



NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

There is a lot to celebrate in this newsletter and I am sure you will join us in congratulating our skaters who competed at our recent National Championships.

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, GORE 3 -6 OCTOBER

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the organisers, officials and volunteers for making this such a successful event. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the many hours of work and the effort that Melissa Cummings, Fiona Marsh and rest of the amazing group of people who make up the Ice Sports Southland organising committee put in to this competition.

Our National Championships are the pinnacle event of our skating calendar and we wish to congratulate all those who met the qualification criteria to be able to compete. We enjoyed some great skating over the four days of competition and all results can be found on the Competitions section of the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 2019 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provisional selection announcement of representative skaters for those that had made the development squads was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed selections are listed below.

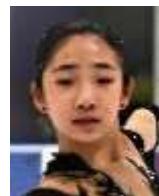
Note - although skaters/teams may have been named to International Squads or Australian Nationals, if they did not attend the anti-doping seminars at North Island, South Island or Nationals they will not be given permission to attend any international event.

Selection of International A Team Representative Skaters

The following skaters have met the NZIFSA criteria to be eligible for selection to represent New Zealand at International Competitions and are in order of priority. Skaters marked with an * are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in because of their age.

Advanced Novice Ladies

Jojo Hong***



Ruth Xu***



Mirika Armstrong**



Ally Landon-Lane**



Misaki Joe



Rebekah Sime



Cordelia Shi**



Junior Ladies

Jojo Hong*



Ruth Xu



Dani Gebser



Asia Tapealava



Junior Men

Douglas Gerber
Harrison Bain**

**Senior Ladies**

Jojo Hong ***



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** Skaters will age out of the indicated grade at 1 July 2020

*** Due to ISU age requirements, skaters will not be age eligible for the indicated grade until 1 July 2020

Selection of International B Team Representative Skaters

The International B Team provides an opportunity for a further group of skaters to gain experience at international competitions. These skaters are eligible to attend any international competitions where the number of spaces available to New Zealand in any grade exceeds the number of selected International A Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

Basic Novice Ladies

Cara Tang
Marina Chen
Jazmyn Evangelou
Olivia Pokorny**
Ann Kyle
Alex Hamilton**

**Intermediate Novice Ladies**

Hope Zhang
Brooke Cathro
Hannah Sutton
Jordon Laker
Victoria Larsen

**Intermediate Novice Men**

Blake Barraclough
Star Richens

**Advanced Novice Ladies**

Natasha Woodacre**

**Advanced Novice Men**

Stepan Kadlcik



Junior Ladies

Jess Hay
Hannah Sime
Ella Smith

**Senior Ladies**

Brooke Tamepo

**Senior Men**

Brian Lee

**Basic Novice Dance**

Gemma Pickering & Benji Pickering **

Intermediate Novice Dance

Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough

**Basic Novice Synchro *****

Platinum: Ivana Chen
Rachel Chen
Katrina Mitalauskas
Sophie Pokorny
Noelle Qiu
Mira Ren
Ava Spencer
Vicky Wang
Nicca Wu
Emily Yang
Kelly Zou

Mixed Age Synchro***

Black Ice: Nicola Bebelman
Maddison Blincoe
Alice Carvell
Kate Carvell
Katrina Chan
Sophie Foune
Neske Groenewegen
Alex Hamilton
Victoria Heald
Georgia Hessell
Leah Hodgson
Melissa Laby
Courtney Osborne
Vanessa Preston
Brooke Stansfield
Jenna Thomas
Taylyn Vallet
Courtney Wertheim



Advanced Novice Synchro ***

Titanium: MacKenzie Anderson

Caitlin Carter

Ivana Chen

Ashley Ip

Jordon Laker

Julie Lu

Olivia Pokorny

Caitlin Rae

Jenna Scholtz

Vicky Wang

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*** 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.

Selection of Skaters for the Australian Figure Skating Championships

The following skaters have met our selection criteria to compete at the 2019 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Ice Skating Australia is not always able to accept all of our skaters to compete and have already advised us that there will be limited places available for most grades.

Basic Novice Ladies (3 places)

Cara Tang



Marina Chen



Jazmyn Evangelou



Olivia Pokorny



Ann Kyle



Alex Hamilton



Intermediate Novice Ladies (4 places)

Hope Zhang



Brooke Cathro



Hannah Sutton



Jordon Laker



Victoria Larsen



Emma Fotheringham



Neske Groenewegen

Intermediate Novice Men (2 places)

Blake Barraclough

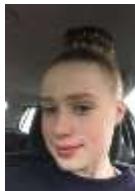
Star Richens

**Intermediate Ladies (2 places)**

Katie St Clair-Newman

Emilia Crooks

Towa Wilson

**Advanced Novice Ladies (4 places)**

Mirika Armstrong

Ally Landon-Lane

Misaki Joe

Rebekah Sime

Cordelia Shi

Claudia Clarke

Natasha Woodacre

Lucienne Holtz

Yvonne Li

Rivers Richens

**Advanced Novice Men (1 place)**

Stepan Kadlcik

**Junior Ladies (1 place)**

Ruth Xu

Dani Gebser

Asia Tapealava

Jess Hay

Hannah Sime

Ella Smith

**Junior Men (2 places)**

Douglas Gerber

Harrison Bain

**Senior Ladies (1 place)**

Jojo Hong

Brooke Tamepo

**Senior Men (1 place)**

Brian Lee

Basic Novice Dance (no places)

Gemma Pickering & Benji Pickering

Lucienne Holtz & Tim Bradfield



Intermediate Novice Dance (no places)

Ann Kyle & Blake Barracough



Basic Novice Synchro**

Platinum: Ivana Chen
Rachel Chen
Katrina Mitalauskas
Sophie Pokorny
Noelle Qiu
Mira Ren
Ava Spencer
Vicky Wang
Nicca Wu
Emily Yang
Kelly Zou



Ice Angels: Chloe Aitken
Maddison Blincoe
Megan Briggs
Alice Carvell
Kate Carvell
Neske Groenewegen
Alex Hamilton
Georgia Hessell
Victoria Larsen
Alexis Laud
Krishnaa Patel
Charlotte Robinson
Amber Sims
Brooke Stansfield
Anah Tremain
Gabby Wooler



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Vanessa Preston
Brooke Stansfield
Jenna Thomas
Taylyn Vallet
Courtney Wertheim



Kia Kaha: Brittany Bensemam
Hayley Bykerk
Hayley Douglas
Olivia Henderson
Eva Howe
Rachel Lister
Abbey Miller
Willow Ryan
Sasha Seatter
Helena Tartt
Towa Wilson
Anna Winter
Rachel Woollett
Liam McIver



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NZIFSA Development Squad

Those marked with * met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships. These are listed alphabetically by surname.

Pre Elementary Ladies

Kaci Jonker *
Lilah Langi-Scott *



Elementary Ladies

Addison Brennan *

Emily Yang *

**Juvenile Ladies**

Tailah Adams *

Rilee Folwell*v

Mya Jonker *

Maia Petterson

Alethea Wong*

Sophie Pokorny*

Connie Yang

Kelly Zou*

**Juvenile Men**

Cooper Petterson

**Basic Novice Ladies**

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Kelly Zou



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OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET

Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence

The cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions (including Australia) or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. If there is no skater, couple, pair or team that fit the criteria that year, the trophy will be held until the following year. The Board were very pleased to award the Cup of Excellence to Jojo Hong being the first skater to make it to Junior Worlds since the ISU brought in a TES as well as winning an international competition

Administrator of the Year

There were six nominations for this award this year and each of the nominees have made and continue to make a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were Sally Garelja, Lynne Hodgson, Vicki Smith, Alan Greenstreet, Karen Smith and Jamie Adams-Campbell.

Sally Garelja (AIDC) has been involved with the Allegro Ice Dance committee since 2013, possibly joining in 2010 when she joined Icy Chicks, she is what we call “an original” and in 2015 was elected as Club Treasurer taking on the role with minimal accounting experience and no MYOB experience. Sally was instrumental in setting up the Tier 4 Performance Reports for the club ensuring that everything balanced at year end. Over the past couple of years with the growth of the club she has had to handle a huge amount of transactions due to increased membership and fundraising activities.

Sally has also taken on the role of TC Secretary, never complaining and always with a smile on her face. During the Allegro Artistic Championships Sally is never far from the door with her endless supplies of strawberries and the profits from the sales of these strawberries are donated to the club.

She is also one of the Club representatives on the North Island Committee since 2017 and since coming on to the NI committee has organised the medals for the Championships.

Sally is a beautifully friendly person to work with and is one of those people who has stepped up to help the club.

Lynne Hodgson (AIFSC) has given several years of continuous service to Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club since joining the committee in 2013. She immediately accepted the role of Competition Secretary and has continued this role to this day and also concurrently was Test Secretary for the first two years until the role was separated due to the large number of Botany based tests, however she continues to support subsequent Test Secretaries find their feet.

She has been heavily involved in synchro from the beginning, either as a committee member or as a Team Manager and even when not officially on the synchro committee can always be found helping out with team activities and fundraising events for all the synchro teams. Lynn has continued to help with local skate school competitions and gala events. In her 'real life' she is a teacher aide working with the most challenging pupils at the local primary school.

Lynne can always be relied upon to help out in any way possible, she can usually be found at the beginning of any local competition setting up and is often one of the last to leave. Lynne always manages to do all of this with a big smile and a warm heart and this year managed to organise club champs while renovating and moving into her new home three days before competition.

Vicki Smith (CISC) For the last five years Vicki and her daughter Isabella have been active and participating members of Centaurus Ice Skating Club. From day one Vicki put her hand up to volunteer where and when needed. She joined the club committee with fresh ideas to help the club use available technology to simplify processing helping us to work smarter rather than harder.

Vicki always has a positive attitude, open mind and is patient. Never a bad word to say, always championing the sport looking for ways to promote it and make the skaters feel a team and always following through with her commitments.

Vicki took on the not so liked role of Treasurer, she used her skills to simplify the reporting yet make it more transparent. With the exception of a one year break as Treasurer, Vicki has been a strong rock and go to person, learning as she went along and sharing all her information. Vicki is the liaison person with Alpine Ice for booking ice time for the club, as Alpine will only deal with one nominated person, which involves time for Vicki to check availability of ice & members, reply to the rink, confirm or have a plan B and start again, but is all done in a timely manner and without complaint.

Vicki and Isabella had to make the hard decision to leave ice skating for personal reasons in March of this year, however Vicki has stayed on and given her time not just as treasurer but in other capacities as well. Vicki's contributions, ideas and work ethic will be sorely missed.

Alan Greenstreet (CISC) has been responsible for setting up the IJS system for Centaurus Ice Skating Club, & Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Championships as well as being responsible for transporting the IJS system to South Island venues for South Island Champs and Nationals, usually meaning he is the first one there and last to leave facing a lonely drive back to Christchurch.

He has spent many hours at home setting up and testing the system in the hope that it will run smoothly during the competitions. This year NZIFSA purchased two new IJS systems and the call on Alan has been even greater where he has travelled to many local club competitions in South Island as well as Otago/Southland, South Island Champs and will be in Gore for Nationals.

He has also been quietly training others to use the IJS system so that in time the system can be transported to venues and operated by local club experts.

He truly is an IJS administrative champion – works quietly and diligently in the background. The South Island clubs know we are truly blessed to have Alan as our IJS expert.

Karen Smith (GFSC) joined Glenburn Figure Skating Club in 2012 and has been a member of the committee since joining. She currently holds the position as the Club Test Secretary however this title goes nowhere near covering all the areas in which Karen is involved in. The club would not run as efficiently as it does without her tireless work within the club.

Karen is the main organiser of the club competition. This even is always run with great communication to all involved and with amazing planning/timing and most of all just a great event to be part of. She has held the position of Club Secretary and runs/organises the club committee meetings.

Karen organises and helps with all fundraising events for the club. She is a true perfectionist, this quality is evident in every task that she does herself or oversees from others in the organisation.

She is a trusted and efficient liaison for the club at the rink to new and existing members and to other clubs involved in this sport. The Glenburn Club are incredibly lucky to have this amazing lady involved in our organisation.

Jamie Adams-Campbell (QISC) has worked tirelessly for the last four years as QISC Treasurer. In addition to this she manages all their TC registrations and plays the chief role in organising any figure skating events at the rink whether that's competitions (such as South Islands last year or this year club champs) and all our major fundraisers.

She also manages all the accounts for the club, and generally does everything else that other members don't get around to doing.

Jamie quietly gets things done with a minimal amount of fuss. She has outstanding organisational skills and is very well respected by everyone that has anything to do with our club.

In addition to this, Jamie is also a successful businesswoman and a mother. We cannot place a value on the role that Jamie plays within our club as it's just too massive. She is the backbone of our club and we would be totally lost without her. We hope you will consider this exceptional, humble, deserving woman for nomination.

The Board, after quite some deliberation, decided to award the Administrator of the Year award to Jaime Adams-Campbell. The NZIFSA would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the other nominees for the huge contribution they make to our sport through their volunteer activities.

Sportsperson of the Year

Four people were nominated for this award. The nominees were Tracy Hipkiss, Vanessa Preston, Emilia Crooks and Sheryl Squier.

Tracy Hipkiss (AIDC) is heavily involved in all areas of skating, from taking development classes for skate school, developing solo skaters and involvement with the four synchronised skating teams for Allegro.

Tracy spends many hours going above and beyond to ensure skaters feel supported and taken care of, with nothing asked in return. The most recent example of this, at North Island Champ's she supported many skaters coached by others on and off the ice as their coach was away. Tracy wanted to make sure all skaters were comfortable for the competition and put their needs first.

Tracy is an ambassador for the sport with her hard work and dedication noted by many. Not only is she a talented skater herself, but she has a warm and caring nature which our junior skaters are drawn to and they always want to spend time with her on the ice. Tracy welcomes this and is constantly encouraging their skating and love of the sport.

Vanessa Preston (AIFSC) started in Skate School in 2006 at 5 years old, her passion for ice skating quickly developed to having four lessons a week, development and private lessons. Vanessa began synchronised skating in 2009 and has been heavily involved with synchro ever since. Vanessa has been coaching Skate School since 2014 and is working towards her level 1 qualification. She is also involved in many organisation aspects of synchro fundraising events such as quiz nights and fun skates while also running many of the social media accounts. She is a role model to younger skaters and is keen to pass her passion for skating onto others. She is a spectacular team player and always supports her friend in their skating passions.

Emilia Crooks (CISC) CISC awards the Mulholland Trophy to a member every year who displays the spirit of the club and the sport through their actions and attitudes, and this year the coveted trophy went to Emilia.

Emilia demonstrates excellent qualities of fair play and sportsmanship by supporting other skaters both in training and at competitions. She never hesitates to encourage other skaters to do their best and strive to achieve their goals, whatever level the individual may be at. This is also reflected in her effective coaching behaviour, when she maintains a fun yet authoritative position.

Emilia is a wonderfully positive role model for other skaters because, whether it is 6am or 5pm, she ALWAYS has a smile on her face. She has a friendly and approachable demeanour, which positively affects all those around her.

Sheryl Squier (GFSC) has coached for many years and is especially successful with her tiny tot group. She shows enthusiasm and support of skaters at any level of the sport and is always willing to help. She will go out of her way on the ice to encourage skaters and is always welcoming. Sheryl also makes herself available to assist during all Auckland competitions, happy to help wherever possible.

Her recent new role in the NZIFSA shows her continuing support of the sport and its skaters, with her willingness to develop a positive environment for all. Sheryl is a positive role model in the sport and deserves the recognition for her friendliness, inclusiveness and her willing behaviour to help guide, nurture and support any skater from the very beginner to the advanced skaters within our sport.

The Board are very pleased to award the Sportsperson of the year award to Emilia Crooks. The NZIFSA also wish to acknowledge all the other nominees for this award and the valuable part they play in creating a positive environment for all our skaters.

The Allchurch Shield

The Shield is named after Sandy Allchurch and is awarded to the club that gets the highest number of points, based on where their members place in the various grades, at our New Zealand National

and Adult Skating Championships. Sandy Allchurch was actively involved in the Association for many years and was at the inaugural meeting in June 1937 of what was, until 2011, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association. Sandy was also Patron for our Association for many years, and was very dedicated to supporting ice skating. Being able to present this award each year is a rather special acknowledgement to Sandy and the contribution that he, and others like him, have made to our sport.

The provisional announcement of the Allchurch Shield was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed points are listed below.

The Allchurch Shield was won by Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club – congratulations.

Summary of the Allchurch Shield points:

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	44
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	25
Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	21
Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	19
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	17
West Auckland Ice Skating Club (WAISC)	15
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	13
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	12
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	0
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	0

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Adult ISU competition in Lake Placid, USA 15-18 October 2019

Bronze III Ladies Freeskate	Jeanette King
Bronze III Ladies Artistic	Jeanette King
Silver V Freeskate	Sue Hoseit
Silver V Artistic	Sue Hoseit

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy, Dongguan, China 30 October – 3 November 2019

This senior only event is part of the ISU Challenger Series

Senior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo
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Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy International, Dongguan, China 30 October – 3 November 2019

This a Novice (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced) and Junior event that will run concurrent with the ISU Challenger Series Event above. The following skaters will be representing New Zealand at this event.

Basic Novice Ladies	Jazmyn Evangelou Marina Chen
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Advanced Novice Ladies	Mirika Armstrong
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Junior Ladies	Danielle Gebser Asia Tapelava
Junior Men	Harrison Bain
Team Leader	Kevin Poit
Assistant Team Leader	Heather McDonald

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is part of a two day combined Board, Operations Group & Development Group planning meeting on 23rd and 24th November. Please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by 15th November at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

All the best in skating,
Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King