

PROPOSED NEW STROKING REQUIREMENTS

The proposed new stroking test patterns are available on the Members Forum under Rules and Regulations Submissions on our website nzifsa.org.nz. As noted on that forum, these are based on the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Moves in the Field (MIF) tests and incorporate feedback from the forum held around the NZIFSA AGM in April. These are completely open for discussion, and you are encouraged to make submissions on the Member's Forum or email the Technical Director directly at connor.mciver@clear.net.nz. The NZIFSA are planning to hold further face-to-face discussion forums at the North and South Island Championships to work through any ideas submitted prior to those events.

STARS ON ICE - QUEENSTOWN WINTER FESTIVAL



Queenstown Ice Skating Club joined in a collaboration between QISC skaters and local 'personalities' in the first ever Stars on Ice Winter Festival event.

As a chosen Festival charity, money raised from the event helped to boost funds and support local skaters. Each skater was sponsored by a local business and each couple raised funds through pledging to the Give a Little website.

Eight couples skated for the title of Stars on Ice, coached by QISC coaches Deanna Pielak-Jones and Cathy Jensen.

The event was a huge success grand total of \$9800 and great fun was had by all!!



Results from the recent WinterSun competition, Brisbane 8-12 July.

Senior Ladies	Preeya Laud	3 rd SP	3 rd FS	3 rd /3 overall
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UPCOMING COMPETITIONS OUTSIDE NZ

Asian Trophy, Bangkok, Thailand 5-8 August

The following skaters will be representing New Zealand at the upcoming Asian Trophy Competition:

Novice Men	Harrison Bain
Junior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo
Junior Men	Michael Durham
	Brian Lee

We wish them all the very best for this competition

Suzanne Cunningham has been appointed as Team Leader for this competition. Unfortunately due to the timing neither of our International/ISU judges (Sue Petricevic and Sandra Williamson-Leadley) are able to officiate at this competition.

Junior Grand Prix Competitions

New Zealand has been allocated two Junior Grand Prix competitions for singles this year, and we are very pleased to announce the following teams for these events:

Colorado Springs, USA, 2-6 September

Skaters: Preeya Laud and Brian Lee

Team Leader: Heather McDonald

Zagreb, Croatia, 7-11 October

Skaters: Brooke Tamepo and Michael Durham

Team Leader: Heather McDonald

Judge: Sue Petricevic

Our International/ISU judges have also been invited to officiate at other international events. Sue Petricevic will be judging at the Cup of Nice in the week following the JGP event in Zagreb. Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be judging at the US International in Salt Lake City in September and at the Skate Canada Senior Grand Prix event in Lethbridge, Canada in October.

ISU DEVELOPMENT TROPHY

The ISU have announced the venue and time of year for the Development Trophy (see ISU Communication 1946). The ISU Development Trophy will be held in Capetown, South Africa in early December 2015. Unfortunately, the dates will clash with the Australian National Championships. More details will be published in future newsletters.

FRANKFURT SEMINAR

Sandra Williamson-Leadley recently attended the ISU Seminar in Frankfurt, Germany to recertify as an International Technical Controller for Singles and to train to as a National Components Moderator.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IMELDA SHEERIN!

Congratulations to Imelda Sheerin, the NZIFSA Child Protection Officer and a Technical Specialist, on the birth of her daughter, Mila Louise Sheerin, born on 18 July. A future skater perhaps?



SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SEMINAR

This is the last chance for interested people to register for the synchronized seminar for Officials is being held 1- 2 August 2015 in Christchurch. The moderators for this seminar are Aleisha McCall (International Technical Specialist) for the Technical Panel and Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU Synchronized Skating Judge) for Judges. Accredited coaches are welcome to attend this seminar which will focus on the requirements for this skating season as well as general synchronized skating knowledge. The seminar will include information sessions, an exam and practical exercises. Please contact NZIFSA Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham, officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz, by Thursday 30 July if interested in attending.

NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AND SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We'd like to encourage you to nominate those outstanding administrators and the skaters who display 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 by **1 September**. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at social function at the end of the 2015 NZ National 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 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

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 11 August. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by Tuesday 4 August at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting which is to be held 8 September 2015.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If there are any happenings in your area that you would like to share with others in our skating community that you think may be of interest to others, please email to either Sandra Williamson-Leadley ceo@nzifsa.org.nz or Jeanette King president@nzifsa.org.nz and they will endeavour to include your news in the next newsletter.

All the best in skating,
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley