

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Junior Grand Prix – Osaka, Japan, 13-16 September

Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 29 th /35	FS 29 th /35	Overall 29 th /35
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li	SP 4 th /25	FS 7 th /25	Overall 5 th /25
Coach	Bess Cao			
Team Leader	Junko Kimura			
Judge	Sue Petricevic			

At the end of this JGP Dwayne was ranked 4th on the unofficial ISU JGP standings for Men. He is currently ranked 7th after the most recent JGP competition in Hungary. Just two more JGP to go and we are following these closely. All that hard work has clearly been worth it.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU International Adult Competition, Nashville USA, 18-22 October

Bronze II Women Artistic	Victoria Marinova
Bronze IV Women Artistic	Jeanette King
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien
Bronze II Women Freeskate	Victoria Marinova
Bronze IV Women Freeskate	Jeanette King
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien

RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Wintersun, Brisbane, Australia - 8-10 September 2023

Junior Women	Brooke Cathro	SP 5 th /6	FS 3 rd /6	Overall 3 rd /6
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Well done, Brooke

From Brooke Cathro on competing at this competition.
Competing Wintersun was pretty amazing. I made new friends who share a passion for skating. I was happy with my free skate and would love to come back and compete this event again. Every event is different. This one allowed soft toys thrown on the ice after you skate. It felt pretty amazing when my new friends made sure I had something thrown for me. My brother and nieces watched me skate as well for the first time.



Brooke in the blue, with new friends

Sydney Synchro Fest, Sydney, Australia - 15-17 September 2023

Basic Novice	Platinum	Overall 1 st /5		
Basic Novice	Ice Angels	Overall 3 rd /5		
Junior	Titanium	SP 3 rd /4	FS 2 nd /4	Overall 3 rd /4

What great results for these teams.



Platinum



1st and 3rd in Basic Novice



Ice Angels



Titanium

UPCOMING OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Australian Masters Games, Adelaide, Australia – 7-14 October 2023

Silver III Women Artistic Tammy Cowan
 Silver III Women Freeskate Tammy Cowan

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM NORTH ISLANDS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Island, North Island, or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2023-24 Development Squad at the North Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname.

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| Basic Novice Under 12 | Olivia Mandle |
| Advanced Novice Girls | Alethea Wong (re-attained selection she had earned at SI's) |
| Junior Women | Mirika Armstrong |
| | Qiwen (Christine) Aixinjueluo |
| Senior Women | Dani Gebser |
| Basic Novice Synchro | Ice Angels |
| | Platinum |

Congratulations to each of these skaters / teams on this achievement. We look forward to providing a full list of Development Squad members after our National Championships.

RESIGNATION OF SANDRA WILLIAMSON-LEADLEY - HIGH PERFORMANCE OFFICER

A change in the ISU Code of Ethics (ISU Com 2589) means that ISU judges are now unable to hold a position in their Federation and still be eligible to judge at ISU events. Unfortunately, this has necessitated Sandra having to resign from her role as High Performance Officer or forgo any opportunity to Judge at ISU events. This is a significant blow to NZIFSA as we have benefited hugely from her willingness to share her knowledge and expertise, however, Sandra really was left with no other reasonable course of action. NZIFSA will be sending a letter to the ISU highlighting the impact that this decision has on small member federations like NZIFSA.

WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Mark this date in your calendar now 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 3, 2023. 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 will be following up on earlier communication with clubs and rinks to support any activities they have planned.

SITUATIONS STILL VACANT – IJS TECHNICIAN

We are getting increasingly desperate in our search for people to help manage the two computer systems we use for competitions. The IJS Technician is responsible for the maintenance, setup, troubleshooting and teardown of the International Skating Union (ISU) International Judging System (IJS).

These roles would suit someone with a good computer systems background that involves the configuration and setup of hardware as well as software. Industry roles might be someone who works in IS Helpdesk, Network Admin, Software / Hardware development, or Radio/Film/TV/Theatre.

Anyone with a job, hobby or strong interest in computer systems would find this a rewarding role and one that helps support the NZ figure skating community. Please get in touch with us if you are interested.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next full meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 17 October. 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 10 October. Any correspondence received after that date may be tabled at the November meeting.

All the best in skating,
Robyn Morris and Jeanette King
President and CEO, NZIFSA