

Communication 060

New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the NZIFSA Board, Development Group & Operations Group

The NZIFSA Board, Operations Group and Development Group wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to give a very big thanks to all the volunteers who have been involved in running the Clubs and all the competitions that were held this year. Without the numerous hours that you all put in figure skating in New Zealand would struggle.

We would also like to thank all our officials (judges and technical panel members) who also volunteered their precious time this year to officiate at tests and competitions in 2011. We know that sometimes the demand seems to be very heavy on your time and we appreciate all that you have been able to do.

We have seen some great skating this year and we wish all our skaters the best for next year. If you are having a break over the Xmas season then we look forward to seeing you all back refreshed, and raring to go in the 2012 season.

If you are going visiting this Xmas season then we wish you safe travelling and hope to catch up with you with all at the rinks in 2012.



New web address for the NZIFSA www.nzifsa.org

The NZIFSA has new web address. We apologise for any confusion this may cause but we had to wait until we could get this organised. Our new and permanent web address is now www.nzifsa.org

Our e-mails addresses also change as follows: secretary@nzifsa.org.nz , ceo@nzifsa.org.nz , president@nzifsa.org.nz and the other NZIFSA e-mail addresses also use the @nzifsa.org.nz format.

Both of the other e-mail addresses are still working but these will be phased out in the new year.

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Nationals 2012

The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association has applied to host the 2012 National Championship in Auckland at the Botany Downs rink. The NZIFSA is hoping to hold this over four days between the period of 11—16 October 2012.

We apologise that we cannot be more specific with actual dates but we will let you know as soon as these have been confirmed.

Please note that the schedule is likely to change from the previous years as we will have more one programme grades next year.



2012 NZIFSA AGM

The 2012 NZIFSA AGM is to be held in Auckland on 28th April 2012 starting at 1.00 p.m.

Venue details to follow.

2012 Competition Announcements

Please remember that if you are holding a competition next year then the competition announcement must be sent to the Technical Director two months prior to the competition being held.

Skaters missed off International Development Squad



The NZIFSA would like to apologise to two skaters whose names were inadvertently missed from the 2011 International Development Squad that was selected at Nationals.

Congratulations to Sarah MacGibbon and Eerina Watkins for making the required TES in Junior Ladies and they have been added to the squad.



2012 Australian Nationals Results

Congratulations to the following skaters who competed at the 2012 Australian National Championship at the beginning of this month:

Primary Ladies:

Rebecca Lau SP 13th, LP 12th,
Overall 13th/18

Intermediate Ladies:

Jo-Ann Chin SP 13th, LP 13th,
Overall 13th/17

Intermediate Men:

Connor McIver SP 2nd, LP 1st,
Overall 1st/3

Daniel Cheuk SP 1st, LP 3rd,
Overall 3rd/3

Novice Ladies:

Tracy Danbrook SP 11th, LP 11th,
Overall 11th/16

Novice Men:

Thomas Woodbridge SP 5th, LP 5th,
Overall 5th/5

Junior Ladies:

Madelaine Parker SP 7th, LP 5th,
Overall 5th/13

Jessie Park SP 6th, LP 7th,
Overall 7th/13

Senior Ladies:

Millie Campbell SP 8th, LP 7th,
Overall 8th/13

Junior Dance:

Ayesha Campbell/Shane Speden
SP 2nd, LP 2nd, Overall 2nd/3

Adult Synchronized:

Spectrum Overall 3rd/6

Novice Synchronized:

Botany Blades 4th/4

Well done everyone!



2012 Seminar Calendar

The Officials Director & the Coaching Director have met to work on holding Seminars for officials and coaches in 2012.

The Seminars they have decided on are:



Seminar	For	Where	When
Synchronized	Skaters, Coaches & Judges	Auckland	May 2012
Stroking	Judges & Coaches	North & South	February 2012
Dance	Judges & Coaches	North & South	February 2012
Competition Judging	Judges	Auck/Chch/South	Mar/April/May
Technical Panel	Judges	Auck/Chch/South	through the year

These seminars are still being organised and specific notification will be sent once all the details have been worked out.

Although it is not compulsory at the moment it is highly recommended by the Coaching Director that all coaches attend discipline specific seminars if they wish to be accredited in that discipline. This is likely to become a requirement when the next change is made to the Coaches Accreditation Policy.

The seminars are being organised so that everyone attending will get the same information and if they are to be held in different locations, where possible, the same moderator will be used. It is envisaged that the Stroking and Dance Seminars will be held over one weekend with stroking on one day and dance on the other. As the NZIFSA want as many skaters, judges and coaches attending the different seminars as possible the directors are trying to make them easily accessible. There will not be any Level 2 or 3 Coaching Seminars held in 2012. Consideration will be given to holding them in 2013 depending on the number of coaches qualified to attend these.

Grants Officer

The Board are still looking for a Grants Officer. Remember the more the work is spread the less everyone has to do. The job description is under the Rules & Regulations tab on the website, Governance & Management Policy - Appointed Positions. Please contact the CEO on ceo@nzifsa.org.nz if you are interested.



New Policies adopted by NZIFSA

The following policies have been adopted by the Board at the last two meetings:

Child Protection

Members Forums Acceptable Use

Athlete Priorisation

Skater Development

Funding

Selection

Coaches Accreditation

Nationals Hosting

If these policies affect you please make sure that you read them and are fully informed.

These policies will shortly be put up on the Policy Submissions forum for any further submissions to be made.