

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS DWAYNE ON GOLD MEDAL AT CRANBERRY CUP INTERNATIONAL 2024.

Congratulations to Dwayne (Yanhao) Li on an outstanding start to the 2024/2025 season! He achieved personal bests in both the Short Program and Freeskate, securing first place in both segments and earning the gold medal at the Cranberry Cup International 2024 in Boston, USA.



RECENT INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

Crystal Challenge 2024 – Melbourne, Australia, 8 – 11 August.

Senior Women	Ella Smith (GFSC)	SP 7 th /9	FS 7 th /9	Overall 8 th /9
Junior Women	Alethea Wong (AIFSC)	SP 13 th /15	FS 9 th /15	Overall 9 th /15
,	Victoria Larsen (GFSC)	SP 14 th /15	FS 12 th /15	Overall 13 th /15
Advanced Novice Girls	Ziyao (Nicca) Wu (AIDC) SP 3 rd /14		FS 5 th /14	Overall 4 th /14
Intermediate Novice Girls	Mia Chen (AIFSC)		FS 3 rd /9	Overall 3 rd /9
Basic Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie (AIDC))	FS 7 th /11	Overall 7 th /11
ISA Elementary Girls	Hailey Ng (AIDC)		FS 2 nd /15	Overall 2 nd /15
	Anna-Bella Levien (GFS	C)	FS 12 th /15	Overall 12 th /15
ISA Elementary Boys	Ryder Zou (AIDC)		FS 2 nd /4	Overall 2 nd /4
Silver Women II Freeskate	Olga Levien (GFSC)		FS 4 th /8	Overall 4 th /8
Coaches	Danielle Gebser			

Sydney Synchronized Festival 2024 Sydney, Australia 23 – 25 August.

Gordon Rushton Yasmin Walker

Judge Sandra Williamson- Leadley

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy 2024 – Hong Kong, 2 - 6 September.

Junior Women Renee Tsai

Misaki Joe

Team Leader Anna Ho

John Nicks Pairs Challenge, New York, USA, 3-4 September 2024.

Judge Sue Petricevic

Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-14 September

Junior Women Renee Tsai

Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Coach Bess Cao
Team Leader Dani Gebser

Swan Trophy International 2024 – Perth, Australia, 23 – 25 September.

Junior Women Renee Tsai

Christine (Qiwen) Aixinjueluo

Jazmine Evangelou

Intermediate Novice Girls Bridey Sangster

Judge Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Team Leader Katrina Chan

ISU International Adult Competition, Calgary, Canada, 18-21 September 2024.

Bronze II Woman Artistic and Freeskate Victoria Marinova Bronze IV Women's Artistic and Freeskate Jeanette King

Junior Grand Prix – Wuxi, China, 09-12 October

Junior Women Cara Tang

Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Coaches Bess Cao

Gordon Rushton

Team Leader Junko Kimura

UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Winter Sun 2024 - Brisbane, Australia, 6 - 8 September.

Junior Women Cara Tang (AIFSC)

Victoria Larsen (GFSC)

Coach Gordon Rushton

Swan Trophy Champ Series 2024 – Perth, Australia, 23 – 25 September.

Junior Men Stepan Kadlcik (AIFSC)
Silver Women III Freeskate Glenda Bronkhorst (AIDC)

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM SOUTH ISLANDS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Island, North Island, or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2024-25 Development Squad at the South Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname

Intermediate Novice Girls Bridey Sangster

Yuhuan Ding Olivia Dickson

Advanced Novice Girls Emmy Wratt

Sophie Pokorny Selina Zeng

Junior Women Jazmyn Evangelou

Senior Women Petra Lahti
Mixed Age Synchronized Cutting Edge

Congratulations to each of these skaters on this achievement.

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

We encourage clubs and individual members to nominate the person who you think is the most outstanding volunteer administrator and the skater who displays 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 nomination forms can be found on the forms section on the nzifsa website https://nzifsa.org.nz/forms/. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at the social function at the end of the 2024 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating 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

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 10 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 3 September. Any correspondence received now will be tabled at the September meeting.

All the best in skating, Robyn Morris and Bess Cao President and CEO, NZIFSA.