



February 2022 NEWSLETTER

The skating at the Olympic Winter Games was simply spectacular wasn't it. Though it was very saddening to see the sport in the limelight because of the doping issues rather than the focus being on the amazing athleticism, technical skill and artistry. It also highlights the vulnerability of young skaters and the role we all play in keeping them safe and keeping this sport free of doping.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

It has been really exciting to see New Zealand represented at Four Continents for the first time since the ISU introduced a minimum TES qualification requirement. We are very proud of what these skaters have achieved in spite of the challenges and disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic.

2022 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, Tallinn, Estonia, 18-23 January 2022

Senior Women	Jojo Hong	SP 18 th /20	FS 14 th /20	Overall 14 th /20
Senior Dance	Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam			
		RD 9 th /10	FD 9 th /10	Overall 9 th /10
Team Leader	Grant Howie			

Congratulations Jojo for achieving the Freeskating TES for the ISU World Championships at this competition.

2022 Egna Dance Trophy, Egna, Italy, 4-6 February 2022

Junior Dance	Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday			
		RD 19 th /21	FD 21 st /21	Overall 21 st /21

Challenge Cup, Tilburg, Netherlands, 24-27 February 2022

Senior Women	Jojo Hong	SP 9 th /16	FS 10 th /16	Overall 11 th /16
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Jojo had been aiming to achieve the Short Program TES for the ISU World Championships at this competition, but very sadly did not meet this goal and is therefore unable to compete at the 2022 World Championships.

A failure on the part of NZIFSA to submit clearance paperwork for Ethan Alday to the ISU in a timely manner means that Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday did not receive permission to compete in any International Competitions until 29 January 2022. Unfortunately, this means they were not able to take part in the Bavarian Open International as they had planned. An alternative event was arranged by the organising committee. Further, the Maria Olszewska Memorial in Poland that Isabelle & Ethan had hoped to compete at was cancelled.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

We have skaters planning to attend the following international competitions and look forward to reporting on these.

Coupe du Printemps, Luxembourg 18-20 March 2022

Senior Women Jojo Hong

2022 World Figure Skating Championships, Montpellier, France, 21-27 March 2022

Senior Dance Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam
Unfunded Team Leader Christian Fournier

RESULTS FROM RECENT OVERSEAS INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Open Competition of Bavaria, Oberstdorf, Germany, 22-23 January 2022

Junior Dance Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday
RD 1st/1 FD 1st/1 Overall 1st/1

CORRECTION TO NAMING OF INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

It was drawn to our attention that we had inadvertently listed the names of the Cutting Edge Mixed Age team that competed at the 2019 National Championships, rather than the team members that competed at the 2020 National Championships. Below please find the corrected list of team members from the 2020 Nationals.

International B Team - Mixed Age Synchro

Cutting Edge: Zara Anthony-Whigham
Djuna Elkan
Anya Gipp
Abby Grimaldi
Amelie Henderson
Rachael Jannink
Levi Keller
Rosie Maley
Jazelle McCormick
Katie Sewell
Briar Short
Katie St Clair-Newman
Paige Symister
Tallulah Wilson-Brown



For a synchronized skating team to retain their selection, 75% of the team going to the international competition must have been listed as part of the team selected at the NZ national championships and must meet the grade requirements for that competition.

UPCOMING KIWISKATE COACHING COURSES

The NZIFSA are planning four KiwiSkate Coaching Courses and for the first time we will be holding one in the Wellington region.

These courses will be open to new KiwiSkate coaches as well as currently accredited coaches wishing to attain points to maintain their accreditation. The course cost is \$60 plus \$10 for the manual.

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 an Elementary test in any discipline.
- KiwiSkate Coach Course – individuals must be 15 years of age as at 1 January prior to the course and must hold an Elementary 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 your eligibility.

All attendees must also pay the appropriate coach membership fee prior to registration. The coach membership forms and fee information can be found on the forms page of the NZIFSA website <https://nzifsa.org.nz/forms/>.

Alpine Ice, Christchurch, 26 & 27 March

The course will start approx. 3pm on Saturday and finish around 3pm Sunday.

Registrations for this course close on **Tuesday 8 March**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/KiwiSkateCoachingCourseChristchurchMarch2022>

Frosty Spot Indoor Ice Rink, Upper Hutt, 23 & 24 April

Registrations for this course close on **Friday 1 April**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/KiwiSkateCoachingCourseWellingtonApril2022>

Dunedin Ice Stadium, 7 & 8 May

The course will start around 3pm on Saturday and finish late morning on Sunday.

Registrations for this course close on **Tuesday 12 April**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/KiwiSkateCoachingCourseDunedinMay2022>

Paradise Botany, Auckland, 24 & 25 June

This is Matariki weekend. The course will start approx. 1pm on Friday and finish around 2pm on Saturday.

Registrations for this course close on **Tuesday 31 May**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/KiwiSkateCoachingCourseAucklandJune2022>

Note, the times given above are a guide only. The detailed schedule will be sent out prior to each seminar.

UPCOMING SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Because of ongoing travel restrictions and quarantine requirements we will not be bringing international coaches to New Zealand for these workshops. Instead, for our Basic Novice – Senior Singles, Dance and Synchronized Workshops we will connect with them via an online video platform (e.g. Zoom, Teams, etc.) as we did in 2021.

We do want to highlight that these workshops are being **heavily subsidised** by NZIFSA, utilising some of the funding that we get from the International Skating Union (ISU).

As has been the practice in the last few years, all skaters who are named to the **NZIFSA Development Squads will be further subsidised** by NZIFSA with cheaper registration fees and are eligible for reimbursement of up to half their travel costs to a maximum of 50% of the rates for travel to NZIFSA meeting in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

Note: Development Squad members will only be eligible for a discounted registration fee for development workshops, if they have returned their training plans to the Skater Development Director by the **15 March 2022** deadline.

Each of the camps will include on-ice and off-ice activities. The expectation is that all skaters **fully participate in all the activities**. Please set aside the time to attend all the activities. In addition to developing your skills and expanding your knowledge of skating, one of the benefits of getting our skaters together for these workshops is the chance to spend time with other people who are as passionate about skating as you are.

Youth Interpretive workshops in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin

We have three Youth Interpretive development workshops planned for 2022. Each workshop has between 5 and 6 hours of ice time as well as some off ice activities. We are still working out the details of the off-ice activities, but below please find an indication of likely start and finish times each day for each workshop. Note these times are indicative only, and we will have detailed schedules for participants prior to each seminar.

Auckland (Botany) 12 & 13 March (starting 4:30pm on Saturday and finishing 6:45pm on Sunday)

Christchurch 12 & 13 March (starting 4:30pm on Saturday and finishing 3:00pm on Sunday)

Dunedin 2 & 3 April (starting 1:30pm on Saturday and finishing 2:00pm on Sunday)

We apologize for the very late notification for these workshops. Things have been a little stretched lately, not helped of course, by all the uncertainty that the COVID brings.

Who are these workshops for?

These workshops are for skaters aged at least 12 years and not more than 17 years at 1 July 2022, who are not intending to compete in Singles this year. The whole idea is to create an opportunity for this age group to stay involved in skating, even if the more technical elements are not currently within their reach. The skaters do not need to be club members to take part in the workshops. Hopefully if we can spark their interest, they will join clubs so that they can take part in club competitions etc.

Registration

Registrations for the Christchurch and Auckland workshops are due **on or before Sunday 6 March**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022YouthInterpretiveWorkshopsAKLCHC>

Registrations for the Dunedin workshop are due **on or before Sunday 13 March**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022YouthInterpretiveWorkshopDND>

The cost for skaters to attend is **\$80**.

Coaches may attend for free. Note, KiwiSkate or Apprentice Level 1 coaches can attend as coaches, but only if they are not planning to compete in the Youth Interpretive grade this year. They will be invoiced retrospectively if their plans change and they enter a Youth Interpretive competition in 2022.

EOI from Coaches to act as Moderators for Youth Interpretive Workshops

We are interested in expressions of interest from fully accredited Level 1-3 coaches who would like to be considered as moderators for one or other of these workshops. Interested coaches are asked to complete the online form outlining their skill set and experience and motivation for applying for this role on or before **Wednesday 2 March**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/EOIModeratorForYouthInterpretiveWorkshops>

Any questions at all please contact the CEO at ceo@nzifsa.org.nz with copy to skating.development@nzifsa.org.nz

Again, our apologies for being so late with this notification.

Synchronized Skating Workshops in Auckland and Dunedin

We have two workshops planned for our Synchronized skating teams. These workshops are open to Kiwiskate through to Senior Level teams. Unfortunately, the decision has been made not to extend these particular workshops to our adult teams.

Dunedin, 10 April (starting 7:00am and finishing early afternoon on Sunday)

Auckland (Botany), 15 – 17 April (starting 5:15pm Friday and finishing around midday on Sunday)

The different length of these seminars reflects the number of teams expected to attend the two different workshops.

Registration

Registrations are due **on or before Sunday 20 March**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022WorkshopsForSynchronizedSkating>

Cost information:

- \$40 KiwiSkate, Elementary team members
- \$80 Basic Novice - Senior team members
- \$50 Level 1 – 3 Coaches

Basic Novice to Senior Singles Workshops in Dunedin and Auckland

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding two workshops for Basic Novice to Senior level skaters. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Dunedin, 19 – 22 April** (starting 9:45am Saturday and finishing by midday on Sunday)
- Auckland (Botany), 23 - 26 April** (starting 9:00am Saturday and finishing 6:30pm Tuesday)

Registration

Registrations are due **on or before Sunday 27 March**. All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the close of registrations. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022WorkshopsForBasicNoviceToSeniorSkaters>

Cost information:

- \$80 for Novice Grades - NZIFSA Development Squad Members
- \$200 for Novice Grades - Any Other Skaters
- \$120 for Junior & Senior - NZIFSA Development Squad Members
- \$250 for Junior & Senior - Any Other Skaters
- \$100 for Level 1 – 3 Coaches

Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile Workshops

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding three workshops for Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile level skaters. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Christchurch, 23 & 24 April** (starting 7:30am Saturday and finishing by midday on Sunday)
- Auckland (Botany), 31 April & 1 May** (starting 9:00am Saturday and finishing by midday on Sunday)
- Queenstown, 14 & 15 May** (starting 9:45am* Saturday and finishing by midday on Sunday)

*The start time of the Queenstown workshop may need to be revisited. We will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible if any change to this timing is required.

Registration

Registrations for the Christchurch and Auckland workshops are due **on or before Sunday 3 April**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022WorkshopsForPreElementaryToJuvenileSkatersAKLorCHC>

Registrations for the Queenstown workshop are due **on or before Sunday 24 April**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022WorkshopForPreElementaryToJuvenileSkatersQueenstown>

Cost information:

\$40 for NZIFSA Development Squad Members

\$80 for all other skaters

Level 1 – 3 Coaches – Free

Pattern Dance Workshop – Dunedin, 21 & 22 May

This workshop is for ice dancers of all levels, but suitable for dance couples only. The plan is to tie this workshop in to the ISU Ice Dance Development Seminar in Oberstdorf that is likely to be delivered virtually. Skaters will need to be in Dunedin for a 9:30am start on the Saturday and would be finished by 2:00 pm on the Sunday.

Registration

Registrations are due **on or before Sunday 24 April 2022**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2022WorkshopForPatternDance

Cost information:

Skaters selected to ISU Dev workshop – Free

\$80 Skaters not selected to ISU Dev workshop

Level 1 – 3 Coaches – Free

MODERATORS FOR NZIFSA DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

As detailed above NZIFSA are holding a series of skater development workshops throughout April and May. We are interested in expressions of interest from coaches who would like to be considered as moderators for these workshops. We will be engaging international coaches for the Synchro, Dance and Basic Novice – Senior Level Singles workshops. The NZ coach moderator will be expected to work closely with the international coach to facilitate the delivery of the workshops. For the Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile Workshops the coach moderator is expected to be the primary coach delivering the workshop.

Synchronized Skating Workshops

Dunedin, 10 April

Auckland (Botany), 15 – 17 April

Basic Novice to Senior Singles Workshops

Dunedin, 19 – 22 April

Auckland (Botany), 23 - 26 April

Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile Workshops

Christchurch, 23 & 24 April

Auckland (Botany), 31 April & 1 May

Queenstown, 14 & 15 May

Pattern Dance Workshop

Dunedin, 21 & 22 May

We anticipate that Level 2 coaches are more likely to have the skill set and level of experience we are seeking, however Level 1 coaches will be considered. Interested coaches are asked to

complete the online form outlining their skill set and experience and motivation for applying by **15 March 2022**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/EOIModeratorForSkaterWorkshops2022>

ICE DANCE PARTNER TRY OUTS – NOVICE AND JUNIOR AGE-ELIGIBLE SINGLE SKATERS

The Centre of Excellence in Oberstdorf, Germany, in cooperation with the ISU Development Program, has put out a world-wide invitation for Novice and Junior-age single skaters to express an interest in attending an ice dance partner ‘mix and match’ and to learn the fundamentals of ice dance. **The try outs will take place in Oberstdorf from 15 to 18 May 2022 and you must be willing to travel there to participate.**

The seminar aims to introduce young single skaters to the ice dancing discipline as an alternative career path. Interested novice and junior athletes get a detailed insight into dancing and ice skating with a partner through various exercises on the ice and in the dance studio. At the same time, the invited international ice dance experts will assess the suitability of the participating athletes for the ice dance category and form potential new ice dance teams from the corresponding talents.

Each ISU Member may enter all interested eligible athletes with no limitation. However, due to the limited Seminar capacity, there will be a selection process, in which the number of entries per region and the potential of the skaters for future development will be considered. The final list of participants will be communicated to NZIFSA after the deadline of 10 April 2022.

If you are interested in putting your name forward to take part in the try outs, please send an email with **your name, current skating test level, highest competition grade and any ice dance experience you have** to the Skating Development Director - Sandra Williamson-Leadley, skating.development@nzifsa.org.nz, **by 6:00 pm, 28 March 2022** so these can be sent in to the ISU by the deadline. **All names of eligible skaters will be sent in to the ISU.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra.

RECENT STROKING SEMINARS FOR COACHES & JUDGES

A series of three seminars were held over the weekend of 19 & 20 February. The seminars were held in Dunedin, Christchurch and Auckland, with Caitlyn Paul and Connor McIver as moderators. The purpose of these seminars was to revisit the stroking tests to ensure that coaches and judges had a shared understanding of what the stroking test requirements and expectations are. The new marking system for tests that recognises GOE was also discussed.

The current Covid situation did result in some disruption to the seminars. Connor was finishing his self-isolation period following a Covid test and had to join the Dunedin seminar via Zoom. Connor and Caitlyn were both present to deliver the Christchurch seminar in person, and Connor presented the Auckland one on his own, as Caitlyn was unable to travel to Auckland at that time. A special thank you to Michael Holtz for managing to sort the technical requirements for a remote presentation in Dunedin at short notice.

A significant number of our coaches and judges were able to take part in the seminars (Dunedin, 7 coaches and 5 judges, Christchurch 5 coaches and 3 judges, and Auckland 10 coaches and 4 judges). We would particularly like to acknowledge our coaches and judges from Queenstown who had a very early start to be able to get to the seminar in Dunedin.

There were also a number that were unable attend for a range of reasons (including the requirement to self-isolate having been Identified as a close contacts). We did record the Christchurch and Dunedin seminars and will be making a video available to all our coaches and judges very soon.



Dunedin Seminar about to get underway

OFFICIALS' TRAINING IN 2022

The details of the officials training activities for 2022 are still being finalised and we will have more information for you soon. However, below please find an outline of what is planned. Please note that the dates are indicative only.

Referee Training (all disciplines) – 23 or 24 April

Three separate online workshops (Singles/Pairs, Dance and SYS) will be held back-to-back during one day. This training is for all existing referees, as well as those judges who would like to be considered for first appointment as a referee.

New Probationary Judges Seminar – Ice Dance 30 April and Synchronized 1 May.

Two separate online workshops aimed at existing probationary judges and any other individuals who are interested in becoming judges for Synchronised Skating or Ice Dance.

Ice Dance Judges and Ice Dance Technical Specialists/Controllers Seminars – Early May

Both will be online seminars. We will have more details for you soon.

SYS Judges and SYS Skating Technical Specialists/Controllers Seminars – Early May

Both will be online seminars. We will have more details for you soon.

Mock Panels for all Competition Officials - May /June

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, a chance to go through their paces before we run our first competitions for the year.

SELECTION COMPETITION, DUNEDIN 18 – 19 JUNE 2022

NZIFSA is holding a Selection Competition in Dunedin 18-19 June 2022. Note, the smaller number of entries anticipated means we can hold this event over two days rather than three.

This competition is to determine selection and priority order for international competitions with a closing date between 7 July 2022 and one week after our National Championships. The competition will be open to skaters in Basic Novice to Senior grades in all disciplines, plus Mixed Age Synchronized, who are age eligible for international competition in their respective grade as at 1 July 2022 and meet the citizenship/residency requirements (refer table below). If you are unsure whether you meet the age eligibility requirements for your grade, please contact the NZIFSA Secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

Age eligibility for entry into Selection Competition

Discipline	Grade	Age as at 1 st July 2022
Singles	Basic Novice	Under 13
	Intermediate Novice	Under 15
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 15
	Junior	Is at least 13 but is under 19
	Senior	Is at least 15
Dance	Basic Novice	Under 13
	Intermediate Novice	Under 15
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10, but Ladies under 15, Men under 17
	Junior	Is at least 13, but Ladies under 19, Men under 21
	Senior	Is at least 15
Pairs	Basic Novice	Under 15
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10, but Ladies under 15, Men under 17
	Junior	Is at least 13, but Ladies under 19, Men under 21
	Senior	Is at least 15
Synchronised Skating*	Mixed Age Novice	No age restrictions
	Basic Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 15
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 15
	Junior	Is at least 13 but is under 19
	Senior	Is at least 15

* At least 75% of team must meet age requirements, and to retain selection 75% of the team going to the international competition must have been listed as part of the team at the selection competition; all must meet the grade requirements for the international competition

A big thank you coaches and eligible skaters for responding to the email requesting an expression of interest for this competition. This information has helped provide some guidance on how much ice time is required and informs the scheduling of this event.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR 2022 SELECTION COMPETITION

Note the following is a provisional schedule for the 2022 NZIFSA Selection Competition. Every effort will be made to hold the events on the days listed below, however, the order of the events will change from that listed below. We trust this information allows people to plan their travel and accommodation needs.

Friday 17 June

Unofficial practices

Saturday 18 June

Intermediate Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS

Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men SP

Junior Under 12, Ladies & Men SP

Senior Ladies & Men SP

Pairs SP (all grades)

Ice Dance RD and PD (all grades)

Junior & Senior Synchro SP

Sunday 19 June

Basic Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS

Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS

Junior Under 12, Ladies & Men FS

Senior Ladies & Men FS

Pairs FS (all grades)

Ice Dance FD (all grades)

Synchro FS (all grades)

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition in the afternoon/evening as per the draft outline below. The times outlined below are indicative only.

Days/Dates	Unofficial Practice	Official Practice	Competition
Friday 17 June	4:45 – 7:15pm		
Saturday 18 June	6:00 – 8:00am	8:00am – 12:15pm	4:45 – 8:15pm
Sunday 19 June		8:00 – 11:45am	4:45 – 8:15pm

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note the following is a provisional schedule for the 2022 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships to be held at Paradise Botany, Auckland Tuesday 18 – Friday 21 October (i.e. the first week of Term 4). Every effort will be made to hold the events on the days listed below, however, the order of the events will change from that listed below.

Monday 17 October

Unofficial practices

Tuesday 18 October

Opening Ceremony

Basic Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS

Intermediate Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS
 Pairs SP (all grades)
 Synchro up to and including Advanced Novice FS (includes Adults)

Wednesday 19 October

Juvenile Under 12, Ladies & Men FS
 Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men SP
 Adult Interpretive (all grades)
 Waltzing Trophy
 Norman Wright Dancing Trophy

Thursday 20 October

Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies & Men FS
 Junior Under 12, Ladies & Men SP
 Senior Ladies & Men SP
 Adult Bronze FS
 Pairs FS (all grades)
 Ice Dance RD and PD (all grades)
 Junior & Senior Synchro SP

Friday 21 October

Junior Under 12, Ladies & Men FS
 Senior Ladies & Men FS
 Adult Silver, Gold & Elite FS
 Ice Dance FD
 Junior & Senior Synchro FS

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition in the afternoon/evening as per the draft outline below. Ice time will be made available for unofficial practices. The times outlined below are indicative only.

Days/Dates	Unofficial Practice	Official Practice	Competition
Monday 17 October	11:30am – 3:30pm		
Tuesday 18 October	10:00 – 11:30am	6:00am – 10:00am	11:30am – 3:30pm
Wednesday 19 October	6:00 – 7:30am	7:30am – 12:30pm	12:30 – 3:30pm 5:15-6:45pm
Thursday 20 October		6:00am – 12:00pm	12:00 – 5:15pm
Friday 21 October		6:00 – 10:00am	10:00am – 1:15pm

VIRTUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2021 AWARDS

As noted in our December newsletter, we would normally have announced the winners of the Administrator of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, and have presented the Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence if deemed appropriate, at our Nationals Championships. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 National Championships that wasn't possible. Instead, we are very pleased to recognize these special awards with a recorded presentation – <https://youtu.be/fgqoLBuMoqY>.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Criteria:

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club/sub association
- Take on administrative/organizational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club/sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport.
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club/sub-association.

There were five nominations for this award this year and each of the nominees have made a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were Katherine Bennetts, Mandi Gerber, Selina Rae, Sharon Scholtz and Karen Smith. Congratulations to **Mandi Gerber** who was recognised as 2021 Administrator of the Year.



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Criteria:

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a “fair play” attitude/good sportsmanship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general
- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, Kiwi Skate coaching sessions

Four people were nominated for this award. The nominees were Maddi Blincoe, Tracy Hipkiss, Victoria Larsen and Jenna Scholtz. Congratulations to **Maddie Blincoe** who was recognised as 2021 Sportsperson of the Year.



NORMAN CAMERON CUP OF EXCELLENCE

This cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. We are very pleased to announce that the Norman Cameron Cup was awarded in 2021 to **Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam**.

GATHERING AND EVENTS UNDER THE COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

Under the Covid Protection Framework there are different Rules for activities at the different traffic light levels depending on whether an activity is classified as an Event or a Gathering, and whether vaccine passes are required or not. Sport NZ has provided some additional "[Guidance on events...](#)" Based on this and further clarification at an additional Sport NZ forum specifically to discuss events, the Board have determined that club competitions, Otago Southland Champs and test sessions, where we are likely to know most of the people present - can be classed as “gatherings”. The Selection Competition, Nationals and North and South Island Champs are deemed “events” at this point in time. Please refer to the information on the Sport NZ website [COVID-19 Protection Framework | Sport New Zealand - Ihi Aotearoa \(sportnz.org.nz\)](#).

Most, but not all, rinks have determined that a Covid Vaccine Pass is required for everyone over 12 years and 3 months. For commercial rinks to remain financially viable at the Orange and Red Traffic Light settings, this decision is a necessity. Ice Sports Southland do not require vaccine passes, though they have communicated to their members that Vaccine Passes may be required for some activities.

COMPETITIONS WILL REQUIRE VACCINE PASS

In addition to any vaccine pass requirements required by a given rink, the NZIFSA Board have confirmed that all competitions will require Vaccine Passes (plus appropriate health measures as deemed necessary – e.g. masks, distancing etc). Test sessions will not require vaccine passes unless already a requirement of the rink. However, additional health requirements need to be in place – particularly where vaccine passes are not required – masks, distancing, no spectators etc. The NZIFSA will be communicating with Clubs and Officials regarding what those additional requirements will be. In the meantime, all requests for judges for test sessions still need to be sent to the NZIFSA Test & Competition Secretary, Ina Paul. This is to help minimise the pressure put on judges to be available to judge if they have concerns regarding their risk of exposure to COVID 19.

MICHAEL HOLTZ APPOINTED AS OFFICIALS’ DIRECTOR

Congratulations Michael Holtz on your appointment to the role of Officials Director. This appointment is to fill a vacancy, as allowed for in the Constitution, with the Michael to hold office until the next AGM (9 April 2022).

CONGRATULATIONS MELISSA CUMMINGS



We would like to extend our congratulations to Melissa Cummings (Senior Judge and our Officials Director until very recently), on the safe arrival of Quinn Vincent Cummings on the 15th of February. A not so little brother for Meila.

WISHING SIMONE THORNETT A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Simone Thornett fell at one of the recent stroking seminars and has sustained quite a serious head injury. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO ROCHELLE STANSFIELD AND FAMILY

Our sincerest condolences to our President, Rochelle Stansfield, and family. Rochelle's mother passed away very suddenly on Thursday 17 February. Sending her our best wishes.

NZIFSA AGM WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING ON 9 APRIL 2022

The AGM is to be held Saturday 9 April via Zoom. The schedule for 9 April is as follows:

- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Member Forums
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm AGM

Each Club is entitled to have 3 delegates attend the AGM. During the AGM itself these club delegates, members of the Board, Operations Group, Development Group, Honorary Life Members, and coach members are all entitled to speak, but it's only the nominated voting delegates that get to vote. In addition to this, any other members of affiliated clubs are welcome to attend, but they only get to speak at the Member Forums. Club Secretaries please advise who the club delegates are at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

Call for nominations

The Board are calling for nominations for the positions listed below and would like to encourage members to consider standing. Nominations, including a CV, need to be submitted via your home club to the General Secretary, secretary@nzifsa.org.nz **no later than 9 March**. Please see the attached nomination form. The position descriptions are on the NZIFSA website attached to the Governance and Management Policy <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/rules/> and we would also encourage you to make contact via the General Secretary if you wish to discuss any of the positions with a Board member or Development or Operations Group member.

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

In addition to the positions detailed in the email below, the following two positions are up for election for a 1 year period, as these positions were filled by Board appointment following the last AGM:

- Skater Development Director
- Coaching Director

Board appointments

In addition to the above, the Board is responsible for appointing people to a number of additional roles. They are seeking expressions of interest for the following:

- Marketing and Promotions Officer
- High Performance Officer*
- Technical Support Officer

* indicates positions that vacant positions normally appointed in an odd year that will be appointed for a one year term.

We will have more information for you soon including the Zoom links for the AGM and Member Forums.

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **Child Protection Policy**, **Finance Policy** and **Funding Policy** are all open for your input as part of the first phase in the review process. If you would like to propose any changes, please do so by **14 March**. Your submissions will be considered by the Board when they review the policy, and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 8 March. 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 Tuesday 1 March at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the April meeting.

All the best in skating,
Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA