

2018 NSW STATE TEAM SELECTION POLICY



The objective of this policy is to ensure the selection of the best possible team to represent NSW at the 2018 Duke Trophy Competition, to be held in Brisbane on 28th-29th July, 2018.

The team will consist of a maximum of 20 skaters spread across the following 5 age divisions. Age is taken as of July 1, 2018.

DIVISION	AGE	INDIVIDUAL DISTANCES	RELAY DISTANCES
Masters	30 years and over	500m, 777m, 1000m, 1500m	1x3000m
Seniors	19-29 years	500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m	1x3000m, 1x5000m
Junior A	15-18 years	500m, 777m, 1000m, 1500m	2x3000m
Junior B	12-14 years	333m, 500m, 777m, 1000m	2x3000m
Junior C	11 years and under	222m, 333m, 500m, 777m	1x2000m

There is also the capacity to send other skaters as reserves, who may get to skate in a vacant position of another state who has not filled their quota of 20. All skaters who have nominated will be considered for these reserve/vacant skater positions if they do not qualify for the team of 20.

Skaters wishing to be considered for selection on the 2018 NSW State Team must:

- Be a current financial member of either the Sydney Arrows or Sydney Speed Skating (SSS) Club for the 2018-2019 season.

NOTE: Skaters may also be considered for selection if they are a member of another State Association affiliated with AIR, under the State of Origin Rule (for skaters who have represented Australia at a World Cup, World Championship or Olympic Games in the past 4 years).

- Be available to compete in the 2018 Duke Trophy Competition, to be held in Brisbane on July 28-29th. Skaters must arrive in Brisbane on Friday the 27th, as the competition begins on the Saturday morning with racing commencing at 7am. There is a possible practice session available on Friday 27th from 11am-1pm (TBC) for anyone who arrives early, and racing will finish on Sunday 29th at approx. 11.30am, followed by a lunch which will conclude at around 2pm. All travel and accommodation arrangements must be arranged and funded by the participant.

- Contest the following two qualifying competitions:

2018 Endurance Plate: Sunday 27th May 6.00pm-9.00pm at Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink

2018 Sprint Cup: Sunday 17th June 6.00pm-9.00pm at Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink

- Attend the NSW team training sessions, dates TBC.

TEAM SELECTION

The NSW Team will be selected by IRNSW and the NSW Head Coach. For 2018 IRNSW has appointed Scott Weekes as the NSW Head Coach.

The combined results of the two qualifying competitions will be used to select the team to represent NSW at the Duke Trophy. The number of skaters from each age division chosen in the team of 20 will be at the discretion of the NSW Head Coach, with the objective of choosing a team with the best possible chance of winning the Trophy.

Skaters (and reserves) will be notified of their selection after the second qualifying competition by IRNSW.

If a skater does not accept their position on the team, or through illness/injury/other circumstances cannot compete in the competition, IRNSW will consult the NSW Head Coach to select a replacement.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

National Team skaters residing and training outside of NSW will still be considered for the NSW Team if they have completed the nomination form.

Skaters who are unable to compete at the qualifying competitions due to illness/injury/extenuating circumstances may still be considered for the team, so long as they provide documentary evidence as to the nature of their illness/injury/extenuating circumstances. If the skater is injured/sick they must make a reasonable case that they will be fit to return to competition in time for the Duke Trophy event in order to be considered. For all injuries/illness of a serious nature a medical clearance must be provided.

NOMINATION

All skaters wishing to be considered for the NSW State Team for 2018 must fill out the nomination form by Friday 25th May.

Click on the link to fill out and submit your nomination.

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