in the opinion of the selectors, eligible skaters are below the required standard to be competitive at the 2017 Australian Championships.
- 2.2.3 The SAVS Speed Committee shall approve the Victorian Team selected to compete in the 2017 Australian Championships. To be eligible for selection a skater must have nominated and competed at the 2016 Victorian Open Championships.

3. EXEMPTIONS

- 3.1 Any request to vary any requirement as outlined in this sanction must be lodged in writing or email to the SAVS Speed Committee for consideration.
- 3.2 Any skater seeking an exemption for any event(s) on medical or other special grounds should provide a written submission (with a doctor’s certificate if health related) to the SAVS Speed Committee Chairman for consideration by the SAVS Speed Committee **prior to commencement of the event(s) to be missed**. Should the skater concerned be unable to provide the submission in person, arrangements must be made for its delivery.

- 3.3 Any Skater wishing to compete in the 2016 Victorian Championships who has not fulfilled the eligibility criteria as set out in section 2.1 must apply in writing to the SAVS Speed Committee for consideration, prior to nominating.
- 3.4 Any Skater wishing to be considered for selection into the Victorian State Team who is unable to compete at the Victorian Championships must submit an application in writing to the SAVS Speed Committee Chairman for consideration by the SAVS Speed Committee, prior to the commencement of the Victorian Championships.
- 3.5 Any request received which is not in accordance with clauses 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 will only be considered by the SAVS Speed Committee under exceptional circumstances.
- 3.6 All requests for exemption, whether on medical, compassionate or other grounds, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any perceived precedents will not be considered.

4. NOMINATIONS, REGISTRATIONS AND CHARGES

4.1 Nominations

- 4.1.1 Club members must nominate through their club on the forms provided.
- 4.1.2 All fees should be paid to their club at the same time and a receipt supplied.
- 4.1.3 All nomination fees are outlined below and include GST:
- \$75.00 per skater for all Road & Track events
 - \$45.00 per skater for Road events only
 - \$45.00 per skater for Track events only
- 4.1.4 Each club must complete the registration list and summary of fees. They must be forwarded, together with the nomination forms and club cheque only to cover all the required fees, to the SAVS Speed Committee Treasurer by **Friday 30th September, 2016**.
Late nominations may be accepted where there are exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed to by the SAVS Speed Committee. If a late nomination is accepted, an additional fee of \$50.00 per day (\$100 for both days of competition), will be charged.
Interstate competitors must nominate through their club, and nominations from interstate clubs must be received no later than **Monday 10th October**. Late nominations from interstate competitors will be accepted, at the discretion of the Championship Director, up until Friday 21st October. Late fees will apply in this instance and skater's names will not appear in the competition programme.
- 4.1.5 All Clubs must appoint a Team Manager for the duration of the Victorian Open Championships. The Team Manager is the only person authorised to approach any Official and this approach must be done via the Chief Referee or Championship Director. Clubs ignoring this rule may be penalised at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or Championship Director.

4.2 Registrations

- 4.2.1 All registration fees are outlined below and include GST:
- \$60.00 for 1st skater in family
 - \$40.00 for 2nd skater in family
 - \$20.00 for 3rd skater in family
 - \$10.00 each for any skater in family thereafter.
- 4.2.2 Registration fees must be paid at the same time as nomination fees.

5. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Awards – 2016 Victorian Open Championships

- 5.1.1 The SAVS Committee will award medals for first, second and third place in all road and track events irrespective of the State in which the skater is registered. No overall track and no overall road trophies will be awarded. An overall Club Trophy will be awarded subject to criteria set by the SAVS Committee
- 5.1.2 The SAVS Speed Committee will not award medals for any Relay events (if held) as they will be demonstration events only.
- 5.1.3 Clubs or individuals holding perpetual trophies must return these trophies to the SAVS Speed Committee by the closing date for nominations.
- 5.1.4 If an interstate competitor wins a perpetual trophy, it will remain in the custody of the SAVS Speed Committee.

5.2 Presentations

- 5.2.1 Presentations will be held at various times throughout the track and road competition
- 5.2.2 Skaters receiving medals or trophies must be in approved skin suits. No hats or sunglasses. Appropriate footwear must be worn.
- 5.2.3 Presentations shall take place in an area designated by the Championship Director

6. GENERAL

6.1 Withdrawals

- 6.1.1 Team Managers must give the Chief Clerk notice of any withdrawals as early as possible prior to the event to allow heats to be redrawn as appropriate
- 6.1.2 The Championship Director, in conjunction with the Chief Referee, will decide if heats and semi-finals become semi-finals and finals because of withdrawals
- 6.1.3 No nomination or registration fees will be refunded if entrants withdraw from any event(s) for any reason, unless there are exceptional circumstances as determined and agreed to by the SAVS Speed Committee

6.2 Protests and Complaints

- 6.2.1 All skaters and Team Managers should refer to the CIC International Rulebook for lodging protests.
- 6.2.2 A Protest fee of \$150 (including GST) must accompany all protests. Protest fees will be refunded if the protest is upheld or at the discretion of the Championship Director if the protest is dismissed.
- 6.2.3 All complaints should be made to the Championship Director by Team Managers only. Refer also to Rule 4.1.6.

6.3 Draws

- 6.3.1 The draw for starting positions will be determined by the club results of the Victorian Championships 2015. Results per road and track will apply.

6.4 Warm Ups

- 6.4.1 Warm-ups will be as designated in the program. However, the Championship Director has the right to alter these as necessary
- 6.4.2 The Championship Director will make an announcement if there are any alterations to the times as designated in the official program and Team Managers will be advised accordingly

6.5 Marshalling

- 6.5.1 Skaters are required to marshal to the Chief Clerk or nominated representative, at the start of each days racing, or as requested via Team Managers by the Championship Director.
- 6.5.2 Skaters must be at the relevant venue at least **ONE HOUR PRIOR** to the published scheduled start time in the program.
- 6.5.3 Designated marshalling areas are to be kept clear. Competitors, accredited coaches and authorised persons only are permitted in those areas
- 6.5.4 While in the marshalling area, skaters will be under the direction of the Championship Director and marshals. No skater will leave the marshalling area without the permission of the marshal. Failure to comply with these rules may lead to disqualification
- 6.5.5 Competitors must be ready to race three (3) events prior to their next event. Races will not be delayed for late or inappropriately dressed skaters
- 6.5.6 Skaters must use the way indicated by the Marshall on duty to enter and leave the track

6.6 Announcements

- 6.6.1 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, will be permitted to make announcements.
- 6.6.2 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, is authorised to remove official notices.

6.7 Results

- 6.7.1 Results will be announced by the Championship Director, or nominated representative, and posted on the notice board where appropriate.
- 6.7.2 The Chief Clerk, under no circumstances, is to be approached for verbal results. Any breach of this requirement will be addressed as per clause 6.10.2.
- 6.7.3 Only the Championship Director, or nominated representative, is authorised to remove official results.

6.8 Team Managers

- 6.8.1 Each club shall appoint (and advise the Championship Director in writing and submitted with the Club nominations) a Team Manager(s) for the duration of the Championships
- 6.8.2 Team Managers shall be responsible for advising their competitors of any program changes and general information and ensuring the standard of behaviour of their club members is appropriate at all times.

6.9 Dress Code & Equipment

- 6.9.1 Only approved club or registered sponsor skin suits are to be worn at all times during racing
- 6.9.2 Interstate tracksuits are not permitted unless worn by competitors from interstate registered clubs
- 6.9.3 The maximum wheel diameter allowable during this competition is 110mm. However, frame and wheel restrictions apply to all Skate Australia Victoria registered competitors, under the age of 14 years, as at the **31st December, 2016**. Skaters are required to abide by the following restrictions in order to be eligible to compete at the 2016 Victorian Championships

Skaters age as at 31st December in the year of competition	Maximum Wheel Size - mm	Maximum Frame Size - inches
Up to 7 years old	90	10.25
8 to 9 years old	90	11.60
10 to 11 years old	100	12.50
12 to 13 years old	110	13.00
14+ years old	110	19.70

6.10 Behaviour

- 6.10.1 Any skater, official, coach or spectator who behaves in a manner as to bring Skate Australia into disrepute may be disqualified from the competition and / or removed from the venue. Further action may also be taken in accordance with the Skate Australia by-Law covering Disciplinary Procedures.
- 6.10.2 Clubs will be held responsible for their members and be subject to disciplinary action as well as any member of their club who behaves in an inappropriate manner.
- 6.10.3 Fines to a maximum of \$150.00, to either competitor or club, may be imposed. Any competitor who is fined and/or suspended will be ineligible to compete in any further events at the current Victorian Championships

6.11 Racing Numbers

- 6.11.1 Clubs should ensure that their skaters have a number to identify themselves. The numbers should generally be solid black in colour, legible and be a minimum of 8cm and a maximum of 10cm high. They should be on non-transparent white cloth generally measuring around 18cm across and 13cm down. A number must be worn on the skater's back and on the outside of both legs

6.12 Gloves and Helmets

- 6.12.1 Helmets must be worn at all times while on skates. Gloves must be worn at all times while on skates on the road surface. Skaters who do not obey this rule may be disqualified from their next event instantly. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

6.13 Relay Events and Teams

- 6.13.1 Relay events may be organised as demonstration events, and the distances, team numbers and composition will be arranged in accordance with the level of interest by skaters. The Teams can be single or mixed teams and do not have to be Club based.

6.14 Drugs

- 6.14.1 It is the responsibility of individual skaters to familiarise themselves with the contents of the Skate Australia Anti-Doping Policy and what constitutes a prohibited substance.

2016 VICTORIAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS – TRACK AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

AGE CATEGORY		TRACK EVENTS AND DISTANCES						
Same Age Groupings and Distances for Males and Females						Junior Open 3000m (Open to all skaters U14 except U10)	Senior Open 5000m (See note below)	Masters Open 5000m (See note below)
Ages as at 31 st Dec 2016	300m TT	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m			
Under 10 years (combined m/f)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Under 12 years	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		
Under 14 years	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Under 16 years	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	
Under 18 years	Yes	Yes			Yes			
Open - over 18 years	Yes	Yes			Yes			
Masters A & B - 29-41, 42-53 yrs	Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes
Masters C - 54+	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			

NOTES REGARDING TRACK OPEN EVENTS

- Skaters eligible to compete in the Junior Open 3000m may instead compete in the Senior Open 5000m, subject to being of appropriate ability.
- The Masters Open 5000m is a combined event for all Masters A and Masters B skaters.

2016 VICTORIAN SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS – ROAD AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

AGE CATEGORY		ROAD EVENTS AND DISTANCES					
Same Age Groupings and Distances for Males and Females	100m					5000m Points	10,000m Points / Elim
Ages as at 31 st Dec 2016	(see note below)	500m	1000m	1500m	3000m		
Under 10 years (combined m/f)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Under 12 years	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Under 15 years	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Jnr A - 14yrs but not yet 19yrs	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes
Open - 19yrs and over	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes
Masters A & B - 29-41, 42-53 yrs	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes
Masters C - 54+	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		

PLEASE NOTE

- 100m Sprint Event will be held at Casey Fields on the morning of Saturday 22nd October.
- In the case of inclement weather, the road and track program may be rescheduled in order to complete all the events. There is a Reserve day scheduled on Saturday, October 29th which may also be used. Team Managers will be advised of any changes to schedules by the Championship Director in conjunction with the Chief Referee.