

### CONGRATULATIONS TO DWAYNE AND RENEE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT THE ISU JGP BANGKOK 2024

We are so proud of Dwayne Li and Renee Tsai. You have both truly shined on the international stage! Your dedication, passion, and hard work have paid off in a big way, and this is just the beginning. Let's keep this momentum going!



If you haven't been following the JGP you can watch their skates here:

Renee Tsai SP & FS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgoqpsK-ixc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1xvU-jOW4E>

Yanhao (Dwayne) Li's SP & FS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJRjfdS6nGE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOLMuDzZvoY>

#### **Dwayne Li - Continuously Making History:**

As many of you have been following Dwayne's journey, we are thrilled to share that he has once again made New Zealand history by winning the first-ever title at a JGP event for New Zealand, with a personal best score of 230.09. He is currently the only male skater this season to have surpassed 230 points on the JGP circuit.

We know that no words can fully capture the immense work, effort, time, and dedication that Dwayne has continuously shown. His commitment is truly inspiring, and he serves as a role model for so many younger skaters. We are beyond proud of him and hope the best for rest of season.

Here is official news link from ISU:

<https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/news/news-fsk/15051-youngsters-make-history-for-china-and-new-zealand-at-isu-junior-grand-prix-in-bangkok?templateParam=15>

Ted Barton's ISU interviews with Winner:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqEuMKkYJmg>



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Renee Tsai absolutely dazzled in this competition, showcasing two incredibly powerful performances that captivated everyone. This remarkable achievement not only highlights her extraordinary talent but also sets a new record as the highest placement and score ever attained by a New Zealand female skater in a Junior Grand Prix event.

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## RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy 2024 – Hong Kong, 2 - 6 September.



Misaki Joe, Anna Ho and Renee Tsai

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 7 <sup>th</sup> /25	FS 7 <sup>th</sup> /24	Overall 7 <sup>th</sup> /24
	Misaki Joe	SP 19 <sup>th</sup> /25	FS 15 <sup>th</sup> /24	Overall 15 <sup>th</sup> /24
Team Leader	Anna Ho			

### Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-14 September

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 12 <sup>th</sup> /33	FS 12 <sup>th</sup> /33	Overall 11 <sup>th</sup> /33
Junior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li	SP 1 <sup>st</sup> /20	FS 1 <sup>st</sup> /20	Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> /20
Coach	Bess Cao			
Team Leader	Dani Gebser			

### ISU International Adult Competition, Calgary, Canada, 18-21 September 2024.

Bronze II Woman Artistic	Victoria Marinova	FS 7 <sup>th</sup> /18	Overall 7 <sup>th</sup> /18
Bronze II Woman Freeskate	Victoria Marinova	FS 8 <sup>th</sup> /22	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /22
Bronze IV Women's Artistic	Jeanette King	FS 8 <sup>th</sup> /12	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /12
Bronze IV Women's Freeskate	Jeanette King	FS 6 <sup>th</sup> /8	Overall 6 <sup>th</sup> /8

### Swan Trophy International 2024 – Perth, Australia, 23 – 25 September.

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 2 <sup>nd</sup> /10	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> /10	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /10
	Christine (Qiwen) Aixinjueluo	SP 4 <sup>th</sup> /10	FS 5 <sup>th</sup> /10	Overall 4 <sup>th</sup> /10
	Jazmine Evangelou	SP 8 <sup>th</sup> /10	FS 6 <sup>th</sup> /10	Overall 6 <sup>th</sup> /10
Inter Novice Girls	Bridey Sangster		FS 10 <sup>th</sup> /15	Overall 10 <sup>th</sup> /15
Judge/ Official	Sandra Williamson-Leadley			
Team Leader	Katrina Chan			



Bridey Sangster, Jazz Evangelou, Renee Tsai and Christine Aixinjueluo at Swan Trophy International

## RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

### Winter Sun 2024 – Brisbane, Australia, 6 – 8 September.

Junior Women	Cara Tang (AIFSC)	SP 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4
	Victoria Larsen (GFSC)	SP 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4	FS 4 <sup>th</sup> /4	Overall 4 <sup>th</sup> /4
Coach	Gordon Rushton			

### Swan Trophy Champ Series 2024 – Perth, Australia, 23 – 25 September.

Junior Men	Stepan Kadlcik (AIFSC)	SP 1 <sup>st</sup> /3	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3
Silver Women III Freeskate	Glenda Bronkhorst (AIDC)		FS 1 <sup>st</sup> /2	Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> /2

## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### Junior Grand Prix – Wuxi, China, 09-12 October

Junior Women	Cara Tang
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coaches	Bess Cao Gordon Rushton
Team Leader	Junko Kimura

## **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 skaters made the Selection TES for the 2024-25 Development Squad at the North Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname.

<b>Pre-Elementary U12</b>	Evie Foote
<b>Juvenile U12</b>	Sum Yu Hailey Ng
<b>Basic Novice U12</b>	Emma Thein-Xie
<b>Basic Novice Boys</b>	Hunter Smith
<b>Intermediate Novice U12</b>	Luna Wu
<b>Intermediate Novice Girls</b>	Mia Chen
	Olivia Mandle
<b>Advanced Novice Girls</b>	Emily Yang
<b>Junior Women</b>	Qiwen (Christine) Aixinjueluo
	Cara Tang
	Alethea Wong
<b>Senior Women</b>	Mirika Armstrong

Congratulations to each of these skaters / teams on this achievement. We look forward to providing a full list of Development Squad members after our National Championships.

## **NZIFSA YOUTH INTERPRETIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PILOTS**

Utilising the balance of the last tranche of Partnerships Investment funding from Sport NZ, we have launched two small pilot interpretive skating workshops aimed at encouraging our 12-17 year old KiwiSkate skaters to progress in the sport. The workshops will run weekly during Term Four in Auckland (moderated by Debbie Darvill) and Gore (moderated by Carla Dominguez). These sessions will focus on developing skating skills, interpretation, and on-ice expression. We look forward to receiving feedback and exploring how these workshops might evolve in future iterations

## **WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – SUNDAY 3 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 3, 2024. 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 following up on earlier communication with clubs and rinks to support any activities they have planned.

## SITUATION VACANT – MARKETING PROMOTION OFFICER

We are seeking a dynamic and creative individual to join our team as a **Marketing Promotion Officer**. This role is critical in promoting figure skating in New Zealand and connecting with the wider community through social media and other channels. The Marketing Promotion Officer will be responsible for creating content, managing social media accounts, and collaborating with skaters, coaches, and other NZIFSA members to ensure the sport's visibility and growth.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Develop a marketing plan that includes developing and growing a digital media presence.
- Develop and manage social media platforms, including posting real-time updates on skaters' performances, achievements, and events.
- Create engaging content to promote figure skating in New Zealand, including graphics, videos, and articles.
- Collaborate with skaters, coaches, and the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association (NZIFSA) to ensure consistent messaging and promotional efforts.
- Engage with the community to increase the visibility of figure skating, both locally and internationally.
- Assist in promoting key events, such as competitions, camps, and workshops.
- Work closely with the Child Protection Officer and Privacy Officer to ensure any information put on any media platforms complies with child protection and privacy obligations.

### Ideal Candidate:

- Strong understanding of social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).
- Creative flair for producing engaging content.
- Good communication and collaboration skills.
- Passionate about sports, particularly figure skating.
- **Since figure skating has a large youth audience, a strong awareness and sensitivity to age-appropriate content is essential.**
- Experience in marketing, media, or a related field is a plus.

### Time Commitment:

- On average, expect to post around 3 times per week. During the skating season, this may increase, while in the off-season, it could be 1-4 posts per month.

This is a rewarding role that will help support and grow the figure skating community in New Zealand. If you have a passion for sports promotion and digital media, we'd love to hear from you! If you are interested, please send your CV to NZIFSA secretary: [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)

## NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Board are seeking member feedback on the **Coaches Accreditation Policy** and the **Nationals Hosting Policy** (feedback due by 13 October). 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.

## **PROPOSED MEMBER FORUMS AT NATIONALS**

The Board have proposed the following member forum topics at our National Championships:

- Consultation on draft of revised NZIFSA Constitution
- Skater Development – what do skaters want.
- Rules & Regulations Consultation

We will have more details about the timing and location of these forums shortly within the Nationals Newsletters.

## **REMINDER - RULES AND REGULATIONS CONSULTATION**

As the first step in this annual process, the Rules and Regulations have been posted on the members policy forum for submissions <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>.

Please refer to the Rules and Regulations discussion document (posted in these forums) which summarises proposed changes and further outlines the feedback process. Comments and further submissions may be made on the member forum of or by email to [technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz). Please make any submissions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. There will also be a discussion forum held in conjunction with the 2024 National Championships. Following this initial consultation process a draft of the Rules & Regulations incorporating the proposed changes will be posted on the member forums for feedback on the proposed changes only. This feedback will be taken into account when the Board finalise the 2025 Rules and Regulations at their November meeting.

## **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 8 October. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary ([secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)) by Tuesday 1 October. Any correspondence received now will be tabled at the November meeting.

All the best in skating,  
Robyn Morris and Bess Cao  
President and CEO, NZIFSA.