

### CONGRATULATIONS DWAYNE ON BRONZE MEDAL AT ISU JGP BANGKOK!

Well done Dwayne Li for an outstanding Short Program and Freeskate, achieving personal bests in both and earning the Bronze medal at this Junior Grand Prix event in Bangkok. This is the first time New Zealand have had a skater medal at Junior Grand Prix. What an amazing achievement and a well-deserved medal that reflects a huge amount of commitment on top of some amazing natural talent.

For the small number in our New Zealand skating community who haven't been following the JGP you can watch the men's events via the links below. Dwayne's starting order for the SP was 10<sup>th</sup> (i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> warm up group) and in the FS was 18<sup>th</sup> (the last warm up group)



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_UmkHEEKEs&pp=ygUHmFuZ2tvaw%3D%3D](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_UmkHEEKEs&pp=ygUHmFuZ2tvaw%3D%3D)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWg8QGmFsnU&pp=ygUHmFuZ2tvaw%3D%3D>

Enjoy!

### RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

#### Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy - Bangkok, Thailand, 16 – 19 August

It was great to see four of our Junior skaters at the recent Asian Open competition in Bangkok.



Rosie Armstrong, Mirika Armstrong, Cara Tang, Christine Aixinjueluo, Dwyane Li, Bess Cao and Mathieu Wilson

Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 20 <sup>th</sup> /35	FS 23 <sup>rd</sup> /35	Overall 22 <sup>nd</sup> /35
Junior Women	Mirika Armstrong	SP 27 <sup>th</sup> /35	FS 21 <sup>st</sup> /35	Overall 24 <sup>th</sup> /35
Junior Women	Christine Aixinjueluo	SP 31 <sup>st</sup> /35	FS 20 <sup>th</sup> /35	Overall 27 <sup>th</sup> /35
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li	SP 1 <sup>st</sup> /13	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> /13	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /13

Coach Rosie Armstrong  
 Coach Bess Cao  
 Team Leader Mathieu Wilson

Congratulations to Dwayne on his Silver medal at this competition.



**Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 23-26 August**

Junior Women	Misaki Joe	SP 27 <sup>th</sup> /31	FS 26 <sup>th</sup> /31	Overall 26 <sup>th</sup> /31
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li	SP 4 <sup>th</sup> /21	FS 3 <sup>rd</sup> /21	Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> /21
Coach	Bess Cao			
Team Leader	Mathieu Wilson			
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley			



A very happy Dwayne Li & Bess Cao after SP



Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Dwayne Li, Misaki Joe, Bess Cao, Mathieu Wilson

Again congratulations Dwayne on your Bronze medal at this JGP and Misaki on your first JGP.

**UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**Junior Grand Prix – Osaka, Japan, 13-16 September**

Junior Women Cara Tang  
 Junior Men Dwayne (Yanhao) Li  
 Coach Bess Cao  
 Team Leader Junko Kimura  
 Judge Sue Petricevic

Mirika Armstrong has been named as the first substitute for the JGP in Osaka.

**ISU International Adult Competition, Nashville USA, 18-22 October**

Bronze II Women Artistic	Victoria Marinova
Bronze IV Women Artistic	Jeanette King
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien
Bronze II Women Freeskate	Victoria Marinova
Bronze IV Women Freeskate	Jeanette King
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien

## RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

### Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, Australia - 10-13 August 2023

Senior Women Dani Gebser SP 3<sup>rd</sup>/10 FS 3<sup>rd</sup>/10 Overall 3<sup>rd</sup>/10

Well done, Dani.

## UPCOMING INTERCLUB AND OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### Wintersun, Brisbane, Australia - 8-10 September 2023

Junior Women Brooke Cathro

### Sydney Synchro Fest, Sydney, Australia - 15-17 September 2023

Basic Novice Ice Angels

Basic Novice Platinum

Junior Titanium

### Australian Masters Games, Adelaide, Australia – 7-14 October 2023

Silver III Women Artistic Tammy Cowan

Silver III Women Freeskate Tammy Cowan

## WHAT IS AN INTERCLUB COMPETITION AND WHO CAN ENTER?

A reminder that skaters can compete in Interclub competitions overseas without needing to be selected as an International Representative. Skaters represent their Club not NZL at these Interclub competitions. To be classified as an Interclub competition they need to meet the ISU's criteria for this type of event. It's not always easy to see which overseas club competitions might meet these criteria, so please do ask us and we will seek confirmation.

If you have skaters that wish to attend interclub competitions, they must have permission from NZIFSA before entering. Please direct them to request permission by emailing [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) and specifying which competition and which grade they wish to compete in.

## DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM SOUTH 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 2023-24 Development Squad at the South Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname.

<b>Basic Novice Under 12</b>	Olivia Dickson
<b>Intermediate Novice Under 12</b>	Mia Cotton
<b>Intermediate Novice Girls</b>	Yuhuan Ding
	Lilah Langi-Scott
<b>Advanced Novice Girls</b>	Sophie Pokorny
	Alethea Wong
	Emmy Wratt
	Selina Zeng

**Junior Women**

Brooke Cathro  
Jazmyn Evangelou  
Misaki Joe

Congratulations to each of these skaters on this achievement.

**SELECTION POLICY - SHORT SURVEY**

A huge thank you to all those that took part in the survey the Board initiated to try and establish the level of support around potential changes to the NZIFSA Selection Policy. To be able to have the Selection Policy in place by 1 July the timeframe for survey responses was unfortunately shorter than ideal. This was largely because of the challenges and therefore time required to craft a survey that would delve into the questions we needed answers to in as simple a manner as possible. While we appreciate some respondents would have liked to have open ended questions so they could explain their stance, getting meaningful information out of that type of survey is quite complicated and time-consuming.

What the survey did give the Board some sense of was whether the concerns and calls for change expressed on the member forums were representative of the views held by the majority of our skating community or not. We received 50 responses and provide a summary of these below.

<b>1. Skaters who are selected to attend international competitions should be:</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Already performing at a level consistent with international standards for their grade	28	22
Approaching the level consistent with international standards for their grade	41	9
In either of the above two groups, with priority given to those already at the international standard	45	5
Able to attend whether or not they fit the above groups	25	25

<b>2. In determining eligibility and priority order how important do you consider the following?</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>
Skater has achieved a TES consistent with international standards for their grade at specified competitions	16	23	11
Skater has achieved a higher Total Score than other skaters at specified competitions (e.g. placed first in their grade)	15	24	11
Skater has competed at the most recent National Championships	18	17	15
Skater has achieved a given TES at a Nominated Selection Competition	13	21	16

Skater has a ranking based on highest TES gained at a number of benchmark events across the previous two seasons	23	19	8
Skater has won the most competitions across the previous season	7	10	33

	Too High	About Right	Too Low
<b>3. The current Selection TES for A Team is:</b>	24	24	2
<b>4. The current Selection TES for B Team is:</b>	21	24	5

	No	Yes
<b>5. Are you aware that skaters can attend overseas interclub competitions without being selected to the International A or B team?</b>	15	35
<b>6. Is taking part in interclub competitions something that interests you?</b>	11	39

## **NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AND SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE DUE BY 1 SEPTEMBER**

An email was sent to clubs earlier this month regarding these awards. We encourage clubs and individual members to nominate the person who you think is the most outstanding volunteer administrator and the skater who displays the attributes of a great sportsperson for the NZIFSA Administrator of the Year Award and the Sportsperson of the Year Award respectively.

Nominations must be received by the General Secretary [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by **1 September**. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at the social function at the end of the 2023 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships.

### Criteria for the Administrator of the Year Award

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club / sub-association
- Take on administrative/organisational 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

### Criteria for Nomination for Sportsperson of the Year Award

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a 'fair play' attitude/good sportspersonship
- 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, KiwiSkate coaching sessions, etc.

NOTE: While skating achievement is considered, it is not the basis of this award

## **SITUATIONS STILL VACANT – IJS TECHNICIAN**

We are very fortunate to have two very dedicated people that have been absolutely critical to us being able to use the two computer systems we use for competitions. Alan Greenstreet, who currently manages the South Island system has, however, signalled that it is time he moved on. We are also interested in having a back-up for Mike Slater, who manages the North Island system. If you have the skill set and time, we would very much like to hear from interested people. Please email [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) in the first instance.

### **Job Description - IJS Technician**

The IJS Technician is responsible for the maintenance, setup, troubleshooting and teardown of the International Skating Union (ISU) International Judging System (IJS). The IJS system comprises the following equipment:

- 1 Network Switch
- 3 Tech Panel computers and an external screen
- 5 Judge tablets
- 1 Camera and video converter
- 1 Shared party-line headset system / headsets
- All the cables to connect everything together.

The role can be broken down into two main parts:

- Computer and equipment maintenance - done prior to the start of, and throughout, the competition season
  - Windows OS and driver updates
  - ISU IJS software updates
  - Network configuration maintenance
  - General computer and equipment maintenance checks - best achieved by setting the system up and carrying out a test run.
- IJS setup, troubleshooting and teardown - for each competition or training session
  - Travel to the competition
  - Layout and cabling of the IJS system
  - Testing the system is functioning correctly
  - Monitoring the system throughout the competition and troubleshooting as required
  - Teardown/packup of the system at the end of each day

**Additional role**

In addition to the IJS Technician role, there is a desire to have competitions live streamed on the internet. This requires the scheduling of the competition in YouTube studio (or similar platform) and the setup & monitoring of a separate live streaming computer / camera system.

**Skills / Experience**

These roles would suit someone with a good computer systems background that involves the configuration and setup of hardware as well as software. Industry roles might be someone who works in IS Helpdesk, Network Admin, Software / Hardware development, or Radio/Film/TV/Theatre.

Anyone with a job, hobby or strong interest in computer systems would find this a rewarding role and one that helps support the NZ figure skating community.

**NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 12 September. 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 5 September. Any correspondence received after that date may be tabled at the October meeting.

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