



Christmas is just about upon us and 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.

RESULTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) were held at O'Brien Arena in Melbourne from Saturday 30 November to Friday 6 December. This year there were tighter limits placed on the number of skaters that could be accepted in some grades, so we did not have the number of skaters that we have had in some years, but we still had good representation in a number of grades.

We would like to say well done to all our skaters. Even qualifying to compete in Australia is an achievement. It was also really great to see our skaters supporting their NZ team mates when they were able. The event was live streamed and you can still view all our skaters through the links on the iceskatingvictoria.org.au/afsc website

Basic Novice Ladies	Jazmyn Evangelou	Overall 16 th /30		
	Olivia Pokorny	Overall 22 nd /30		
Intermediate Novice Ladies	Hope Zhang	Overall 2 nd 27		
	Victoria Larsen	Overall 14 th /27		
	Hannah Sutton	Overall 19 th /27		
	Jordon Laker	Overall 23 rd /27		
Intermediate Novice Men	Star Richens	Overall 1 st /2		
Intermediate Ladies	Emilia Crooks	Overall 3 rd /21		
	Katie St Clair-Newman	Overall 13 th /21		
Advanced Novice Ladies	Mirika Armstrong	SP 9 th	FS 8 th	Overall 8 th /23
	Ally Landon-Lane	SP 7 th	FS 11 th	Overall 9 th /23
	Cordelia Shi	SP 23 rd	FS 15 th	Overall 17 th /23
	Rebekah Sime	SP 21 st	FS 23 rd	Overall 23 rd /23
Advanced Novice Men	Stepan Kadlcik	SP 3 rd	FS 3 rd	Overall 3 rd /4
Junior Ladies	Ruth Xu	SP 12 th	FS 9 th	Overall 9 th /21
	Hannah Sime	SP 17 th	FS 18 th	Overall 16 th /21
Senior Men	Brian Lee	SP 7 th	FS 7 th	Overall 7 th /7
Mixed Age Synchro	Black Ice	Overall 1 st /9		
Adult Synchro	Momentum	Overall 4 th /7		

And our apologies to Vanessa Preston who we had announced in the November Newsletter would be competing in Silver Ladies I Freeskate when unfortunately ISA had been unable to accommodate her in that grade.

A very special congratulations to our medal winners – Black Ice who won the Mixed Age Synchro, Hope Zhang 2nd in Intermediate Novice Ladies, Star Richens 1st in Intermediate Novice Men, Emilia Crooks 3rd in Intermediate Ladies and Stepan Kadlcik 3rd in Advanced Novice Men.



Black Ice



Hope Zhang (2nd from left)



Star Richens



Emilia Crooks (2nd from left)



Stepan Kadlcik

REVISED INTERNATIONAL SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE AFSC

As per our Selection Policy, the Australian Figure Skating Championships offer another opportunity for our skaters to be selected to the International A and B Representative Teams. There were no changes to the international selections announced in the October newsletter.

NEW NZIFSA REPRESENTATIVE JACKETS

Below is a picture of Black Ice modelling the new representative jackets that have been designed for wearing in warmer climates and are more suited to wearing on-ice for practices and warm-ups. A large number of our skaters who competed at AFSC took up the opportunity to purchase these. Having given them a reasonable road test at that event we are just working through a few issues with some of the jackets pilling. Once we have resolved this we will be making these available to those skaters who are heading off to international competitions.

Over the next year we will also be looking at updating the original representative jacket so that there is an option for a warm representative jacket and/or the lighter weight new jacket.



OFFICIALS AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

30th South East Asian Games, Manila, Philippines 30 November - 2 December 2019

Sue Petricevic judged at the SEA Games earlier this month

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Skate Helena 2020, Belgrade, 14 – 18 January 2020

Junior Ladies Jojo Hong

Reykjavik International Games, Iceland, 31 January 2019

Advanced Novice Ladies Ally Landon-Lane

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will attend this event as a Judge and Technical Controller

Skate Southern, London, United Kingdom 24-27 February 2019

Junior Ladies Ally Landon-Lane

Oceania International, Auckland, Australia 6-8 May 2020

We're very pleased to be able to confirm that this Novice International competition will be held in Auckland next year. This competition is a joint undertaking between Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA.

The competition is for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice Singles skaters. Please note, we are also looking to add Junior grades to this event and we're currently working on getting approval from all parties for this to happen. Eligible skaters in the International A and B teams will be contacted in the New Year regarding this competition.

Please note – this is an international competition, and as being a requirement of any international competition held in New Zealand or overseas, all skaters will be required to stay with the team for a minimum of the night before and the night following their event. This will

be a requirement for skaters who live in Auckland as well as those from elsewhere. NZIFSA will be seeking funding for the team accommodation.

A Coaches Seminar will be held on 9 & 10 May immediately following the competition. We expect to have more information about this seminar soon.

UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

Australia & New Zealand Adult Skating (ANZAS) Competition, Melbourne, Australia, 8 & 9 February 2020

Silver V Freeskate	Sue Hoseit
Silver V Artistic	Sue Hoseit
Gold III Ladies Freeskate	Kelly Hoebergen
Gold III Ladies Artistic	Kelly Hoebergen

2020 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, DUNEDIN, 26-29 SEPTEMBER 2020

We are very pleased to confirm that the 2020 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships will be in Dunedin and hosted by the Dunedin Ice Skating Club. The competition will run Saturday 26 – Tuesday 29 September. We will have a provisional schedule for you early in the New Year indicating events will be held on which days.

OFFICIALS TRAINING IN 2020

We'll have more information for you on what's happening in the January newsletter, but below is an outline of the officials' training planned for 2020.

Seminar for Singles Technical Specialists / Tech Controllers, Christchurch dates TBC

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be one of the moderators for this training. We're still working on securing an International Tech Specialist as the second moderator. Once that's sorted we'll be able to confirm dates for this, but we expect to hold this in the early part of 2020.

Ice-Dance Technical Specialist Training, Christchurch - 16 & 17 May

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be the moderator for this training.

Ice-Dance Judge training, Christchurch - 23 & 24 May

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be the moderator for this training also.

IJS Computer Set-Up and Trouble Shooting Training – dates TBC

The intention is to hold some training in the North Island in how to set up the computer system and trouble-shooting training in both the North Island and South Island

Mock Panels for all Competition Officials - May 2020

The plan is to run mock panels in three centres (Auckland, Christchurch and somewhere in Otago/Southland) before the competition season starts. This will give everyone, including Data/Replay Operators, Judges, Tech Specialists and IJS Technicians to go through their paces before we run our first competitions for the year.

COACHING COURSES

NZIFSA is planning on running two KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching Courses next year. The dates are still being confirmed, but currently we are looking at:

Auckland	29 February & 1 March (tbc)
Dunedin	21 & 22 March or 27 & 28 March (tbc)

These courses will be open to new KiwiSkate coaches as well as currently accredited coaches wishing to attain points to maintain their accreditation. The courses cover two levels:

- KiwiSkate Assistant Course - individuals must be 14 years of age as at 1 January prior to the course and it is recommended they hold their Elementary test.
- Introduction to Coaching Course – individuals must be 15 years of age as at 1 January prior to the course and must hold their Preliminary test in any discipline. Coaches from different codes may apply to the Coaching Director for test dispensation based on their achievements/qualifications.

Please contact the Coaching Director at coaches.director@nzifsa.org.nz if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

There is no Level 1 Coaching Course planned for 2020. We are, however, working with the ISU Development Commission on putting together a coach accreditation course for our Level 2 coaches. The proposal is that we pilot the new ISU Global Coach Education programme level 3 course that they have been working on. At this point in time we are looking at early / mid-October 2020. If we can get suitable ice time we will be running the course in Auckland, as that is where the bulk of our coaches who need to do the Level 2, are based.

SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

NZIFSA has three camps planned for the April school holidays. Please put these dates in your diaries now. As has been the practice in the last few years, all skaters who are named to the NZIFSA Development Squads will be subsidised by NZIFSA with cheaper registration fees and some funding towards travel costs to attend these camps. We'll have more details for you about this in the January newsletter.

Basic Novice to Senior Camp with Ravi Waili, Dunedin 20 -24 April 2020

NZIFSA are in the process of confirming Ravi Waili to run this Skater and Coach Development Camp. Ravi is a top level Canadian coach who, as well as being a former international athlete, has coached a number of skaters (including Kaetlyn Osmond) to Olympic level. We're looking forward to being able to confirm Ravi very soon.

This camp is for Basic Novice to Senior level competitive skaters and Level 1-3 coaches (including those coaches working on their Level 1 Accreditation). All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the closing date for registrations (**15 March 2020**). Skaters can register for this camp at https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2020DevelopmentWorkshopForBasicNoviceToSeniorLevelSkaters

Pre-Elementary to Juvenile Camps – 15 - 17 April 2020, Auckland (Botany) and Gore

These two camps are for Pre-Elementary to Juvenile level competitive skaters and any KiwiSkate coaches over 15 years or Level 1 coaches. All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the closing date for registrations (**15 March 2020**). Skaters can register for this camp at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2020DevelopmentWorkshopsForPreElementaryElementaryAndJuvenileSkaters>

NIISSA Synchro Development Camp, Paradise Botany, Auckland, 24-27 January 2020

The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NIISSA) are hosting a Synchronized Camp with Lisa Carriere (nee Miadovnik) at Paradise Botany.

Lisa Carriere is a professional skating specialist and the founder and president of OneTeamMVMT. She competed with Team Canada for synchronized skating for 8 years, and as an International athlete, she competed at 3 World Championships and earned 1 World Bronze Medal. As a synchro coach, Lisa has worked with synchronized skating teams across Canada and the USA, as well as in Australia, France, and the Netherlands.

NIISSA are taking expressions of interest, so if this sounds like you, please click on through to the EOI form below and fill it in.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NIISSASynchroCampWithLisaCarriereneMiadovnik>

Adults, this includes you. NIISSA are hoping to have enough of you to run a dedicated adult session.

Cost information: The NIISSA committee are very pleased to advise that they have received a very generous grant from One Foundation to help fund this camp. With this grant they are able to confirm the costs of the camp to be:

\$50 for Coaches

\$90 for Skaters (4 day camp)

\$60 for Adult skaters (2 day camp)

Any questions should be sent through to Debbie Groenewegen at niissa.president@gmail.com

OneTeamMVMT, ISA and NZIFSA Synchro Development Camp in Melbourne 11-13 April 2020

Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA have teamed up with OneTeamMVMT (OTM) again to seek ISU Development Funding for a Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Australia in April.

NZIFSA have been allocated space for 2 skaters and 1 coach per team for up to 6 teams (2 Basic Novice, 3 Mixed Age and 1 Advanced Novice). Basic Novice, Advanced Novice and Mixed Age teams that competed at North or South Island Champs or Nationals will have priority to attend. Skaters from any other teams, or additional skaters from the above-named teams, will be considered if spaces permit. When confirming which skaters and coaches attend this camp, NZIFSA will take into consideration the commitment shown to training and development.

The registrations for this camp are not open yet but coaches who are currently coaching Basic Novice, Mixed Age and Advanced teams will be contacted over the next 2 weeks and asked to register their interest with NZIFSA and to put forward (in priority order) the names of skaters they wish to attend this event. While we have been allocated space for 2 skaters for up to 6 teams coaches will be asked to list up to 4 skaters in priority order.

SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS

The NZIFSA is offering two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2020. One scholarship is to be offered for Advanced Novice, Junior or Senior level skaters, and the other is to be offered for Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice skaters. The scholarship may be awarded for Singles, Pairs or Ice Dance. If awarded for Ice Dance or Pairs, the scholarship is to be shared as a team. This offer is only open to skaters who have been selected following NZ Nationals to the NZIFSA Development Squad in Basic Novice or above.

The intent of the scholarships is to provide some financial support to enable some of our most talented skaters to train overseas, working with internationally recognized coaches and skating alongside high-level skaters.

All Development Squad Skaters will be sent the application form in the next two weeks.

The NZIFSA are intending that these scholarships can be offered on an ongoing basis, but this is dependent upon ongoing funding being secured. If you are interested in contributing towards establishment of an ongoing scholarship fund please contact contact Anita Tamepo president@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King ceo@nzifsa.org.nz

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SKATER REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND ISU CONGRESS

Every two years the International Skating Union (ISU) holds Congress. This is a 5 day meeting where representatives from all the ISU Member Federations* get together primarily to work through all the proposed changes to rules that govern our sport. The proposed changes can come from the ISU itself, or from Member Federations, and could relate to the ISU Constitution, General Regulations or the Technical Rules for the ice sport disciplines. The ISU governs both Speed Skating and Figure Skating, and for some of the Congress meeting we split into the two different sports so we can focus on the items that are most relevant to us.

The ISU 58th Ordinary Congress 2020 is to be held in Phuket, Thailand 8-12 June 2020. While Phuket is an exotic location, the reality is spending four and a half days in a meeting room with a lot of other people. But this is potentially an exciting opportunity for someone with a keen interest in what makes this sport tick from an organisational perspective.

The ISU is keen to see Member Federations include Skater Representatives as part of their delegation. The Board of the NZIFSA is interested in exploring this idea and would like to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from current, or recently retired, international representatives who are 18 years or more and who are interested in understanding more about how the governance of our sport works at an international level. This is a potential opportunity for one of our talented young people to listen, learn and contribute to how figure skating is governed.

If this is you, please send your expression of interest to ceo@nzifa.org.nz by 5pm on the 5th of January. Please include a paragraph or two outlining why this opportunity interests you and what you anticipate you might be able to contribute to the ISU or NZIFSA.

While NZIFSA do not have a budget item to support an additional person attending Congress, we are exploring options as to how we might provide funding for a skater representative to attend. Please do not let a perceived financial constraint prevent you from sending in an EOI.

Because there may be people on the Board and the Operations and Development Group who have skaters who would like to apply, we have asked our Patron, Wendy Clucas, who is familiar with the workings of the ISU Congress, to review the EOI's and make a recommendation to the Board as to the most suitable candidate. We hope to have confirmation soon whether Wendy is available to do this.

* Member Federations are the officially recognized organisation(s) for each country. New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association and Speed Skating New Zealand are both Member Federations, as are Ice Skating Australia, Skate Canada, USFSA etc.

NZIFSA AGM TO BE HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 4 APRIL 2020

The AGM is to be held Saturday 4 April with meetings for the Board, Operations and Development Groups on Sunday morning. The venue has yet to be confirmed, but we anticipate starting with the AGM at around 1pm followed by member forums at approximately 2pm, and a social get together from 4-5pm.

The following positions are up for election in 2020 and we would like to encourage people to consider standing for these roles:

- Vice-President
- CEO
- One Board member
- General Secretary
- Technical Director
- Officials Director
- Honorary Solicitor

If you have any questions about any of these roles please don't hesitate to Anita Tamepo president@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King ceo@nzifsa.org.nz

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on 28 January 2020 (originally scheduled for 14 January). Please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by 21 January at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting (18 February 2020).

Best wishes for the Festive Season
Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA