

### JOJO HONG IS COMPETING AT JUNIOR WORLDS THIS WEEK!



Jojo Hong in the number 1 position at the Reykjavik International Games

The ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships competition is already underway and, for the first time since the ISU brought in the minimum TES qualification requirement, we have a skater competing at Junior Worlds. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February Jojo met the TES in her Short Program at the Reykjavik International Games, Iceland that she required to qualify. Congratulations Jojo. We're all very proud to call you a Kiwi.

There are 47 skaters in Junior Ladies grade. Jojo has been drawn to skate 8<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to skate her Short Program at 11:58am today (Friday 8 March) in Zagreb. So that's 11.58pm NZ time. Sky Sport isn't screening this competition, but there supposed to be live streaming of this competition via the competition website <http://wifsc2019.com/>

Only those skaters who place 1-24 in the Short Program get to compete the Free Skate. All going well we'll get to watch her compete her free skate on Saturday. Wishing Jojo all the very best!

## RESULTS FROM RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The following skaters have represented New Zealand at recent competitions overseas

### **Mentor Toruń Cup, Poland, 8-12 January 2019**

Junior Ladies                      Jojo Hong                      SP 6<sup>th</sup>      FS 5<sup>th</sup>                      Overall 6<sup>th</sup> /22

### **Skate Helena 2019, Belgrade, Serbia 15 - 19 January 2019.**

Junior Men                      Harrison Bain                      SP 5<sup>th</sup>      FS 4<sup>th</sup>                      Overall 4<sup>th</sup> /13

Harrison missed the TES he needed in his freeskate to qualify for Junior Worlds, but can still be very happy with how he skated.

### **Reykjavik International Games, Iceland, 30 Jan - 2 February 2019**

Junior Ladies                      Jojo Hong                      SP 1<sup>st</sup>      FS 1<sup>st</sup>                      Overall 1<sup>st</sup> /12

Sue Petricevic was there as a Judge

### **Challenge Cup in the Netherlands, February 21-24, 2019**

Advanced Novice Ladies      Ally Landon-Lane                      SP 22<sup>nd</sup>      FS 24<sup>th</sup>                      Overall 24<sup>th</sup>/24

## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Zagreb, Croatia 4-10 March 2019**

Junior Ladies                      Jojo Hong

### **Kempen Trophy, Turnhout, Belgium 7-8 March 2019**

Advanced Novice Ladies      Ally Landon-Lane

### **Oceania Novice International, Melbourne, Australia 15 – 17 May 2019**

Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA are jointly organising the Oceania Novice international with funding support from the International Skating Union Development Commission. The competition is for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice Singles skaters and Basic Novice and Advanced Novice skaters in Pairs and Ice Dance.

Registration of interest for this competition have already closed and the following skaters will be representing us at this competition

Basic Novice Ladies	Brooke Cathro Misaki Joe Jordon Laker Victoria Larsen
Intermediate Novice Ladies	Grace Greenstreet Lucienne Holtz Natasha Woodacre
Advanced Novice Ladies	Mirika Armstrong Jessica Hay Ally Landon-Lane Rebekah Sime Emmanuel Tsang

The rest of the New Zealand contingent is made up as follows

Jeanette King	Team Leader
Nicki Holtz	Assistant Team Leader (unpaid)
Kendra Street	Judge
Sandra Williamson-Leadley	Technical Controller
Ina Paul	Data / Replay Operator

Held in conjunction with this competition will be an interclub competition for Singles skaters in “Cubs” and “Chicks” and Intermediate grade skaters. Cubs need to be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2010, Chicks must be born 1 July 2010 or later and Intermediate skaters must have reached the age of (15) before July 1 2018. Registration of Interest for this competition close today, 8 March.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2019OceaniaInterClubCompetition>

A Coaches Seminar will be held on 18 & 19 May immediately following the competition. The moderator for this year’s seminar is Misha Gee. We would like to encourage any of our Level 1 and 2 coaches to attend. Registrations of interest for this also close today, 8 March

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2019OceaniaInternationalCoachingSeminar>

#### **Italian Adult Competition, Milano, Italy 4 - 5 May 2019**

Silver V Ladies Free Skating and Artistic	Sue Hoseit
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#### **ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany 19 - 25 May 2019**

Bronze I Ladies Free Skating and Artistic	Olga Levien
Bronze III Ladies Free Skating and Artistic	Trish Weir (Subject to medical clearance and monitoring)
Silver II Men Free Skating and Artistic	Karl Hewitt
Silver V Free Skating and Artistic	Sue Hoseit

#### **White Nights 2019, St. Petersburg, Russia 1 - 2 June 2019**

Silver V Ladies Free Skating and Artistic	Sue Hoseit
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### **HALBERG AWARD NOMINATIONS UPDATE**

At the end of last year, the Board of NZIFSA nominated Jeanne Begej for the ISPS HANDA Halberg Lifetime Achievement Award and Jojo Hong for the SKY Sport Emerging Talent Award. While neither of these nominations made the list of finalists, it’s great to have individuals of this calibre among our members.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

### NIISSA Synchro Development Camp, Auckland, 19-20 January 2019

An incredibly successful synchronized skating camp was hosted by the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NIISSA) at Paradise Botany in January. The moderator for this camp was Madonna Randall, L3 Synchronized Coach from Australia and she was ably assisted by Elizabeth Mayers and Eman Donaire who are senior skaters in Team Unity who came 1st in the Senior Division at the recent Australian National Championships. The camp was attended by 42 skaters and 4 coaches from around the country. Madonna also ran a short Technical Seminar that was attended by 4 Technical Specialists and a few probationary TS, coaches and skaters.



## UPCOMING SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

NZIFSA has three camps planned for the April school holidays.

### Basic Novice to Senior Camp with Christy Krall, Dunedin 15-19 April 2019

Registrations for the Development Camp with Christy Krall are now open. This camp is for Basic Novice to Senior level 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. Please register online and make payment on or before **18 March**

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2019DevelopmentWorkshopForBasicNoviceToSeniorLevelSkaters>

### Pre-Elementary to Juvenile Camps – 24-26 April 2019, Auckland (Botany) and Gore

These two camps are for Pre-Elementary to Juvenile level competitive skaters and any KiwiSkate coaches or coaches who are Level 1 and above. All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the closing date for registrations. Registrations for both these camps have been extended to **5pm on 24 March**, to allow for skaters who are sitting tests on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March to meet the criteria and register. Please register online at

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2019DevelopmentWorkshopsForPreElementaryElementaryAndJuvenileSkaters>

### One TeamMVMT, ISA and NZIFSA Synchro Development in Australia 20-22 April

Ice Skating Australia (ISA) and NZIFSA have teamed up with OneTeamMVMT (OTM) to seek International Skating Union (ISU) Development Funding for a Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Australia in April. OTM is a federally-registered non-profit organization based out of Canada with significant experience and real passion for developing synchronized skating.

We have 3 coaches and 12 skaters accepted to attend this camp. OneTeamMVMT has been able to secure the services of Anu Oksanen, coach of the World Champions, Marigold Unity of Finland. This is an amazing opportunity for some of our synchro skaters who are in the teams that were selected to the International B team and their coaches to work with this exceptional coach and some top level synchro skaters.

### **ISU Dance Seminar, Oberstdorf, Germany**

**April 30 - May 7 2019**

Ann Kyle and Blake Barraclough, and their coach Debbie Darvill, have been granted permission to attend the ISU Dance Seminar in Oberstdorf, Germany. The seminar is for Intermediate and Advanced Novice couples and is a great opportunity for Ann and Blake to continue to develop their ice dance skills.



## **OFFICIALS TRAINING IN 2019 – REMINDER TO REGISTER**

### **-5 +5 GOE Seminar for Judges, Christchurch 30 & 31 March**

NZIFSA will be using the new -5 +5 Grade of Execution (GOE) from the start of 2019. To help our judges get up to speed with this we will be holding a seminar in Christchurch on the weekend of 30 & 31 March. All judges will be required to attend this prior to judging in 2019. The Moderators for this will be Sue Petricevic - Singles and Pairs, Angelique Clyde-Smith (Australia) Synchronized, and Sandra Williamson-Leadley - Ice Dance. We are very grateful to have some Olympic Solidarity National Activity Funding via the New Zealand Olympic Committee to support this development of our officials.

Registrations for the GOE seminar closed on 4 March. If you missed this deadline, please contact the Officials Director, Jeanne Begej, at [officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz) to discuss whether a late registration is possible.

### **IJS Calc Operator and Accountant Training, Christchurch 6 & 7 April**

We have a shortage of people with the skills to set up competitions on the International Judging System and to run the IJS Calc during the competitions. This two day training seminar is for both new and existing Calc Operators and Accountants. If you are at all interested in taking up the Accountant and/or Calc Operator roles or have any questions about eligibility to attend this please contact our Officials Director, Jeanne Begej at [officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz)

The moderator for this training is Kate Rotondo from Australia. . Officials are encouraged to keep an eye out for cheap airfares and book their flights ASAP. Travel reimbursement is as per the NZIFSA Travel and Reimbursement Policy. Again, we are very grateful to have some Olympic Solidarity National Activity Funding via the New Zealand Olympic Committee to support this development of our officials.

Note registrations for this close 11 March. Please register online at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/OfficialsSeminarForAccountantsAndCalcOperators2019>

### **IJS Technician Training Planned for 2019**

NZIFSA purchased 2 new computer systems to run the IJS. One of these will be based in Auckland and the other in the South Island. We are looking to develop a pool of people with the skills to be able to set the system up for competitions, trouble shoot during the event, and then pack it all away afterwards. This training will be for existing IJS Technicians and for new people with a good handle on computers who are keen to take on this role. Because of the geographic challenges in the South Island we are very keen to have 2-3 people in each location that can manage the computers for their competition. We don't yet have dates confirmed for this training, but we are calling for expressions of interest. To date we only have a small handful of people registered. If you are interested, please register online at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/ExpressionOfInterestIJS Technician Training 2019>.

### **STROKING SEMINARS FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS**

In response to a number of requests for a repeat of the stroking seminars held in 2016, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Caitlyn Paul and Connor McIver ran a series of seminars in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin over the last two weekends. The seminars were for coaches and officials to revisit the requirements and expectations around stroking tests. A total of 30 coaches and 18 officials attended this training and we would like to thank them for making the time to do this. Thanks also to all those skaters around the country who acted as demonstrators.

### **COACHING COURSES**

There was insufficient demand and some challenges with getting enough ice time to hold a the planned KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching Course in Christchurch earlier this year, but the following coaching courses are planned

Auckland	16-17 March (registrations closed 2 March)
Dunedin	May – dates to be confirmed

These courses are open to new KiwiSkate coaches as well as currently accredited coaches wishing to attain points to maintain their accreditation. The courses cover 2 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](mailto:coaches.director@nzifsa.org.nz) if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

There are no Level 1, 2 or 3 Coaching Courses planned for 2019

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note the following is a provisional schedule for the 2019 New Zealand Figure Skating Championships to be held in Gore 3-6 October. Every effort will be made to hold the events on the days listed below, the order of the events is however likely to change.

### Wednesday 2 October

Unofficial practices

### Thursday 3 October

Juvenile Ladies & Men <12  
Juvenile Ladies & Men ≥12  
Basic Novice Ladies & Men  
Adv Novice Ladies & Men SP  
Junior Ladies & Men SP  
Ice Dance RD and PD

### Friday 4 October

Intermediate Ladies & Men  
Intermediate Novice Ladies & Men  
Adv Novice Ladies & Men FS  
Junior Ladies & Men FS  
Senior Ladies & Men SP  
Pairs SP  
Waltzing Trophies  
Synchro SP

### Saturday 5 October

Senior Ladies & Men FS  
Pairs FS  
Ice Dance FD  
Synchro FS (including adults)

### Sunday 6 October

All Adult Grades (excluding Synchro)

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
Wednesday 2 October	2:00 – 6:00pm		
Thursday 3 October	1:00 – 2:30pm	7:00am – 1:00pm	2:30 – 8:00pm
Friday 4 October	12:30 – 2:00pm	7:00 – 12:30pm	2:00 – 8:00pm
Saturday 5 October	4:00 – 6:00pm	7:00 – 12:00 noon	12:00 – 4:00pm
Sunday 6 October		7:00 – 10:30am	10:30am – 3:00pm

## **NZIFSA AGM TO BE HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH ON 27 APRIL 2019**

The NZIFSA AGM is to be held Saturday 27 April at Riccarton High School staffroom, Vicki Street, Upper Riccarton. Meetings for the new Board, Operations and Development Groups will then be held on the Sunday morning.

It's important to us that we have good representation of members from around the country. Each Club is entitled to send 3 delegates and NZIFSA will contribute towards the travel expenses of 2 of these delegates (refer the NZIFSA Travel and Reimbursement Policy on the NZIFSA website). 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 club members of affiliated clubs are welcome to attend, but they only get to speak at the Member Forums. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

The timetable for the 27<sup>th</sup> April as follows:

1.15 pm – 2.45 pm Member Forums

2.45 pm – 4 pm AGM

4 pm – 5 pm Social Afternoon Tea

Nominations have been called for. The following positions are up for election in 2019 and we would like to encourage people to consider standing for these roles:

President

Two Board members

Treasurer

Skater Development Director

Coaching Director

Test & Competition Secretary

The Officials Director role is also up for election for a 1 year period, as this position was filled by Board appointment following the last AGM.

If you have any questions about any of these roles please don't hesitate to contact Bridget Danbrook [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz), Anita Tamepo [president@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:president@nzifsa.org.nz) or Jeanette King [ceo@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:ceo@nzifsa.org.nz)

## **OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF NGAIRE SPARROW**

Ngaire Sparrow, Life Member of the NZIFSA, passed away on 12 January aged 87 years. Ngaire had contributed to our sport in a number of roles including as a judge, a member of the figure committee of the then New Zealand Ice Skating Association, and a member of the 50th Jubilee Committee. Her name appears on the Norman Wright Waltzing Trophy from when she and her son Charles won this event in 1965. Ngaire had maintained her interest in skating and most recently attended Nationals when it was held in Christchurch in 2016. Our thoughts are with Ngaire's family and friends.



Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King  
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