

## NZIFSA Members' Forums Acceptable Use Policy

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### 1 Policy Aims

- 1.1 This policy aims to establish the basic rules regarding the use of the NZIFSA Members' Forums.

### 2 Statement

- 2.1 The NZIFSA "Members' Forums" are used to inform others in the NZ Skating Community about skating related events, to ask questions or debate issues relating to skating in New Zealand and the NZIFSA.

### 3 NZIFSA Policy for Use of the Members' Forums

- 3.1 Although all members are encouraged to take part in discussions, participation in the forum is optional and not universal. As such, the views expressed on these forums may not represent the majority of the membership. In addition, other stakeholders will not have access to these forums.
- 3.2 Sometimes, NZIFSA Officers will respond to individual postings "off-forum" in order to request further information or clarify the viewpoint that has been expressed.
- 3.3 Some members of the NZIFSA Board, Operations Group and Development Group participate in these forums. Their contribution to the discussion may represent their personal views on issues and should not be construed as official NZIFSA statements.
- 3.4 Postings of a commercial nature may only be made in the Classifieds Forum and must be for skating-related items or services.
- 3.5 Members should avoid criticising individual members, couples, pairs, teams or their performances. An exception would be a decision of the NZIFSA Board (as might occur as a result of a disciplinary proceeding.) Constructive criticisms of decisions of the NZIFSA Board are reasonable.
- 3.6 Members may not post anything that is unlawful, defamatory, obscene, indecent, harassing, threatening, harmful, and invasive of privacy or publicity rights, abusive or otherwise objectionable. Opinions are welcomed, but personal attacks and harassment using the forums is not acceptable.
- 3.7 The NZIFSA Board may remove or ask for the removal of any posts or materials that in their reasonable opinion do not meet the provisions of this Members' Forums Acceptable Use Policy. Disciplinary action may be taken in extreme cases or for repeated offences.