



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Hollins Trophy International, Erina / Central Coast, Australia, 9-12 June 2023

This year was the first time that Hollins Trophy offered an International Competition in addition to the usual Interclub Competition and we had a number of skaters making the most of having a second international competition within our region.

Intermediate Novice Girls	Mira (Mei Jie) Ren	Overall 3 rd /11		
Intermediate Novice Girls	Emily Yang	Overall 9 th /11		
Advanced Novice Girls	Christine (Qiwen) Aixinjueluo			
		SP 8 th /10	FS 5 th /10	Overall 6 th /10
Advanced Novice Girls	Connie Yang	SP 10 th /10	FS 9 th /10	Overall 10 th /10
Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 7 th /12	FS 6 th /12	Overall 6 th /12
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li	SP 1 st /3	FS 1 st /3	Overall 1 st /3
Senior Women	Danielle Gebser	SP 2 nd /4	FS 1 st /4	Overall 1 st /4
Senior Men	Douglas Gerber	SP 1 st /3	FS 2 nd /3	Overall 2 nd /3
Judge	Sue Petricevic			
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley			

Congratulations Dwayne Li and Dani Gebser on your 1st placings and to Doug Gerber and Mira Ren on their podium placements. Well done team.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Based on the selections from the Clucas Cup competition the Board have confirmed the priority order for assignment for the upcoming Junior Grand Prix. Of our Junior Women, Cara Tang had first priority and has chosen to attend the JGP in Osaka.

Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 23-26 August

Junior Women	Misaki Joe
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Junior Grand Prix – Osaka, Japan, 13-16 September

Junior Women	Cara Tang
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Mirika Armstrong has been named as the first substitute, with a choice of Bangkok or Osaka, and Christine Aixenjueluo has been named second substitute and will be assigned depending on Mirika's choice.

CHANGES TO NATIONALS' QUALIFICATION TES FOR NOVICE GRADES

ISU Communication 2562 added a jump for Basic Novice and changed the FS steps to choreo for Intermediate and Advanced Novice. As a result the Board have confirmed that the **Nationals Qualification TES** be amended as follows:

- Basic Novice from 8.25 to 8.75
- Intermediate Novice from 9 to 9.75
- Advanced Novice U12 and Girls from 22.50 to 23.50
- Advanced Novice Boys from 27.25 to 28.25

SELECTION POLICY - SHORT SURVEY

The Board discussed at length and carefully considered all submissions on the **Selection Policy** and **Skater Development Policy**. It was decided that this was a valuable opportunity for further consultation across the community before changes to the Selection Policy are proposed. The Board will endeavour to complete this consultation within the standard policy review timeframe. We invite current skaters, coaches, officials and parents/ carers to answer a short survey relating to the Selection Policy by **Tuesday 27 June**.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/SelectionPolicySurvey>

SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2023 CLUCAS CUP COMPETITION

The 2023 Clucas Cup Selection Competition was held in Auckland 3 & 4 June. The following is the confirmed list of skaters that met or re-met the selection criteria at the 2023 Clucas Cup competition to be included in the International Representative Teams.

International A Team selection criterion met at 2023 Clucas Cup

- Mira Ren attained the selection TES for A Team - Advanced Novice Girls
- Cara Tang re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Dwyane Li re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Men

International B Team selection criteria met at 2023 Clucas Cup

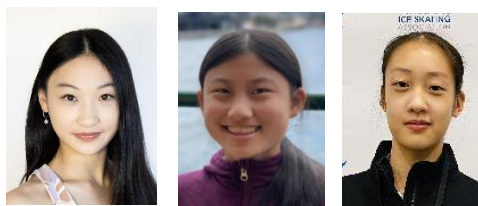
- Madison Bryce attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Selina Zeng re-attained the selection TES for B Team - Intermediate Novice Girls
- Mirika Armstrong attained the selection TES for B Team - Junior Women. However, Mirika is already named to the A team, so that takes precedence over this result.
- Misaki Joe attained the selection TES for B Team - Junior Women. However, Misaki is already named to the A team, so that takes precedence over this result.
- Christine Aixinjueluo attained the selection TES for B Team - Junior Women

Skaters and teams that had already been named as International Representatives at the 2022 National Championships are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following the 2023 Clucas Cup. The list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Advanced Novice Girls

Cara Tang*
Mira Ren
Christine Aixinjueluo*



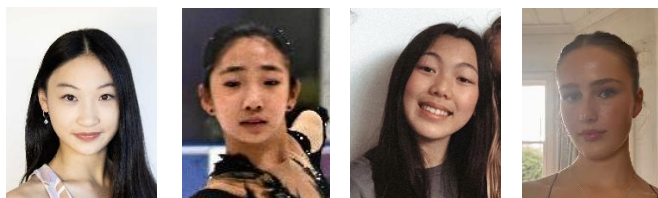
Advanced Novice Boys

Dwayne Li*



Junior Women

Cara Tang
Jojo Hong*
Misaki Joe
Mirika Armstrong



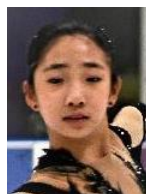
Junior Men

Dwayne Li



Senior Women

Jojo Hong



Senior Men

Douglas Gerber



Note – Douglas has subsequently requested release from New Zealand to represent Australia.

INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Basic Novice Girls

Madison Bryce
Lilah Langi-Scott



Intermediate Novice Girls

Selina Zeng
Sophie Pokorny
April Yao
Emily Yang



Advanced Novice Girls

Brooke Cathro*



Junior Women

Christine Aixinjueluo
Brooke Cathro



Senior Women

Dani Gebser



Advanced Novice Dance
Gemma & Benji Pickering



Basic Novice Synchronized Skating***

- Ice Angels: Emily Bai
Natalie Foo
Anna-Bella Levien
Lene Moll
Naomi Sih
Gabby Wooler
Lexie Wu
Kayla Yip
Aeryl Zhang
Alva Zhang
Chloe Zhi



- Vibranium: Kayden Belcher
Lili Cooper
Kyle Hui
Nina Lu
Eddie Luo
Athena Macmac
Ethan Price
Aries Simpson
Emma Thein-Xie
Megan Yam
Evie Zhu
Ryder Zou



Mixed Age Synchro***

- Cutting Edge: Zara Anthony Whigham
Emily Dickie
Djuna Elkan
Amelie Henderson
Shawna Henderson
Rachael Jannink
Lilah Langi-Scott
Jazelle McCormick
Emily Millar-Coote
Katie Sewell
Rebekah Sime
Paige Symister
Tallulah Wilson-Brown



Silver Ice: Mackenzie Anderson
 Maddison Blincoe
 Megan Briggs
 Leah Hodgson
 Olga Levien
 Vanessa Preston
 Sabrina Snoad
 Taylyn Vallet
 Anne Verheul
 Gabby Wooler
 Lexie Wu



* Skaters are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age. Their scores have been adjusted as per Appendix B of the Selection Policy to determine priority order.

*** For a synchronized skating team to retain their selection, 75% of the team going to the international competition must have been listed as part of the team selected at the NZ National Championships and must meet the requirements for that grade for that competition.

AWARDING OF THE CLUCAS CUP

The 2023 Clucas Cup Competition included the presentation of the Clucas Cup, named in memory of Wendy Clucas and presented by her daughters Janine and Sonja. The cup is awarded to the skater that gains the highest percentage above the A team Selection TES, with the highest unfactored programme component score as the deciding factor if there is a draw.

Dwayne Li won the cup by an impressive margin, having achieved 76% above the required A Team TES for Junior Men.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE CLUCAS CUP COMPETITION

Thank you again to our generous sponsor, Four Winds Foundation, for the \$3,000 grant towards the cost of ice time for the Clucas Cup Competition.



THANK YOU TO TRAVIS GAMBLE, ON ICE IMAGES

Thank you, Travis Gamble, On Ice Images, for making yourself available to photograph the Clucas Cup competition. Images can be viewed and orders placed at:

<https://www.oniceimages.co.nz/skating-packages/>

SITUATIONS STILL VACANT – IJS TECHNICIAN

We are very fortunate to have two very dedicated people that have been absolutely critical to us being able to use the two computer systems we use for competitions. Alan Greenstreet, who currently manages the South Island system has, however, signalled that it is time he moved on. We are also interested in having a back-up for Mike Slater, who manages the North Island system. If you have the skill set and time, we would very much like to hear from interested people. Please email secretary@nzifsa.org.nz in the first instance.

Job Description - IJS Technician

The IJS Technician is responsible for the maintenance, setup, troubleshooting and teardown of the International Skating Union (ISU) [International Judging System \(IJS\)](#). The IJS system comprises the following equipment:

- 1 Network Switch
- 3 Tech Panel computers and an external screen
- 5 Judge tablets
- 1 Camera and video converter
- 1 Shared party-line headset system / headsets
- All the cables to connect everything together.

The role can be broken down into two main parts:

- Computer and equipment maintenance - done prior to the start of, and throughout, the competition season
 - Windows OS and driver updates
 - ISU IJS software updates
 - Network configuration maintenance
 - General computer and equipment maintenance checks - best achieved by setting the system up and carrying out a test run.
- IJS setup, troubleshooting and teardown - for each competition or training session
 - Travel to the competition
 - Layout and cabling of the IJS system
 - Testing the system is functioning correctly
 - Monitoring the system throughout the competition and troubleshooting as required
 - Teardown/packup of the system at the end of each day

Additional role

In addition to the IJS Technician role, there is a desire to have competitions live streamed on the internet. This requires the scheduling of the competition in YouTube studio (or similar platform) and the setup & monitoring of a separate live streaming computer / camera system.

Skills / Experience

These roles would suit someone with a good computer systems background that involves the configuration and setup of hardware as well as software. Industry roles might be someone who works in IS Helpdesk, Network Admin, Software / Hardware development, or Radio/Film/TV/Theatre.

Anyone with a job, hobby or strong interest in computer systems would find this a rewarding role and one that helps support the NZ figure skating community.

MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2023 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. If you had completed your music details online in 2022 you should have received a link that allows you to update your details for 2023. Please check your spam folder.

NOTE: The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NIISSA) has chosen to manage the music information using a separate system for North Island club and 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 "2023 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 South Island or NZIFSA competitions

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2023MusicDetails>

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.cognitofrms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2023>

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHOTOS ON THE NZIFSA WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, can you please update your profile photo on the mynzifsa section on the NZIFSA website. <https://nzifsa.org.nz/members/mynzifsa/>. Please make sure this is a nice passport style photo of you rather than a general skating picture.

We use these photos for the Nationals programme and for newsletters, and we want you to be happy with the photo that is used. You may not be so happy if we end up using the photo of you at age 10 rather than your current age 15 photo.

NZIFSA SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

The NZIFSA has two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2023. The Basic Novice/Intermediate Novice scholarship has been awarded to Mira Ren as confirmed in the May newsletter. The Scholarship Committee comprised Jeanette King (CEO), Sandra Williamson-Leadley (High Performance Officer, ISU Judge all disciplines, International Referee Singles & Pairs and Synchronized, International Technical Controller Singles and Synchronized), and Kelly Cruickshank (ISU Technical Specialist Singles from Canada), reconvened to determine the awarding of the Advanced Novice to Senior scholarship. After due consideration the Skater Scholarship Selection Committee determined that Misaki Joe be offered the Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship. Congratulations Misaki.



TEAM LEADERS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The NZIFSA are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced individuals to fulfil the Team Leader role at the following international events:

- Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy - Bangkok, Thailand, 16 – 19 August
- Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 23 – 26 August
- Junior Grand Prix – Osaka, Japan, 13-16 September

For all events with 2 or more skaters a skater's coach or parent will not normally be named as Team Leader.

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 9 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V8.0.pdf>

The NZIFSA Funding Policy <https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Funding%20Policy%20V10.0.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 online by **5pm on Monday 3 July**.

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

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

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

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

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