

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION August 2015 NEWSLETTER

ASIAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TROPHY RESULTS

Bangkok, Thailand 5-8 August

Advanced Novice Men	Harrison Bain	3 rd SP	5 th FS	4 th /5 overall
Junior Men	Michael Durham	7 th SP	6 th FS	6 th /11 overall
Junior Men	Brian Lee	11 th SP	9 th FS	11 th /11 overall
Junior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo	15 th SP	16 th FS	16 th /21 overall

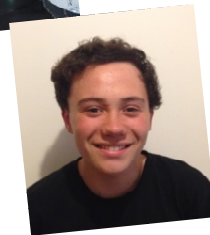
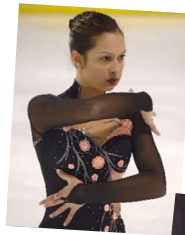
Congratulations to all of these skaters who represented NZ well!

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX EVENTS

As reported in the last newsletter, New Zealand has been allocated two Junior Grand Prix competitions for singles this year. We would like to wish Preeya, Brian, Brooke and Michael all the very best for these competitions!

Colorado Springs, USA, 2-6 September

Skaters: Preeya Laud and Brian Lee
Team Leader: Heather McDonald



Zagreb, Croatia, 7-11 October

Skaters: Brooke Tamepo and Michael Durham
Team Leader: Heather McDonald
Judge: Sue Petricevic

REMINDER - NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AND SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE DUE BY 1 SEPTEMBER

We'd like to encourage you to nominate those outstanding administrators and the skaters who display the attributes of a great sportsperson for the NZIFSA Administrator of the Year Award and the Sportsperson of the Year Award respectively.

Nominations must be received by the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz by **1 September**. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at social function at the end of the 2015 NZ National Championships. .

Criteria for the Administrator of the Year Award

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club / sub-association
- Take on administrative/organisational 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

Criteria for Nomination for Sportsperson of the Year Award

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a 'fair play' attitude/good sportspersonship
- 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, KiwiSkate coaching sessions, etc.

NOTE: While skating achievement is considered, it is not the basis of this award

PLANNED PROGRAMME CONTENT SHEETS FOR 2015 NI and SI REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and NZ NATIONALS

The 2015 North Island and South Island Championships and the NZ National Championships are not far away. There are quite a few skaters that do not have their PPCs completed or have the previous year's elements listed. Please go to the NZIFSA website and under 'MY NZIFSA' please fill in or update your PPC. These need to be completed no later than the close of entries for the respective competition. Your entry for Nationals will not be accepted without a valid PPC. If you have any questions about completing or updating your PPC, please ask your coach in the first instance. Club Secretaries – please check that the PPCs for skaters are current before sending in entries for NZ Nationals. Thanks for your cooperation with this request.

PROPOSED NEW STROKING REQUIREMENTS – MEETINGS AT NI AND SI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The proposed new stroking test patterns are available on the Members Forum under Rules and Regulations Submissions on our website nzifsa.org.nz. As noted on that forum, these are based on the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Moves in the Field (MIF) tests and incorporate feedback from the forum held around the NZIFSA AGM in April. These are completely open for discussion, and you are encouraged to make submissions on the Member's Forum or email the Technical Director directly at connor.mciver@clear.net.nz. The NZIFSA are holding face-to-face discussion forums at the North and South Island Championships to work through any ideas for improvement. These meetings will be held on the Saturday at each competition and further details will be sent out via the NZIFSA General email list. Skaters, coaches, officials and parents are welcome to attend.

ISU DEVELOPMENT TROPHY REMINDER

The ISU have announced the venue and time of year for the Development Trophy (see ISU Communication 1946). The ISU Development Trophy will be held in South Africa in early December 2015. Unfortunately, the dates will clash with the Australian National Championships. This event is for skaters who are selected at the 2015 NZ National Championships for the International Representatives in the Primary to Junior grades for Singles. More details will be published in future newsletters.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 8 September. 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 1 September at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting which is to be held 13 October 2015.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If there are any happenings in your area that you would like to share with others in our skating community that you think may be of interest to others, please email to either Sandra Williamson-Leadley ceo@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King president@nzifsa.org.nz and they will endeavour to include your news in the next newsletter.

All the best in skating,
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley