



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COACHING COURSES

KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching Courses – Registrations Close 1 April

We have been able to reschedule the KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching Courses that was planned for Auckland in February and postponed due to the recent Covid Alert Level 2. We have also managed to schedule a course in Gore to replace the one that was cancelled last year.

Paradise Botany, Auckland, 22 & 23 April

Registrations close on **1 April**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IntroductionToCoachingCourseAucklandApril2021>

Gore Multisports Complex, 24 & 25 April

Registrations close on **1 April**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IntroductionToCoachingCourseGoreApril2021>

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 \$70 (\$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 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 a 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 your eligibility.

Level 1 Coaching Course - Queenstown 22 & 23 May

Registrations for this course have now closed and the initial online training sessions are underway. We have twenty prospective level 1 coaches registered for this course which is great to see.

UPCOMING SKATER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile camps – Registrations Close 1 April

We have three workshops planned for Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile level skaters rather than two. These workshops represent really good value for money and we encourage all eligible skaters to attend. The dates, locations and coach moderators are as follows:

Botany, Auckland, 24 & 25 April – Caitlyn Paul

Christchurch, 24 & 25 April – Sarah Macgibbon

Queenstown 8 & 9 May – Stephanie Woodacre

The closing date for registrations is **1 April 2021**. Participants can register for this camp at: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/DevelopmentWorkshopsForPreElementaryToJuvenileSkaters>

Cost information:

\$40 for NZIFSA Development Squad Members

\$80 for all other skaters

Level 1 – 3 Coaches – Free (but please register if you plan to attend)

Note, skaters can attend more than one of these workshops if they choose to. The Board have confirmed that Development Squad skaters will get the same discounted rate if they attend two workshops.

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. However, if these Development Squad skaters attend more than one of these workshops, they are only eligible for one travel subsidy and only if there is no camp offered in their region.

GLOBAL SYNCHRO SHOWCASE - “FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT”.

After a year with minimal competition, OneTeamMVMT have created the opportunity for synchro skaters to perform together in a one off pre-recorded performance that includes over 23 countries and 1600 skaters.

The invitation to be part of the “performance” was open to all skaters/clubs and countries. AIFSC Synchro responded to OneTeamMVMT’s request for submissions and were sent a short clip of music (they were allocated 30 sec) and given a theme to follow. Their theme was in the “light” section and was all about spreading your wings and being free! The AIFSC segment is a performance by the 50+ AIFSC Synchro skaters that train on a Saturday morning.

Darkness to Light airs live on the **4th April at 6am (NZT)**. If you haven’t already I would urge you to support OneTeam and purchase a ticket to view this event...



... <https://www.oneteammvmt.org/pages/otm-global-synchro-showcase-tickets>

RECENT SKATER DEVELOPMENT

OneTeamMvmt Virtual Camp

Early in 2021 the NZIFSA sought expressions of interest from all synchro coaches across NZ regarding their skaters having access to OneTeamMvmt online “Flexibility & Field Moves” classes. Lisa from OneTeam was keen to work with NZ skaters and was willing to adapt the classes she had offered the rest of the world, to be a little more NZ specific. Coaches Megan Kliegl, Caitlyn Paul, Tracy Hipkiss, Charlotte van Uden and Sabrina Snoad were all keen to be part of these classes and encouraged all their skaters over the age of 8 to register. At last count 123 skaters and coaches from across the country had registered and are currently participating in the 5 weeks of classes. Initial feedback is that the classes were hugely beneficial to the majority of our skaters, but a little above some of those in the younger age bracket.

Skaters joined in these on-line sessions either individually from home or, like DISC Cutting Edge, as a team as part of their off-ice training.

A big thank you to Lisa Carriere of OneTeamMvmt and the world-class instructors, Lauren Skopal, Nobahar Dadui and Melanie Jenkins, who led this virtual camp. Thank you also to Sam Snoad for coordinating and taking on all the communication around this camp.



Free Dance – Dunedin, 27 – 28 March

Ben Agosto was the international moderator for this workshop, with his wife Katherine Hill providing some of the off-ice training. Debbie Darvill was our local coach coordinator. We had three dance couples and one coach (in addition to Debbie) taking part in this workshop.

A big thank you to Michael Holtz for managing the tech end of the workshop and to the team of volunteers that helped make this possible.



RECENT OFFICIALS’ TRAINING COURSES

Probationary Judges Introductory Course – Online, 20 and 27 March.

This was an online seminar via Zoom with moderators Beth Crane and Ethan Swinburnson. The course was aimed at existing probationary judges and any other individuals who are interested in becoming judges. There were six people registered for these two courses.

UPCOMING OFFICIALS TRAINING

Judges Seminar (Programme Components for all disciplines) – Christchurch, 8-9 May

Venue: Riccarton High School, Christchurch. Proposed timetable: Sat 10.00am – 4pm, Sunday 9am – 2.00pm (approx.)

Moderator:

- Beth Crane (ISU Judge, ref and TC, ISU Program Components Seminar Leader, Lead on GOE Positive Bullet videos, Lead on Toolkit for Virtual Events, 50+ years as an official)

This seminar is suitable for all judges, including probationary judges.

If you are planning to attend, please complete this registration form on or before Saturday 3rd April, 2021

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2021ProgramComponentsSeminar>

Judges Seminar (GOE for Singles Skating) – Christchurch, 22 & 23 May

Venue: Riccarton High School, Christchurch. Proposed timetable: Sat 10.00am – 4pm, Sunday 9am – 2.00pm (approx.)

Moderators:

- Beth Crane (ISU Judge, ref and TCISU Program Components Seminar Leader, Lead on GOE Positive Bullet videos, Lead on Toolkit for Virtual Events 50+ years as an official)
- Susan Heffernan (ISU Tech Controller/Referee from Canada)
- Jamie McGrigor (ISU TS singles and pairs, coach singles and pairs, former international pair skater)

This seminar is suitable for all Singles judges, including probationary judges.

If you are planning to attend, please complete this registration form on or before Saturday 3rd April, 2021.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2021GOESeminarSingles>

Ice Dance Technical Specialists Seminar – Online, 2 May 10:30am-1:30pm

This seminar is suitable for Tech Specialists and Tech Controllers of Ice Dance.

Moderators:

- Karen Butcher- ISU Judge and Referee, International Tech Controller for Ice Dance
- Marie Bowness- ISU Tech Spec Ice Dance
- Marisa Gravino- National Tech Spec Ice Dance

These 3 ladies are all based in the USA and will join us via Zoom. They have delivered Dance seminars in the past, have worked together as a panel a number of times, as well as monitored dance teams.

If you are planning to attend, please complete this registration form on or before Sunday 18th April.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IceDanceTechPanelTraining2021>

Mock Panels for all Competition Officials - May 2021

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.

Further Officials Training TBC

We have been planning to run online Ice Dance Judges training, Referee training for all disciplines and Announcers training. However, there are some challenges around the availability of moderators and finding weekends that are not already committed, so it is possible that we will have to postpone some of this training until next year. We will have an update for you in the next newsletter.

NZIFSA AGM TO BE HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 10 APRIL 2021

The AGM is to be held Saturday 10 April with meetings for the Board, Operations and Development Groups on Sunday morning. The meetings will be held in the staffroom at the Cockle Bay School, Sandspit Road, Cockle Bay, Auckland 2014. The schedule for 10 April is as follows:

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm AGM

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Member Forums

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Social Afternoon Tea

Each Club is entitled to send 3 delegates to 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.

Reminder: Club Secretaries to advise who the club delegates are at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

There are a number of positions up for election at the AGM and we have received the following nominations for these:

- President (Rochelle Stansfield)
- Two Board Members (Julie Guise, Sue Hoseit, Caitlyn Paul, Selina Rae, Rochelle Stansfield)
- Treasurer (Vanessa Anderson)
- Skater Development Director – no nomination received
- Coaching Director – no nomination received
- Test & Competition Secretary – (Ina Paul)

We will report back to you in the April newsletter the outcome of the elections and any Board appointments where no nominations have been received.

We have the following three **Member Forums** planned and encourage people to come along and participate in these forums.

- Future Plans/Come at Us
- Privacy Policy
- Tests and Competitions

NEXT NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Sunday 11 April 2021. Please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by 4 March at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

All the best in skating
Grant Howie and Jeanette King
Vice President (Acting President) and CEO
NZIFSA