

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

OWG Qualifying Competition, Beijing, China, 18-21 September

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| Senior Women | Petra Lahti | SP 11 th /25 | FS 10 th /25 | Overall 10 th /25 |
| Coach | Bess Cao | | | |
| Team Leader | Dani Gebser | | | |

Swan Trophy International, Perth, WA - 28 September – 1 October.

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| Basic Novice Girls | Sum Yu Hailey Ng | FS 5 th /7 | Overall 5 th /7 |
| Junior Women | Cara Tang | WD | |
| Coach | Gordon Rushton | | |

CONGRATULATIONS PETRA ON FOUR CONTINENTS QUALIFICATION

Petra Lahti achieved the minimum Combined TES required to be eligible to compete at the 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships at the recent OWG Qualifying Competition in Beijing. A really amazing achievement at her second ever international competition at Senior Level.

Petra's 10th placing at the OWG Qualifying Competition also placed New Zealand as 5th substitute for an Olympic Winter Games quota spot after the five quota to be allocated at this qualifying competition were determined. A great effort all round.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

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| Senior Women | Petra Lahti |
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NRW Trophy Dortmund 2025, 13-16 November 2025

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| Junior Women | Petra Lahti |
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Tallinn Trophy 2025, November 25-30, 2025

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| Junior Women | Petra Lahti |
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Challenger Series Tallinn Trophy 2025, November 25-30, 2025

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| Senior Women | Petra Lahti |
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UPCOMING INTER CLUB COMPETITIONS

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.

Australian Master Games in Canberra on 19 October 2025

Silver >51 Women Glenda Bronkhorst

Open Solo Dance (PD & FD) Glenda Bronkhorst

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUCKLAND 4-7 OCTOBER 2025

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association organising committee for making this such a successful event. An outstanding team effort. Thanks also to all the officials who volunteered their time and the parents and skaters who picked up volunteer roles to make things work during the event. We simply couldn't run any competitions without all the people who volunteer their time.

A special thanks to our amazing IJS tech people Alan Greenstreet, Mike Slater and Keith Darvil not only for their contribution to Nationals but who have also been so essential to the running of most of our other competitions during the year.

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 of the best skating we have seen in New Zealand over the four days of competition. All results can be found on the competitions section of the NZIFSA website: <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

We would like to make special mention of the funding support we had from our major sponsors Pub Charity Limited and New Zealand Community Trust towards the ice time and the officials' accommodation. Their generous support helps us keep the cost for skaters to enter our National Championships at a much more reasonable level.



NATIONAL CHAMPS VENUE FOR 2026 DECISION DEFERRED

Although the timing of Nationals is not a Rules & Regulations item, this was discussed at some length at the Rules & Regulations Members Forum. In light of some of the feedback the Board wish to consult further regarding the idea of holding our National Championships at the start of December rather than the current timing. We will shortly be seeking feedback from clubs, officials, coaches, and from skaters via the Athlete's Voice Group. If feedback supports the move to an early December Nationals date South Islands Clubs will all be invited to resubmit and EOI for hosting 2026 Nationals and a meeting will be held with clubs and sub associations to review their championship dates.

SELECTIONS FROM THE 2025 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provisional announcement of selection to development squads and of representative skaters was emailed to participant skaters, coaches and clubs after the completion of our National Championships. The confirmed selections are listed below.

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. As per the recent Selection Policy changes, only Senior skaters that are age-eligible to compete Junior will automatically be considered for naming to Junior international A or B team. All other international A or B team skaters will be assessed on application if they are seeking to enter an international competition in a lower grade they are age eligible for.

Advanced Novice Girls

Mia Chen



Junior Women

Petra Lahti *

Renee Tsai

Nicca Wu

Cara Tang

Alethea Wong

Sophie Pokorny



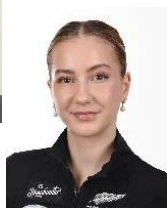
Junior Men

Dwayne Li *



Senior Women

Petra Lahti



Senior Men

Dwayne Li **



* Senior skaters who are also age eligible for selection to Junior grade

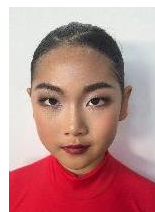
** Skaters will become age eligible for the indicated grade in July 2026

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 Team Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

Basic Novice Girls

Nicole Xiao
Emma Thein-Xie
Judy Tong *
Sum Yu Hailey Ng
Anna-Bella Levien
Lilian Peng
Aeryl Zhang
Mihi Parkinson
Oria Deng
Alva Zhang *



Basic Novice Boys

Eddie Luo



Intermediate Novice Girls

Olivia Dickson



Advanced Novice Girls

Luna Wu
Yuhuan Ding *
Olivia Mandle
Lilah Langi-Scott



* Skaters will age out of the indicated grade 1 July 2026.

Senior Elite 12 Synchronized

Cutting Edge **

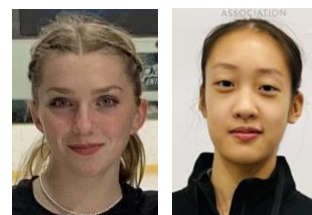
Zara Anthony-Whigham
Amelie Ballard
Isabelle Dalley
Djuna Elkan
Emma Fotheringham
Amelie Henderson
Lucienne Holtz
Rachael Jannink
Jazelle McCormick
Gemma Pickering
Hannah Sime
Selina Zeng
Katie St Clair-Newman
Paige Symister



** 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.

Exemptions granted under section 7 of the Selection Policy

Brooke Cathro and Christine Aixinjueluo have been granted exemptions to be considered for selection for International Competitions in Junior Women's grade and entry into the 2026 Clucas Cup Selection Competition, subject to medical clearance and monitoring.



NZIFSA HIGH PERFORMANCE

The NZIFSA Board is pleased to be able to reaffirm our commitment to recognizing and supporting our top athletes through the continuation of the High-Performance Squad selection criteria. Eligibility includes results from the Junior and Senior World Championships, Four Continents Championship, and the Senior Grand Prix series. Skaters who compete in the short program/dance and qualify for the free skate/free dance at any of these events will be considered for selection. Additionally, skaters who qualify for the Junior/Senior Grand Prix Finals, Winter Youth Olympic Games, or Olympic Games, as well as those who medal at a Junior Grand Prix event, are eligible for selection.

Based on the above criteria we are very pleased to confirm the following selection to the High Performance Squad

Junior Men

Dwayne Li



NZIFSA DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Inclusion is based on results at the North Islands or South Island Championships, or New Zealand National Championships. Selection is open to all skaters who meet the specified age requirements and Total Element Score (TES) for their grade at one of Championships.

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

Elementary

Evie Foote*



Basic Novice Under 12

Oria Deng
Anna-Bella Levien
Eddie Luo*
Lilian Peng
Nicole Xiao*
Aeryl Zhang*



Basic Novice Girls

Sum Yu Hailey Ng
Mihi Parkinson*
Emma Thein-Xie*
Judy Tong
Alva Zhang



Intermediate Novice Girls

Olivia Dickson



Advanced Novice Girls

Mia Chen
Yuhuan Ding*
Lilah Langi-Scott
Olivia Mandle
Luna Wu*



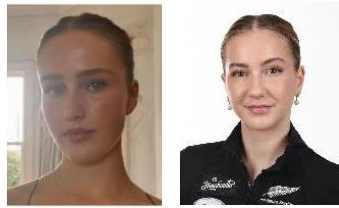
Junior Women

Sophie Pokorny*
Cara Tang*
Renee Tsai
Alethea Wong*
Nicca Wu



Senior Women

Mirika Armstrong
Petra Lahti



Basic Novice Synchronized Obsidian U12 Basic Novice*

Florie Cheng
Anna Dennis
Charlotte Hua
Anita Li
Jasmine Ngan
Ola Ou
Yehm Pangyani
Amelia Reed
Alyssa Rogers
Karen Sih
Angelina Wang



Senior Elite 12 Synchronized Cutting Edge

Zara Anthony-Whigham
Amelie Ballard
Isabelle Dalley
Djuna Elkan
Emma Fotheringham
Amelie Henderson
Lucienne Holtz
Rachael Jannink
Jazelle McCormick
Gemma Pickering
Hannah Sime
Selina Zeng
Katie St Clair-Newman
Paige Symister



Obsidian Senior Elite 12

Katrina Chan
Jessie Grant
Neske Groenewegen
Victoria Heald
Sofia Heuman
Tracy Hipkiss
Jasmine Hu
Alexis Laud
Ana Matsiborko
Vanessa Preston
Noelle Qiu
Ava Marie Spencer
Vicky Wang
Jordan Etches
Megan Briggs



OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT NATIONALS

NORMAN CAMERON CUP OF EXCELLENCE

This cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions 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. The Board are very pleased to again acknowledge the outstanding performance of Dwayne Li over this past year by awarding him the Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence.



Photo by Olga Levien at Levien & Lens photography

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

There were five nominations for this award this year, with each of the nominees have made a significant contribution to the administration of our sport. The nominees were **Melissa Booth, Anna Ho, Carol Petrie, Anna Smith, and Melanie Tanone.**

Criteria:

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club/sub association.
- Take on administrative/organizational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club/sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport.
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club/sub-association.

The Board are very pleased to award the Administrator of the Year award to **Anna Ho**.

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 following is from the nomination from AIFSC for Anna Ho

Anna Ho is an outstanding leader in figure skating administration, known for her professionalism, dedication, and vision. She has played a vital role in organising the North Island and AIFSC Club Championships and coordinating test sessions for North Island skaters, ensuring events run smoothly and successfully.

Reliable, organised, and forward-thinking, Anna manages complex tasks with calm efficiency, creating positive experiences for skaters, coaches, families, and officials. She leads with integrity and fairness, sharing her knowledge to support other clubs and strengthen the wider skating community.

Through her commitment and leadership, Anna has made a lasting contribution to the growth and success of figure skating in the North Island. She is a truly deserving nominee for *Administrator of the Year*.



Anna Ho and President, Robyn Morris

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

We received five nominations for this significant award. The nominees were **Djuna Elkan, Maia Smith, Megan Weir, Sheryl Squier**, and **Stepan Kadlcik**. Each of these individuals has made a marked contribution to the sport and we are proud to recognize their dedication and impact on our community.

Criteria:

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a “fair play” attitude/good sportsmanship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general
- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, Kiwi Skate coaching sessions

The Board are very pleased to award the Sportsperson of the Year award to **Stepan Kadlcik**. 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 their fellow skaters.

From the nomination by AIFSC for Stepan Kadlcik

Stepan is an exceptional role model and ambassador for figure skating, demonstrating resilience, leadership, and dedication to growing the sport. From a young age, he has given back to the community—volunteering at KiwiSkate programmes and club events before becoming a coach at 15.

He is known for his fairness, encouragement, and empathy, particularly in mentoring younger skaters and advocating for boys in figure skating. His commitment extends beyond coaching; he promotes skating as inclusive and accessible for all, continually developing his skills through ongoing study and volunteering in other movement-based arts.

Despite significant injuries, Stepan's perseverance and passion have never wavered. He continues to coach, is training as a Technical Panel official, and supports club fundraising and events.

Stepan exemplifies generosity, integrity, and service. His leadership and dedication have left a lasting impact on his club and the wider skating community, making him a truly deserving nominee for Sportsperson of the Year.



RECOGNITION OF BARBARA LINDSAY- TAYLORS'S CONTRIBUTION



In our March 2025 newsletter we included a tribute to Barbara when she announced her retirement from officiating, but we hadn't had a chance to thank her in person. Barbara was invited to present the Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence at our National Championships and the opportunity was used to say a special thank for her 50 plus years of contribution as an official.

Barbara Lindsay Taylor has been a valued member of New Zealand figure skating for over 50 years. Starting her judging career in the early 1970s, Barbara went on to become a well-respected official. She has judged countless tests and competitions, mentored emerging judges, and contributed tirelessly at club, regional, and national levels. This included serving on the Auckland NZISA Technical Committee, the NZIFSA Board (including as Vice President) and has represented NZ internationally as a Team Leader. Barbara was awarded Life Membership of NZIFSA and appointed as NZIFSA Patron in 2023. Her dedication, mentorship, and leadership have left a lasting impression. We thank her sincerely and wish her every happiness in retirement.

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 Allchurch Shield scores had been determined and the shield awarded on the last day of the National Championships. The final results are listed below with the Allchurch Shield being awarded to Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club – congratulations.

Summary of the Allchurch Shield points:

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| Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC) | 45 |
| Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC) | 40 |
| Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC) | 31 |
| Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC) | 24 |
| Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC) | 10 |
| Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC) | 6 |
| Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC) | 1 |
| Ice Sports Southland (ISS) | 1 |
| Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC) | 1 |



AIFSC President, Mike Slater, Stepan Kadlick, and Competition Secretary, Anna Ho with the Allchurch Shield



Anna Ho with AIFSC Skaters at the award ceremony on Monday night

REMINDER - RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

A member forum was held on Sunday 5 October, during our National Championships, to discuss potential changes to the 2026 Rules and Regulations. Thank you to all those who contributed to this discussion. Taking into account the feedback at the member forum, a revised version of the proposed 2026 Rules and Regulations has been posted on the members policy forum for feedback <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>. At this point in the review process, comment can only be made on the changes that have been proposed (indicated through underlining and strikethroughs). We welcome and encourage your involvement in this review process. The final date for submissions on the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations is Saturday 1 November.

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, and 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. The 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