

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

There is a lot to celebrate in this newsletter and I am sure you will join us in congratulating our skaters who competed at our recent National Championships.

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUCKLAND 6 - 9 OCTOBER

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the organisers, officials and volunteers for making this such a successful event. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the many hours of work and the effort of Laura Thompson, Bridget Danbrook, and members of the organising committee from North Islands Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) put in to this competition.

Our National Championships are the pinnacle event of our skating calendar and we wish to congratulate all those who met the qualification criteria to be able to compete. We enjoyed some great skating over the four days of competition and all results can be found on the Competitions section of the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 2018 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provisional announcement of selection of representative skaters of those that had made the development squads was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed selections are listed below. For these skaters to be eligible to attend Australian Nationals or any international competition they need to have attended an anti-doping seminar. NZIFSA are looking into the availability of seminars that skaters can attend.

NZIFSA Development Squad

Those marked with * met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships. These are listed alphabetically by surname.

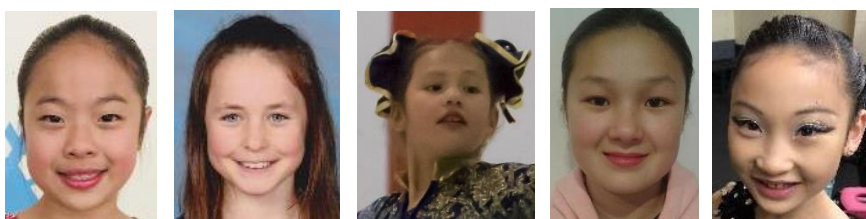
Pre Elementary Ladies

Ivana Chen*
Yuhuan Ding*



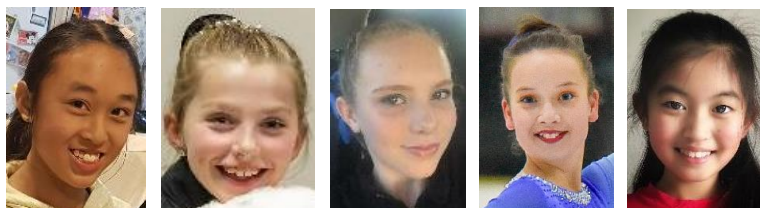
Juvenile Ladies

Marina Chen*
Jazmyn Evangelou*
Ann Kyle
Hannah Sutton*
Cara Tang*



Basic Novice Ladies

Nicole Cao*
Brooke Cathro
Jordon Laker*
Victoria Larsen*
Hope Zhang*



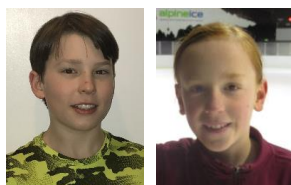
Intermediate Novice Ladies

Grace Greenstreet
Lucienne Holtz*
Misaki Joe*
Yvonne Li*
Cordelia Shi*
Natasha Woodacre*
Ruth Xu*



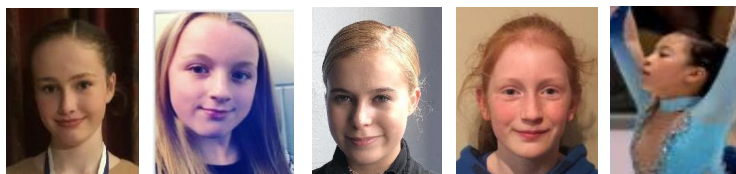
Intermediate Novice Men

Stepan Kadlcik*
Star Richens*



Advanced Novice Ladies

Mirika Armstrong*
Jess Hay*
Ally Landon-Lane
Rebekah Sime*
Emmanuel Tsang*



Advanced Novice Men

Douglas Gerber*



Junior Ladies

Nerin Cornwell*
Dani Gebser
Jojo Hong
Nicola Korck*
Ella Smith*
Asia Tapealava*



Junior Men

Harrison Bain*
Brian Lee



Senior Ladies

Isabella Bardua
Brooke Tamepo



Basic Novice Dance

Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough*



Basic Novice Synchro**

Titanium: Mackenzie Anderson
Caitlin Carter
Alex Hamilton
Ashley Ip
Jordon Laker
Olivia Pokorny
Catilin Rae
Jenna Scholtz
Brooke Stansfield
Kelly Zou



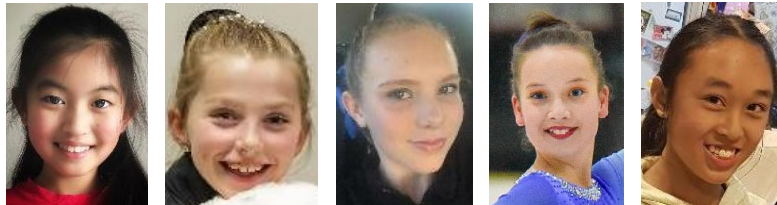
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Selection of Skaters for the Australian Figure Skating Championships

The following skaters have met our selection criteria to compete at the 2018 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Ice Skating Australia is not always able to accept all of our skaters to compete, and we are awaiting confirmation as to whether they have places available for all those that met our selection criteria.

Basic Novice Ladies

Hope Zhang
Brooke Cathro
Jordon Laker
Victoria Larsen
Nicole Cao



Basic Novice Men

Blake Barraclough



Intermediate Novice Ladies

Ruth Xu
Lucienne Holtz
Yvonne Li
Natasha Woodacre
Cordelia Shi
Grace Greenstreet
Misaki Joe
Praewa Saguanwongse
Emilia Crooks



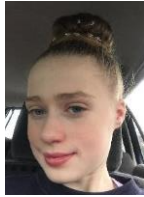
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Stepan Kadlcik
Star Richens



Intermediate Ladies

Katie St Clair-Newman

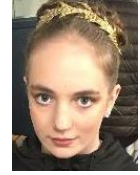


Intermediate Men

Ezra Dalkie

Advanced Novice Ladies

Mirika Armstrong
Ally Landon-Lane
Emmanuel Tsang
Rebekah Sime
Jess Hay
Hannah Sime



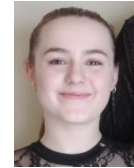
Advanced Novice Men

Douglas Gerber



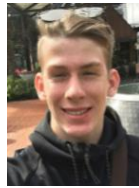
Junior Ladies

Jojo Hong
Ella Smith
Nicola Korck
Dani Gebser
Asia Tapealava
Nerin Cornwell



Junior Men

Harrison Bain



Senior Ladies

Isabella Bardua
Brooke Tamepo



Basic Novice Pairs

Nerin Cornwell & Reuben Dougherty



Basic Novice Dance

Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough



Basic Novice Synchro**

Titanium: Mackenzie Anderson
Caitlin Carter
Alex Hamilton
Ashley Ip
Jordon Laker
Olivia Pokorny
Catilin Rae
Jenna Scholtz
Brooke Stansfield
Kelly Zou



Mixed Age Synchro**

Black Ice: Nicola Bebelman
Katrina Chan
Sophie Foune
Neske Groenewegen
Victoria Heald
Georgia Hessel
Leah Hodgson
Melissa Laby
Jordan Messenger
Courtney Osborne
Vanessa Preston
Jenna Thomas
Taylyn Vallet
Courtney Wertheim
Tunku Zubir



Kia Kaha: Brittany Bensemman
Chahna Davis
Rowan Green
Olivia Henderson
Rachel Lister
Liam Mclver
Abbey Miller
Willow Ryan
Varshana Schelling
Sasha Seatter
Helena Tartt
Anna Winter
Rachel Woollett



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Selection of International B Team Representative Skaters

The International B Team provides an opportunity for a further group of skaters to gain experience at international competitions. These skaters are eligible to attend any international competitions where the number of spaces available to New Zealand in any grade exceeds the number of selected International A Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

Basic Novice Ladies

Hope Zhang
Brooke Cathro
Jordon Laker
Victoria Larsen



Intermediate Novice Ladies

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Misaki Joe



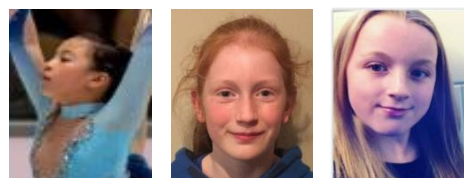
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Advanced Novice Ladies

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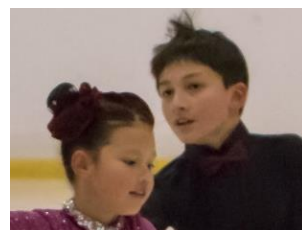
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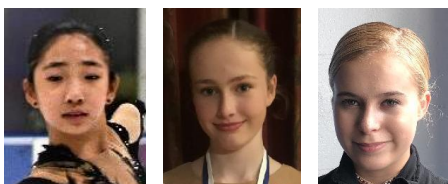
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Selection of International A Team Representative Skaters

The following skaters have met the NZIFSA criteria to be eligible for selection to represent New Zealand at International Competitions and are in order of priority. Skaters marked with an * are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age.

Advanced Novice Ladies

Jojo Hong*
Mirika Armstrong
Alley Landon-Lane



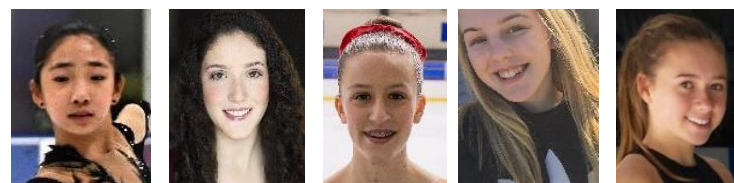
Advanced Novice Men

Douglas Gerber



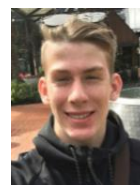
Junior Ladies

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Isabella Bardua*
Ella Smith
Nicola Korck
Dani Gebser



Junior Men

Harrison Bain



Senior Ladies

Isabella Bardua
Brooke Tamepo



OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET

Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence

The cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions (including Australia) or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. If there is no skater, couple, pair or team that fit the criteria that year, the trophy will be held until the following year. The Board were very pleased to award the Cup of Excellence to Jojo Hong based on her performance at competitions during the year including her placement (18th out of 33) at the recent JGP in Linz, Austria, and 1st place at Hollins Trophy in June 2018.

Administrator of the Year

There were five nominations for this award this year and each of the nominees have made and continue to make a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were Jeanne Begej, Bridget Danbrook, Maureen Forrester, Karen Smith and Sam Snoad. Three of these nominees play important roles in the NZIFSA, but it is their contribution at club and regional level that are the focus of this award.

Jeanne Begej, in addition to assisting NZIFSA as Officials Director, alongside Barbara Lindsay-Taylor, is still very active as a Judge, President of the Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club and still actively skates in the Adult Synchro Team. As President of the Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club she has managed to get members of the club to take on duties within the club and assists them in their role. She is a great role model and mentor.

Bridget Danbrook, in addition to the simply huge amount of work she does as General Secretary for NZIFSA, goes out of her way not just to ensure the rink runs smoothly and people pay their bi monthly fees and clip card fees, but she makes coffee for the coaches. She also takes the time to explain to new parents how things work at the rink and with ice time etc. She is always patient all times at the rink. As it can be a stressful place, everyone rushing to school in the morning, I have yet to see Bridget in a bad mood or not smiling. She has the patience of a saint.

Maureen Forrester has been an integral part of Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC) for many years but this year the club has doubled in size with the inclusion of the Basic Novice Synchro team. Maureen has been amazing at making sure that all our new members and parents are very welcome within the club and has worked tirelessly in applying for funding to help pay for both teams training and development sessions. Maureen has been club secretary for a number of years and each year she puts together the AIDC competition with minimal help and this is always a successful and fun end of year competition that both spectator and entrants enjoy. She has such a passion and enjoyment for ice skating and making it a fun and enjoyable experience she interacts with. This year Maureen has also taken on the official role of managing Momentum, the clubs' adult synchro team. Oh, and breaking her wrist at the beginning of the season and getting back on the ice as soon as she could, to be able to skate at the AIFSC champs.

Karen Smith has for many years taken on the responsibility of club secretary and competition organiser for the Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC). She organises or participates in almost anything and everything the club was holding. She consistently goes above and beyond her role as GFSC secretary. Karen is fantastic in her communication with club members, efficient and friendly with other clubs and associations. The club members are always up to date with what is going on in terms of competitions, club events and developments within the wider skating community. Karen has always shown great dedication to her role, and over the past five years has supported and enhanced the club through encouragement of new skaters and members to get involved, through to finding ways the club can support the higher, competitive skaters.

Sam Snoad is someone that wears many hats and is also very visible within the club environment. Currently Sam holds the position of Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club Treasurer, Grants Officer, Synchro Team Manager, Synchro Treasurer, North Islands Committee Member and is on the Operations Group of the NZIFSA Board and any other hats that are all too often left lying around on the floor. Sam is great at committee meetings, she has her finger on the pulse, is always prepared with up to date financials and is the "Queen of Grants", always trying for grants to bolster up the funds required to run our competitions and ice time expenditure. She also does this

at a North Island and National level. When not doing all of the above we know that she is not idle – when it is competition time, she is always working hard behind the scenes to somehow make a volunteers roster work (even when we are always constantly short of helpers) and we know that we will always find her in the music box being our DJ Sam come competition day.

The Board, after quite some deliberation, decided to award the Administrator of the Year award to Sam Snoad. The NZIFSA would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the other nominees for the huge contribution they make to our sport through their volunteer activities.

Sportsperson of the Year

Six people were nominated for this award. The nominees were Reuben Dougherty, Megan Kliegl, Nicola Korck, Ella Smith, Sabrina Snoad, and Brooke Tamepo

Reuben Dougherty (DISC) was nominated by Nerin Cornwell's mother for the kindness and attention he has shown to his new skating partner Nerin and for being a good role model. He has helped ensure that Nerin has had a smooth transition to New Zealand going without her family as she pursues her skating dream. He also reached out to support Nerin and her mother when they at the Javier Fernandez camp in Spain, above and beyond what was expected of a very new pairs partnership. Nerin has also spoken of how good he is with the younger skaters.

Megan Kliegl (DISC) is described as a great sportsperson within the club. In addition to be a positive and professional coach, Megan freely gives her time to many areas. She is the Dunedin Ice Skating Club social media manager and connects the club via Facebook, uploading information and articles that may be of interest to skates, parents and the public. Megan has also been very involved in the DISC annual Christmas ice shows.

Nicola Korck (AIFSC) was nominated by her mother for her perseverance in the face of a series of setbacks and challenges. Nicola has been skating for 7.5 years. She has been through the Christchurch earthquakes, several relocations, injury and illness. When she was unable to compete due to injury or illness she still turned up to support other skaters and wish them luck. She is always friendly and courteous on the ice to all coaches and prepared to learn from anyone.

Ella Smith (GFSC) started skating at six years old through the Kiwiskate program. In 2012 she skated in Elementary grade in her first competition. Since then Ella has competed in most competitions in Auckland, and competed in our National Championships, Australian Figure Skating Champs, Hollins Trophy and Wintersun. Ella is a dedicated skater who works hard and shows perseverance. She is very mature in her approach to other skaters and is a great role model. She always makes new skaters feel welcome. In 2018 she took on the role of Club Captain to represent skaters needs and views on the club committee. She gets involved in fundraising activities, opportunities to promote the sport through the media and coaches school holiday programmes.

Sabrina Snoad (AIFSC) Sabrina first started skating in 2008 and was totally smitten with the bug after being a flower girl at Nationals in 2009. She entered her first Nationals in 2010, and has competed in both synchro and solo grades ever since. Sabrina was part of the Novice Synchronized team representing NZ at the 2011 Australian Nationals and skated in the AIFSC Mixed Age Team at the Sydney Synchro Festival in 2016. She was also part of the AIFSC "Disney on Ice Pre-Show" squad from 2013-2015 and skated for a Mixed Age team in Dunedin when they were short on

numbers. In 2014 Sabrina started as a trainee coach and has also been involved in coaching synchro. As synchro is Sabrina's passion she leapt at the opportunity to skate for Brisbane based senior team Nova and has been skating with them since 2016, competing in Australia and at international competitions. On top of this she is an active club member and when possibly participates in fundraising events and always volunteers her time at club competitions. She currently manages both the AIFSC and the NI Facebook pages and is part of the NI Nationals Organising Committee for 2018. She is also a positive role model for our younger skaters. She is always encouraging and takes the time to talk to those less experienced and to offer advice, when asked.

Brooke Tamepo (WAISC) Brooke has been skating for many years and during this time has grown into a kind, caring young woman. Brooke is a person who sets goals and has great work ethic, both within skating and outside of skating. She always has time though to chat to our younger skaters whether it be to guide them about rink rules, or just to see how their day is going. As a KiwiSkate coach Brooke pushes her skaters to go beyond what they think is possible, encouraging them to never give up and to keep trying, before her students know it they are achieving their goals. Brooke is also in her 3rd year of a BSc in Human Nutrition and Physiology, and has, on several occasions, assisted with Development Camps by giving talks on nutrition and on one occasion an impromptu talk. Brooke's calm and collected nature took this all in her stride, all while being an active participant in the camps. There are numerous examples of how willing Brooke is to put others before herself. Brooke recognises the need to help with volunteer duties at competitions and is found not only to be competing but often helping to set up the judges' area, marshalling, announcing and sitting at the door. By Brooke doing this it's encouraging our younger club members to also help, teaching them the work involved in competitions goes beyond their competitive performances. Brooke is a very confident young woman, who loves this sport and tries her best to instil this passion in young skaters. She is always courteous, friendly and supportive of all, she is a great role model and has great sportsmanship.

The Board (minus the President who was unable to be at this meeting) are very pleased to award the Sportsperson of the year award to Brooke Tamepo. The NZIFSA also wish to acknowledge all the other nominees for this award and the valuable part they play in creating a positive environment for all our skaters.

The Allchurch Shield

The Shield is named after Sandy Allchurch and is awarded to the club that gets the highest number of points, based on where their members place in the various grades, at our New Zealand National and Adult Skating Championships. Sandy Allchurch was actively involved in the Association for many years and was at the inaugural meeting in June 1937 of what was, until 2011, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association. Sandy was also Patron for our Association for many years, and was very dedicated to supporting ice skating. Being able to present this award each year is a rather special acknowledgement to Sandy and the contribution that he, and others like him, have made to our sport.

The provisional announcement of the Allchurch Shield was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed points are listed below.

The Allchurch Shield was won by Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club – congratulations.

Summary of the Allchurch Shield points:

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	47
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	21
West Auckland Ice Skating Club (WAISC)	18
Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	15
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	13
Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	11
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	6
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	6
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	5
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	0

RESULTS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Adult ISU competition in Vancouver, Canada 11-13 October

Bronze III Ladies Freeskate	Jeanette King	Overall 5 th /8
Bronze III Ladies Artistic	Jeanette King	Overall 9 th /10
Bronze III Men Artistic	Alistair Christie	Overall 1 st /1
Silver V Freeskate	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /1
Silver V Artistic	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /1



Sue Hoseit with some of her supporters following her artistic freeskate. Front row (left to right) Talitha Licauco (AUS), Sue Hoseit (NZL), Alistair Christie (NZL). Back row Erwin Millendez (AUS) Brook Crawford (AUS), Jeanette King (NZL) and Burton Fowley (USA)

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Swan Challenge, Bled, Slovenia 1-4 November

Silver V Freeskate Sue Hoseit

Silver V Artistic Sue Hoseit

Inge Solar Memorial / Allen Trophy, Innsbruck, Austria 11-18 November

Senior Ladies Isabella Bardua

Skate Celje, Slovenia 22-25 November

Junior Ladies Jojo Hong

Warsaw Cup, Warsaw, Poland 22-25 November

Senior Ladies Isabella Bardua

STARS ON ICE – QUEENSTOWN

“Stars on Ice” is an annual Queenstown Ice Skating Club fundraising event and this year it was held on Saturday 29 September. The event involves club skaters being matched with local celebrities to perform a routine in front of a 'celebrity' panel of judges. Couples have 8 weeks to learn their routines before the event.



The cast of Stars on Ice



George Muggleton (left) and Caragh Early were the judges' choice winners. Seen here with coach Deanna Pielak-Jones.



Jodi Walters and "Cookie" were chosen as the People's Choice winners for raising the most money for the club.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Saturday 10th November, please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by 3rd November at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

All the best in skating,
Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King