

COMMUNICATION 011

New Zealand sent one of the largest if not the largest team of skaters to compete at the 2002 Australian National Championships held at the Iceworld Boondall Rink, Brisbane 30 November to 7 December.

The team comprised:

Ricky Cockerill, Imelda-Rose Hegerty, Aslihan Aydin, Tristan Thode, Joel Watson, Vicky Kuo, Mathieu Wilson, Laura Mills, Caitlin Haynes, Dee Pulman, Caitlyn Paul, Elizabeth O'Neill, Allie Rout and Morgan Figgins.

Aslihan was an addition to the team after having passed her Inter Gold Free skating test and receiving clearance from ISU to represent New Zealand.

Coaches who attended were: Slava Kouznetsov, Rosie Blong and Sheryl van Heerden.

Judges: Jeanne Begej, Wendy Clucas and Sandra Leadley.

Two Ice Sports Southland skaters were also participating as part of the Queensland Ice Viva Synchronized Team plus Elizabeth Alexandre who is now residing in Brisbane.

We can be very proud of the results achieved by most of the skaters who can no longer be disregarded

Results were as follows:-

PRIMARY LADIES	1 st	Morgan Figgins	SP, Free and Overall
	2 nd	Allie Rout	SP, Free and Overall
INTERMEDIATE LADIES	5 th	Caitlyn Paul	5 th SP, 6 th Free
	6 th	Elizabeth O'Neill	8 th SP, 5 th Free
NOVICE LADIES	7 th	Dee Pulman	11 th SP, 5 th Free
	9 th	Laura Mills	8 th SP, 9 th Free
	15 th	Caitlin Haynes	14 th SP, 15 th Free
NOVICE MEN	8 th	Mathieu Wilson	11 th SP, 6 th Free
JUNIOR LADIES	16 th	Vicky Kuo	15 th SP, 16 th Free
JUNIOR MEN	3 rd	Tristan Thode	1 st SP, 3 rd Free
	5 th	Joel Watson	5 th SP, 5 th Free
SENIOR LADIES	7 th	Imelda Rose Hegerty	8 th SP, 6 th Free
	9 th	Aslihan Aydin	7 th SP, 10 th Free
SENIOR MEN	3 rd	Ricky Cockerill	5 th SP, 3 rd Free
JUNIOR SYNCHRONIZED	1 st	Ice Viva	

Congratulations to all these skaters especially Morgan who was competing in her first Australian National Championship and Allie with her Silver Medal for a second year in succession.

GOLD STAR STROKING

Congratulations are extended to Charlotte Dawson who recently successfully passed her Gold Star Stroking Test. She becomes only the third skater to do so.

JUDGES UPGRADING

Sandra Leadley attended and judged all Synchronized Skating Events, plus Primary and Novice Dance and Primary and Intermediate Ladies Singles. Skating numbers in the Primary and Intermediate Ladies Division consisted of 22 and 19 respectively. Sandra had excellent results in all the events she judged. With this in mind the selectors have reviewed the recent Judges Classification Grading and now wish to advise that she has been upgraded to SC1 Senior level. Congratulations Sandra on an excellent achievement.

NOVICE GRADE

ISU has just announced Guidelines for Novice Competitions.

Age Requirements:

In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding these Events.

- (i) may not be younger than ten (10) and must not have reached the age of fifteen (15) for Singles.
- (ii) must not have reached fifteen (15) for girls and seventeen (17) for boys for Pairs and Ice Dance.
- (iii) neither partner in the Pair or Ice Dance couple may be younger than ten.
- (iv) For Synchronized Skating, Novice teams are composed of skater all of whom have reached the age of ten (10) and have not reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1st preceding the competition.

ISU have also standardized the Requirements for the Short Program and Freeskating, in Singles. Standardization of requirements for Ice Dance and Synchronized skating have also been established.

At present there are no plans to amend our Requirements for this Division in New Zealand or Australia.

TREASURER

Our current Treasurer Rosemarie Nye has advised of her resignation from this position to take effect from the 2003 Annual General Meeting. As per our Constitution she has completed her four years service and is therefore unable to stand again for this position. A request has already been sent out to Clubs to consider a suitable replacement, obviously a person with Accounting experience and the ability to use the present accounting system in place is preferred. They do not have to be a member of a Club but if a financial member of an ice-skating club then they receive a vote on Council.

Rosemarie also resigned from the Funding and Development portfolio taking effect immediately. Anne-Marie Frost who had already been assisting with development in Auckland has filled the position

REGULATION CHANGES

The Technical Committee is presently working on some alterations to the Regulations these will be advised as soon as completed and approved by Council.

GRAEME SHEPPARD

It is with regret I advise the passing away of Graeme on November 15th after a long fight with Cancer. Scott Thode and Anne-Marie Frost attended his funeral. Graeme was better known in Roller Skating circles as an International Judge; however, he participated whenever possible in Auckland mainly judging tests. Those who knew him will always remember his laughter and jovial nature.

On behalf of the NZISA Council Member, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For those lucky enough to be going on holidays, may you enjoy a relaxing time.

Wendy Clucas

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