

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

May has been another busy month with the last of the skater development camps in preparation for the season, another KiwiSkate Coaching course, a series of Officials Training Seminars, and the first local competition for the season. COVID has continued to impact a number of activities, often resulting in alternative arrangements having to be brought into play at short notice. Thank you to everyone in our wider skating community for working together so well to help make things happen.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU Adult International competition in Oberstdorf, Germany, 23-28 May 2022

Bronze II Women Artistic	Viktoria Marinova	Overall 13 th /14
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien	Overall 7 th /9
Bronze II Women Freeskate	Viktoria Marinova	Overall 16 th /17
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien	Overall 4 th /8



Olga and Vicky at the opening event

Sue Hoseit withdrew from the Silver V Women Artistic and Freeskate events in favour of having some surgery on her knee. We hope to see her back on the ice soon and better than before.

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX ALLOCATIONS

New Zealand have been allocated the following Junior Grand Prix events:

- Event 2 - Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 31 August – 3 September (for all disciplines)
- Event 3 - Riga, Latvia, 7-10 September (for all disciplines)
- Event 6 - Gdansk, Poland, 5-8 October (Pairs only)

Priority for these events will be determined by the Board following the Selection Competition in June as per the Selection Policy.

We don't have Pairs teams that are eligible to seek selection for these events but have included the pairs only event here for completeness.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE SELECTION COMPETITION

The 2022 NZIFSA Selection Competition is being held in Dunedin 18 & 19 June. Thank you to our very generous sponsor, One Foundation, for the \$7,000 grant towards the cost of ice time and the accommodation for our officials needed for this Selection Competition.



SELECTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING SELECTION COMPETITION

The Selection Competition (18-19 June 2022) is to establish the priority of assignment for International A and B skaters to competitions whose entries close between 7 July and 1 week after the completion of the 2022 New Zealand National Championships.

With the NZIFSA Selection competition just over two weeks away, the priority of current International A and B Representative skaters may change, while other skaters are added to the list. Provisional selections will be announced within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Selection Competition and will be confirmed within one week. Please see the NZIFSA Selection Policy for Opportunities for Selection and Prioritising of Skaters, Selection Criteria for International Representatives and Selection of skaters for Novice (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced), Junior and Senior International events.

Our National Championships signal the reset of our international representative selections. Any skaters wishing to compete in international competitions whose entries close more than 1 week after the NZ National Championships, need to gain selection at our National Championships. Selection of International A and B Representatives will be announced within 48 hours of the conclusion of the 2022 NZIFSA National Championships or at the social function afterwards.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR 2022/23

The ISU have recently published Communication 2485 announcing all the International Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating Competitions 2022/23. We include the link here for your convenience.

<https://isu.org/inside-isu/isu-communications/communications/28572-isu-communication-2485/file>

Just a reminder that if you wish to compete in any competition outside New Zealand, you need to request permission from the NZIFSA via the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz before you enter the competition. For most international competitions the entries will need to be done through the ISU Online Registration System by the NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary.

If you have any questions about selections or international competitions, please email the NZIFSA General Secretary, secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

To ensure we are operating within the law related to music licensing we must have an accurate record of what music we play at competitions. To do this, we need skaters, or their coaches, to record the music details for their programmes.

NZIFSA are keen to do what we can to make this easier for everyone to do their bit. We had some great feedback from coaches and club representatives at the AGM member forum and we have tried to incorporate this into the form. Some of the key requests were that people didn't want to have to enter the same information for every competition, they needed to be able to update the information during the year if anything changed, and skaters and coaches needed to be able to access the information. We have set up a Cognito form that should meet these needs. The form can be filled in by the skater, their coach or the choreographer.

NOTE: For, the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) has chosen to manage the music information using a separate system. Rather than recording the music details on the NZIFSA form, skaters will be required to complete this information when they submit their music for those competitions.

For all club and regional competitions in the South Island and for the NZIFSA Selection Competition and our National Championships, please use the NZIFSA form.

What information do you need to provide?

1 General

Skater name(s), email address(s), grade, coach name, coach email address.

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 (x min y sec)
- Whether vocal or non-vocal (instrumental)

We suggest you collect this information for each piece music before you start filling in the form.

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 "2022 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 Freeskate for adults, 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 to enter the music details for your programmes

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022MusicDetails>

UPCOMING KIWISKATE COACHING COURSE

One last KiwiSkate Coaching Course is planned for the year.

Paradise Botany, Auckland, 24 & 25 June

This is Matariki weekend. The course will start approx. 1pm on Friday and finish around 2pm on Saturday.

Registrations for this course closed on **Tuesday 31 May**.

Please contact the Coaching Director at coaches.director@nzifsa.org.nz if you have any questions regarding this course.

RECENT KIWISKATE COACHING COURSES

Frosty Spot Indoor Ice Rink, Upper Hutt, 23 & 24 April

Kim Lewis was the moderator for this first KiwiSkate course in the Wellington region. It was attended by nine people. We are looking forward to seeing figure skating develop in Wellington with the support of this keen group of people.



Dunedin Ice Stadium, 7 & 8 May

Again, Kim Lewis was the moderator for this course. A second moderator was going to be assisting with this course, however, COVID meant they were unavailable. Thank you, Debbie Darvill and Stephanie Woodacre, for being available to help out with the assessments. Sixteen coaches from around Otago and Southland attended this course. Another two coaches were unable to attend due to COVID.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS NZCT

The New Zealand Community Trust provided a much appreciated grant of \$2458.69 towards the cost of venue hire for the KiwiSkate Coaching Courses in Wellington and Auckland. We are very grateful for their support.



RECENT SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

As with the KiwiSkate courses, COVID has had an impact on attendance with a number of people having contracted COVID or having to isolate. In spite of this, some great workshops have been held.

Basic Novice to Senior Singles Workshops in Dunedin and Auckland (Botany)

As reported in the last newsletter the **Dunedin workshop was held 19-22 April** and we engaged internationally recognised coaches Ravi Walia (Alberta, Canada), Christy Krall, Ben Agosto, Katherine Hill and Janet Champion (Colorado, USA) to work with this group. Sarah MacGibbon was appointed as our coach moderator on the ground. The workshop was attended by 8 skaters and 2 coaches.



The **Auckland workshop was 23-26 April** and we had Ravi Walia engaged to work with this group. Rosie Armstrong and Alex Kam were appointed as our coach moderators on the ground. There were 24 skaters and 3 coaches that took part in this workshop. Unfortunately COVID struck again with several skaters developing symptoms and/or testing positive during the camp.



Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile Workshops

We were planning to hold three workshops for Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile level skaters. However, we cancelled the Christchurch workshop as there was only one local skater registered for this one.

Auckland (Botany), 31 April. Alex Kam was the moderator for this workshop. There were nine skaters attended this camp. The camp was supposed to run over two days 31 April and 1 May. However, Alex became sick and there were no other coaches available to take over running the second day of this workshop.

Queenstown, 14 & 15 May. Stephanie Woodacre was the moderator for this workshop. Stephanie was to be assisted by Carys Birse and with Natasha Woodacre as a demonstrator. Once again, COVID disrupted plans with Stephanie having to head home when Natasha became unwell and tested positive on the first day of the workshop. Carys Birse and Elena larkhunova stepped up to deliver this workshop which was attended by around twenty skaters.



Pattern Dance Workshop – Dunedin, 21 & 22 May

Debbie Darvill was the moderator for this workshop. COVID impacted this workshop also, with only one dance couple and two coaches able to attend. The other dance couple and a coach that were planning to attend were isolating. Pictured here, Gemma and Benji Pickering taking notes when following the workshop on-line.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS – AOTEAROA GAMING TRUST

Aotearoa Gaming Trust provided a very generous grant of \$12,300 towards the cost of ice time for the Skater Development Camps. Specifically the Basic Novice - Senior Workshop in Dunedin (15-17 April), the Elementary - Juvenile Workshop that was planned for Christchurch (23-24 April) and the Dance Workshop in Dunedin (21-22 May).



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RECENT OFFICIALS' TRAINING

New Probationary SYS and New Probationary Dance Judges – Online 30 April and 1 May

These seminars were for those who are interested in judging Ice Dance and or Synchronized Skating and are new to the disciplines. The material was also suitable as a useful refresher for those who are already graded in the first Tier (Adv Nov and below). Sandra Williamson Leadley was the moderator for these two sessions. Nine people attended this training.

Ice Dance and Synchronized Judges Seminars – Online 14 & 15 May

These online seminars were for those who will be judging Ice Dance and or Synchronized skating in 2022. The moderators for this seminar were Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Angelique Clyde-Smith. There were seven judges attend the Ice Dance and nine judges attended the Synchronized skating seminars.

Ice Dance and Synchronized Technical Specialists (and TC's) Seminars – Online 28 & 29 May

These online seminars were for those who will be serving as Technical Specialist or Technical Controller at Ice Dance and or Synchronized skating events in 2022. The moderators for this seminar were Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Angelique Clyde-Smith. There were three people attended the Ice Dance and four people attended the Synchronized skating seminars.

Data Operator / Video Replay Seminar – Online 28

This training was for existing Data/ Replay Operators and for those interested in learning this role. It was an online seminar with Ina Paul, Robyn Morris and Jeanette King as moderators. Seven people attended the Replay Operator and Six people the Data Operator sections of this seminar range. Unfortunately one participant was unable to take part due to COVID.

COVID AND TESTS AND COMPETITIONS

We'd like to confirm that vaccine passes are no longer required for competitions. However, we do expect skaters and non-skaters alike to wear masks, unless exempted or a young, unless skating. Additional hygiene measure can also be anticipated as we try to keep our skating community safe, particularly our more vulnerable members.

ISU CONGRESS IN PHUKET 6-10 JUNE

Every two years the International Skating Union (ISU) holds Congress. Congress is a meeting of delegates from all the member federations and covers speed skating as well as figure skating. The main focus of the Congress is to work through the Constitution and the General Regulations that apply to all. We then split into our two groups (Speed and Figure) to discuss and review the rules and technical requirements for our sport. Details of the proposed rule and technical requirement changes as well as a summary of some of the more important proposals can be found on the ISU website https://www.isu.org/isu-news/news/65-isu-news/14128-isu-congress-2022-phuket-tha-preview?templateParam=15&dm_i=731E,1IHB,KEY2M,5AEX,1

Congress finishes with elections for the ISU President, Council members, Technical Committees and Disciplinary Commission that will take place on Friday June 10. Our own Sue Petricevic has

been nominated by NZIFSA for the role of Chair of the Disciplinary Commission and is uncontested for this role.

The ISU Congress will be available as a live stream on the [Skating ISU YouTube Channel](#). Viewers will be able to follow the Congress sessions, Figure Skating and Speed Skating Sessions and the Elections live.

Congress Program

June 6: Opening of the Congress / Workshops

June 7 – 9: Full Congress / Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branch Sessions

June 10: Full Congress and Elections

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **Selection Policy** and **Skater Development Policy** are both open for your input as part of the first phase in the review process. If you would like to propose any changes, please do so by **9 June**. 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.

The **Health and Safety Policy**, **Anti Match Fixing & Sports Betting Policy**, and **Members Forum Acceptable Use Policy** have been reviewed by the Board after the initial call for submissions. Some amendments have been proposed to the **Health & Safety Policy** and these will be posted on the member forum requesting feedback on the proposed amendments.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 14 June. 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 7 June May at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the June meeting.

All the best in skating,
Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA