NZIFSA

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Volvo Open Cup 56th 2025, Riga, Latvia, 5-9 November 2025

Senior Women	Petra Lahti	SP 11th/16	FS 10th/16	Overall 10th/16

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

NRW Trophy Dortmund 2025, 13-16 November 2025

Junior Women	Petra Lahti

Tallinn Trophy 2025, November 25-30, 2025

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Challenger Series Tallinn Trophy 2025, November 25-30, 2025

Senior Women	Petra Lahti

RECENT INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS

Australian Master Games in Canberra on 19 October 2025

Silver Class III Women	Glenda Bronkhorst	FS 1st /3	Overall 1st /3
Open Solo Free Dance	Glenda Bronkhorst	FS 1st /2	Overall 1st /2

All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend inter club competitions outside New Zealand by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete.

CONSULTATION REGARDING TIMING OF NATIONALS

Although the timing of Nationals is not a Rules & Regulations item, this was discussed at some length at the Rules & Regulations Members Forum at our recent National Championships. The Board wish to consult further regarding the proposal that we hold our National Championships at the start of December rather than the current timing. We are also asking for feedback on whether the end of October, end of November or mid-December might be worth considering if the early December option is not supported. The Board will review the consultation responses at their meeting on 22 & 23 November and will communicate their decision to the skating community as soon as possible after that.

There are many aspects that need to be taken into consideration and we're seeking feedback from skaters, clubs/sub-associations, coaches and officials to get a better sense of the weighting that the Board needs to give to the various concerns. Emails have been sent out to coaches,

officials and clubs, with clubs asked to work with their Athletes Voice Group representative to encourage TC registered skaters that are Juvenile level and up to provide feedback on options.

If the decision is made to change the timing of Nationals, a further request for expressions of interest for hosting the 2026 Nationals will be sent to all South Islands Clubs / Sub-Associations.

With regards the scheduling of Clubs and Sub-Association competitions, the plan is to arrange a meeting before the end of the year with representatives to look at the timing of competitions once we know the timing of Nationals.

Considerations include, but are not limited to:

- Extending the competition season to increase the time available for programme corrections between competitions (currently some skaters only have 2 weeks between competitions, which doesn't allow sufficient time to make changes to programmes).
- Providing officials with some respite between competitions (currently some only get 1-2 free weekends over the 10 week competition season).
- Providing volunteers, especially in Auckland, with respite between events.
- Avoiding too long a gap between the last club or regional championships and Nationals.
- Allowing time for skaters to focus on tests – particularly stroking tests.
- Availability of officials, skaters and volunteers in December due to potential work or social commitments as Christmas approaches.
- We have clubs that don't have access to ice time all year. Alexandra Ice Skating Club looses its ice in mid August, even with the new roof.

Avoiding clashes with:

- NCEA exams - usually all of November.
- University exams - usually mid/late November to early/mid December.
- Junior Grand Prix (JGP) events – mid August to mid October. (We currently inform the ISU each year of our Nationals dates requesting that we not be allocated to events that clash, which limits the available JGP allocations.)
- Grand Prix & JGP Final – expected anywhere between 4 to 12 December.
- Grand Prix events – usually from mid October to late November. (We don't currently have anyone invited to attend these, but we may in the future.)
- Australian Nationals - earliest to latest it has run since 2017 is 25 November to 8 December. (Important if we need to use Australian officials or our officials need experience they can't get here.)
- International school exams (e.g. Cambridge) - late September to mid-November.
- End of year school or recreation activities

NZIFSA would like feedback from TC registered skaters that are Juvenile level and up (this includes synchro and adult skaters), clubs/sub-associations, Level 2-4 coaches and officials (Judges, Tech Specialists, DO/RO, Calc, IJS Techs) by **10pm Sunday 16 November.**

The following is the link to the online consultation form:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/NationalsTimingConsultationNov2025

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask – secretary@nzifsa.org.nz

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

The initial call for submissions on the **Coaches Accreditation Policy** and the **Officials' Training, Appointment & Promotion Policy** closed on 15 October. Once the Board has reviewed these policies and any submissions received, a revised version will be posted on the member forum requesting feedback on any proposed amendments.

WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mark this date in your calendar now and look out for activities that might be happening in your area. World Ice Skating Day (WISD), created and organized by the International Skating Union (ISU), is a one-day global festival dedicated to Ice Skating. This year's annual celebration will be held on December 14, 2025. The key objectives are to make Ice Skating sports accessible to everyone in a fun and safe environment – for first-timers, amateurs, professionals or retired skaters. NZIFSA will be making contact with clubs and rinks to offer support to any activities they have planned.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd of November as part of our two day combined annual planning meeting. 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 Saturday 15 November. Any correspondence received after this date will likely be tabled at the December meeting.

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