NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC) COMMUNICATION 020

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Decisions made at the Council Meeting held 24/25 July and other important matters are notified below.

NZ REPRESENTATIVES – AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

Additional selections to the New Zealand Team to compete at the 2004 Australian National Championships to be held in Sydney August $21 - 28^{th}$ were made at the recent Auckland and Centaurus Club championships. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to all team members. The complete team selections are as follows:-

Senior Men Ricky Cockerill, Tristan Thode Junior Men Joel Watson, Mathieu Wilson

Junior Ladies Morgan Figgins, Dee Pulman (declined)
Novice Men Cameron Hems, Nicholas Apperley
Novice Ladies Allie Rout, Elizabeth O'Neill

Intermediate Men Iain Pollock, Grant Howie

Intermediate Ladies Lucy-Kate Johnson, Caitlyn Paul, Kathryn Gregory

Primary Ladies Juliette O'Neill Junior Synchronized Ice Odyssey

Grant Howie and Kathryn Gregory will also compete in the Primary Pairs event.

Judges Officiating Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas.

RESULTS AUSTRALIAN CLUB AND STATE COMPETITIONS

A group of skaters representing Alexandra, Centaurus, Dunedin, Glenburn and Ice Sports Southland Clubs competed at either Hollins Trophy, NSW and Queensland State Championships with varying results. Sandra Leadley attended Hollins as a Judge and NSW for the ISU Dance Seminar plus acting as a Judge.

Medal winners were as follows:-

Hollins Kate Davidson 3rd Pre Primary Ladies

Grant Howie 2nd Intermediate Men

Mathieu Wilson 3rd Junior Men

Kathryn Gregory/Grant Howie 1st Pre Primary Pairs

NSW Allie Rout 1st Novice Ladies

Congratulations to all these skaters.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES 2005 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

With Australia returning their National Championships back to August, those skaters eligible for selection to compete in the 2005 Australian Nationals will be named at the conclusion of the 2004 NZ National Championships or at the Closing Banquet. Confirmation of selection will be subject to rule 301.2 a to d as follows.

- a) Having competed at the last New Zealand National Championships
- **b**) The ability to meet the ISU Technical requirements
- c) Having passed the required test
- **d**) Ongoing performance up to the time selection is confirmed and ongoing commitment up to the time of departure from New Zealand. This is to be monitored by the selectors.

SPECIAL WINTER WORLD OLYMPIC GAMES NOMINATION

After the success Nicholas Apperley achieved in Nagano, Japan earlier this year, the Canterbury Special Olympic Committee has nominated Nick to represent New Zealand at the Special Winter World Olympics. We congratulate Nick on his nomination and hope it is successful.

MUSIC

Skaters are alerted to the fact that music on CD's is also very vulnerable to playback. If a CD is submitted scratched there is a high risk that you will receive problems with playback quality to the extent that tracks will skip. Please ensure your music is in A1 condition and always carry a spare copy in your skate bag don't just rely on your Coach or Parent.

ADOPTION OF NEW RULES PASSED AT CONGRESS

Please be aware that New Zealand will not adopt these rules until the new competitive season. However, Australia is doing so. Any skater or team who alter their program to conform to new ISU Rule Change to compete in Australia will not receive any penalty in New Zealand. Eg SP time has been increased to 2 minutes 50 to enable the development of Transitions. The amendments as advised in Communication 019 takes effect in Australia for ALL singles events in Australia. Should a skater competing in Australia increase their program accordingly to accommodate this ruling there will be no penalty given. All skaters competing at the Australian National Championships should have received this information with their selection notification. (these appear on Pages 10 and 11 Singles and underlined for Synchronized in the Australian Announcement). Should there be any queries please contact Scott Thode on phone 09 575 7867 evenings or email scott.thode@meritec.org.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

ISU have issued communication 1272 on decisions related to Synchronized skating made at the Congress. For further information either contact your local Technical Committee who have copies or download from the ISU Website www.isu.org

DOPING CONSENT FORM

In order to comply with WADA (World Anti Doping Agency) all skaters must submit a signed Drug Consent Form. This form should be signed by a parent if the skater is under 18, or by the skater if aged 18 and above. The form should be returned with the Test/Competitive Form to enable athletes to comply with the new regulations by the Sport Drug Agency. This is especially important for any skater competing in Australia or elsewhere. Furthermore, any skater taking medication on the prohibited substances list must apply for a medical notification form and forward this to the NZISA Secretary before attending competitions in New Zealand and overseas. If you have any questions regarding Medication or this policy please contact Anna-Marie Frost phone 09 625 6464 evenings or email FROST_TITIRANGI@xtra.co.nz.

NZISA AWARDS

Members are reminded that nominations for Administrator of the Year and Sportsperson of the Year awards must be made to the National Secretary no later than August 31st. Nominations for the awards should contain a brief resume on the nominated person. Announcement of the recipients will be made at the conclusion of the Nationals or at the Social Function afterwards.

OPEN FORUM

This will again be held at the time of Nationals, date, time and venue to be advised. Topics this year will include Code of Conduct, update of Anti Doping requirements and of course open question time. Should any member wish to bring an issue up we would appreciate prior notification be given in writing to Joy Street, Secretary of the NZISA, PO Box 7544, Sydenham, or email to secretary@nzisa.com.

NEW CLUB

Welcome to our 8th Member Club. Council are pleased to advise that the membership application by the Allegro Ice Dance Club was accepted. The Allegro Club is based in Auckland at the Botany Ice Rink and they are keen to encourage the development of Ice Dance with emphasis on solo dance. We look forward to their future participation.

METAL BADGES

Stocks of NZISA badges have been reordered and these should be available at Nationals. Prices will be advised when the new stocks are received. The following items are available for sale to Clubs and individual members. It is hoped that all badges and Monograms will be on display at Nationals for Clubs to view and orders can be placed.

NZISA Metal Badge - shows the NZISA Logo

NZISA Cloth Monogram - same design (blazer pocket or may be sewn on tracksuits or skate bags etc)

Kiwi Skate Pins - with the Kiwi Skate Logo (these pins are excellent for swapping with skaters from

other countries).

Kiwi Skate Competition Pins – these are available for purchase by Clubs to give to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters when they have a Kiwi Skate Competition or Kiwi Skate events in their Club championships. They come in 3 colours Red for 1st, Blue for 2nd and Green for 3rd. These may also be ordered from the NZ Ice Skating Secretary.

KIWI SKATE PARTICIPATION

It is imperative that ALL Clubs and Ice Rinks whichever is applicable notify Trish Morris 22 Kenmare Street, Alexandra, email morrispm@xtra.co.nz numbers of participating skaters in each term. Trish is also responsible for recording all Kiwi Skate passes. As requested and stated many times, NZISA is required to submit numbers to SPARC who in turn are working under Government instructions. School participation is also another requirement by number.

NEW JUDGING SYSTEM

Council has decided to make application to ISU for level 2 operational equipment. The minimum requirements are 2 Desktop computers (one as backup), 3 – 8 tablet PCs (or similar), 1 Printer, 5 Judges, 1 Technical Specialist, 1 Controller and 1 Results Supervisor. ISU offered assistance to Members at the recently held ISU Congress in the way of finance and training. Whilst it is not compulsory for ISU Members to adopt the NJS, Council consider it is in our skaters and judges best interest that we make every effort to change from the 6.0 system to the new.

PROPOSED SKATERS, JUDGES, COACHES CAMP

We are currently negotiating with Anne Schelter (Annies Edges) to visit our shores during the April/May School Holidays to hold a training camp in both the North and South Island. Anne is well known for her development of edge skills, and is a very charismatic lady. ISU also utilize Anne when holding Presentation Seminars for skaters, coaches and judges. Our skaters, coaches and judges that attended the Beijing Seminar will no doubt look forward to further classes with her.

NZISA WEB SITE

Robin Mills is responsible for updating this site which is the official site for our Members. Your co-operation is requested for any information of interest, Club and Regional Championship dates, Results, and skaters competing overseas please submit this to Robin on email mills1@xtra.co.nz.