

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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NEWS FROM THE ISU CONGRESS IN DUBROVNIK, CROATIA



Sue Petricevic, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Connor McIver and Jeanette King recently attended the biennial International Skating Union Congress which was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

A very important part of this Congress was the election of all the ISU officers. The new ISU president is Jan Dijkema (previously Vice President (Speed)) and there have been quite a few changes in the makeup of Council and the various technical committees etc. If you are interested in looking at the summary of elections and appointments they are all listed in ISU Communication 2018 that can be found on the isu.org website.

We are very pleased to report that Sue Petricevic was re-elected to the Disciplinary Commission. Congratulations Sue. Sandra missed out on election to the Synchro Technical Committee by 2 votes, however, NZ have been invited to be part of a working group to study topics related to the education, qualification and recruitment of officials, which Sandra and Sue are very excited about.

Members at Congress voted to make quite a number of changes to the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, as well as changes to the Special Regulations and Technical requirements for the various disciplines. Some of the changes have already been made known via ISU Communications, and if you follow some of the international skating forums you will be aware of some quite significant changes, including the abolishment of anonymous judging. The establishment of an Athlete's Commission, and having a Development Commission rather than an individual Development Coordinator, are two further changes to the way the ISU is managed that we think are very positive moves. There are a significant number of other changes, and if you are interested in knowing more, please contact Jeanette King president@nzifsa.org.nz, Sandra Williamson Leadley ceo@nzifsa.org.nz, or Connor McIver connor.mciver@clear.net.nz.

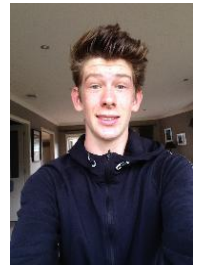
RESULTS FROM HOLLINS TROPHY COMPETITION, SYDNEY, 10 – 13 JUNE

Elementary Ladies	Lucie Holtz	Overall 15 th /21
Basic Novice A Ladies	Grace Greenstreet	Overall 9 th /16
	Rivers Richens	Overall 14 th /16
Basic Novice A Men	Star Richens	Overall 1 st /2
Basic Novice B Ladies	Amy Wang	Overall 17 th /19
Basic Novice B Men	Douglas Gerber	Overall 2 nd /2
Advanced Novice Ladies	Pei-Lin Lee	Overall 12 th /13

Junior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo	SP 9 th	FS 8 th	Overall 9 th /14
	Tracy Danbrook	SP 11 th	FS 13 th	Overall 13 th /14
	Zelda Ladefoged	SP 13 th	FS 14 th	Overall 14 th /14
	Christine Floka	Withdrawn		
Junior Men	Michael Durham	SP 2 nd	FS 1 st	Overall 1 st /2
	Harrison Bain	SP 1 st	FS 2 nd	Overall 2 nd /2
Senior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon	SP 3 rd	FS 4 th	Overall 4 th /4

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS FROM HOLLINS TROPHY COMPETITION

The NZIFSA Selection Policy provides an opportunity for skaters who competed at the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships last year, to meet the international representative selection criteria based on their performance at the Hollins Trophy competition held in Sydney 10-13 June 2016.



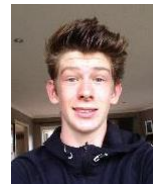
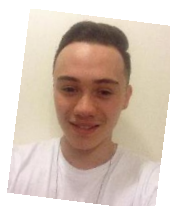
We're very pleased to announce that Harrison Bain met the selection criteria at Hollins Trophy to be included in the International A Team.

Skaters who met the selection criteria at the 2015 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships, and who are still age eligible for that grade at 1 July 2016, are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following Hollins Trophy. The confirmed list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Junior Ladies

Brooke Tamepo



Junior Men

Michael Durham

Harrison Bain

Senior Ladies

Allie Rout

INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Basic Novice A Ladies

Grace Greenstreet



Basic Novice A Men

Douglas Gerber

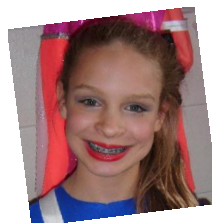
Basic Novice B Ladies

Pei-Lin Lee

Ella Smith

Advanced Novice A Ladies

Zara Anthony-Whigham



Junior Ladies

Tracy Danbrook

Christina Floka

Junior Men

Brian Lee

RESULT FROM INTERNATIONAL ISU ADULT FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION, OBERSTDORF, GERMANY, 13 - 18 JUNE

It was great to have four skaters at this event, though very sad that Sue Hoseit was unable to attend due to injury.

Karl Hewitt	Silver Men II Freeskate	5 th /8
	Silver Men II Artistic	1 st /6
Eleanor Stanbury	Bronze Ladies IV Freeskate	6 th /10
	Bronze Ladies IV Artistic	7 th /12
Wendy Thompson	Bronze Ladies III Artistic	29 th /31
Trish Weir	Bronze Ladies III Freeskate	14 th /27
	Bronze Ladies III Artistic	10 th /27

Congratulations to you all



Eleanor, Wendy, Karl and Trish at Oberstdorf

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS IN AUSTRALIA

WinterSun Trophy – Acacia Ridge Ice Rink (Brisbane) 6 - 10 July

Entries closed 22 June. The following skaters have requested permission to compete at this event:

Basic Novice B (Primary) Ladies	Ella Smith
Advanced Novice Ladies	Nicola Korck
	Pei-Lin Lee
Senior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon

Crystal Challenge – O'Brien Arena (Melbourne) 5 – 7 August

Closing date for entries is 22 July. The announcement and further information can be found at <http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-challenge-2016.html>

The following skater has requested permission to compete in this event, and given that entries don't close till 22 July we may well have other skaters attending this event.

Junior Ladies	Tracy Danbrook
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Sydney Synchro Festival - Penrith Ice Palace 10-11 September 2016

Entries close 5th August. The AIFSC Mixed age team has requested and been granted permission to compete at this event.

Reminder to skaters wishing to compete at competitions out of New Zealand

A reminder to any skaters considering competing in any competition outside New Zealand that you need to have permission from the NZIFSA before you make arrangements. As per section 203.5 of the Rules and Regulations, please email the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz with the details of the competition and the grade you wish to compete in.

We will aim to have a quick turnaround on these so you can get flights booked as early as possible. It would be appreciated if you give as much advance notice as possible.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy 2016 Manila, Philippines, August 4 – 7, 2016.

Preliminary Entries were due by 25th June and the following skaters have requested permission to compete at this competition.

Junior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo
Junior Men	Harrison Bain
	Michael Durham

Junior Grand Prix allocations

As NZ don't have any pairs or dance couples eligible to compete at the JGP events, we will be sending one Junior Lady and one Junior man to the following two competitions that we have been allocated.

Yokohama, Japan 7 – 11 September

Tallinn, Estonia 28 September – 2 October

We will confirm which skaters will be attending which event in the next newsletter.

2016 Challenger Series: US International Figure Skating Classic – Salt Lake City, Utah, USA 14 – 18 September

2016 Skate Canada Autumn Classic International – Montreal, Canada 28 Sept – 1 Oct

Sandra Williamson-Leadley has been invited to judge at the US International Figure Skating Classic and the Skate Canada Autumn Classic International in September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATHIEU WILSON

Congratulations to Mathieu Wilson, Level 2 coach in Auckland, and to his wife Laura, on the birth of a son Micah Antony Wilson, on 18 June. We hear Micah is doing well if not yet mastering appropriate sleeping times. As you can see from his awesome outfit, this wee boy is likely to be in skates as soon as he can walk.



OTAGO UNIVERSITY BLUES AWARD FOR SARAH MACGIBBON



Sarah MacGibbon has again been awarded an Otago University blues award for figure skating. The blues award is the Otago University graduates' Association's award for outstanding contributions to sport. Well done Sarah

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