

### RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

#### Thailand Open Figure Skating Trophy, Bangkok, Thailand 3-6 May 2024

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 10 <sup>th</sup> /32	FS 6 <sup>th</sup> /32	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /32
	Cara Tang	SP 8 <sup>th</sup> /32	FS 12 <sup>th</sup> /32	Overall 10 <sup>th</sup> /32
	Mirika Armstrong	SP 20 <sup>th</sup> /32	FS 8 <sup>th</sup> /32	Overall 14 <sup>th</sup> /32
Coaches	Rosie Armstrong			
	Gordon Rushton			
Team Leader	Mathieu Wilson			



Mathieu Wilson, Chih-I Tsao, Cara Tang, Mirika Armstrong, Renee Tsai, Rosie Armstrong and Gordon Rushton

#### ISU International Adult Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany, 12-17 May 2024

Bronze I Women Freeskate	Juliette Sivertsen	FS 12 <sup>th</sup> /19	Overall 12 <sup>th</sup> /19
Bronze II Women Freeskate	Viktoria Marinova	FS 12 <sup>th</sup> /18	Overall 12 <sup>th</sup> /18
Bronze IV Women Freeskate	Melanie Purdey	FS 15 <sup>th</sup> /21	Overall 15 <sup>th</sup> /21
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien	FS 23 <sup>rd</sup> /28	Overall 23 <sup>rd</sup> /28
	Kirsty Cox	FS 28 <sup>th</sup> /28	Overall 28 <sup>th</sup> /28
Silver IV Women Freeskate	Tammy Cowan	FS 3 <sup>rd</sup> /12	Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> /12
Bronze I Women Artistic	Juliette Sivertsen	FS 20 <sup>th</sup> /24	Overall 20 <sup>th</sup> /24
Bronze IV Women Artistic	Melanie Purdey	FS 11 <sup>th</sup> /15	Overall 11 <sup>th</sup> /15
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien	FS 8 <sup>th</sup> /25	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /25
	Kirsty Cox	FS 22 <sup>nd</sup> /25	Overall 22 <sup>nd</sup> /25
Gold IV Women Artistic	Tammy Cowan	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> =/6	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> =/6



Juliette, Tammy, Kirsty, Olga and Viktoria. With thanks to Lorna Jane Active who offered sponsorship towards their uniform.

Congratulations Tammy on your 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Freeskate, and 2<sup>nd</sup> equal in your Artistic event

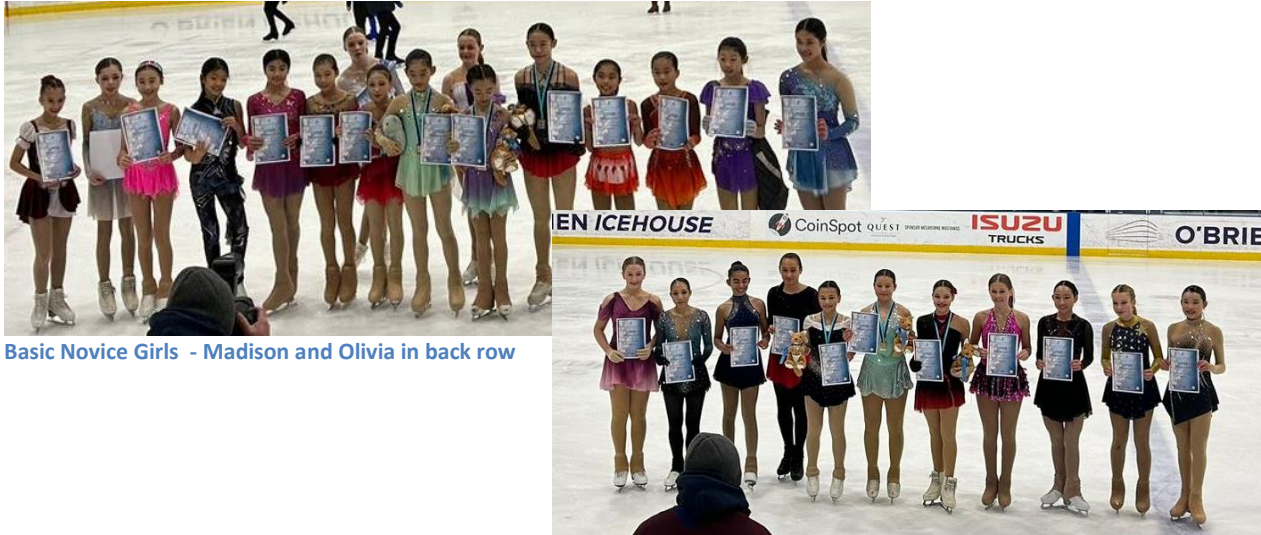


### Oceania International Figure Skating Competition, Melbourne, Australia 29 – 31 May 2024

Basic Novice Girls	Mia Chen		FS 15 <sup>th</sup> /19	Overall 15 <sup>th</sup> /19
	Madison Bryce		FS 18 <sup>th</sup> /19	Overall 18 <sup>th</sup> /19
	Olivia Dickson		FS 19 <sup>th</sup> /19	Overall 19 <sup>th</sup> /19
Intermediate Novice Girls	Lilah Langi-Scott		FS 10 <sup>th</sup> /12	Overall 10 <sup>th</sup> /12
	Mia Cotton		FS 12 <sup>th</sup> /12	Overall 12 <sup>th</sup> /12
Advanced Novice Girls	Mei Jie (Mira) Ren	SP 9 <sup>th</sup> /10	FS 7 <sup>th</sup> /10	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /10
	Alethea Wong	SP 7 <sup>th</sup> /10	FS 8 <sup>th</sup> /10	Overall 9 <sup>th</sup> /10
	Amelia Wratt	SP 10 <sup>th</sup> /10	FS 10 <sup>th</sup> /10	Overall 10 <sup>th</sup> /10
Junior Women	Mirika Armstrong	SP 6 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 3 <sup>rd</sup> /13	Overall 4 <sup>th</sup> /13
	Misaki Joe	SP 5 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 5 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 5 <sup>th</sup> /13
	Cara Tang	SP 7 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 7 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 7 <sup>th</sup> /13
	Qiwen (Christine) Aixinjueluo			
		SP 11 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 6 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 9 <sup>th</sup> /13
Senior Women	Brooke Cathro	SP 8 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 11 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 10 <sup>th</sup> /13
	Jazz Evangelou	SP 12 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 10 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 12 <sup>th</sup> /13
	Danielle Gebser	SP 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4	FS 1 <sup>st</sup> /4	Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> /4
	Coaches	Rosie Armstrong		
	Bess Cao			
	Danielle Gebser			
	Kaho Hirafune			
	Caitlyn Paul			
	Gordon Rushton			
	Stephanie Woodacre			
Team Leader	Jeanette King			
Assistant Team Leader	Melissa Cummings			
Judge & Tech Controller	Sandra Williamson-Leadley			
Data / Replay Operator	Ina Paul			



The NZL 2024 Oceania Team



Basic Novice Girls - Madison and Olivia in back row

Intermediate Novice Girls - Mia and Lilah 3rd & 4th from the left



NZL Advanced Novice, Junior & Senior skaters



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Trillian Trust for their grant funding towards the cost of ice time for the Pre-Elementary to Juvenile camp in Auckland, as well as the earlier Basic Novice to Senior Development Camp, the Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Auckland.



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We would also like to extend a huge thank you to NZCT for their grant funding towards the cost of ice time for the Pre-Elementary to Juvenile camp in Dunedin and the earlier Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Dunedin.

The support from these sponsors makes a huge difference to the development opportunities that we can offer to our skaters and coaches.

## OTHER SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

### Singles Pre-Elementary, Elementary & Juvenile, Auckland 1 & 2 June

We'll report back on this development camp in the June newsletter

## ONLINE ANTI-DOPING SEMINAR

Before taking part in an international competition we require our skaters to take part in a Drug Free Sport NZ Anti-Doping Seminar. The seminars help athletes understand their rights and how they can fulfil their responsibilities as clean athletes, from an overview of the rules to in-depth knowledge about the testing process. As anyone who has been pulled aside to be tested will tell you, it is really helpful to understand what is expected of you. Lots of useful information.

An online seminar was held on **Sunday 19 May**. If you missed this and still need to attend, please contact our Anti-doping Officer, Preeya Laud, at [anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz)

## RECENT COACHING COURSES

### **KiwiSkate Coaching Course – Gore 4 & 5 May**

This course was attended by seven coaches and moderated by Kim Lewis.



## RECENT OFFICIALS TRAINING

**Accountant and Calc Operator Training** – online session, 4 & 5 May. This was attended by four officials and moderated by Ina Paul.

### **Synchronized Skating - Judge & Technical Seminar plus DO/RO and Calc Operator Training.**

Christchurch 18 & 19 May. Rebecca Andrew from Australia was the moderator for the judges seminar and Sandra Williamson-Leadley was the moderator for the Technical Specialists / Technical Controllers. Philippe Maitrot, the chair of the ISU SYS Technical Committee joined us online for a portion of the session to talk through the proposed changes that will be considered at Congress. Ina Paul moderated the Calc Operator training and Vicki Smith provided some support around the DO/RO. The training was attended by 25 officials made up of 12 judges (incl. 2 probationary), 7 Technical Specialists (incl. 4 probationary), 1 DO/RO and 5 Calc Operators (incl. 4 probationary).

## UPCOMING OFFICIALS TRAINING

**Initial Judges Meeting (All Disciplines)** – online session now 22nd June from 9am-11am

This is a preseason meeting. All judges are expected to attend. Further information will be announced closer to the time.

**New and Probationary Officials (Singles)** - online session Saturday 8 June.

This online presentation is primarily for new judges and all probationary singles judges, however all are welcome.

In addition to the above there will be online sessions to cover season updates.

If you have any questions regarding any of these, please contact the Officials Director at [officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz).

## ATHLETES' VOICE REPRESENTATIVES

The Athletes' Voice aims to grow the skills and knowledge of Athletes' Voice members to help ensure that athletes voices are heard on decisions that affect them. We have now had two meetings of the Athletes' Voice group and we were pleased to welcome Jessica Coleman as the AISC representative on the group. The following athletes make up the Athletes' Voice Group

AIDC	Sophie Jennings
AIFSC	Olivia Pokorny
AISC	Jessica Coleman
CISC	Eli Watson / Tim Sampson
CMFSC	Emma Hodgson
DISC	Rebekah Sime
GFSC	Dani Gebser
ISS	Maia Smith
QISC	Georgia Chinn
WFSC	To be advised

The group is supported by Caitlyn Paul and Jeanette King.

## **JUNIOR GRAND PRIX ALLOCATIONS**

The ISU have advised which Junior Grand Prix competitions we have been allocated for the 2024/25 season:

1 <sup>st</sup> event Riga / Latvia, 28-31 August	Men
3 <sup>rd</sup> event Bangkok / Thailand, 11-14 September	Men, Women
4 <sup>th</sup> event Istanbul / Turkey, 18-21 September	Men
5 <sup>th</sup> event Gdansk / Poland, 25-28th September	Men
6 <sup>th</sup> event Ljubljana / Slovenia 2-5 October	Men
7 <sup>th</sup> event Wuxi / China, 9-12 October	Men, Women

Dwayne Li has already confirmed that he wishes to attend the JGP in Bangkok and Wuxi. The priority for the Women's places at the Bangkok and Wuxi JGP and qualification for any of the remaining spots we have been allocated for Men will be determined after the Clucas Cup.

## **CALL FOR TEAM LEADERS FOR JUNIOR GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS**

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

- Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-14 September
- Junior Grand Prix – Wuxi, China, 9-12 October

For all events with 2 or more skaters a skater's coach or parent will not normally be named as Team Leader.

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 9 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V8.0.pdf>

The NZIFSA Funding Policy <https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Funding%20Policy%20%20V11.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 online by **5pm on Monday 1 July**.  
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2024JGPTeamLeaderEOI>

If you have any questions, please email the General Secretary at [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz).

## **CLUCAS CUP (SELECTION COMPETITION), DUNEDIN 15 & 16 JUNE 2024**

NZIFSA is hosting the Clucas Cup Selection Competition at Dunedin Ice Stadium, with the support of DISC. This competition is to establish the priority of assignment for International A and B skaters to competitions whose entries close between 7 July and 1 week after the completion of the 2024 New Zealand National Championships. Any skaters who were selected to the International A or B team at our 2023 National Championships still retain their selection for international competitions with a closing date one week after our 2024 National Championships, provided they are still age eligible at 1 July 2024. Priority order for competitions may change as a result of Clucas Cup results.

NZIFSA are also looking forward to the presentation of the Clucas Cup in memory of Wendy Clucas, and presented by her daughters Janine and Sonja. The cup will be 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.

Provisional selections will be announced within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Selection Competition and will be confirmed within one week. Please see the NZIFSA Selection Policy for Opportunities for Selection and Prioritising of Skaters, Selection Criteria for International Representatives and Selection of skaters for Novice (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced), Junior and Senior International events.

Our National Championships signal the reset of our international representative selections. Any skaters wishing to compete in international competitions whose entries close more than 1 week after the NZ National Championships, need to gain selection at our National Championships. Selection of International A and B Representatives will be announced within 48 hours of the conclusion of the 2023 NZIFSA National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

If you have any questions regarding Clucas Cup selections and priority order please email [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE CLUCAS CUP COMPETITION**

Thank you to our generous sponsor, Four Winds Foundation, for the \$5,000 grant towards the cost of ice time for the Clucas Cup Competition.





## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR 2024/25

The ISU have just published the list of International Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Competitions for 2024/25. Coaches and International A & B Team members please check out the list of competitions via the this link

<https://isu.org/inside-isu/isu-communications/communications/33815-isu-communication-2638/file>

Just a reminder that if you wish to compete in any competition outside New Zealand, you need to **request permission from the NZIFSA via the General Secretary [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)** before you enter the competition. For most international competitions the entries will need to be done through the ISU Online Registration System by the NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary.

If you have any questions about selections or international competitions, please email the NZIFSA General Secretary, [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz).

## MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2024 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 North Island club and 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 "2023 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 South Island or NZIFSA competitions**

[https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/\\_2024MusicDetails](https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2024MusicDetails)

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.cognitofrms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2024>

## **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 NZISA 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/>

## **NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Board will be reviewing the **Selection Policy** and **Skater Development Policy** at their meeting on the 11 June, taking into account any feedback they have received either via the member forum or via email. If the Board wish to propose any changes, the policies will be posted on the members forum with a call for feedback on the proposed amendments.

The **Health & Safety Policy** had been posted on the member forum with a proposed amendment to incorporate the ACC national guidelines for sport concussion that were updated in March 2024. Any feedback on these proposed amendments was due by 7 June.

## **NZIFSA SGM – ONLINE, TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024**

A Special General Meeting was called by the Board to elect to fill both the vacant CEO and Coaching Director roles. We received the following nominations for these roles.

- CEO – Bei (Bess) Cao, Paul Searancke.
- Coaching Director – Gordon Rushton

Bess Cao was elected to the role of CEO and Gordon Rushton as Coaching Director. These roles are for a period of one year until the next AGM.

## **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 11 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](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)). Any correspondence received after 4 June will likely be tabled at the July meeting.

All the best in skating,  
Robyn Morris and Bess Cao  
President and CEO  
NZIFSA