



# Communication 047

## New Zealand Ice Skating Association

### Junior Worlds – The Hague, Netherlands, 7 – 14 March 2010

Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden will be representing New Zealand at the Junior World Championships in The Hague, Netherlands. This will be their first Worlds and they have been training hard towards this event. They are travelling to Sydney

prior to the championships



to train with coach, Monica McDonald. On behalf of the NZ Skating Community, we would like to wish Ayesha and Shane all the best for great skates!! Regrettably, Allie Rout and Cameron Hems have withdrawn from attending this event.



### Skaters' Development Camps

**As notified in the last newsletter, skater development camps are being held in Auckland 27 – 28 February and in Gore 6-7 March. These are primarily for the Talent / Age ID skaters but other skaters in Juvenile to Primary who skated at Nationals and were under the age of 15 at the time of Nationals have been invited to attend. Included are sessions that are only for the Talent / Age ID Squad members and these sessions will be followed up with monitoring of the Squad members throughout the 2010 skating season.**

### Southern Skate International Competition

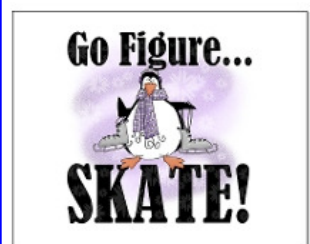
Following on from our successful hosting of NZ's first ever international figure skating competition in conjunction with the NZ Winter Games, the NZISA are undertaking to host the Southern Skate Interna-

tional competition **4 – 8 August 2010** with an exhibition gala held on Sunday 9 August. All ISU Member countries will be invited to send skaters. The competition will include Singles events for Nov-

ice, Junior and Senior. We hope that in future years we may be able to include Pairs and Ice Dance as well. More information will be published as the competition plans are finalised.

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## NZISA Website Forums

At the recent NZISA Council meeting, a decision was made to retain the Classified and Policy submission forums in the General Forum section of the NZISA and delete the other forums under General. This decision was not made lightly and comes after much discussion and considering many options. The original intention of having these forums was to have an area where the NZ Skating Community could ask questions, share ideas, etc. with other members of the NZISA Skating Community. However, the forums have not always been used in this way and the Council had to consider whether retaining these forums was in the best interest in the promotion, fostering and development of our sport.

The reason for this decision is many fold. However, the main reason is that there have been many questions posted on the forums that have been addressed to Council and need to be dis-

cussed by the Council or the Technical Committee before an answer can be given. One person cannot post a reply and speak on behalf of the Council or Technical Committee without the issue being discussed with the other members of the group. It was difficult to identify when an elected official of the NZISA Council or Technical Committee made a posting to the forum as to whether they were speaking as an individual or as a Council/Committee member. Also, it was not appropriate for NZISA elected officials to make postings regarding their own opposing views after a collective decision had been made by the Council or Committee or for any NZ Skating Community member to use these forums as a 'soapbox'. Questions regarding rules and regulations, tests and competitions, and officials training need to be sent directly to the Technical Committee Secretary, Mr Jeffrey Eichmann, [tcsecretary@nzisa.com](mailto:tcsecretary@nzisa.com). All other correspondence needs to be sent to the National Secretary, Mrs Janice Howie, [secretary@nzisa.com](mailto:secretary@nzisa.com).

[secretary@nzisa.com](mailto:secretary@nzisa.com). This way the issues raised can be given the appropriate deliberation and a response given.

A General forum for Rules and Regulations will be made available for submissions for suggested changes to the NZISA Rules and Regulations. This will also be the area where the Technical Committee posts the draft Rules and Regulations for consideration by the NZ Skating Community at the various forums held during the NZ Nationals and any amendments made prior to making their recommendations to the NZISA Council for approval. The Rules and Regulations forum will be added after the Technical Committee meeting to be held in April.



## NZISA Policies

There are currently two policies up for review on the NZISA Website. These are the Finance Policy and



the NZ Representative Funding Policy. Please review and if you wish to make a submission, please post it on the website and have the wording as you would like it to appear in the policy. This way every-

one is able to see what you are suggesting and how it fits into the policy. A rationale for the changes is also a good idea so that the thinking behind the change is known.

# NZISA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the NZISA will be held on **Saturday 24 April** at the Botany Community Centre, Botany Downs, Auckland. There will be information sessions and inter-club forums prior to



the AGM. Travel expenses for up to two delegates from each affiliated club may be reimbursed at 50% of the rates for travel and \$50.00 per night for accommodation to Council / Technical Committee meetings - please see the Travel and Reimbursement Policy, section 3.3 for more details. Information specific to the AGM will be sent out to clubs by the National Secretary.

On **Sunday 25 April**, there will be a Council meeting at 9:00 am for all existing and/or new members of the NZISA Council and a meeting at 12:00 noon for all existing and/or new members of the Technical Committee. Both meetings will be held at the Botany Community Centre. All members of the Council and Technical Committee should make arrangements to attend.

## Frankfurt Seminar

National Senior level graded Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers are invited to apply to attend the Frankfurt seminar and sit the International level exam. These officials must fit the criteria as outlined in the NZISA Officials Appointment, Training and Promotion Policy as well as the ISU requirements as listed in the 2008 ISU Rules and Regulations. Please send a 1 – 2 page CV of your credentials to the National Secretary by **6:00 pm Monday 15 March 2010**. Late applications will not be considered.

The NZISA would also like to have one Data/Replay operator attend the seminar and sit the practical exam (an ISU requirement of attending) so that we have someone sufficiently trained for international level competitions. You will need to be graded for National level in

all disciplines and have the confidence, competence and knowledge to take your training to the next level. If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please send a 1 – 2 page CV of your credentials to the National Secretary by **6:00 pm Monday 15 March 2010**. Late applications will not be considered. The successful candidate will be advised after the Council meeting on Saturday 20 March. The Council reserves the right not to send anyone if no suitably qualified candidates apply.



## Council Minutes

Council minutes will be available to the NZ Skating Community only after they have been approved as a true and correct record of the meeting by the NZISA Council. As the NZISA publishes a Communication after each Council meeting, the decisions of the Council are made known to the NZ Skating Community soon after the meeting.

## Officials Training Seminar

The NZISA will be holding a training seminar for all NZISA Officials (Judges, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators and Accountants) in Christchurch the weekend of **Friday 7 to Sunday 9 May 2010**. This will be an intensive training seminar prior to the start of the NZ domestic skating season. All officials who are currently on the NZISA Approved Lists of Officials are strongly encouraged to attend so that we have everyone up to date with knowledge of rules and systems. Moderators from Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand will be conducting the seminar and assessment tasks. Please see the letter from the NZISA Technical Committee Secretary for more information. If you do have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Eichmann, [tcsecretary@nzisa.com](mailto:tcsecretary@nzisa.com).

## Test / Competition Registration

A reminder that T/C registration is due on 31 March 2010. If you were registered in 2009 and are not registered by 1 April, you will not be able to sit tests or enter competitions until you register and pay your fee of \$60.00 to your Home Club Secretary. For any skaters who have changed or are contemplating changing Home Clubs for the 2010 season, you must get a letter of clearance from your previous Home Club (stating that you are a member in good standing) and this must be forwarded to the National Technical Secretary before you are able to represent a new Home Club. Clubs must not allow skaters to represent them or sit tests without clearance or permission from their listed Home Club. Please see NZISA Rule 203.3 for further clarification.

## Coaching Membership

We're on the Web:

[www.nzisa.com](http://www.nzisa.com)

A reminder that coaching membership is also due by 31 March. Invoices have been sent out to all previously registered coaches. The fee for membership remains at \$60.00. Please contact Liz Speden, [treasurer@nzisa.com](mailto:treasurer@nzisa.com), if you have any queries.

## 2010 Competitions

The following are the 2010 Competitions dates that the NZISA are know off:

Queenstown Invitational	21 - 23 May, Queenstown
Hollins Trophy	10 - 14 June, Sydney
Dunedin Club Championship	26 - 27 June, Dunedin
Auckland Club Championship	10 - 11 July, Auckland
Otago Southland Championship	10 - 11 July, Alexandra (to be confirmed)
Southern Skate International	4 - 8 August, Dunedin
South Island Championship	27 - 29 August, Queenstown
NZ National Championship	3 - 8 October, Dunedin
Australian National Championship	Early December (to be advised)

If your Competition isn't listed here please make sure that the NZISA knows about it!!!