

CONGRATULATIONS DWAYNE (YANHAO) LI

Huge congratulations are in order for Dwayne for two outstanding achievements.

Earning CTES for ISU Four Continents and ISU World Championships

Swan Trophy was Dwayne's first international competition at Senior level, and what an exceptional opening foray that was into Senior. Opening his Freeskate with a lovely quad toe loop definitely set a high bar.

This competition provided Dwayne with the opportunity to earn the Combined Total Element Score (CTES) required to qualify for entry into the ISU Figure Skating Four Continents Championships to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan 9-14 February 2027 and the ISU Figure Skating World Championships to be held in Tampere, Finland 17-21 March 2027.

The required CTES for Four Continents is 86 and for World Championships is 109 for Worlds. Dwayne earned a CTES of 132.04, well in excess of the minimum CTES required for either event. Congratulations Dwayne and Bess Cao.



Ranking in the top six to earn a spot at the JGP Final



It's been a tense time as we've waited to see the outcome of all the Junior Grand Prix events to see whether Dwayne had earned one of the six spots at the Junior Grand Prix Final to be held in Chongqing, China, 10-13 December 2026.

With the results in from the recent JGP in Gdansk, Poland, the ISU have published the Junior Men's Standings confirming Dwayne has won one of these coveted spots.

So very well done Dwayne.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Swan Trophy International, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 26-30 September 2026

Basic Novice Girls	Jasmin Ngan		FS 5 th /9	Overall 5 th /9
	Lilian Peng		FS 7 th /9	Overall 7 th /9
	Aeryl Zhang		FS 9 th /9	Overall 9 th /9
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien		FS 11 th /11	Overall 11 th /11
Advanced Novice Girls	Luna Wu	SP 12 th /14	FS 7 th /14	Overall 9 th /14
	Emma Thein-Xie	SP 14 th /14	FS 10 th /14	Overall 13 th /14
Junior Women	Mia Chen	SP 4 th /8	FS 4 th /8	Overall 4 th /8
Senior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li	SP 1 st /3	FS 1 st /3	Overall 1 st /3
Coaches	Bess Cao			
	Tracy Hipkiss			
	Cordelia Shi			
Team Leader	Jeanette King			
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley			



Our NZL team at Swan Trophy

Back row Mia, Lilian and Anna-Bella

Front row, Luna, Emma, Jasmine, Dwayne and Aeryl



Junior Grand Prix – Ljubljana, Slovenia 30 Sept – 3 October 2026

Junior Women	Nicca (Ziyao) Wu	SP 22 nd /35	FS 19 th /35	Overall 19 th /35
Coach	Špela Lovrenčič			
Unfunded Team Leader	Caisheng Yang			

A great result Nicca. You should be very pleased with what you achieved.



Nicca Wu with Hana Bath (AUS) who took out the gold medal at the JGP in Slovenia and became the top ranked in Junior Women's grade

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating – 2026 Skate Canada International, Kelowna, Canada from 30 Oct – 1 Nov 2026

Judge Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Challenger Series PGE Warsaw Cup 2026, Warsaw, Poland, 25 – 29 Nov

Senior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li
Coach	Bess Cao

RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

Swan Trophy Champ Series Interclub, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 27-30 September

Basic Novice Girls	Rebecca Situ	FS 3 rd /10	Overall 3 rd /10
	Charlotte Hua	FS 8 th /10	Overall 8 th /10
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien	FS 5 th /5	Overall 5 th /5
Junior Men	Michael Yuchen Duan	SP 1 st /1	Overall 1 st /1
Senior Women	Cordelia Shi	SP 2 nd /3	Overall 2 nd /3
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien	FS 3 rd /4	Overall 3 rd /4



Rebecca, Charlotte, Cordelia and Michael at the Interclub event

Apology for incorrectly listed Sydney Synchro Fest results.

Our sincere apologies for inadvertently reversing the names of the two Allegro Ice Dance Club Basic Novice synchronized teams in our recording of the Sydney Synchro Fest results in the September newsletter. Please find corrected results below.

Basic Novice	Obsidian Basic Novice Crystal	FS 2 nd /5	Overall 2 nd /5
Basic Novice B	Obsidian Basic Novice	FS 1 st /1	Overall 1 st /1

UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

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

Ice Skating Australia's Champ Series events listed below are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. Please note, until we have announcements, we can't confirm permission but hopefully the following information will help with your planning.

To date approval has been granted for:

Ice Skating Victoria State Championships, Melbourne, VIC, Australia, 17-18 October 2026

Senior Women Cara Tang

UPDATED ELEMENTS LIST FOR PPC'S AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The element lists for PPC's on the NZIFSA website have been updated for all disciplines and now include choreo elements for Single, Pair and Ice Dance as well as updated elements for Synchronized Skating. Can you please ensure you have updated your PPCs for Nationals!

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM NORTH ISLANDS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Island, North Island, or our National Championships. The following eligible skaters obtained the TES for the 2026-27 Development Squad at the North Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetical order by surname for each grade.

Elementary Under 12	Kyleigh Li
	Melody Peng
Juvenile Under 12	Florie Cheng
Basic Novice Under 12	Rebecca Situ
	Victoria Zhang
Basic Novice Girls	Athena Macmac
Intermediate Novice Boys	Eddie Luo
Advanced Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie
Junior Women	Alethea Wong
Senior Women	Cara Tang

Congratulations to each of these skaters on this achievement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONSULTATION

As the first step in this annual process, the Rules and Regulations were posted on the member forum for 40 days with a call for submissions and for comment on suggested changes. Submissions closed on 10 October. The Board will review all submissions a draft of the Rules & Regulations incorporating proposed changes will be posted on the member forums for a further 21 days for feedback on the proposed changes only. There will also be a discussion forum held in conjunction with the 2026 National Championships. Any feedback received during this 2nd round of consultation will be taken into account when the Board finalise the 2027 Rules and Regulations at their November meeting.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz). Any correspondence received after the 7 November will go to the next meeting.

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