

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

December 2014 NEWSLETTER

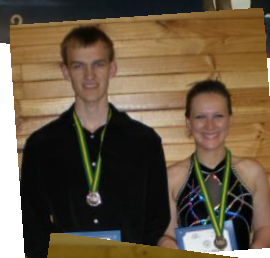
AUSTRALIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brisbane, Australia, 29 November - 5 December 2014

A large team of New Zealand skaters competed in the Australian Figure Skating Championships in Brisbane, in Singles, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating and Adult events. This was the first year that a team represented New Zealand in the Open Synchronized Skating event and they came home with a bronze medal! The medal tally this year was 2 x Silver and 3 x Bronze. Well done to all our representative and Adult skaters! Medal winners' photos below – Kia Kaha, Charlotte van Uden (on left) and Sara Reynolds (on right), Chahna Davis & Liam McIver, and Anja Noetzel-Hayward & Connor McIver.

Overall Results

Open Synchronized	Kia Kaha	3 rd /8
Primary Ladies	Abbey Heale	9 th /27
	Zara Anthony-Whigham	12 th /27
	Pei-Lin Lee	17 th /27
	Alicia Dennis	25 th /27
Intermediate Ladies	Charlotte van Uden	2 nd /23
	Sara Reynolds	3 rd /23
Novice Men	Harrison Bain	4 th /5
Junior Ladies	Kaho Hirafune	11 th /20
	Tracy Danbrook	13 th /20
	Brooke Tamepo	14 th /20
	Abby Miller	20 th /20
Junior Men	Michael Durham	7 th /7
Novice Dance	Chahna Davis & Liam McIver	2 nd /2
Junior Dance	Anya Noetzel-Hayward & Connor McIver	3 rd /4
	Claudia Riley & Patrick Costley	4 th /4
	Spectrum	4 th /8
Adult Synchronized	Spectrum	4 th /8
Adult Gold Ladies	Caitlin Usmar	6 th /6



The full results are posted in the competitions section on the NZIFSA website
<http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>

2015 COMPETITIONS

There are a number of competitions held in Australia between May and October that New Zealand skaters are welcome to enter. These include but are not limited to Autumn Trophy in Canberra (May), Hollins Trophy in Sydney (June), MJS Competition in Sydney (July), WinterSun in Brisbane (July) as well as State Championships (September/October) in all states. If you are interested in competing in any of these events, please contact the NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary (testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz) for more details. Remember that you need to request permission from the NZIFSA via the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) before you enter any competition in another country and you are encouraged to do this early in the year so that you can make arrangements with confidence.

As well as competing in Australia, you are encouraged to take advantage of the many club and regional competitions and championships within New Zealand. Dates for competitions are currently being negotiated by clubs and sub-associations. These will be listed under the 'Competitions' tab on the NZIFSA website (www.nzifsa.org.nz) as soon as they are available.

2015 NZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates for the 2015 NZ National Championships have been finalised. The championships, which will be held at the Paradise Rink in Botany, are 23 – 27 September 2015. The Preliminary Schedule is as follows:

- Thursday - Juvenile & Pre-Primary FS, Novice SP, Dance PD or SD, Synchro SP
- Friday - Primary, Intermediate & Novice FS, Junior & Senior SP, Dance FD, Synchro FS
- Sat am – Junior and Senior FS
- Sat pm – Adult practices
- Sunday am – Adult comp (competition will finish by 4:00 pm)

The banquet will be held on the Saturday. Updates will be in the 2015 newsletters as more information comes to hand.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PATRON

The patron of the NZIFSA, Mr Alan Weeds, will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday 19 December. It was wonderful to see Alan and his wife, May, at the 2014 NZ National Championships in Dunedin. On behalf of the NZ skating community, we wish Alan a very Happy Birthday!



SKATER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CAMPS

There are two Skater Development Camps happening in the first part of the year. The dates and times are as follows:

- Friday 23 – Sunday 25 January in Auckland at Paradise Ice Rink Botany. The camp will start on Friday afternoon (2:45 pm) and finish on Sunday afternoon (2:30).
- Friday 10 - Sunday 12 April in Queenstown. The camp will start on Friday and finish early Sunday afternoon.

These camps are for the Development Squads and Talent/Age ID named skaters. Other skaters who would like to take part (at their own expense) are encouraged to attend. Please contact the NZIFSA Skater Development Director (liudmila.sk8coach@me.com) for more information.

CORRECTION FROM NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Coaching Director's email address listed in the November newsletter was incorrect. The correct email address is: coachingdirectornz@gmail.com

COACHES ACCREDITATION POLICY

Recently you would have received an email about the Coaches' Accreditation Policy which is currently up on the Policy Submissions Forum for comment. Just a gentle reminder that submissions need to be made by Monday 29 December.

INTRO TO COACHING AND LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSES IN 2015

There are a number of coaching courses planned for 2015. More information will be sent out via the coaches and general email as information comes to hand. The planned coaching courses are as follows:

- Intro to Coaching Course – Auckland: February 14th & 16th
- Level 1 – Coaching Course – Auckland: March 7th & 8th
The course will start Saturday morning and not finish until approximately 7pm on the Sunday. Anyone attending from South Island will need to fly in Friday evening and leave Monday morning.
- Intro to Coaching Course – Christchurch: April 17th & 18th
The course will start Friday afternoon and finish Saturday midday.
- A Level 2 course is in the works and more details will be sent out as soon as we have them from the Australian Professional Skaters Association. It is expected that there will be a series of modules to be completed, starting in Feb, with a seminar held after the 2015 Australian Figure Skating Champs.

If you have questions about any of the above courses, please contact the NZIFSA Coaching Director, Kim Lewis (coachingdirectornz@gmail.com).

NZIFSA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2015

The 2015 NZIFSA Rules and Regulations will be ratified at the December NZIFSA Board meeting. These will be available on the NZIFSA website as soon as possible after the meeting and come into effect on 1 January 2015. Hard copies will be sent to NZIFSA Accredited Level 1, 2 and 3 Coaches and to NZIFSA Officials mid-January. Please ensure that your address is up-to-date on your 'My NZIFSA' profile as the addresses that we hold for you on that database will be the one that the documents are sent to.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Saturday 20 December. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by Monday 15 December at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the first meeting in 2015.

A REQUEST FROM THE TREASURER

In order to assist the Treasurer getting the accounts in order for 2014, she has requested any reimbursements or payments of account that relate to the 2014 New Zealand Nationals or the Australian Figure Skating Championships need to be in to her by Thursday 15 January 2015. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

2015 AGM OF THE NZ ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION, INC

The date for the AGM is Saturday 11 April with meetings for the Board, Operations and Development groups on Sunday morning. The AGM will be held in Queenstown and the venue and time of the AGM will be confirmed in the next newsletter. At this stage we anticipate delegates that are flying in should plan to arrive before 9.30 and depart any time after 4pm on the Saturday.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The NZIFSA Board, Development and Operations Groups would like to wish all the members of the NZ Skating Community a ***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*** We hope that you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you back at the rinks in 2015!

All the best in skating,
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley