

We've reached the busiest stretch of the competition season, with events happening almost every weekend across the country. It's an exciting time for our skaters, coaches, and families—but it's also a demanding period for the many volunteers and officials who make these competitions possible. As you attend events, please take a moment to thank those behind the scenes and, consider lending a hand. Whether it's helping with setup, timekeeping, catering, marshalling, or packing down, every bit of support no matter how small makes a difference and helps keep our skating community strong.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU International Adult Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany, 29 June – 4 July 2025

Bronze IIA Freeskate	Viktoria Marinova	Overall 13 th /20
Bronze II Freeskate	Olga Levien	Overall 2 nd /21
Bronze V Women Freeskate	Sue Hoseit	Overall 2 nd /7
	Eleanor Stanbury	Overall 6 th /7
Silver IV Women Freeskate	Tammy Cowan	Overall 3 rd /11
Bronze II Women Artistic	Viktoria Marinova	Overall 11 th /16
Bronze V Women Artistic	Eleanor Stanbury	Overall 3 rd /4
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien	Overall 15 th /21
Silver V Women Artistic	Sue Hoseit	Overall 4 th /4
Gold IV Women Artistic	Tammy Cowan	Overall 3 rd /6

A very successful event in terms of medal count with Tammy, Sue and Olga ending up on the podium



Eleanor Stanbury, Sue Hoseit, Viktoria Marinova, Olga Levien and Tammy Cowan

UPCOMING OR ONGOING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy – Manila, Philippines, 1-4 August 2025

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
	Christine Aixinjueluo
Coach	Michael (Chih-I) Tsao
Team Leader	Kaho Hirafune

2025 Cranberry Cup International, Norwood, MA, USA, August 7 - 10 2025

Junior Women	Nicca Wu
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coach	Bess Cao
Team Leader	Kaho Hirafune

2025 Challenger Series Cranberry Cup International, Norwood, MA, USA, August 7 - 10 2025

Senior Women	Petra Lahti
Coach	Bess Cao
Team Leader	Kaho Hirafune

Junior Grand Prix – Riga, Latvia, 20-23 August 2025

Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coach	Bess Cao
Unfunded Team Leader	Bess Cao
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Junior Grand Prix – Ankara, Turkey, 27-30 August 2025

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
Coach	Michael (Chih-I) Tsao
Team Leader	Grant Howie

John Nicks International Pairs Competition Challenger Series, New York, USA, 2-3 September

Judge	Sue Petricevic
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Junior Grand Prix – Varese, Italy, 3-6 September 2025

Junior Women	Petra Lahti
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Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok, Thailand, 9-13 September

Junior Women	Petra Lahti
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li
Coach	Bess Cao

OWG Qualifying Competition, Beijing, China, 18-21 September

Senior Women	Petra Lahti
Coach	Bess Cao
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley (subject to draw)

Swan Trophy International, Perth, WA - 28 September – 1 October.

Junior Women	Cara Tang
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RECENT INTER CLUB COMPETITION

5th City of Nagoya Figure Skating Competition Minato AQLUS Cup, Nagoya, Japan 19-22 July

Junior Women Renee Tsai SP 14th/60 FS 19th/48 Overall 17th/60

UPCOMING INTER CLUB COMPETITION

Ice Skating Australia's Champ Series events are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend these by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete. The following Australian Interclub competitions are still open for entries:

- WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD - 5-7 September. Entries close 15 August.
- Sydney Synch Festival, Erina NSW, 12 September. Entries open 18 July and close 15 August.
- Swan Trophy, Perth, WA - 28 September – 1 October. Note there is an international competition that will run alongside this inter club competition

Crystal Challenge Interclub competition in Melbourne, Australia, 7-10 August 2025

ISA Elementary Girls	Victoria Zhang Rebecca Situ
Basic Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien Hayley Ng Lilian Peng Emma Thein-Xie Judy Tong Aeryl Zhang
Basic Novice Boys	Eddie Luo
Intermediate Novice Girls	Luna Wu
Junior Women	Victoria Larsen
Senior Women	Cordelia Shi
Bronze II Women Free	Viktoria Marinova
Silver II Women Free	Olga Levien
Coach	Rosie Armstrong Cordelia Shi

Sydney Synch Festival, Erina NSW, 12 September

Senior SP&FS SYS	Obsidian Senior
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WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD - 5-7 September 2025

ISA Preliminary Girls	Melody Peng
ISA Elementary Girls	Victoria Zhang
Basic Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien Lilian Peng
Advanced Novice Girls	Mia Chen
Junior Women	Alethea Wong
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien

NZIFSA INSTAGRAM

Our Marketing and Promotions Officer, Nataliia Serikova, has done a great job of getting some social media presence initiated for NZIFSA. At this point she has been charged with highlighting the achievements at home and overseas of our International A & B Team representatives. She needs content from skaters for this, so we would encourage any A&B Team members to respond to requests from Nataliia for content.

Follow [NZicefigureskating](#) on Instagram

APPOINTMENT OF CEO AND SECRETARY

The Board have appointed Jeanette King to fill the vacant CEO role, having accepted her resignation as General Secretary. This appointment is until the 2026 AGM. Mandi Geber has been appointed by the Board to back fill the role of General Secretary, having accepted her resignation from the Admin Support Officer role. This appointment is also until the 2026 AGM. In making this decision the Board took into account the relatively short period of this appointment, and the significant level of information and hand over support that will be required for anyone coming into the role, even if they have extensive knowledge of skating.

NZIFSA are looking for someone to fill the Admin Support Officer role until the 2026 AGM. The job description for this role can be found in the [Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions](#) that sits alongside the Governance and Management Policy in the Rules& Regulations tab on our website. If you are interested in finding out more about the role or submitting an EOI please email secretary@nzifsa.org.nz

REMINDER - MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2025 competition season we need everyone to provide or update your music details to help ensure we can meet our music licensing requirements.

For all club and regional competitions in the South Island and for the Clucas Cup and our National Championships, please use the NZIFSA form.

NOTE: The North Island Ice Skating Sub Association (NISSA) has chosen to manage the music information using a separate system for North Island club and regional competitions that better meets their needs.

What information do you need to provide?

1 General

Skater name(s), email address(s), grade, coach name, coach email address. Please update coach contact details if this has changed.

Note, only one form needs to be completed for ice dance couples and pairs teams. For synchro teams we ask for the team manager and coach contact details.

2 What competitions and grade are you entering?

Please mark which competitions you are entering and pick the correct grade from the drop down menu. This helps the competition organisers when checking that they have your music details. You can come back and update this again later with any additional competitions you enter, or if you move up grades during the year.

3 The music details.

For each programme you skate you will need to provide the following for each piece of music used

- Title of Music
- Recording Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Publisher / Record Label
- Duration of cut (min:sec – e.g. 1:40)
- Whether vocal or non-vocal (instrumental)

We suggest you collect this information for each piece music before you start filling in the form. If you are trying to find the details, we recommend you find your piece of music in Spotify, click on the 3 dots ... for extra information and choose "Show credits".

Saving and updating the form

You need to click the save button at the bottom right of the form before you exit. The skater and coach will both be sent an email called "2025 Music details Save & Resume Link". With this link you will be able to go back and update details, including entry to additional competitions or changes to the music details recorded.

Separate forms for different events

If a skater is competing more than one event, e.g. Dance and Singles, or Interpretive and Singles, then separate forms need to be completed. This is so that we can check that we have the required music details for any given competition. But if you compete in an event that has more than one part to it – e.g. a Short Programme and a Freeskate, you can enter this information in the one form.

Please use this link for all South Island or NZIFSA competitions

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2025MusicDetails>

For **North Island Club or Regional competitions** please use the following link and have your music files ready to submit when you complete the online form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2025>

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHOTOS ON THE NZIFSA WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, can you please update your profile photo on the mynzifsa section on the NZIFSA website. <https://nzifsa.org.nz/members/mynzifsa/>. Please make sure this is a nice passport style photo of you rather than a general skating picture.

We use these photos for the Nationals programme and for newsletters, and we want you to be happy with the photo that is used. You may not be so happy if we end up using the photo of you at age 10 rather than your current age 15 photo.

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

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 by **1 September**. The nomination forms can be found on the forms section on the NZIFSA website <https://nzifsa.org.nz/forms/>. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at the social function at the end of the 2024 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

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 12 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 5 August. Any correspondence received after this date will likely be tabled at the June meeting.

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