

# Communication 043

## 2009 Winter Games New Zealand

2009 saw the NZISA host its first ever international competition in Dunedin in conjunction with the Winter Games NZ event. This was a huge learning curve for everyone involved and the work done by the volunteers was impressive. It was a very successful competition with fantastic feedback from the countries involved. A huge thank you to Gill Boyd who was the Competition Coordinator; Dave Boyd, Ian Howie and Scott Thode who set up and looked after the IJS for the entire competition; Jan Howie who coordinated the volunteers; Neil Gamble and his team at the Dunedin Ice Stadium; and, of course, to all of the volunteers who helped make the competition the success it was. We also had fantastic support from Dunedin Mayor, Mr Peter Chin, and the Dunedin City Council people. Aaron Joy, from the Dunedin City Council, was a wonderful asset to the team and was involved from the very early planning stages of the event. Jane Todd and the rest of the team at Winter Games NZ were behind the event from the start and we thank them very much for their support and assistance in bringing this event from the planning stage to fruition.

As you are all aware, the NZISA Council made the decision to expand the NZ team when it looked doubtful

whether the competition would go ahead. All of the NZ skaters who competed at the Winter Games represented New Zealand very well. The results for the NZ skaters at the Winter Games NZ event are:

**Novice Ladies:**  
 Madelaine Parker  
 2<sup>nd</sup>/7 SP; 3<sup>rd</sup>/7 FS; 2<sup>nd</sup>/7 overall  
 Jessie Park  
 5<sup>th</sup>/7 SP; 6<sup>th</sup>/7 FS; 5<sup>th</sup>/7 overall  
 Christina Floka withdrawn  
 Australian skater, Taylor Dean, who has been training in Auckland over the past several months also competed in the Novice Ladies event and placed 4<sup>th</sup>/7 SP; 2<sup>nd</sup>/7 FS; 3<sup>rd</sup>/7 overall.

**Junior Ladies:**  
 Samantha Waugh 6<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 4<sup>th</sup>/8 overall  
 Ariel Nadas  
 5<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 6<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 6<sup>th</sup>/8 over-

all  
 Melissa Morris  
 8<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 8<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 8<sup>th</sup>/8 overall  
**Junior Men:**  
 Cameron Hems  
 4<sup>th</sup>/6 SP; 3<sup>rd</sup>/6 FS; 3<sup>rd</sup>/6 overall  
 Chris Boyd  
 6<sup>th</sup>/6 SP; 6<sup>th</sup>/6 FS; 6<sup>th</sup>/6 overall  
**Senior Ladies:**  
 Allie Rout 4<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 4<sup>th</sup>/8 overall  
 Morgan Figgins  
 5<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 5<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 5<sup>th</sup>/8 overall  
 Laura Mills  
 8<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; withdrawn due to injury  
**Senior Men**  
 Grant Howie  
 4<sup>th</sup>/4 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/4 FS; 4<sup>th</sup>/4 overall

Congratulations to all of our skaters on taking part in this historic event for NZ figure skating.

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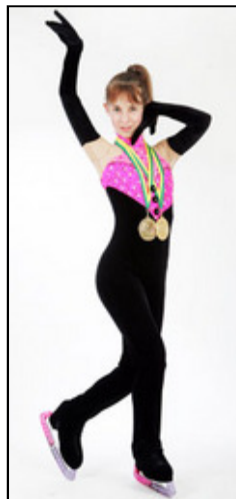


## Junior Grand Prix–Dresden

Allie will also compete in the JGP event in Dresden, Germany the week after the OQC in Oberstdorf. She will be joined by ice dancers, Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden, who were named to the international squad after meeting the TES points required for Junior Dance at the 2009 Australian National Championships. The team leader for this event is Kim Lewis and coaches, Slava Kuznetsov and Monica McDonald, and judges, Sue Petricevic and Sandra Williamson-Leadley will make up the rest of the NZ team. Bob Rout, Isabel Campbell and Liz Speden are attending the competition as chaperones and the support crew! Good luck to all of these skaters!

### Olympic Qualifying Competition

**Best wishes go to Allie Rout as she competes in the Olympic Qualifying Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany to vie for one of the few remaining places at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada against a very strong field of Senior skaters.**



Allie Rout

### Sportsperson and Administrator of the Year Awards

Just a reminder that nominations for the Administrator and Sportsperson of the year awards are to be with the National Secretary by Wednesday 30 September. We want to recognise the hard work that so many people put into our sport at all levels so please nominate these individuals for the above awards.

## Rules and Regulations

The Technical Committee have been working hard to prepare the draft



NZISA Rules and Regulations for the 2010 skating season. These are posted to the General Forums on the NZISA website. The proposed changes to the rules will be discussed at Forums

held during Nationals. Not going to Nationals? Then submissions regarding these proposed changes can be made on the General Forum.

## 2009 Australian Nationals

2009 saw one of the largest NZ representative teams at the Australian National Figure Skating Championships. In fact our team was the third largest one at the competition! The New Zealand skaters represented us very well with a number of skaters placing very well. The results for the NZ representatives at the Australian Nationals are:

### Novice Synchronized:

Botany Blades 3<sup>rd</sup>/7 FS and 3<sup>rd</sup>/7 overall

### Junior Synchronized:

Botany N-Synch 3<sup>rd</sup>/5 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/5 FS; 4<sup>th</sup>/5 overall

### Senior Synchronized:

Icetric 3<sup>rd</sup>/4 SP; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4 FS; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4 overall

Ice Statix 4<sup>th</sup>/4 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/4 FS; 4<sup>th</sup>/4 overall

### Adult Synchronized:

Spectrum 2<sup>nd</sup>/4 FS and 2<sup>nd</sup>/4 overall

### Primary Ladies:

Iyryn Quigley 3<sup>rd</sup>/24 SP; 1<sup>st</sup>/24 FS; 1<sup>st</sup>/24 overall

Jessica Zhao 16<sup>th</sup>/24 SP; 15<sup>th</sup>/24 FS; 15<sup>th</sup>/24 overall

Alexandra Ley 11<sup>th</sup>/24 SP; 18<sup>th</sup>/24 FS; 17/24 overall

Aimee Clement 19<sup>th</sup>/24 SP; 23/24 FS; 21<sup>st</sup>/24 overall

### Intermediate Ladies:

Mykaila Lewis 8<sup>th</sup>/27 SP; 9<sup>th</sup>/27 FS; 9<sup>th</sup>/27 overall

Michaela Voigt 12<sup>th</sup>/27 SP; 15<sup>th</sup>/27 FS; 13<sup>th</sup>/27 overall

overall

Courtney Bettink 21<sup>st</sup>/27 SP; 23<sup>rd</sup>/27 FS; 23<sup>rd</sup>/27 overall

### Novice Ladies:

Madelaine Parker 1<sup>st</sup>/21 SP; 2<sup>nd</sup>/21 FS; 2<sup>nd</sup>/21 overall

Jessie Park 7<sup>th</sup>/21 SP; 6<sup>th</sup>/21 FS; 6<sup>th</sup>/21 overall

Christina Floka 11<sup>th</sup>/21 SP; 16<sup>th</sup>/21 FS; 13<sup>th</sup>/21 overall

### Junior Ladies:

Samantha Waugh 8<sup>th</sup>/17 SP; 5<sup>th</sup>/17 FS; 5<sup>th</sup>/17 overall

Ariel Nadas 12<sup>th</sup>/17 SP; 16<sup>th</sup>/17 FS; 15<sup>th</sup>/17 overall

overall

Melissa Morris 16<sup>th</sup>/17 SP; 17<sup>th</sup>/17 FS; 17<sup>th</sup>/17 overall

overall

### Junior Men:

Cameron Hems 7<sup>th</sup>/11 SP; 9<sup>th</sup>/11 FS; 8<sup>th</sup>/11 overall

### Senior Ladies:

Allie Rout 2<sup>nd</sup>/6 SP; 4<sup>th</sup>/6 FS; 3<sup>rd</sup>/6 overall

Laura Mills withdrawn due to injury

### Senior Men:

Cameron Hems 8<sup>th</sup>/8 SP; 8<sup>th</sup>/8 FS; 8<sup>th</sup>/8 overall

### Primary Dance:

A-S and D Shogimen 3<sup>rd</sup>/3 CD; 3<sup>rd</sup>/3 OD; 3<sup>rd</sup>/3 FD; 3<sup>rd</sup>/3 overall

### Junior Dance:

A Campbell/S Speden 1<sup>st</sup>/2 CD; 1<sup>st</sup>/2 OD; 1<sup>st</sup>/2 FD; 1<sup>st</sup>/2 overall

Congratulations to all of our NZ representatives on an excellent effort!

## Coaching Accreditation

Calling all coaches – it is not too late to register your interest in attending the coaching courses that will be held the weekend immediately after the NZ Nationals con-

clude, Saturday 17 – Monday 19 October. Please contact Kevin Poit [sk8coach@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sk8coach@xtra.co.nz) if you wish to be included on the participants' list. An email was sent to all coaches via

[coaches@nzisa.com](mailto:coaches@nzisa.com) earlier this week with details about the seminars. If you missed receiving this email, please contact Kevin.

## 2009 National Championship

Best wishes to all skaters who are training for the NZ National Championships that will be held in Auckland 11 – 16 October 2009. We look forward to your performances!

Just a reminder to everyone that the closing date for purchasing banquet tickets is Friday 25 September.

The banquet ticket price is not included in the entry fee. Check out the Nationals merchandise that the North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association have organised on the NZISA website under 'Information' for 2009 NZ Nationals on the Competition link.



# Skater Development

As well as the International Squad being busy, the Age/Talent ID development squad have also been busy. The South Island members of this squad came together this past weekend in Dunedin to work with Kevin Poit. Competition simulations and analysing programmes to maximise points were the main objectives of the seminar. Thank you to judges, Grant Howie and Grace Bate-man, who worked with the skaters to give feedback on performances from the judges' perspective.

The North Island members of the squad will be working with Kevin on 28 and 29 September at Botany Downs Ice Rink. Again, the focus will be on competition simulation and analysing programmes to maximise points. Judges will also be looking at the programmes and giving feedback to the skaters.

The focus of these Development sessions was different to last year because of the timing of the sessions. Spins, spirals and step sequences were looked at in terms of levels and the GOEs they would receive from judges. Skaters also looked at the layout and distribution of elements as well as the performance and interpretation of their programmes and what Component Marks they would receive for that particular program. Sessions did not focus on jumps or learning new spin positions, etc, due to the timing of sessions in regards to Nationals.

The TES points required for the various Development Squads and for International assignments have been published. The minimum TES points required are as follows:

## International Development Squad

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined SP and FS Mini-</b>
	Novice Ladies	<u>25.59</u>
	Novice Men	<u>30.10</u>
	Junior Ladies	<u>29.19</u>
	Junior Men	<u>36.49</u>
	Senior Ladies	<u>36.48</u>
	Senior Men	<u>45.60</u>
<b>Dance</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined OD and FD Mini-</b>
	Novice	16.32 (FD only – no OD inter-nationally)
	Junior	<u>37.00*</u>
	Senior	<u>42.00*</u>
<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined SP and FS Mini-</b>
	Novice	29.52
	Junior	<u>46.72</u>
	Senior	<u>55.44</u>
<b>Synchronized Skating</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined SP and FS Mini-</b>
	Novice	16.50 (FS only)**
	Junior	<u>36.12</u>
	Senior	<u>45.49</u>



## Age / Talent ID Development Squad

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships, Selection Competition or Australian National Championships each year and will be open to those skaters who have placed in the top six in Juvenile to Pre Primary grades and who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES). Skaters in this development tier must not have reached the age of 12 as at 1<sup>st</sup> July preceding the NZ National Championships that year to be included in this development tier. Skaters who are in the Primary and Novice categories and have not reached the age of 14 as at 1<sup>st</sup> July preceding the NZ National Championships and do not qualify under any other development level may also be included.

<b>Singles</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined SP and FS Minimum TES</b>
	Juvenile Ladies	<u>18.00</u>
	Juvenile Men	<u>17.50</u>
	Pre Primary Ladies	20.00
	Pre Primary Men	19.00
	Primary Ladies	21.00
	Primary Men	22.00
	Novice Ladies	22.00
	Novice Men	25.00
<b>Dance</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined OD and FD Minimum TES</b>
	Juvenile	7.00 (OD only)
	Pre Primary	8.00 (OD only)
	Primary	14.00 (OD and FS)
	Novice	15.00 (OD and FS)
<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Combined SP and FS Minimum TES</b>
	Juvenile	10.00
	Pre Primary	12.00
	Primary	15.00
	Novice	25.00

## Synchronized Skating Development

Inclusion is based on results at New Zealand National Championships or Australian National Championships each year and will be open to Juvenile to Senior teams who meet the following minimum Total Element Score (TES).

Synchronized Skating	Grade	Combined SP and FS Minimum TES
	Juvenile	10.00 (FS only)
	Novice	13.00 (FS only)
	Junior	23.00
	Senior	30.00

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION- PRESIDENT TAKING LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

At the National Council Meeting on 5 September 2009 the NZISA President, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, requested a leave of absence for two months so that she can complete her thesis.

As Council recognized that Sandra has not been able to complete her thesis due to amount of time that she puts into working for the good of skating in New Zealand they were very happy to grant this time to Sandra.

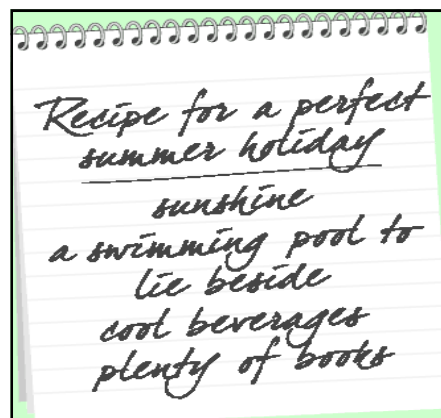
The two months leave of absence starts from 1 December 2009 to 31 January 2010. During

this time Sandra will not have any contact with skating. She will not be available to judge, or answer her e-mail or telephone for anything to do with skating and associated questions.

Council ask that you respect this request from Sandra and allow her the time that she needs so that she can complete her thesis and get her doctorate.

Any issue, questions etc during that time will be handled by the two Vice Presidents, Sue Petricevic and Gill Boyd or the National Secretary, Jan Howie.

We wish Sandra all the best for finishing her thesis.



Wishful thinking

**Special General Meeting - Sunday 11 October 2009**

A reminder that there will be a Special General Meeting held on Sunday 11 October 2009 at 2.00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Botany Downs Meeting Room. This meeting is to discuss and vote on the Re-branding Remit that has been sent out to the NZ Skating Community as well as to all Clubs. There will also be a presentation by Rachel Barker on the proposed new Governance system. This is so that Club delegates can have another look at the proposal and then return to their Clubs and discuss what they have learnt prior to having to vote when the remit is presented at the 2010 AGM. Clubs please support this SGM by sending delegates. Any NZISA member is allowed to attend the meeting but the Clubs can have up to three delegates, one of these will hold the Club vote.

The National Council look forward to seeing you there.

**Some random Winter Games Photos found on the net**

