

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

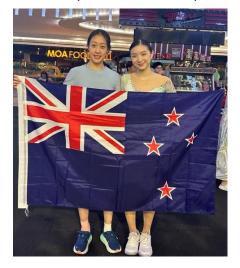
Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy - Manila, Philippines, 1-4 August 2025

Junior Women Renee Tsai SP 8th/28 FS 11th/28 Overall 10th/28

Christine Aixinjueluo WD

Coach Michael (Chih-I) Tsao

Team Leader Kaho Hirafune



2025 Cranberry Cup International, Norwood, MA, USA, August 7 - 10 2025

Junior Women Nicca Wu SP 15th/22 FS 18th/22 Overall 15th/22 Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li SP 1st/16 FS 1st/16 Overall 1st/16

Coach Bess Cao
Team Leader Kaho Hirafune

2025 Challenger Series Cranberry Cup International, Norwood, MA, USA, August 7 - 10 2025

Senior Women Petra Lahti SP 13th/18 FS 13th/17 Overall 13th/17

Coach Bess Cao Team Leader Kaho Hirafune

A report from Nicca Wu from her first international competition

"First, thank you to my coach for her constant guidance, the association for your trust, and especially my mum for her endless support. This competition has been an incredible opportunity to grow.

This week has been unforgettable - training alongside world champions and meeting so many inspiring athletes. Unlike usual, before the competition I didn't feel nervous, just



excitement to perform my best, showing everyone what I was best at. After competing, I got to take photos with skaters I've long admired. It's an absolute honour to stand beside them and share the same ice.

This experience reminded me why I love this sport: The people, the inspiration, and the joy of pushing myself. No matter the outcome, I leave with amazing memories, new friends, and even more drive to improve."

Junior Grand Prix – Riga, Latvia, 20-23 August 2025

Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li SP 3rd /23 FS 9th/23 Overall 5th/23

Coach Bess Cao
Unfunded Team Leader Bess Cao

Judge Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Junior Grand Prix – Ankara, Turkey, 27-30 August 2025

Junior Women Renee Tsai SP 17th/35 FS 19th/35 Overall 18th/35

Coach Michael (Chih-I) Tsao

Team Leader Grant Howie

UPCOMING OR ONGOING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

John Nicks International Pairs Competition Challenger Series, New York, USA, 2-3 September

Judge Sue Petricevic

Junior Grand Prix - Varese, Italy, 3-6 September 2025

Junior Women Petra Lahti Team Leader Jeanette King

Kinoshita Group Cup 2025 in Osaka, Japan, 5-7 September

Judge Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 9-13 September

Junior Women Petra Lahti

Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Coach Bess Cao
Team Leader Jeanette King

OWG Qualifying Competition, Beijing, China, 18-21 September

Senior Women Petra Lahti Coach Bess Cao Team Leader Dani Gebser

Swan Trophy International, Perth, WA - 28 September – 1 October.

Basic Novice Girls Sum Yu Hailey Ng

Junior Women Cara Tang

Coach Gordon Rushton

RECENT INTER CLUB COMPETITION

Crystal Challenge Interclub competition in Melbourne, Australia, 7-10 August 2025

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ISA Elementary Girls	Rebecca Situ		FS 9 th /12	Overall 9 th /12
Basic Novice Girls	Judy Tong		FS 3 rd /20	Overall 3 rd /20
	Emma Thein-Xie		FS 5 th /20	Overall 5 th /20
	Aeryl Zhang		FS 7 th /20	Overall 7 th /20
	Lilian Peng		FS 8 th /20	Overall 8 th /20
	Anna-Bella Levien		FS 13 th /20	Overall 13 th /20
	Hayley Ng		WD	
Basic Novice Boys	Eddie Luo		FS 4 th /4	Overall 4 th /4
Intermediate Novice Girls	Luna Wu		FS 1 st /13	Overall 1st/13
Junior Women	Victoria Larsen	SP 10 th /11	FS 9 th /11	Overall 10 th /11
Senior Women	Cordelia Shi	SP 5 th /7	FS 3 rd /6	Overall 4 th /6
Bronze II Women Free	Viktoria Marinova		FS 3 rd /6	Overall 3 rd /6
Silver II Women Free	Olga Levien		FS 4 th /9	Overall 4 th /9
Coach	Rosie Armstrong			
	Cordelia Shi			

UPCOMING INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS

Ice Skating Australia's Champ Series events are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend these by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete. The following Australian Interclub competition is still open for entries:

• Australian Master Games in Canberra on 19 October 2025. Entries close 19 September.

WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD - 5-7 September 2025

ISA Preliminary Girls Melody Peng
ISA Elementary Girls Victoria Zhang
Basic Novice Girls Anna-Bella Levien
Lilian Peng

Advanced Novice Girls
Junior Women
Silver II Women Freeskate
Silver II Women Artistic
Coach

Mia Chen
Cara Tang
Olga Levien
Olga Levien
Gordon Rushton

Sydney Synch Festival, Erina NSW, 12 September

Senior SP&FS SYS Obsidian Senior Coach Tracy Hipkiss

Australian Master Games in Canberra on 19 October 2025

Silver >51 Women Glenda Bronkhorst Open Solo Dance (PD & FD) Glenda Bronkhorst

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 2025-26 Development Squad at the South Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetical order by surname.

Elementary Evie Foote

Basic Novice Girls Mihi Parkinson

Advanced Novice Girls Yuhuan Ding

Junior Women Brooke Cathro

Sophie Pokorny

Cara Tang

Alethea Wong

Congratulations to each of these skaters on this achievement.

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Board is seeking member feedback on the **Coaches Accreditation Policy** and the **Officials' Training, Appointment & Promotion Policy** (feedback due by 15 October). Your submissions will be considered by the Board when they review the policy, and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 9 September. Any correspondence sent to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) now will likely be tabled at the October meeting.

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