



JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy, Jakarta, Indonesia 1-5 August 2026

Basic Novice	Nicole Xiao
Advanced Novice	Luna Wu
Junior Women	Renee Tsai
	Brooke Cathro
Coaches	Chih-I (Michael) Tsao
	Yu Geng
Unfunded Team Leader	Stella Chen

Junior Grand Prix – Xi’An City, China, 19-22 August 2026

Junior Women	Cara Tang
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coaches	Bess Cao
	Emilia Ashan
Team Leader	Anna Ho

Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok, Thailand, 2-5 September 2026

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coaches	Bess Cao
	Chih-I (Michael) Tsao
Team Leader	Anna Ho

Adult Figure Skating Competition in Vernon, Canada, 16-19 September 2026

Bronze II Women Freeskate & Artistic	Viktoria Marinova
Bronze II Women Freeskate & Artistic	Juliette Sivertsen
Bronze IV Women’s Artistic & Solo Free Dance	Sally Garelja
Silver I Women’s Freeskate	Elise Franklin
Silver II Women’s Freeskate	Rachel Sidda

Swan Trophy International, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 26-30 September 2026

Basic Novice Girls	Aeryl Zhang
	Jasmin Ngan
	Lilian Peng
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien
	Luna Wu
Advanced Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie
Junior Women	Cara Tang
	Mia Chen
Senior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li

Coaches	Bess Cao Emilia Ashan
Team Leader	TBC

Junior Grand Prix – Ljubljana, Slovenia 30 Sept – 3 October 2026

Junior Women	Nicca (Ziyao) Wu
Coach	TBC
Unfunded Team Leader	Caisheng Yang

UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend interclub competitions outside New Zealand by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete.

Ice Skating Australia's Champ Series events listed below are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. Please note, until we have announcements, we can't confirm permission but hopefully the following information will help with your planning.

- WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD – 2-6 September. <https://www.ifsc.org.au/wintersun>. Entries close 12 August
- Sydney Synch Festival, Erina, NSW, 12-13 September. Entries close 17 August. <https://www.nswisa.com/ice/index.php/blog/competition-info>
- Swan Trophy Champ Series Interclub, Perth, WA – 27-30 September. Entries close 28 August. <https://www.wafsc.org/index.php/competitions/swan-trophy>. This interclub competition runs alongside the Swan Trophy International.

To date approval has been granted for:

Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, VIC, Australia, 6-9 August

Junior Women	Cara Tang Alethea Wong
Junior Men	Michael Yuchen Duan
Senior Women	Victoria Larsen

WinterSun, Brisbane, Australia, WA, 2-6 September

Basic Novice Girls	Athena Macmac
Intermediate Novice Girls	Lydia Peters
Advanced Novice Girls	Madison Bryce Emma Thein-Xie
Junior Women	Brooke Cathro Lilia Lin

Sydney Synch Festival, Erina, NSW, Australia, 12-13 September

Senior	Obsidian Senior
Mixed Age	Obsidian Mixed Age
Basic Novice	Obsidian Basic Novice Obsidian Basic Novice Crystal (subject to acceptance by OC)

Swan Trophy Champ Series Interclub, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 27-30 September

Basic Novice Girls	Charlotte Hua
	Rebecca Situ
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien
Junior Men	Michael Yuchen Duan
Senior Women	Cordelia Shi
	Cara Tang
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien

SPORT INTEGRITY COMMISSION TE KAHU RAUNUI CLEAN SPORT WEBINAR

Date: Tuesday, 1st of September 2026

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

This will be delivered by Athlete Educator Pip Sutton. To learn more about our Athlete Educator, Pip, please see the attached profile.

This webinar is being offered to all NZIFSA International A & B team representatives, all other skaters, coaches & parents/caregivers and club committee members. The NZIFSA Board has an expectation that all skaters competing outside New Zealand have attended a Clean Sport (Anti-Doping) Seminar within the 18 months prior to entering an international competition. All other members of our skating community are encouraged to attend so that they can help keep our sport clean.

Please ensure that you have read the information regarding the collection of personal information by the Sport Integrity Commission before signing and submitting this form. **Skaters under the age of 16 on 01/09/2026** will need a parent or caregiver to complete this consent form on their behalf and sign a consent form that will be emailed after submission of this registration form. Once registration closes, you will be emailed the Zoom link. **Registrations close 25/08/2026.**

Any questions please contact Anna Smith, NZIFSA Anti-Doping Officer – anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/CleanSportWebinarSept2026>



REMINDER MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2026 competition season we need everyone to provide or update your music details to help ensure we can meet our music licensing requirements.

For all club and regional competitions in the South Island and for the Clucas Cup and our National Championships, please use the NZIFSA form.

NOTE: The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) has chosen to manage the music information using a separate system for Auckland club and North Island regional competitions that better meets their needs.

What information do you need to provide?

1 General

Skater name(s), email address(s), grade, coach name, coach email address. Please update coach contact details if this has changed.

Note, only one form needs to be completed for ice dance couples and pairs teams. For synchro teams we ask for the team manager and coach contact details.

2 What competitions and grade are you entering?

Please mark which competitions you are entering and pick the correct grade from the drop down menu. This helps the competition organisers when checking that they have your music details. You can come back and update this again later with any additional competitions you enter, or if you move up grades during the year.

3 The music details.

For each programme you skate you will need to provide the following for each piece of music used

- Title of Music
- Recording Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Publisher / Record Label
- Duration of cut (min:sec – e.g. 1:40)
- Whether vocal or non-vocal (instrumental)

We suggest you collect this information for each piece music before you start filling in the form. If you are trying to find the details, we recommend you find your piece of music in Spotify, click on the 3 dots ... for extra information and choose "Show credits".

Saving and updating the form

You need to click the save button at the bottom right of the form before you exit. The skater and coach will both be sent an email called "2026 Music details Save & Resume Link". With this link you will be able to go back and update details, including entry to additional competitions or changes to the music details recorded.

Separate forms for different events

If a skater is competing more than one event, e.g. Dance and Singles, or Interpretive and Singles, then separate forms need to be completed. This is so that we can check that we have the required music details for any given competition. But if you compete in an event that has more than one part to it – e.g. a Short Programme and a Freeskate, you can enter this information in the one form.

Please use this link for all NZIFSA or South Island competitions

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2026MusicDetails>



For **North Island Club or Regional competitions** please use the following link and have your music files ready to submit when you complete the online form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2026>

CALL FOR TEAM LEADERS FOR SWAN TROPHY INTERNATIONAL

The NZIFSA are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced individuals to fulfil the Team Leader role at the Swan Trophy International to be held at Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 26-30 September.

We are looking for team leaders who have enough experience of international competitions, ideally either as an official or coach, to be able to coordinate the activities of our team members. As outlined in the position description, they need to be able to handle crisis situations as well as routine administrative tasks; be team players who can work with all athletes, coaches, judges, parents, and administrators; have knowledge of the NZIFSA rules and agreements surrounding international participation; and, have local knowledge that will assist them in carrying out their role.

The Team Leader position description can be found on page 10 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V9.0.pdf>

The NZIFSA Funding Policy <https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Funding%20Policy%20V11.0.pdf> section 10, outlines two different maximum funding criteria based on the location of each ISU Championship or International as indicated below:

- For events in North/South America, Asia and Oceania, \$1,650 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition
- For events in Europe and South Africa, \$2,750 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition

Normally a person may be selected for a team leader position only once per funding season, however if circumstances require an individual to serve as team leader at more than one competition, funding will be provided in all cases.

Please submit your EOI and any supporting documentation via the Cognito form link below by **5pm on Monday 10 August**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOIForSwanTrophy2026>



If you have any questions, please email the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

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 2026 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 sportpersonship
- 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

NATIONALS ACCOMMODATION FOLLOW UP

We were aware that many of the accommodation options for the period of nationals were already quite booked up however as some of the conflicting events for that week have been rescheduled it would be worth contacting accommodation providers directly to see if there is anything now available. The Nationals organising team have also secured a number of houses and apartment options that are available for rent. These are not usually advertised publicly so if you are still requiring accommodation please contact Melissa on isstestcompsecretary@gmail.com and she will provide you with the list of available options.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 11 August. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz). Any correspondence received after the 4th of August will go to the next meeting.

All the best in skating,
Robyn Morris and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA