



JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Junior Grand Prix – Xi’An City, China, 19-22 August 2026

Junior Women	TBC*
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok, Thailand, 2-5 September 2026

Junior Women	TBC*
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Adult Figure Skating Competition in Vernon, Canada, 16-19 September 2026:

Bronze II Women Freeskate & Artistic	Viktoria Marinova
Bronze II Women Freeskate & Artistic	Juliette Sivertsen
Bronze IV Women’s Artistic & Solo Free Dance	Sally Garelja
Silver I Women’s Freeskate	Elise Franklin
Silver II Women’s Freeskate	Rachel Sidda

Junior Grand Prix – Ljubljana, Slovenia 30 Sept – 3 October 2026

Junior Women	TBC*
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* The JGP allocation for Junior Women is in the process of being confirmed with priority to Renee Tsai, Cara Tang and Nicca Wu based on the results of Clucas Cup.

RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Hollins Trophy, Erina, NSW, 6-8 June

Advanced Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie	SP 7 th /18	FS 5 th /18	Overall 6 th /18
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UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend interclub competitions outside New Zealand by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete.

Ice Skating Australia’s Champ Series events listed below are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. Please note, until we have announcements, we can't confirm permission but hopefully the following information will help with your planning.

- Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, VIC 6-9 August. Entries close 10 July <https://www.melbournefigureskatingclub.com.au/crystalchallenge2026>
- WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD – 2-6 September
- Sydney Synch Festival, Erina, NSW, 12-13 September. Entries close 14 August.

- Swan Trophy, Perth, WA – 27-30 September. Note that Western Australian Ice Skating Associations plan to run this interclub competition alongside the Swan Trophy international competition

To date approval has been granted for:

Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, Australia, 6-9 August

Advanced Novice Girls	Nicole Xiao
Junior Women	Brooke Cathro
	Cara Tang
	Alethea Wong
Junior Men	Michael Yuchen Duan
Senior Women	Victoria Larsen

SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2026 CLUCAS CUP

The 2026 Clucas Cup Selection Competition was held in Christchurch 13 & 14 June.



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We would like to extend a huge thank you to Aotearoa Gaming Trust for their grant funding towards the cost of ice time for the Clucas Cup Selection Competition.

The following is the confirmed list of skaters that met or re-met the selection criteria at the 2026 Clucas Cup competition to be included in the International Representative Teams.

International A Team selection criteria met at 2026 Clucas Cup

- Luna Wu attained the selection TES for A Team – Advanced Novice Girls
- Emma Thein-Xie attained the selection TES for A Team – Advanced Novice Girls
- Renee Tsai re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Cara Tang re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Nicca Wu re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Mia Chen attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Brooke Cathro attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women

International B Team selection criteria met at 2026 Clucas Cup

- Athena Macmac attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Aeryl Zhang re-attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Jasmine Ngan attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Nicole Xiao attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Anna-Bella Levien attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls

Skaters that had already been named as International Representatives at the 2025 National Championships are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following the 2026 Clucas Cup. The provisional list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Names in red font attained or re-attained selection at Clucas Cup.

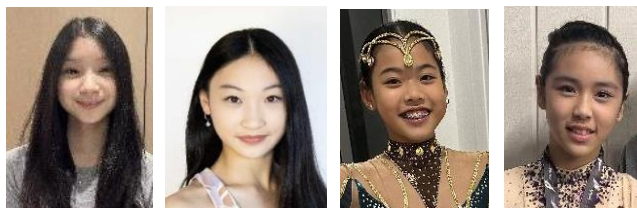
Advanced Novice Girls

Luna Wu
Emma Thein-Xie



Junior Women

Renee Tsai
Cara Tang
Nicca Wu
Mia Chen
Brooke Cathro
Petra Lahti *
Alethea Wong
Sophie Pokorny



Junior Men

Dwayne Li *



Senior Women

Petra Lahti



Senior Men

Dwayne Li

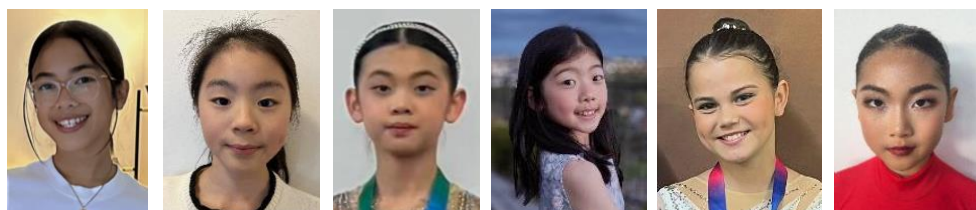
* Senior skaters who are also age eligible for selection to Junior grade. Their scores have been adjusted as per Appendix B of the Selection Policy to determine priority order.

INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Names in red font attained or re-attained selection at Clucas Cup.

Basic Novice Girls

Athena Macmac
Aeryl Zhang
Jasmine Ngan
Lilian Peng
Mihi Parkinson
Oria Deng



Basic Novice Boys

Eddie Luo



Intermediate Novice Girls

Nicole Xiao

Anna-Bella Levien

Olivia Dickson



Advanced Novice Girls

Olivia Mandle

Lilah Langi-Scott



Senior Elite 12 Synchronized

Cutting Edge **

Zara Anthony-Whigham

Amelie Ballard

Isabelle Dalley

Djuna Elkan

Emma Fotheringham

Amelie Henderson

Lucienne Holtz

Rachael Jannink

Jazelle McCormick

Gemma Pickering

Hannah Sime

Selina Zeng

Katie St Clair-Newman

Paige Symister



** 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 requirements for that grade for that competition.

Remaining exemptions granted under section 7 of the Selection Policy



Christine Aixinjueluo has been granted an exemption following our 2025 National Championships to be considered for selection for International Competitions in Junior Women’s grade and entry into the 2026 Clucas Cup Selection Competition, subject to medical clearance and monitoring.

AWARDING OF THE CLUCAS CUP

The 2026 Clucas Cup Competition included the presentation of the Clucas Cup, named in memory of Wendy Clucas. The cup is awarded to the skater that gains the highest percentage above the A team Selection TES, with the highest unfactored programme component score as the deciding factor if there is a draw.

Renee Tsai won the cup, having achieved 63% above the required A Team TES for Junior Women. Congratulations Renee.

The Clucas Cup was presented by Janine Clucas.



NZIFSA SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026

NZIFSA has two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2026. The Basic Novice/Intermediate Novice scholarship has been awarded to Emma Thein-Xie and the Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship has been awarded to Nicca Wu. The Scholarship Committee comprised Mathieu Wilson (previously NZIFSA High Performance Officer), Jeanette King (NZIFSA CEO), and Clarence Ong (ISU Technical Specialist Singles from Australia). Congratulations Emma and Nicca.



ISU CONGRESS IN TENERIFE 10-12 JUNE

Every two years the International Skating Union (ISU) holds Congress. Congress is a meeting of delegates from all the member federations and covers speed skating as well as figure skating. Jeanette King (NZIFSA CEO) attended as the NZL Figure delegates at this Congress.

This was a very different Congress from any previous ones following a significant change to the ISU Constitution that came into effect following the Extraordinary Congress in July 2025. Previously we had General Regulations and then discipline specific Special Regulations & Technical Rules that were discussed and voted on at Congress. These regulations have been replaced by Competition & Event Regulations and discipline specific Sports Rules that are now managed via an online Rule Change platform. Rather than a five day meeting, the new format Congress is a three day Congress that includes the presentation of the President's Report and Director General's Report, the Financial Reports along with reports from all the various Committees and Commissions within the ISU.

Delegates were also privileged to be the audience for an Athlete Round Table / Panel Discussion that focused largely on safeguarding / athlete welfare and the challenges of social media. The panel included Evan Bates, Kevin Aymoz and Olivia Smart who shared some of their personal experiences.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE PETRICEVIC – CHAIR OF THE ISU DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Every four years the election of ISU office holders takes place. This Congress was an election year, with the elections for the ISU President, Council members, Technical Committees and Disciplinary Commission occurring on Friday 12 June.

Sue Petricevic has been a member of the ISU Disciplinary Commission since 2010 and Chair of the Disciplinary Commission since 2022. Sue was re-elected to the position of Chair of the Disciplinary Commission at the 2026 Congress. This is a very significant accomplishment that Sue can be very proud of. It does however, come at a cost. Recent ISU rule changes mean that while she is a member of the Disciplinary Commission Sue is not able to serve as a Judge for ISU Events, Olympic Games or International Competitions.



CALL FOR TEAM LEADERS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The NZIFSA are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced individuals to fulfil the Team Leader role at the following International Competitions:

- Junior Grand Prix – Xi'An City / China, 19-22 August
- Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok / Thailand, 2-5 September
- Junior Grand Prix – Ljubljana / Slovenia 30 Sept – 3 October

We will only be appointing a team leader for the JGP events if we have more than two skaters at these events. For all events with two or more skaters a skater's coach or parent will not normally be named as Team Leader.

We are also likely to be seeking a Team Leader for the following competition

- Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy – location and dates yet to be formally confirmed but usually early August

We are looking for team leaders who have enough experience of international competitions, ideally either as an official or coach, to be able to coordinate the activities of our team members. As outlined in the position description, they need to be able to handle crisis situations as well as routine administrative tasks; be team players who can work with all athletes, coaches, judges, parents, and administrators; have knowledge of the NZIFSA rules and agreements surrounding international participation; and, have local knowledge that will assist them in carrying out their role.

The Team Leader position description can be found on page 10 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V9.0.pdf>

The NZIFSA Funding Policy <https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Funding%20Policy%20%20V11.0.pdf> section 10, outlines two different maximum funding criteria based on the location of each ISU Championship or International as indicated below:

- For events in North/South America, Asia and Oceania, \$1,650 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition
- For events in Europe and South Africa, \$2,750 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition

Normally a person may be selected for a team leader position only once per funding season, however if circumstances require an individual to serve as team leader at more than one competition, funding will be provided in all cases.

Please submit your EOI and any supporting documentation via the Cognito form link below by **5pm on Sunday 28 June**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOIForInternationalComps2026>



If you have any questions, please email the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

UPCOMING OFFICIALS TRAINING

Two online sessions, led by Sandra Williamson-Leadley, have been organised to run through the changes for the new season and to provide a refresh/initial meeting as the new season begins.

- Initial Judges Meeting– online session Wednesday 1 July
- Initial Tech Panel Meetings – online session Thursday 2 July

If you have any questions about training as an official, please contact our Officials Director, Melissa Cummings, at officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR 2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following is a provisional schedule for the 2026 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships to be held at the Gore Multisports Complex, 29 October – 1 November. 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.

Wednesday 28 October

Unofficial practices (4:00-8:00PM)

Thursday 29 October

Opening Ceremony
Juvenile under 12, Girls & Boys FS
Basic Novice under 12, Girls & Boys FS
Intermediate Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS
Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys SP
Ice Dance RD & PD (all grades)

Friday 30 October

Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS
Junior under 12, Women & Men SP
Senior Women & Men SP
Pair SP (all grades)
Ice Dance FD (all grades)
Synchro up to and including Advanced Novice FS
Synchro Junior & Senior SP

Saturday 31 October

Adult Free Skate (all grades)
Junior under 12, Women & Men FS
Senior Women & Men FS
Pair FS (all grades)
Synchro Junior & Senior FS

The Banquet will be held on the Saturday night.

Sunday 1 November

Norman Wright Dancing Trophy
Waltzing Trophy
Adult Interpretive (all grades)
Youth Interpretive (all grades)

The competition will close at approx. 2:00pm on Sunday.

Note – there had been a pickleball tournament with dates that overlapped with our National Championships. That tournament has since been cancelled which could free some accommodation. We have now been made aware of a Country Music event also on over the Nationals weekend that could impact accommodation. We advise booking as soon as possible. The organizing committee is also compiling a list of houses that may be available for rent over this period and have several house options available for booking. Anyone interested to please email isstestcompsecretary@gmail.com to be provided with a list of the available options.

REMINDER MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2026 competition season we need everyone to provide or update your music details to help ensure we can meet our music licensing requirements.

For all club and regional competitions in the South Island and for the Clucas Cup and our National Championships, please use the NZIFSA form.

NOTE: The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) has chosen to manage the music information using a separate system for Auckland club and North Island regional competitions that better meets their needs.

What information do you need to provide?

1 General

Skater name(s), email address(s), grade, coach name, coach email address. Please update coach contact details if this has changed.

Note, only one form needs to be completed for ice dance couples and pairs teams. For synchro teams we ask for the team manager and coach contact details.

2 What competitions and grade are you entering?

Please mark which competitions you are entering and pick the correct grade from the drop down menu. This helps the competition organisers when checking that they have your music details. You can come back and update this again later with any additional competitions you enter, or if you move up grades during the year.

3 The music details.

For each programme you skate you will need to provide the following for each piece of music used

- Title of Music
- Recording Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Publisher / Record Label
- Duration of cut (min:sec – e.g. 1:40)
- Whether vocal or non-vocal (instrumental)

We suggest you collect this information for each piece music before you start filling in the form. If you are trying to find the details, we recommend you find your piece of music in Spotify, click on the 3 dots ... for extra information and choose "Show credits".

Saving and updating the form

You need to click the save button at the bottom right of the form before you exit. The skater and coach will both be sent an email called "2026 Music details Save & Resume Link". With this link you will be able to go back and update details, including entry to additional competitions or changes to the music details recorded.

Separate forms for different events

If a skater is competing more than one event, e.g. Dance and Singles, or Interpretive and Singles, then separate forms need to be completed. This is so that we can check that we have the required music details for any given competition. But if you compete in an event that has more than one part to it – e.g. a Short Programme and a Freeskate, you can enter this information in the one form.

Please use this link for all NZIFSA or South Island competitions

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2026MusicDetails>



For **North Island Club or Regional competitions** please use the following link and have your music files ready to submit when you complete the online form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2026>

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHOTOS ON NZIFSA WEBSITE

Skaters, can you all please make sure you have an up-to-date portrait style photo loaded onto the NZIFSA website. We need a passport style photo (except you are allowed to smile) rather than an action photo. We use these photos for competition programmes and for the newsletter. Often, we find they are four or five years out of date and we may have a skater aged fifteen with a photo of them at age ten. To update your photo please log into the mynzifsa area of the NZIFSA website <https://nzifsa.org.nz/members/mynzifsa/>

NEW DEDICATED CURLING RINK IN AUCKLAND

Auckland Curling Club is excited that after many years of planning, (& fund raising!), a dedicated Curling Rink opened for business mid April at **10 Burrett Ave in Penrose, Auckland.**

A major renovation of an existing warehouse was done, and the facility has 4 sheets (lanes) of Curling ice for 32 curlers, along with a warm cafe/bar and viewing area for the public.

Already dozens of adults & school groups have come to 'have a go' at curling, & new members have joined to play in the various Member, School and Corporate weekly Curling Leagues on offer.

Check Auckland Curling website for all 'one off' options, including your Birthday party, or Christmas party, or corporate 'team building' event. These are popular, since everyone is a 'newbie' at curling. www.aucklandcurling.nz



So, for those looking for another fun ice sport to try, hop on the website to book, or just rock up to 10 Burrett Ave. (no skates needed, just 'flat shoes' & stretchy pants; coaching given to everyone).

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Submissions on the **Skater Development Policy** and **Selection Policy** closed on **30 May**. Submissions were considered by the Board when they reviewed the policy. The Board have proposed some amendments, including the updated TES for 2026/27 and posted these on the Members Forum. Feedback on the proposed amendments is due by **13 July 2026**.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 14 July. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz). Any correspondence received after the 7th of July will go to the next meeting.

All the best in skating,
Robyn Morris and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA