



DECISION

Policy for the Implementation of the LTAD Performance Bridge

1. Purpose

This decision formalizes the creation of the LTAD¹ Performance Bridge, a transitional development group exclusively intended for skaters from JA1–JA4² within the development programs of affiliated club(s), identified as having potential to progress toward the National cadre groups – Preminimen, Minimen A and Minimen B.

The LTAD Performance Bridge is a nationally supervised development program, without National cadre selection status, and constitutes a preparatory stage to meet the technical and behavioral standards required for the National cadre.

2. Institutional Positioning

The LTAD Performance Bridge:

- Is not part of the National cadre
- Does not constitute a national selection status
- Does not confer any official title
- Does not guarantee access to National cadre tests

It is a preparatory development program. The authority for selection to the National cadre remains exclusively with the National Coach and of the ULP.

3. Target Athletes

The program is strictly limited to:

- Skaters from JA1–JA4 groups
- Aged no older than 10 years as of July 1 of the season for which the National cadre testing is conducted
- Identified as having potential to progress to the Preminimen, Minimen B, or Minimen A groups
- Holding Luxembourgish nationality or eligible for ISU clearance

No admission beyond indicated age limit or without meeting the nationality/ISU eligibility requirement will be permitted.

4. Nomination Procedure

The nomination procedure is as follows:

- Identification of eligible skaters by the National Coach
- Official detailed nomination proposal, prepared by the National Coach, including an evaluation of current performance, progression potential, level of engagement, motivation, and focus. Candidate evaluation must also include the skater's behavior, the behavior and support of parents, and strict compliance with club and federation rules, instructions, procedures, and program requirements.
- Mandatory validation by the Committee of the ULP

¹ Long-Term Athlete Development.

² Junior Academy Groups 1–4: defined according to performance and age rules by the club(s) in accordance with LTAD.

All nominations must be submitted no later than February 1 of each year. No nomination is valid without formal Committee confirmation.

5. Duration and Termination

Participation in the LTAD Performance Bridge is temporary and recommended maximum duration is 6–12 months.

Exit from the program may occur due to:

- Presentation at National cadre tests
- Reasoned decision by the National Coach
- Insufficient progression
- Reaching the age limit
- Non-compliance with program rules

6. Programme Content

Skaters in the Bridge:

- Participate in a National cadre training session held on the first Monday of each month, under the direction of the National Coach
- May, exceptionally and by invitation, participate in development camps organized by the ULP, notably: at Skating School of Switzerland under the direction of Stéphane Lambiel in Champéry (Switzerland), and/or ULP camp at Kockelscheuer, in August
- Remain administratively registered within their respective JA group at their club

No official National cadre apparel will be granted.

7. Fundamental Principles

The LTAD Performance Bridge is based on clear principles: it is a preparatory program, not a selection, under the technical authority of the National Coach and validated by the ULP Committee. It aims to protect the prestige, evolution and integrity of the National cadre while ensuring full transparency to members and families.

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Executive Committee of the ULP