



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU International Adult Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany, 29 June – 4 July 2025

Bronze II Freeskate	Olga Levien
	Viktoria Marinova
Bronze V Women Freeskate	Sue Hoseit
	Eleanour Stanbury
Silver IV Women Freeskate	Tammy Cowan
Bronze II Women Artistic	Viktoria Marinova
Bronze V Women Artistic	Eleanor Stanbury
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien
Silver V Women Artistic	Sue Hoseit
Gold IV Women Artistic	Tammy Cowan

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

Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Senior Women	Petra Lahti
Coach	Bess Cao

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

Judge	Sue Petricevic
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OWG Qualifying Competition, Beijing, China, 18-21 September

Senior Women	Petra Lahti
Coach	Bess Cao
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley (subject to draw)

RECENT INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS

Hollins Trophy, Erina, NSW, Australia, 8-9 June

Basic Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien	FS 10 th /13	Overall 10 th /13
Junior Women	Victoria Larsen	SP 12 th /13	FS 12 th /13
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien	FS 3 rd /4	Overall 3 rd /4

UPCOMING INTER CLUB COMPETITION

5th City of Nagoya Figure Skating Competition Minato AQLUS Cup, Nagoya, Japan 19-22 July

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
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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.

Please note, until we have announcements, we can't confirm permission but hopefully the following information will help with your planning.

- Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, VIC 7-10 August
- WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD - 5-7 September. Entries close 15 August.
- Sydney Synch Festival, Erina NSW, 12 September. Entries open 18 July and close 15 August.
- Swan Trophy, Perth, WA - 28 September – 1 October. Note that Western Australian Ice Skating Associations plan to run this interclub competition alongside the Swan Trophy international competition

RECENT OFFICIALS TRAINING

Synchronized Skating Seminar for Judges and Technical Panel – A Zoom session was held for all SYS Judges and Tech Panel members on Saturday 7th June. We are holding a follow-up session for the Judges to discuss video examples of SYS elements on Saturday 28th June. Thank you to Sandra Williamson-Leadley for leading these sessions for our officials.

Introductory sessions for new Probationary Officials – An online session was held for new and probationary judges. Thank you to Michael Holtz for leading this session.

PROVISIONAL SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2025 CLUCAS CUP

The 2025 Clucas Cup Selection Competition was held in Auckland 13 & 14 June. The following is the provisional list of skaters that met or re-met the selection criteria at the 2025 Clucas Cup competition to be included in the International Representative Teams.

International A Team selection criterion met at 2025 Clucas Cup

- Mia Chen attained the selection TES for A Team – Advanced Novice Girls
- Renee Tsai re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Nicca Wu attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women **
- Cara Tang re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Alethea Wong re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Dwayne Li re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Men
- Petra Lahti re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Senior Women

** The Board has granted dispensation that allows for Nicca Wu to be named to the A Team without having being named to a representative level at our 2024 National Championships. In making this decision the Board had noted that there were extenuating circumstances arising from the change we had made to the visa requirements specified in our Rules & Regulations.

International B Team selection criteria met at 2025 Clucas Cup

- Emma Thein-Xie re-attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Judy Tong attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Sum Yu Hailey Ng attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Aeryl Zhang attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Girls
- Luna Wu re-attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Madison Bryce attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Mirika Armstrong re-attained the selection TES for B Team - Senior Women

Skaters that had already been named as International Representatives at the 2024 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 2025 Clucas Cup. The provisional list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Names in red font attained or re-attained selection at Clucas Cup.

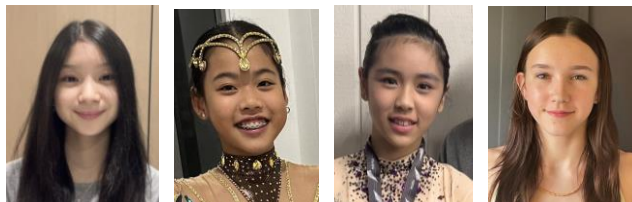
Advanced Novice Girls

Renee Tsai *

Nicca Wu *

Mia Chen

Sophie Pokorny



Junior Women

Petra Lahti *

Renee Tsai

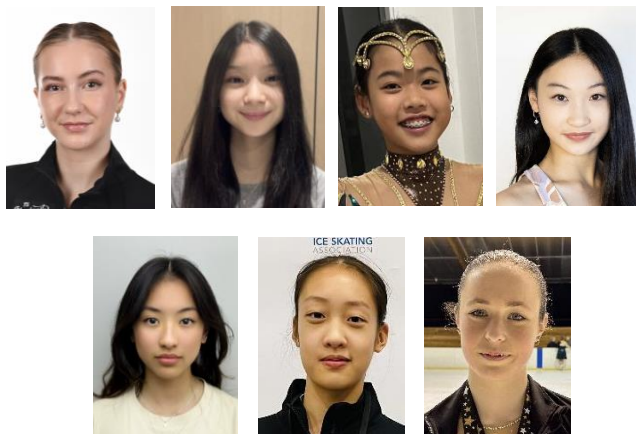
Nicca Wu

Cara Tang

Alethea Wong

Christine Aixinjueluo

Jazz Evangelou



Junior Men

Dwayne Li



Senior Women

Petra Lahti



INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS

Names in red font attained or re-attained selection at Clucas Cup.

Basic Novice Girls

Mia Chen *

Luna Wu *

Emma Thein-Xie

Judy Tong

Sum Yu Hailey Ng

Aeryl Zhang

Olivia Mandle *

Mia Cotton *



Intermediate Novice Girls

Nicca Wu *

Renee Tsai *

Mia Chen

Luna Wu

Madison Bryce

Sophie Pokorny *

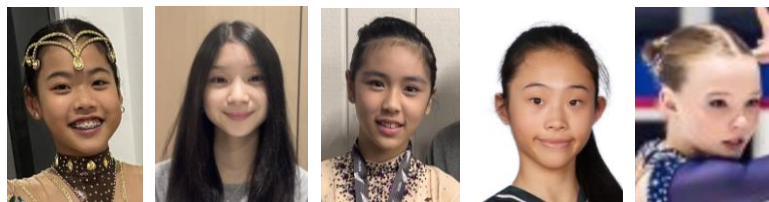
Yuhuan Ding

Bridey Sangster

Lilah Langi-Scott *

Olivia Mandle

Mia Cotton



Advanced Novice Girls

Lilah Langi-Scott



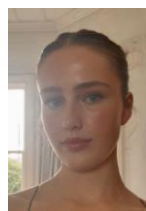
Junior Women

Brooke Cathro



Senior Women

Mirika Armstrong



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

Exemption granted under section 7 of the Selection Policy

In addition the above, Olivia Dickson had been granted an exemption following our 2024 National Championships to be considered for selection for International Competitions in Intermediate Novice Girls grade, subject to medical clearance and monitoring.



AWARDING OF THE CLUCAS CUP

The 2025 Clucas Cup Competition included the presentation of the Clucas Cup, named in memory of Wendy Clucas. 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 again by an impressive margin, having achieved 106% above the required A Team TES for Junior Men.

The audience were privileged to watch history being made yet again by Dwayne with the first quad jump being successfully landed in a New Zealand competition.



Photo - Olga Levien Photography

THANK YOU TO OLGA LEVIEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Thank you, Olga Levien, for making yourself available to photograph the Clucas Cup competition. The competition photos are here: www.levienphotography.com/figure-skating

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX ALLOCATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JULY

As advised last month New Zealand had been allocated the following Junior Grand Prix competitions for the 2025/26 season:

1 st event Riga / Latvia, 20-23 August	Men
2 nd event Ankara /Turkey, 27-30 August	Men, Women
3 rd event Varese / Italy, 3-6 September	Men, Women
4 th event Bangkok / Thailand, 9-13 September	Men, Women
5 th event Baku / Azerbaijan, 24-27th September	Men
6 th event Gdansk / Poland, 1-4 October	Men

Dwayne Li has his choice of two of the six events we have been allocated for Men. While the priority for the Women's places has been determined at the Clucas Cup Selection Competition, we have yet to confirm which events the top priority skaters will attend.

NZIFSA SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025

The NZIFSA has two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2025. The Basic Novice/Intermediate Novice scholarship has been awarded to Luna and the Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship has been awarded to Dwayne Li. The Scholarship Committee comprised Mathieu Wilson (NZIFSA High Performance Officer), Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU Judge all disciplines, International Referee Singles & Pairs and Synchronized, International Technical Controller Singles and Synchronized), and Clarence Ong (ISU Technical Specialist Singles from Australia). Congratulations Luna and Dwayne.



CALL FOR 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 Competitions:-

- Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy – Manila, Philippines, 1-4 August (TBC)
- Cranberry Cup International – Boston, USA, 7-10 August
- Junior Grand Prix – Ankara, Turkey, 27-30 August
- Junior Grand Prix – Varese, Italy, 3-6 September
- Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok, Thailand, 9-13 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%20%20V11.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.

We have extended the deadline for applications. Please submit your EOI and any supporting documentation online by **5pm on Sunday 29 June**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOIForInternationalComps2025>

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

APPOINTMENT OF ANTI DOPING OFFICER

We are very pleased to advise of the Board appointment of Anna Smith as our new Anti-Doping Officer. Anna brings excellent qualification in health, nursing, teaching/education to the role alongside a good understanding of figure skating from the perspective of a club committee member (ISS) and parent of a skater.

Appointment to the CEO role is still under consideration.

REMINDER - MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2025 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.

NOTE: The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) 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 "2025 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.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2025MusicDetails>

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.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2025>

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Board had received feedback on the **Selection Policy** following an initial call for submissions. Having reviewed this feedback the Board has proposed some amendments and posted this on the Members Forum. Feedback on the proposed amendments is due by **12 July 2025**.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 8 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 1 July. Any correspondence received after this date will likely be tabled at the June meeting.

All the best in skating,
Robyn Morris and Jeanette King
President and Secretary (in the absence of a CEO)
NZIFSA