

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

RESULTS FROM RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Skate Helena 2020, Belgrade, 14 – 18 January 2020

Junior Ladies Jojo Hong SP 9th FS 5th Overall 6th/30

World Winter Masters Games 2020, Innsbruck, 13 - 19 January 2020

Silver V Freeskate Sue Hoseit Overall 4th/4

Silver V Artistic Sue Hoseit Overall 4th/4

Our apologies, Sue, for not mentioning this as an upcoming international competition in the December newsletter.

Reykjavik International Games, Iceland, 23-26 January 2020

Sandra Williamson-Leadley was at this event as Judge and Technical Controller.

Note: Ally Landon-Lane had hoped to compete at this event but for various reasons that did not happen.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Skate Southern, London, United Kingdom 24-27 February 2019

Junior Ladies Ally Landon-Lane

2020 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Tallinn, 2- 8 March 2020

Junior Ladies Jojo Hong

Oceania International, Auckland, Australia 6-8 May 2020

This competition is a joint undertaking between Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA and is for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice Singles skaters. Eligible skaters in the International A and B teams will be contacted in the next few weeks regarding this competition.

We had been exploring whether to add Junior grades to this event but unfortunately have had to decide against this for 2020.

Please note – this is an international competition and, as has been a requirement of any international competition held in New Zealand or overseas, all skaters will be required to stay with the team for a minimum of the night before and the night following their event. This will be a requirement for skaters who live in Auckland as well as those from elsewhere. NZIFSA will be seeking funding for the team accommodation.

A Coaches' Seminar will be held on 9 & 10 May immediately following the competition. We expect to have more information about this seminar soon.

ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany 17 - 23 May 2020

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| Bronze II Ladies Free Skating | Olga Levien |
| Bronze II Ladies Artistic | Olga Levien |
| Silver II Men Free Skating | Karl Hewitt |
| Silver II Men Artistic | Karl Hewitt |
| Silver V Ladies Free Skating | Sue Hoseit |
| Silver V Ladies Artistic | Sue Hoseit |

UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

Australia & New Zealand Adult Skating (ANZAS) Competition, Melbourne, Australia, 8 & 9 February 2020

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| Bronze II Ladies Free Skating | Olga Levien |
| Bronze II Ladies Artistic | Olga Levien |
| Silver V Freeskate | Sue Hoseit |
| Silver V Artistic | Sue Hoseit |
| Gold II Ladies Freeskate | Kelly Hoebergen |
| Gold II Ladies Artistic | Kelly Hoebergen |

Just a reminder that if you wish to compete in an interclub competition in Australia, you need to request permission from the NZIFSA via the Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz. This should be done in plenty of time and before you purchase your airfares. The NZIFSA encourage NZ skaters to compete in the following interclub competitions:

Hollins Trophy – Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink (Sydney) 5-8 June (this is also a competition where skaters can gain selection to be an A or B representative squad member). Entries close 8 May.

OFFICIALS TRAINING IN 2020

The following officials' training is planned for 2020.

Seminar for Singles Technical Specialists / Tech Controllers, Christchurch - 25 & 26 April

Clarence Ong (International Tech Specialist from Australia) and Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU) will be the moderators for this training. If you wish to attend this seminar please visit the following link and fill out the online registration form:

https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2020SinglesPairSkatingOfficialsSeminarForTechnicalSpecialistsTechnicalControllers

Ice-Dance Technical Specialist Training, Christchurch - 16 & 17 May

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be the moderator for this training. If you wish to attend this seminar, please complete the online registration form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IceDanceTechnicalSpecialistTraining2020>

Ice-Dance Judge training, Christchurch - 23 & 24 May

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be the moderator for this training also. If you wish to attend this seminar, please complete the online registration form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IceDanceJudgeTraining2020>

IJS Computer Set-Up and Trouble Shooting Training – dates TBC

The intention is to hold training in the North Island on how to set up the computer system and trouble-shooting in both the North Island and South Island

Mock Panels for all Competition Officials - May 2020

The plan is to run mock panels in three centres (Auckland, Christchurch and somewhere in Otago/Southland) before the competition season starts. This will give everyone, including Data/Replay Operators, Judges, Tech Specialists and IJS Technicians to go through their paces before we run our first competitions for the year.

COACHING COURSES

NZIFSA is planning on running two KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching courses this year.

Auckland 14 & 15 March

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IntroductionToCoachingCourseAucklandMarch2020>

Dunedin 21 & 22 March

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/IntroductionToCoachingCourseDunedinMarch2020>

These courses are open to new KiwiSkate coaches as well as currently accredited coaches wishing to attain points to maintain their accreditation. The courses cover two levels:

- KiwiSkate Assistant Course - individuals must be 14 years of age as at 1 January prior to the course and it is recommended they hold their Elementary test.
- Introduction to Coaching Course – individuals must be 15 years of age as at 1 January prior to the course and must hold their Preliminary test in any discipline. Coaches from different codes may apply to the Coaching Director for test dispensation based on their achievements/qualifications.

Please contact the Coaching Director, Caitlyn Paul, at coaches.director@nzifsa.org.nz if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

NZIFSA will not be running a Level 1 Coaching Course in 2020. However, in the conversations that our Coaching Director, Caitlyn Paul, has been having with Monica McDonald from APSA, they are potentially looking to run a Level 1 in Australia this year. We will pass on any details as they come to hand.

NZIFSA is also working with the ISU Development Commission to deliver a coach accreditation course for our Level 2 coaches. The proposal is that we pilot the new ISU Global Coach Education programme level 3 course that the ISU have been working on. At this point in time we are looking at early / mid-October 2020. We are still looking to secure suitable ice time to run the course in Auckland, as that is where the bulk of our coaches who need to do the Level 2, are based. However, other venues are being considered to ensure we can get the ice time that is necessary for this.

SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

NZIFSA has three camps planned for the April school holidays. As has been the practice in the last few years, all skaters who are named to the NZIFSA Development Squads will be subsidised by NZIFSA with cheaper registration fees and some funding towards travel costs to attend these camps.

Basic Novice to Senior Camp with Ravi Waili, Dunedin 20 -24 April 2020

NZIFSA are pleased to be able to confirm that Ravi Waili is to run this Skater and Coach Development Camp. Ravi is a top-level Canadian coach who, as well as being a former international athlete, has coached a number of skaters (including Kaetlyn Osmond) to Olympic level.

This camp is for Basic Novice to Senior level competitive skaters and Level 1-3 coaches (including those coaches working on their Level 1 Accreditation). All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the closing date for registrations (**15 March 2020**). Skaters can register for this camp at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2020DevelopmentWorkshopForBasicNoviceToSeniorLevelSkaters>

Pre-Elementary to Juvenile Camps – 15 - 17 April 2020, Auckland (Botany) and Gore

These two camps are for Pre-Elementary to Juvenile level competitive skaters and any KiwiSkate coaches over 15 years or Level 1 coaches. All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the closing date for registrations (**15 March 2020**). Skaters can register for this camp at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2020DevelopmentWorkshopsForPreElementaryElementaryAndJuvenileSkaters>

OneTeamMVMT, ISA and NZIFSA Synchro Development Camp in Melbourne 11-13 April 2020

Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA have teamed up with OneTeamMVMT (OTM) again to seek ISU Development Funding for a Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Australia in April.

NZIFSA have now been allocated space for 3 skaters and 1 coach per team for up to 6 teams (2 Basic Novice, 3 Mixed Age and 1 Advanced Novice). Basic Novice, Advanced Novice and Mixed Age teams that competed at North or South Island Champs or Nationals will have priority to attend. Skaters from any other teams, or additional skaters from the above-named teams, will be considered if spaces permit. When confirming which skaters and coaches attend this camp, NZIFSA will take into consideration the commitment shown to training and development. Coaches of synchro teams have been contacted and asked to register their interest with NZIFSA and to put forward (in priority order) the names of skaters they wish to attend this event. While we have been allocated space for 3 skaters for up to 6 teams, coaches have been asked to list up to 5 skaters in priority order. NZIFSA will be able to confirm attendance very early in February.

“SUMMER CAMP” OPPORTUNITY

During the northern hemisphere summer there are quite a number of summer camps that skaters may be interested in attending. Below is a link sent to us by Team Mishin and an invitation for skaters to participate in camps run by Alexei Mishin and his skating team. www.arcticicecamps.com

ISU SKATING AWARDS – THEY WANT YOUR VOTE!

Tens of thousands of votes have been submitted through the International Skating Union (ISU) Skating Awards online voting platform for the candidates of the inaugural ISU Skating Awards. Fans, media and ISU Members have until February 10, 2020 to vote for their favourite athletes in each of the categories. The ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission selected the candidates based on the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event results and announced the initial list of candidates on December 1, 2019. Following the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final that took place in Torino (ITA) last December, the ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission added five new candidates. For the full list of candidates, please go here or register on the ISU online voting platform where votes can be cast in the following categories:

1. Most Valuable Skater
2. Best Costume
3. Most Entertaining Program
4. Best Newcomer
5. Best Choreographer
6. Best Coach
7. Lifetime Achievement Award

Please visit the following site to see the long list of candidates. The site also includes the link you need to register and vote. <https://isu.org/media-centre/press-releases/2020-6/23412-isu-skating-awards-long-list-of-candidates-2020/file>

REMINDER - SKATER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 15 FEBRUARY 2020

The NZIFSA is offering two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2020. One scholarship is to be offered for Advanced Novice, Junior or Senior level skaters, and the other is to be offered for Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice skaters. The scholarship may be awarded for Singles, Pairs or Ice Dance. If awarded for Ice Dance or Pairs, the scholarship is to be shared as a team. This offer is only open to skaters who have been selected following NZ Nationals to the NZIFSA Development Squad in Basic Novice or above.

The intent of the scholarships is to provide some financial support to enable some of our most talented skaters to train overseas, working with internationally recognized coaches and skating alongside high-level skaters.

All Development Squad Skaters should have received the application form via email by now. Please contact the Skater Development Director, Sandra Williamson-Leadley at skating.development@nzifsa.org.nz if you haven't received this information.

The NZIFSA are intending that these scholarships can be offered on an ongoing basis, but this is dependent upon ongoing funding being secured. If you are interested in contributing towards establishment of an ongoing scholarship fund please contact contact Anita Tamepo president@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King ceo@nzifsa.org.nz

Sandra Williamson-Leadley is offering the following items for sale – with all proceeds to go towards the NZIFSA skater scholarships



Brand new Chloe Noel black and pink snowflake gloves are \$20.00



Skate bracelet is \$25.00. Pink skates and silver lettering.



Skate and snowflake key chain is \$25.00



The card is designed by Rachel Belle in Australia and is for sale for \$7.50.

Please contact Sandra Williamson-Leadley on sleadley@gmail.com if interested.

THE ISU #UPAGAIN CAMPAIGN

If you follow the ISU newsfeeds you will be aware that the ISU launched its #UpAgain Campaign in November. If you haven't already come across this, we suggest you check out the video <https://youtu.be/X4Ps8M8BZt0> narrated by Spanish Figure Skater, two-time World Champion and seven-time European Champion Javier Fernández. The film tells how every top Skater has encountered setbacks to achieve success on the ice. The #upagain challenge also invited fans and skaters to share their stories <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/upagain/?hl=en>

SKATER REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND ISU CONGRESS

The ISU is keen to see Member Federations include Skater Representatives as part of their delegation. With this in mind the Board of the NZIFSA invited Expressions of Interest from current, or recently retired, international representatives who are 18 years or more and who are interested in understanding more about how the governance of our sport works at an international level. We did receive one application but given the short amount of notice the decision has been made not to progress with this this year. We will endeavour to seek expressions of interest much earlier prior to the 2022 ISU Congress.

NZIFSA AGM TO BE HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 4 APRIL 2020

The AGM is to be held Saturday 4 April with meetings for the Board, Operations and Development Groups on Sunday morning. The meeting will be held in the staffroom at the Cockle Bay School, Sandspit Road, Cockle Bay, Auckland 2014. We anticipate starting with the AGM at around 1pm followed by member forums at approximately 2pm, and a social get together from 4-5pm.

The following positions are up for election in 2020 and we would like to encourage people to consider standing for these roles:

Vice-President

CEO

One Board member

General Secretary

Technical Director

Officials Director

Honorary Solicitor

In addition to the above, the Coaching Director role is also up for election as this was a Board appointment in 2019. This role would be for a period of one year. All the other positions would be for a period of two years.

If you have any questions about any of these roles please don't hesitate to Anita Tamepo president@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King ceo@nzifsa.org.nz

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR 2020 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note the following is a provisional schedule for the 2020 New Zealand Figure Skating Championships to be held in Dunedin 26 – 29 September. Every effort will be made to hold the events on the days listed below, the order of the events is however likely to change.

Friday 25 September

Unofficial practices

Saturday 26 September

Waltzing Trophy

Juvenile Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) FS

Basic Novice Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) FS

Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) SP

Sunday 27 September

Ice Dance RD and PD (all grades)

Pairs SP (all grades)

Intermediate Novice Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) FS

Advanced Novice Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) FS

Adult Interpretive

Monday 28 September

Ice Dance FD (all grades)

Pairs FS (all grades)

Junior Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) SP

Senior Ladies & Men SP

Adult Freeskate

Synchro SP

Tuesday 29 September

Junior Under 12, Ladies (12 and Over) & Men (12 and Over) FS

Senior Ladies & Men FS

Synchro FS (including Adults)

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition in the afternoon/evening as per the draft outline below. Ice time will be made available for unofficial practices. The times outlined below are indicative only.

| Days/Dates | Official Practice | Competition | Unofficial Practice |
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| Friday 25 September | | | 2:00 – 7:00pm |
| Saturday 26 September | 7:00 – 12:00 noon | 3:00 – 8:30pm | 8:30 – 10:00pm |
| Sunday 27 September | 7:00 – 12:00 noon | 3:00 – 8:30pm | 8:30 – 10:00pm |
| Monday 28 September | 7:00 – 12:00 noon | 3:00 – 8:00pm | 8:00 – 10:00pm |
| Tuesday 29 September | 7:30 – 11:00am | 12:00 – 3:30pm | |

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next NZIFSA Board is on 18 February 2020 (originally scheduled for 11 February). Please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by 11 February at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following March meeting.

All the best in skating

Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King

President and CEO

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