



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

CORRECTIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our sincere apologies for the errors made in the September newsletter. These include 1) Mira Reb, Emily Yang and April Yao being named incorrectly to Basic Novice Ladies, when they had meet the requirements for Intermediate Novice Ladies Development Squad at the North Island Championships, and 2) Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday being incorrectly listed as competing in Junior Dance at the 2022 Onyx Challenge, when this was their inaugural competition in Senior Dance. We apologise most sincerely for these errors.

WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – 4 DECEMBER 2022

The International Skating Union (ISU) is launching the first ever World Ice Skating Day on 4 December 2022. Mark this date on your calendar. This will be an annual festival celebrating ice skating all over the world through multiple events taking place simultaneously.

This celebration will be held annually on the first Sunday of December. The objectives are to make ice skating sports accessible to everyone in a fun and safe environment – for first-timers, amateurs, professionals or retired competitive skaters – by creating a memorable experience for the entire family and sharing the passion for the sports, especially that magical gliding feeling so unique to ice skating.

The ISU governs Figure Skating and Speed Skating. NZIFSA and Ice Speed Skating New Zealand are working together on this and are keen to make something of the fact that New Zealand will be the first country in the World to begin to celebrate World Ice Skating Day. We have had some initial conversations with clubs and rinks and they are looking at some fun activities. We will be doing some follow-up with clubs and will be bringing your more information about what is planned in the next newsletter.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Sydney Synchro Fest, Sydney, Australia, 26-28 August

Sandra Williamson-Leadley attended this competition as an international official.

Challenger Series USA, Lake Placid, USA, 12-16 September

Senior Women	Jojo Hong	SP 4 th /13	FS 6 th /13	Overall 6 th /13
Senior Dance	Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam			
		RD 11 th /12	FD 11 th /12	Overall 11 th /12

Unfunded Team Leader Christian Fournier

Sandra Williamson-Leadley attended this competition as an international official.

John Nicks Pairs Challenge, New York, USA, 8 & 9 September

Sue Petricevic attended this competition as a judge.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Tallinn Trophy, Tallinn, Estonia, 8-13 November

Senior Women Jojo Hong

Icechallenge, Graz, Austria, 9-12 November

Senior Dance Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy, Jakarta, Indonesia, 5-9 December

Junior Women Mirika Armstrong

Junior Women Misaki Joe

Senior Men Douglas Gerber

Coach Rosie Armstrong

Team Leader Rachael Jannink

54th Golden Spin of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia, 7-10 December

Senior Dance Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday

Bavarian Open 2023, Oberstdorf, Germany, 31 January – 5 February

Senior Dance Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday

Jegrivag Cup, Miskolc, Hungary 4-5 February

Senior Dance Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday

Egna Dance Trophy, Egna, Italy, 9-12 February

Senior Dance Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday

RECENT OVERSEAS CLUB COMPETITIONS

96th Middle Atlantics, New York, USA, 7-11 September

Sue Petricevic attended this competition as a judge.

Adelaide Edge, Adelaide, Australia, 24 September

Senior Men Doug Gerber SP 1st /1 FS 1st /1 Overall 1st /1

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUCKLAND 18-21 OCTOBER 2022

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the NISSA organising committee, officials and volunteers for making this such a successful event. A special thank you to Mike Slater, Selina Rae, Sam Snoad and Karen Smith for the many hours both beforehand and during the competition. An outstanding team effort.

Our National Championships are the pinnacle event of our skating calendar and we wish to congratulate all those who met the qualification criteria to be able to compete. After having to cancel our 2021 National Championships, it was a real pleasure to see our skaters who live and train overseas, able to take part in our National Championships. We enjoyed some of the best

skating we have seen in New Zealand over the four days of competition. All results can be found on the competitions section of the NZIFSA website: <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

We would like to make special mention of the funding support we had from our major sponsors Pub Charity Limited and Four Winds Foundation towards the ice time and the officials' accommodation. This support helps us keep the cost for skaters to enter our National Championships at a much more reasonable level.



NATIONALS PHOTOGRAPHY PACKAGES

It's not too late to order quality photographs of your skater or team. The last date to order photographs is 26 November 2022. Late orders will not be accepted. Please click on this link to order: www.levienphotography.com/new-zealand-nationals

NATIONALS BANQUET PHOTOBOOTH PHOTOS

Those that attended the banquet may have noticed a photobooth! There were hundreds of photos captured – please click [on this link](#) to view and download the photos that belong to you.

CONFIRMATION OF NATIONALS 2023

We are pleased to confirm that the 2023 New Zealand National Ice Figure Skating Competition will be hosted by the Dunedin Ice Skating Club. The dates are Saturday 7th – Tuesday 10th October 2023.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 2022 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provisional announcement of selection to development squads and of representative skaters was made at the banquet following the completion of our National Championships. The confirmed selections are listed below.

SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

The following skaters have met the NZIFSA criteria to be eligible for selection to represent New Zealand at International Competitions and are in order of priority.

Advanced Novice Ladies

- Cara Tang*
- Jazz Evangelou**
- Christine Aixinjueluo



Advanced Novice Men

Dwayne Li*



Junior Ladies

Jojo Hong*

Ruth Xu*

Misaki Joe

Cara Tang

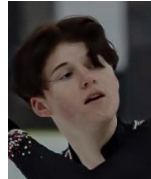
Mirika Armstrong



Junior Men

Dwayne Li

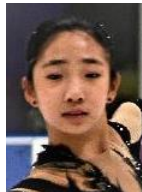
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Senior Ladies

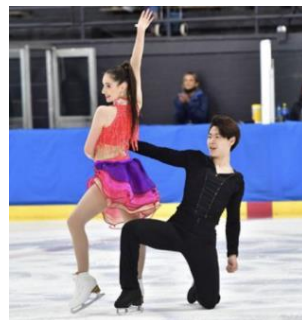
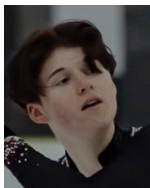
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Senior Men

Douglas Gerber



Senior Ice Dance

Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam

* Skaters are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age.

** Skaters will age out of the indicated grade at 1 July 2023.

SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

The International B Team provides an opportunity for a further group of skaters to gain experience at international competitions. These skaters are eligible to attend any international competitions where the number of spaces available to New Zealand in any grade exceeds the number of selected International A Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

Basic Novice Ladies

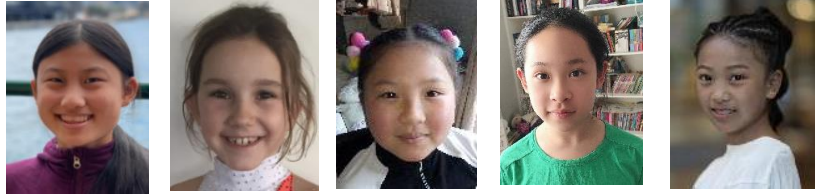
Yuhuan Ding**

Lilah Langi-Scott



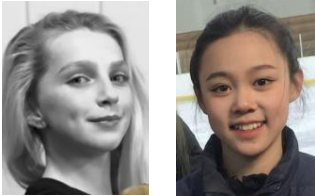
Intermediate Novice Ladies

Mira Ren
Sophie Pokorny
April Yao
Emily Yang
Selina Zeng



Advanced Novice Ladies

Brooke Cathro *
Connie Yang**



Junior Ladies

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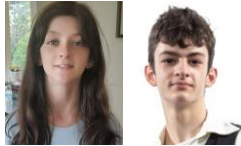


Senior Ladies

Dani Gebser



Advanced Novice Dance
Gemma & Benji Pickering



Senior Dance
Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday



Basic Novice Synchronized Skating***

Ice Angels: Emily Bai
Natalie Foo
Anna-Bella Levien
Lene Moll
Naomi Sih
Gabby Wooler
Lexie Wu
Kayla Yip
Aeryl Zhang
Alva Zhang
Chloe Zhi



Vibranium: Kayden Belcher
Lili Cooper
Kyle Hui
Nina Lu
Eddie Luo
Athena Macmac
Ethan Price
Aries Simpson
Emma Thein-Xie
Megan Yam
Evie Zhu
Ryder Zou



Mixed Age Synchro***

Cutting Edge: Zara Anthony Whigham
Emily Dickie
Djuna Elkan
Amelie Henderson
Shawna Henderson
Rachael Jannink
Lilah Langi-Scott
Jazelle McCormick
Emily Millar-Coote
Katie Sewell
Rebekah Sime
Paige Symister
Tallulah Wilson-Brown



Silver Ice: Mackenzie Anderson
Maddison Blincoe
Megan Briggs
Leah Hodgson
Olga Levien
Vanessa Preston
Sabrina Snoad
Taylyn Vallet
Anne Verheul
Gabby Wooler
Lexie Wu



* Skaters are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age
** Skaters will age out of the indicated grade at 1 July 2023
*** 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.

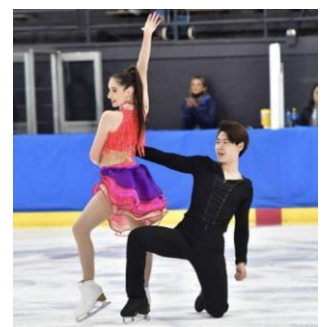
NZIFSA HIGH PERFORMANCE

Inclusion is based on results at the Junior and Senior World Championships, Four Continents Championship, Senior Grand Prix each year and will be open to those singles pairs and dance couples who compete in the short program/dance and qualify for the freeskate/freedance at any of these events. Also includes those skaters who qualify for Junior/Senior Grand Prix Finals.

Senior Ladies
Jojo Hong



Senior Dance
Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam



NZIFSA DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Inclusion is based on results at the North Islands or South Island Championships, or New Zealand National Championships. Selection is open to all skaters who meet the specified age requirements and Total Element Score (TES) for their grade at one of Championships.

Those marked with * met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships. These are listed alphabetically by surname.

Juvenile Under 12

Madison Bryce



Basic Novice 12

Mia Cotton*

Lilah Langi-Scott*



Basic Novice Ladies

Yuhuan Ding*

Arlea Lewis*



Intermediate Novice Ladies

Sophie Pokorny

Mira Ren*

Emily Yang*

April Yao*

Selina Zeng



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Misaki Joe*

Cara Tang



Junior Men

Dwayne Li



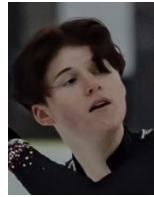
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Junior Dance

Lucienne Holtz & Tim Bradfield *



Senior Dance

Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday



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Alva Zhang
Chloe Zhi



Vibranium*: Kayden Belcher
Lili Cooper
Kyle Hui
Nina Lu
Eddie Luo
Athena Macmac
Ethan Price
Aries Simpson
Emma Thein-Xie
Megan Yam
Evie Zhu
Ryder Zou



OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET

Due to human error, we apologise to the two Administrator and two Sportsperson nominees that were overlooked (Graeme Sullivan, Anna Ho, Ruth Xu, and Victoria Larsen). The Board have since reviewed these nominations alongside the existing nominations and winners announced at the Banquet, and have agreed that the current winners of these awards remain unchanged.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

There were six nominations for this award this year and each of the nominees have made a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were **Katherine Bennetts, Melissa Booth, Kim Brown, Anna Ho, Fiona Marsh, and Graeme Sullivan.**

Criteria:

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club/sub association
- Take on administrative/organizational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club/sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport.
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club/sub-association.

The Board are very pleased to award the Administrator of the Year award to **Kim Brown.** The NZIFSA also wish to acknowledge all the other nominees for this award and the valuable part they play in creating a positive environment for all our skaters.

The nomination for Kim Brown painted a picture of a longstanding DISC committee member and more recently President, who is a great role model for other administrators of our sport, and who leads by example. She in there helping with sausage sizzles, painting club rooms, helping to organise ice shows, painting props, sewing costumes, announcing at competitions, playing music, supplying food, organising volunteers, establishing processes, accounting, fundraising, and people management. But it is her leadership contribution that stands out, for which she has been credited as being instrumental in helping to improve club culture. She is described as a fair and respectful negotiator, a skilled communicator and someone who *“tackles challenges effectively, runs an incredibly efficient meeting, is straight to the point and pushes to achieve equitable outcomes, bringing all members up, rather than just making the best better.”* Her focus on strong, effective and lasting relationships, and on the establishment of effective systems to manage DISC’s day-to-day operations and preventing overloading of volunteers, is something that should benefit DISC for years to come.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Seven people were nominated for this award. The nominees were **Emma Fotheringham, Sophie Founé, Victoria Larsen, Vanessa Preston, Asia Tapealava, Eli Watson and Ruth Xu.**

Criteria:

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a “fair play” attitude/good sportsmanship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general

- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, Kiwi Skate coaching sessions

The Board are very pleased to award the Sportsperson of the Year award to **Emma Fotheringham**. The NZIFSA also wish to acknowledge all the other nominees for this award and the valuable part they play in creating a positive environment for all our skaters.

Emma Fotheringham had been described by her nominees as a great role-model to younger skaters, demonstrating the importance of giving back to your sport. A skater who has volunteered her time every Monday and Friday afternoon for the past 5 years to assist with the KiwiSkate programme. Calm, friendly and organized when coaching children, and is sure to include plenty of fun into her lessons. Often being there before the session to hand out skates and register the skaters. She is always ready to pitch in and help and takes on leadership roles within the club, such as running public sessions, leading groups of KiwiSkaters and school holiday Learn-To-Skate groups, as well as helping to coordinate items for the end of year show. Emma also works diligently on the ice when training - she works hard with no complaints, whilst encouraging those around her.

THE ALLCHURCH SHIELD

The Shield is named after Sandy Allchurch and is awarded to the club that gets the highest number of points, based on where their members place in the various grades, at our New Zealand National and Adult Skating Championships. Sandy Allchurch was actively involved in the Association for many years and was at the inaugural meeting in June 1937 of what was, until 2011, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association. Sandy was also Patron for our Association for many years and was very dedicated to supporting ice skating. Being able to present this award each year is a rather special acknowledgement to Sandy and the contribution that he, and others like him, have made to our sport.

The provisional announcement of the Allchurch Shield was made at the banquet. The Allchurch Shield was won by Glenburn Figure Skating Club – congratulations.

Summary of the Allchurch Shield points:

Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	30
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	27
Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	25
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	18
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	11
Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	10
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	3
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	3
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	0



Karen Smith, President of GFSC, holding the Allchurch Shield and her deservedly proud skaters.

NORMAN CAMERON CUP OF EXCELLENCE

This cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. This year the Board were faced with difficult decision of having to decide between several outstanding skaters. We are very pleased to announce that the Norman Cameron Cup was awarded in 2022 to Dwayne Li.



ISU P.L.A.Y #8 - UNINTENTIONAL DOPING

The ISU have released the eighth edition of P.L.A.Y (Pocket Learning Anti-Doping & You) for the month of October 2022 and the topic for this month is 'Unintentional Doping' a topic which deals with the very common mistake among athletes that is 'Unintentional Doping' (also known as 'inadvertent' or 'accidental' doping).

Do take the time to check out the information on the ISU website <https://isu.org/clean-sport/anti-doping> and on the Drug Free Sport NZ site <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/>

We would like to remind members that the Sports Anti-Doping Rules apply to all our members whether they are competitive athletes, recreational skaters, coaches or officials. Making sure you know what constitutes doping is an important part of keeping our sport clean.

NEW ZEALAND'S NEWEST FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Wellington Figure Skating Club (WFSC) are now incorporated and have requested affiliation to NZIFSA, which the Board have endorsed. We look forward to working alongside WFSC to build their capacity as members and skaters.

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **Officials' Training, Appointment & Promotions Policy** has been reviewed by the Board after the initial call for submissions. A number of amendments have been made and a revised version has been posted on the member forum requesting feedback on the proposed amendments. The final date for feedback on the proposed amendments is Wednesday 2 November.

REMINDER - RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

A member forum was held on Wednesday 19 October, during our National Championships, to discuss the proposed changes to the 2023 Rules and Regulations. Thank you to all those who contributed to this discussion. Taking into account the feedback at the member forum, a revised version of the proposed 2023 Rules and Regulations has been posted on the members policy forum for feedback <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>. At this point in the review process, comment can only be made on the changes that have been proposed (indicated through underlining and strikethroughs). We welcome and encourage your involvement in this review process. The final date for submissions on the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations is Saturday 12 November.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Sunday 20 November. 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 Sunday 13 November. Any correspondence received now will be tabled at the December meeting.

All the best in skating,
Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA