

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION May 2015 NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEISHA AND STEVE MCCALL

The wonderful Aleisha (nee Haslemore) is our Marketing and Promotions Officer and although based in Sydney these days, is also well known to most synchronized skaters in New Zealand for running some great development camps. Aleisha and her partner Steve got married in Queenstown 3 May.



Congratulations from the NZ Skating community and all the very best wishes for a long and happy future together.

AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Hollins Trophy, Sydney, 5-8 June 2015

The following skaters have applied to attend Hollin's Trophy and we wish them all the very best for this competition.

- Juvenile Ladies - Grace Greenstreet
- Pre-Primary Ladies - Veronica Floka
- Primary Ladies - Olivia Henderson
- Primary Ladies - Pei-Lin Lee,
- Novice Ladies - Anastasia Kuznetsova
- Novice Ladies - Charlotte van Uden
- Novice Men - Harrison Bain
- Novice Men - Brian Lee
- Junior Ladies - Tracy Danbrook
- Junior Ladies - Christina Floka
- Junior Ladies - Kaho Hirafune
- Junior Ladies - Preeya Laud
- Junior Ladies - Brooke Tamepo
- Junior Men - Michael Durham

Suzanne Cunningham and Sandra Williamson-Leadley will also be attending as judges.

If anyone else is planning to enter this competition, please note entries need to be sent via the NZIFSA. You need to apply for permission to compete through the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz. Please send your entry forms to our Test & Competition Secretary, Ina Paul at testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz, and copy to our Treasurer, Tracy McGuigan at treasurer@nzifsa.org.nz by **20 May at the latest**.

WinterSun Competition – Brisbane, Queensland

This competition will be held 8-12 July 2015 at IceWorld Acacia Ridge, Queensland. We will make the announcement and entry forms available as soon as we receive these.

Asian Trophy, Bangkok, Thailand 5-8 August

For those skaters on the A & B International teams (Primary to Senior), here is another competition to consider. The announcement for the competition has not yet been received by the NZIFSA but if you are interested in this competition, please contact Ina Paul, NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary, testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

Reminder to skaters wishing to compete at competitions out of New Zealand

A reminder to any skaters considering competing in any competition outside New Zealand that you need to have permission from the NZIFSA before you make arrangements. As per [section 203.5 of the Rules and Regulations](#), please email the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz with the details of the competition and the grade you wish to compete in.

We will aim to have a quick turnaround on these so you can get flights booked as early as possible. It would be appreciated if you give as much advance notice as possible.

OFFICIALS ICE DANCE SEMINAR

A very successful seminar for ice dance officials was held in Christchurch on weekend of 9-10 May. The enthusiastic six Judges and six Technical Panel officials were taken through the Pattern Dances and Short Dance/Free Dance requirements for this season and then completed an exam and practical exercises. The seminar was organised by our Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham, and moderated by Sandra Williamson-Leadley, an ISU Ice Dance judge.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SEMINAR

A synchronized seminar for Officials is being planned for 1- 2 August 2015 in Christchurch (date to be confirmed shortly). The moderators for this seminar are Aleisha McCall (International Technical Specialist) for the Technical Panel and Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU Synchronized Skating Judge) for Judges. Accredited coaches are welcome to attend this seminar which will focus on the requirements for this skating season as well as general synchronized skating knowledge. The seminar will include information sessions, an exam and practical exercises. Please contact NZIFSA Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham, officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz, if interested in attending.

TEST ETIQUETTE

There have been a large number of tests, particularly stroking tests, as skaters and coaches work to achieve the increased test levels for skating required in the various grades this season. With the high demand to sit tests at the moment, just a reminder that you need to get your completed and signed forms in on time and if you are not going to do your test, let the test coordinator for your club/region know so that someone else can be allocated a testing session. Skaters - please make sure that you are on time, are ready for the test, and are dressed appropriately. T-shirts and ripped tights or leggings are not appropriate attire for test days.

NZ COMPETITION SEASON

Please check on the NZIFSA website for the competitions around the country. The majority of the competition dates are up. Clubs/regional associations – please make sure that you have submitted the dates to the Test/Competition Secretary, the announcement to Connor McIver, NZIFSA Technical Director, technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz for verification, and have entered the competition information on the NZIFSA website.

POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW AT PRESENT

The Funding Policy is currently up for review with any comments on the changes the Board have proposed due by 26 May. The Privacy Policy, Governance and Management Policy and CEO Limitations Policy are also up for review at present, and members are asked to put forward any proposed changes to these policies by 30 May.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 16 June. 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 9 June at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting which is to be held 14 July 2015.

All the best in skating,
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley