

Communication 041

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IMPORTANT FACTS FOR COMPETITIONS

Reminder – Closing Dates for Competitions/PPC's

Closing dates for entering competitions are happening all the time. Please ensure that you have your entries in on time with the forms fully completed. Also, please go on to the NZISA website to update your PPC. This should be done at least two weeks before a competition. It makes it much easier for the Technical Panel to ensure they are giving accurate credit for the elements you perform, especially at competitions where it is impossible to attend all of the practices as well. It also gives the volunteer who is uploading this information onto the IJS system more time to do this.

Closing Dates:

South Islands – 29 June 2009

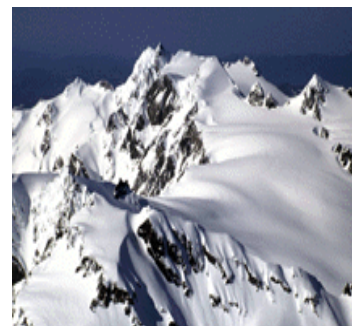
Australian Nationals – to be advised (approx 20 July)

North Islands – 4 September 2009

NZ Nationals – 11 September 2009

If you are competing in more than one discipline

For those skaters who are involved in more than one discipline at a competition, please be aware that in some cases there can be a tight turnaround in the scheduling and your events can be close together. Event organisers do a fantastic job of juggling the schedule to give skaters maximum time between events, however, this is not always possible. Please look carefully at the schedules and make sure that you have contingency plans for just such a scheduling difficulty. Always be at the rink at least 30 minutes prior to the time you are scheduled to compete.



We have already seen a lot of this this year!!!

Volunteers for Winter Games NZ

Volunteers are still required to assist with the smooth running of the NZ Winter Games. If you are able to give some time during the week

of 26 – 30 August, please contact Gill Boyd, dyob@xtra.co.nz, or Jan Howie, secretary@nzisa.com or complete the volunteer form and send

it in. A great chance to see some up and coming talent from around Oceania.



Winter Games NZ Logo

2010 NZ National Synchronized Skating Team Auditions

The National Council have called for Expressions of Interest from Skaters who wish to become part of the next National Senior Synchronized Skating team to compete at the 2010 Synchronized Skating World Championships in Colorado Springs, USA, in April 2010.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Having been a member of a Synchronized Skating team within the previous 24 months and are still actively training.
- Minimum age: must have reached the age of 14 as at 1st July preceding the 2009 NZ National Championships.
- Must have a minimum of Inter Silver stroking or Inter Silver Dance by Friday 11 September 2009
- Demonstrate the ability to be a 'Team player'.

Cost

The approximate cost for a skater to be on the NZ National Team to compete at the 2010 Senior World Championships in Colorado Springs, USA, is \$5000 to \$7000 per skater (the majority of the money goes towards travel expenses to Colorado Springs). The ISU provides some funding for teams to come from the Oceania area. The NZISA will also be making grant applications to assist with the funding of ice time, uniforms, coaching, etc. The total cost to each skater will be dependent on the success of grant applications, fundraising and travel/training costs.

Training

A head coach is to be appointed soon and Expressions of Interest are being called for two assistant coaches. These will work in conjunction with the head coach and one will work with the selected Auckland Skaters and the other will work with the Southern Skaters in Dunedin. Combined training camps will also be scheduled. Team members will be expected to attend all team training sessions as well as spend time individually and in small groups (if applicable) on ice working on step sequences and general skating ability.

Auditions

This year there is an audition fee of \$150.00. This is to be paid to the NZISA Treasurer, PO Box 29024, Fendalton, Christchurch 8540, by Saturday 19 July 2009. If the fee is not paid by that date then you will **not** be allowed to take part in the auditions. If you are selected the \$150.00 will go towards your costs. If you are not selected then you will receive a refund of \$125.00 (the \$25.00 goes towards covering the audition ice time fee).

Auditions for the NZ National Senior Synchronized Skating team will take place as follows:

- In the North Island in late July/early August 2009. The time and date will be confirmed shortly.
- At the South Island Championships to be held in Gore, on Saturday, 25th July 2009. The time will be confirmed shortly.

If you would like to audition for a place on the team, please fill out the Expressions of Interest Form that has been sent to the NZ Skating Community and Club Secretaries and return it to secretary@nzisa.com by 6.00 p.m. Tuesday 30 June 2009.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Howie on the email address above.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Australian Nationals

We have been advised that the Music forms for the Australian Nationals need to be complete with the disc number of the music you use (this is found on the CD). If you have downloaded the music from the Internet, you must declare this

as there will be no disc number. If you are unsure, please check with your club secretary/competition secretary. We do



Not to far away now!!

not want skaters to have their entry declined because the information is not complete. We are trying to give you advance warning so that you can start to gather this information now before the forms are due.

Important Test Information

Dressing for Tests

Several judges have commented on the way some skaters are dressing for their tests. Practice gear and tights with holes are okay for training but not for tests. Skaters need to present themselves well as a sign of respect for their own skating as well as for the occasion. We are not asking skaters to have new or special outfits, but please make sure that you are dressed appropriately.

Speaking of Tests

Please ensure that you put your test application through your Home Club, even if you are doing your test through another club. The Club Secretary needs to sign off your form that you are a member in good standing with that club as well as being a courtesy so that Club Secretaries are able to keep accurate records of who is doing tests. Clubs should not accept test applications of skaters from other clubs that have not been signed by that skater's Home Club Secretary.

NZISA Policies

There are a number of NZISA Policies under review that are currently posted on the Policy Submission section of the General Forum on the NZISA website. Please take some time to read and con-

sider the implications of these changes (shown by being underlined) or if further additions, deletions, amendments are needed. Most of the policies have a deadline of 15 July for submissions.

Publicity Officers

We need to have Publicity Officers in each of the three areas in NZ – Auckland, Christchurch and Southern. If you are interested in taking on this important role in one of these areas, please contact the National Secretary, Jan Howie, secretary@nzisa.com.



We need to get our name out there!!!

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International Development Squad Skaters

Just a reminder that skaters named to the International Development or High Performance Squads need to have their list of intended international competitions in to Ina Paul, inap@paradise.net.nz, by Tuesday 30 June to be considered for funding. Even if you are not completely sure of the competitions, please let Ina know which competitions you are considering attending. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Hollins Trophy Results

Nine New Zealand skaters competed at the 2009 Hollins Trophy held recently in Sydney at the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink. Congratulations to all of the skaters and the results they achieved.

Intermediate Ladies: Mykaila Lewis **3rd**
Novice Ladies: Jessie Park **2nd** Maddy Parker **3rd** Sarah MacGibbon **10th**
Junior Ladies: Ayesha Campbell **5th** Ariel Nadas **6th**
Junior Dance: Ayesha Campbell/Shane Speden **1st**
Junior Mens: Chris Boyd **6th**

ISU Adult Competition

Sue Hoseit, Dunedin ISC, recently competed in the ISU Adult International Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany. Sue placed 5th in the Silver Ladies IV Free Skate event. Well done Sue!!

Our web page:

www.nzisa.com

Has lots of information for our members.
Check it out!

