

CONGRATULATIONS DWAYNE LI ON QUALIFYING FOR JGP FINAL!

After making history with a gold medal at the Bangkok JGP and a 3rd-place finish at the Wuxi JGP, Dwayne is ranked 4th overall in the Junior Grand Prix series, securing one of only six spots in the Junior Grand Prix Final in Grenoble, France. This top-level competition will bring together the world's top junior athletes, making it a true test of skill and excellence. Dwayne's achievement marks a groundbreaking moment for figure skating in New Zealand, and we hope he can fully embrace this opportunity to compete at the highest level and continue making history.

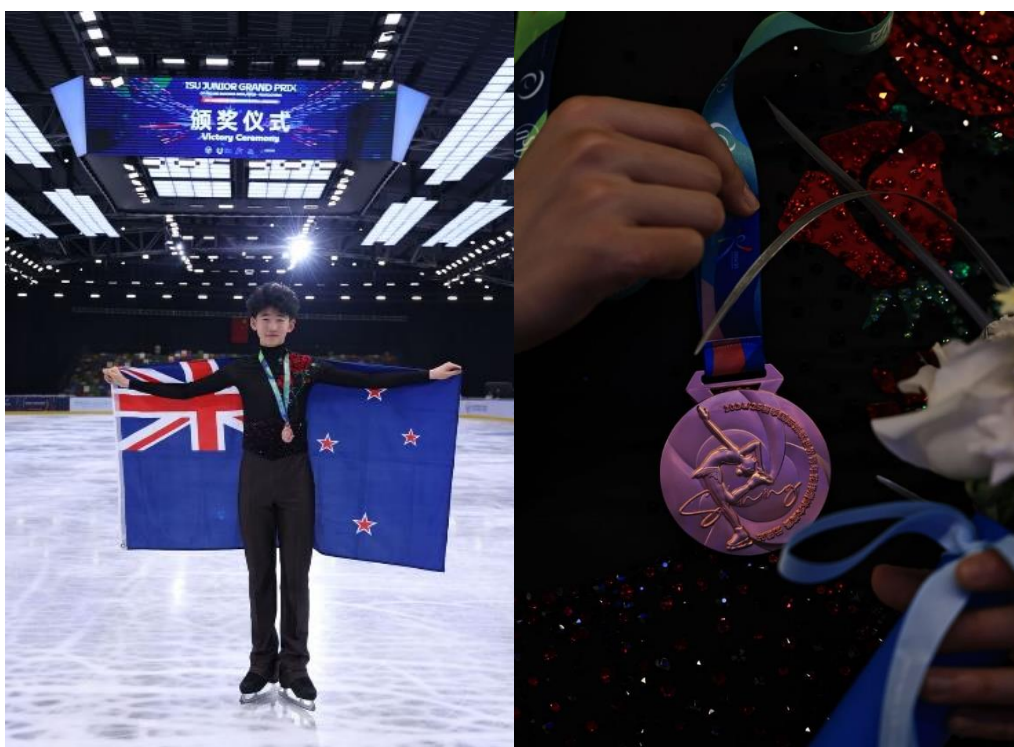


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RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Junior Grand Prix - Wuxi, China, 10 – 12 October 2024



Junior Men	Dwayne Li	SP 2 nd /17	FS 5 th /17	Overall 3 rd /20
Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 25 th /34	FS 26 th /34	Overall 25 th /34
Coaches	Bess Cao			
	Gordon Rushton			
Team Leader	Junko Kimura			

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Santa Claus Cup - Budapest, Hungary 27 November – 2 December 2024

Junior Men	Renee Tsai
Unfunded Team Leader	Stella Chen

ISU Junior Grand Prix Final - Grenoble, France, 5 – 8 December 2024

Junior Men	Dwayne Li
Coach	Bess Cao
Team Leader	Suzanne Cunningham
Judge	Sue Petricevic

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, CHRISTCHURCH 17-20 OCTOBER 2024

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Centaurus Ice Skating Club organising committee for making this such a successful event. An outstanding team effort. Thanks also to all the officials who volunteered their time and the parents and skaters who picked up volunteer roles to make things work on the day.

A special thanks to our amazing IJS tech people Alan Greenstreet and Mike Slater who put in the long hours at Nationals but who have also been so essential to the running of most of our other competitions this year.

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. 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 Aotearoa Gaming Trust and New Zealand Community Trust 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.



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NATIONALS PHOTOS AVAILABLE SOON

David Kinch Photography was our official photographer at Nationals. You can learn more about David via his web site at www.davidkinchphotography.com. Once the photos have been uploaded to the web site we will email all skaters to advise that the photographs are ready to view.

All photos can be purchased for \$20 a photo or \$89 for all photos of a single skater in a skating programme e.g. Jane Smith in Juvenile Girls. Priority delivery will be given to all pre-orders after which all photos will appear on the David Kinch Photography website and can be viewed using the passcode that will be supplied.

NATIONAL CHAMPS VENUE FOR 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH

The Board will advise the dates and location of the 2025 New Zealand National Ice Figure Skating in the November newsletter. Confirmation is subject to the Board accepting the reviewed expression of interest from the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 2024 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

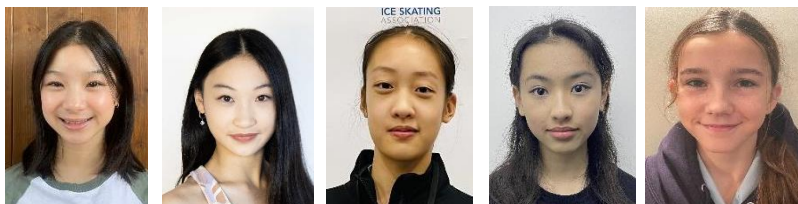
The provisional announcement of selection to development squads and of representative skaters was made at the banquet following the completion of our National Championships. The confirmed selections are listed below.

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 Girls

- Renee Tsai *
- Cara Tang * **
- Christine Aixinjueluo * **
- Alethea Wong * **
- Sophie Pokorny



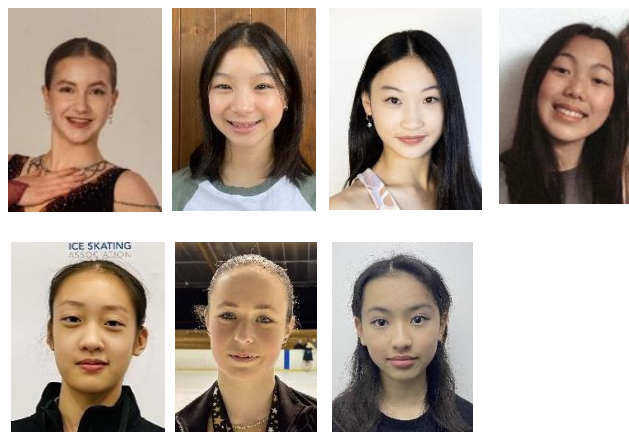
Advanced Novice Boys

- Dwayne Li * **



Junior Women

- Petra Lahti *
- Renee Tsai
- Cara Tang
- Misaki Joe **
- Christine Aixinjueluo
- Jazmyn Evangelou
- Alethea Wong



Junior Men

- Dwayne Li



Senior Women

- Petra Lahti *



* 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 2025

* Skaters will become age eligible for the indicated grade in July 2025

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 Team Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

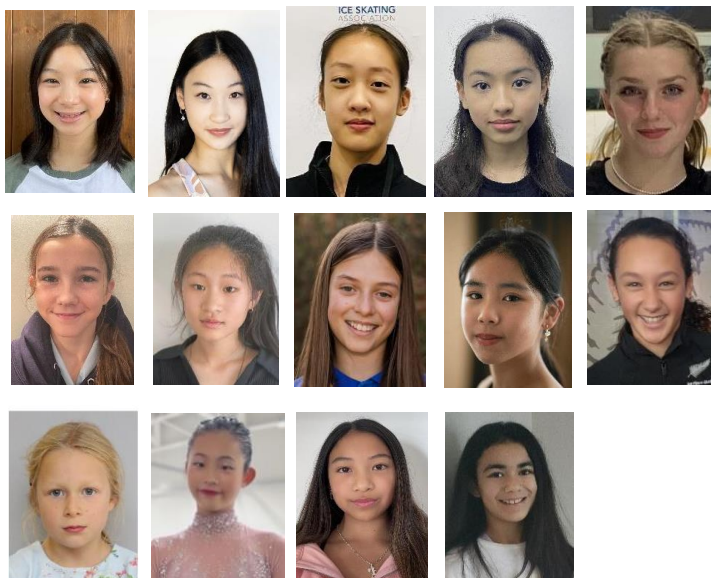
Basic Novice Girls

- Mia Chen*
- Lilah Langi-Scott*
- Olivia Mandle*
- Emma Thein-Xie
- Luna Wu*
- Mia Cotton *



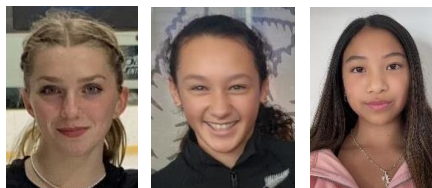
Intermediate Novice Girls

- Renee Tsai *
- Cara Tang * **
- Christine Aixinjueluo * **
- Alethea Wong * **
- Brooke Cathro * **
- Sophie Pokorny *
- Yuhuan Ding
- Bridey Sangster
- Mia Chen
- Lilah Langi-Scott*
- Olivia Mandle
- Luna Wu
- Selina Zeng * **
- Mia Cotton*



Advanced Novice Girls

- Brooke Cathro * **
- Lilah Langi-Scott
- Selina Zeng **



Junior Women

- Brooke Cathro



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Exemption granted under section 7 of the Selection Policy

Olivia Dickson has been granted an exemption to be considered for selection for International Competitions in Intermediate Novice Girls grade, subject to medical clearance and monitoring.



NZIFSA HIGH PERFORMANCE

The NZIFSA Board is excited to reaffirm our commitment to recognizing and supporting our top athletes through the continuation of the High-Performance Squad selection criteria. This policy highlights the outstanding achievements of our skaters on the international stage. Eligibility will continue to include results from the Junior and Senior World Championships, Four Continents Championship, and the Senior Grand Prix series. Skaters who compete in the short program/dance and qualify for the free skate/free dance at any of these events will be considered for selection. Additionally, skaters who qualify for the Junior/Senior Grand Prix Finals, Winter Youth Olympic Games, or Olympic Games, as well as those who medal at a Junior Grand Prix event, are eligible for selection.

Based on the above criteria we are very pleased to confirm the following selection to the High Performance Squad

Junior Men
Dwayne Li



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.

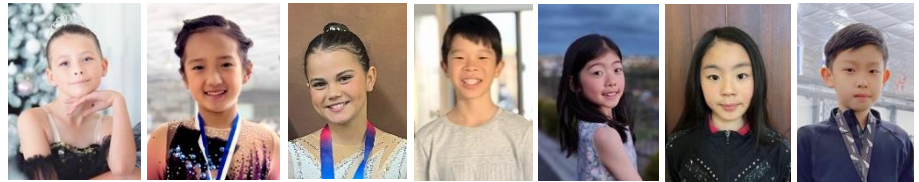
Those marked with * met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships. These are listed alphabetically by surname.

Pre Elementary
Evie Foote*



Juvenile

Anna-Bella Levien
Hailey Ng*
Mihata Parkinson
Eddie Luo
Lilian Peng
Aeryl Zhang
Ryder Zou



Basic Novice Under 12

Emma Thein-Xie*



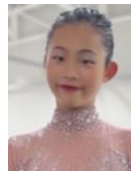
Basic Novice Boys

Hunter Smith*



Intermediate Novice Under 12

Luna Wu*



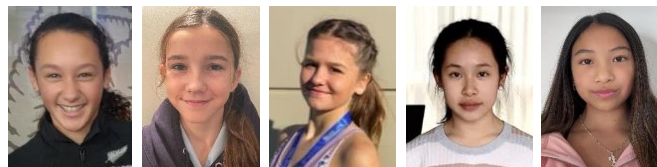
Intermediate Novice Girls

Mia Chen*
Mia Cotton
Olivia Dickson*
Yuhuan Ding*
Olivia Mandle*
Bridey Sangster*



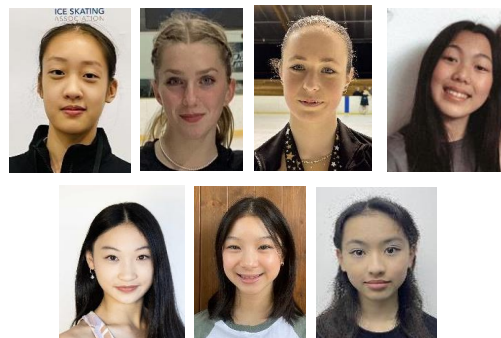
Advanced Novice Girls

Lilah Langi-Scott
Sophie Pokorny *
Amelia Wratt*
Emily Yang*
Selina Zeng*

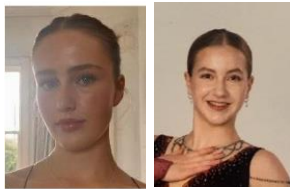


Junior Women

Christine Aixinjueluo*
Brooke Cathro
Jazmyn Evangelou*
Misaki Joe
Cara Tang*
Renee Tsai
Alethea Wong*



Senior Women
Mirika Armstrong
Petra Lahti



Mixed Age Synchronized

Cutting Edge *

Maddisyn Booth
Emma Fotheringham
Amelie Henderson
Shawna Henderson
Lucienne Holtz
Rachael Jannink
Jazelle McCormick
Gemma Pickering
Hannah Sime
Rebekah Sime
Paige Symister
Natasha Woodacre
Selina Zeng



OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET

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 did not take long to reach a decision given the significant evidence of outstanding performance of one individual in particular. We are very pleased to announce that the Norman Cameron Cup was awarded in 2024 to Dwayne Li.

HISTORY MAKING ACHIEVEMENTS FOR NZ

The Board has made a special award for Dwayne for his historic accomplishments contributions that he has made to New Zealand figure skating in 2024. This trophy is an appreciation of the hard work, patience, and the progress Dwayne has made for New Zealand in figure skating.



ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

There were only four nominations for this award this year, however, each of the nominees have made a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were **Fiona Marsh, Gier Jong, Karen Smith** and a combined nomination for **Sam Snoad & Debbie Groenewegen**.

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 **Fiona Marsh**. 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 from Ice Sports Southland for Fiona Marsh
Fiona began her involvement with ISS when her children were competitive skaters. They no longer skate, but Fiona willingly remained an active administrator for ISS and at Sub Association level. Fiona served a term as NZIFSA Secretary and was involved in ISS as Treasurer for several years. She has been in the ISS Test & Competition Secretary role for the past 3 seasons and through this has spent many hours completing the administration required, liaising with skaters and coaches, arranging our club competitions and test days as well as being there on the day to ensure they run smoothly. During this time Fiona has also taken on the Secretary role for the Otago Southland Sub Association and for the past year has also been the South Island Sub Association Secretary. In these roles she has spent many hours assisting with the administration and preparation for the Competitions each year.

Due to the shortage of NZIFSA Accountants and Calc operators, especially in the South, Fiona has this year attended the courses required and is currently undertaking the training for this role.

As she has decided to step down from the club T & C secretary role, she has spent this season mentoring and training one of our newer skating parents who is taking this position over from her. Fiona will no doubt be there next season to support the new T & C secretary as well as be willing to lend a hand at competitions and test days as required. This service to Figure skating, over a number of years makes Fiona a great candidate for the Administrator of the year award.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

We received an impressive number of nominations for this significant award. The nominees — **Jessica Coleman, Sophie Jennings, Rachel Lister, Tahlia Sangster, Rebekah Sime, Sheryl Squier,** and **Vicky Wang**—were outstanding candidates, making this a challenging decision for the Board. Each of these individuals has contributed remarkably, and we are proud to recognize their dedication and impact on our community.

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 **Jessica Coleman**. The NZIFSA also wish to acknowledge her nomination for this award and the valuable part she plays in creating a positive environment for her fellow skaters.

Jessica’s nomination came from three of her fellow skaters from the Alexandra Ice Skating Club, which is a unique and meaningful gesture. It’s uncommon for skaters to nominate each other, and this act of support speaks volumes about the camaraderie and respect Jessica has fostered within the club. Her nomination has greatly impressed the board, as it demonstrates a genuine spirit of sportsmanship that strengthens our community. This selfless acknowledgment by her peers shows the positive impact Jessica has on those around her, and we commend both her and the skaters who recognized her contributions.

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 Centaurus Ice Skating Club – congratulations.

Summary of the Allchurch Shield points:

Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	38
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	28
Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	27
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	26
Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	22
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	14
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	3
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	2
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	2



Members of Centaurus Ice Skating Club receiving the Allchurch Shield at the conclusion of Nationals. Note: not all CISC skaters who competed at Nationals are pictured here.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRACY HIPKISS ON ISU COACH SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Tracy Hipkiss, who has been honoured with the prestigious ISU Coach/Sports Administrator Scholarship Program 2024 - Synchronized Skating. This remarkable achievement highlights Tracy's invaluable expertise and dedication to the sport. We are especially proud to celebrate Tracy's consecutive success, as this is the second year she has earned this distinguished recognition. Her contributions continue to elevate the standard of excellence in our community.

TEAM LEADER FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

- World Junior Figure Skating Championships – Debrecen, Hungary Feb 25 – Mar 1 2025.

For the upcoming 2024/2025 Junior World Championships, we are seeking a Team Leader with a strong background in international competition, ideally with experience as either an official or coach. This role is pivotal in supporting our skaters as they compete in one of their pinnacle events, where every detail matters.

The ideal candidate should be capable of managing both high-pressure situations and routine administrative tasks. As outlined in the position description, the Team Leader must be a team player who can collaborate effectively with athletes, coaches, judges, parents, and administrators.

They should have a solid understanding of NZIFSA rules and the protocols for international events, as well as possess local knowledge to facilitate smooth coordination during the competition. A proven track record in international events is essential, as we aim to ensure that our skaters have the best possible support in achieving their goals on the world stage

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 Mon 18 November 2024**.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOIForISUJuniorWorlds2025>

If you have any questions, please email the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER



Please note this date has changed from previously advised and look out for activities that might be happening in your area. The World Ice Skating Day (WISD), created and organized by the International Skating Union (ISU), is a one-day global festival dedicated to Ice Skating. This year's annual celebration will be held on December 15, 2024. The key objectives are to make Ice Skating sports accessible to everyone in a fun and safe environment – for first-timers, amateurs, professionals or retired skaters.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 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 Saturday 16 November. Any correspondence received after that date may be tabled at the December meeting.

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