NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 008

The skating season is now well in to action with some Clubs already having held their championships. The South Island has been reminded winter has arrived with a good dump of snow followed by hoar frosts.

Having just returned from the ISU Congress in Kyoto Japan I can report many changes are planned in the future. As a consequence of the Winter Olympics followed by Worlds a new Judging System Project is being developed involving 14 Judges all using computer screens and marking in the region of minus three to plus three. Skaters are required to submit their program elements in skating order together with the approximate time they will be executed. The judge then scores the element and at the end of the program will give a total mark. All elements will be given an execution value. Distribution of program layout is displayed as a 'skyline' graph to assist the Presentation Mark

HOLLINS TROPHY - NSW

The NZ Selectors named a team of skaters to represent their individual Clubs at this competition in Sydney beginning of June. Other skaters also sought permission to compete.

Those selected were:

Elementary 11 & Over (10)	Millie Campbell	2 nd
	Juliette O'Neill	4 th
Primary Ladies (15)	Morgan Figgins	2 nd
	Elizabeth O'Neill	5 th
Intermediate Ladies (12)	*Laura Mills	1 st
	Caitlyn Paul	4 th
Novice Ladies (14)	*Vicky Kuo	3rd

^{*}competed at Hollins Trophy instead of Wintersun.

Other skaters who obtained permission to participate:

Elementary Ladies 10 & Under (7)	Annika Martravers	5 th
Pre Primary Ladies (15)	Aravinda Marinkovich	3 rd
	Anna Cairns	8 th
Intermediate Men (6)	Nicholas Apperley	5 th
Novice Men (6)	Mathieu Wilson	3 rd

Intermediate Ladies (12)	Caitlin Haynes	3 rd
Novice Ladies (14)	Michelle Cahill	9 th
Junior Men (5)	Tristan Thode	1 st

WINTERSUN TROPHY - Queensland

Results from Selected skaters attending this competition were:

Junior Men (2)	Tristan Thode	1 st SP	2 nd Overall
Junior Ladies	Vicky Kuo	Withdrev	injured
Novice Men (10)	Mathieu Wilson	5 th SP	3 rd Overall
Novice Ladies (8)	Dee Pulman	3 rd SP	3 rd Overall
Primary Ladies (11)	Alexandra Rout	1 st SP	2 nd Overall
La Patinage	Alexandra Rout		1st

Obtained permission to compete:

Intermediate Ladies (11)	Caitlin Haynes	2 nd SP	1 st Overall
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Ricky Cockerill, Imelda Rose Hegerty and Joel Watson declined participation. Congratulations are extended to all skaters on their results

COMPETITION CALENDAR - remaining

July 14 – 15	Glenburn Championships Avondale, Auckland
August 16 – 18	South Island Championships Gore
August 18 – 19	North Island Championships Botany Downs, Auckland
Sept 1 – Oct 3	NZ Nationals Gore
Nov 30 – Dec 1	Aust Synchro Nats Boondall, Brisbane
Dec 2 - 7	Aust Figure Nats Boondall, Brisbane

NZ DRUG AGENCY

Up to date information on drugs in sport can be obtained from their website www.nzsda.co.nz. Skaters who have access to the Internet are advised to check this site out from time to time.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES

NZISA Members are reminded that any communication between Member Countries must be made through the NZISA.

NZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2002 Announcement is available on the NZISA Website, www.nzisa.com.

Robyn Morris of Ice Sports Southland is the Championship Coordinator for this event and will be communicating with Clubs with information as it comes to hand.

Extra ice time for unofficial practice will be available on Sunday 29 September

A Banquet will be held on Thursday evening at the conclusion of the championships.

OPEN FORUM

With a view of improving communication between NZISA and Affiliated Members, Council plan to hold a two hour maximum Open Forum on Sunday 29th September commencing 4pm. Further details will be issued to Member Clubs together with venue at a later date.

ISU WEB SITE

Skaters, Judges, Coaches and other interested persons are recommended to Register on the ISU site for notification of latest ISU Communications. This costs nothing and is a great way to keep in touch with any new Rule Changes and other information occurring throughout the year. The web site is www.isu.org.

Wishing you all an enjoyable skating season.

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President

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