



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2022 SELECTION COMPETITION

The 2022 NZIFSA Selection Competition was held in Dunedin 18 & 19 June. We are very pleased to confirm that the following skaters have met or re-met the selection criteria at the 2022 NZIFSA Selection competition to be included in the International Representative Teams.

International A Team selection criterion met at 2022 Selection Competition

- Jazz Evangelou attained the selection TES for A Team - Advanced Novice Ladies
- Cara Tang attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Ladies
- Dwyane Li attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Men
- Douglas Gerber re-attained selection TES for A Team – Senior Men

International B Team selection criteria met at 2022 Selection Competition

- Lilah Langi-Scott attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Ladies
- Olivia Marks attained the selection TES for B Team – Basic Novice Ladies
- Emily Yang attained the selection TES for B Team - Intermediate Novice Ladies
- Sophie Pokorny attained the selection TES for B Team - Intermediate Novice Ladies
- April Yao attained the selection TES for B Team - Intermediate Novice Ladies
- Christine Aixinjueluo attained the selection TES for B Team - Advanced Novice Ladies
- Alethea Wong attained the selection TES for B Team - Advanced Novice Ladies
- Misaki Joe re-attained the selection TES for B Team - Junior Ladies
- Ruth Xu attained B Team TES - Senior Ladies. However, Ruth is already named to the A team, so that takes precedence over this result.

Skaters and teams that had already been named as International Representatives (refer December 2021 newsletter, and who are still age eligible for that grade at 1 July 2022, are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following the 2022 Selection Competition. The confirmed list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

Skaters marked with an * are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in because of their age.

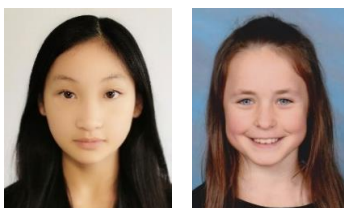
International A Team Representative Skaters

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Advanced Novice Ladies

Cara Tang*

Jazz Evangelou



Junior Ladies

Cara Tang
Mirika Armstrong
Ruth Xu*
Jojo Hong *
Ally Landon-Lane



Junior Men

Dwayne Li
Douglas Gerber*



Senior Ladies

Ruth Xu
Jojo Hong



Senior Men

Douglas Gerber



Senior Dance

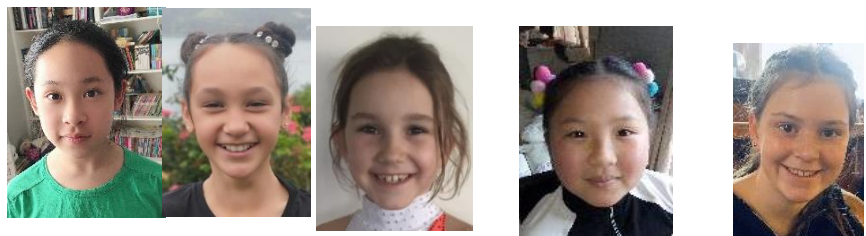
Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam



International B Team Representative Skaters

Basic Novice Ladies

Emily Yang*
Lilah Langi-Scott
Sophie Pokorny*
April Yao*
Olivia Marks



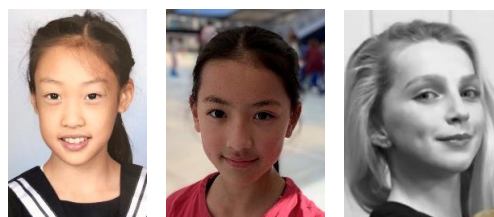
Intermediate Novice Ladies

Jazz Evangelou*
Christine Aixinjueluo*
Alethea Wong*
Emily Yang
Sophie Pokorny
April Yao



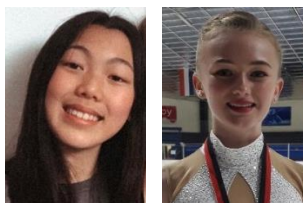
Advanced Novice Ladies

Christine Aixinjueluo
Alethea Wong
Brooke Cathro



Junior Ladies

Misaki Joe
Natasha Woodacre



Mixed Age Synchro

Cutting Edge: Zara Anthony-Whigham

Djuna Elkan
Anya Gipp
Abby Grimaldi
Amelie Henderson
Rachael Jannink
Levi Keller
Rosie Maley
Jazelle McCormick
Katie Sewell
Briar Short
Katie St Clair-Newman
Paige Symister
Tallulah Wilson-Brown



For a synchronized skating team to retain their selection, 75% of the team going to the international competition must have been listed as part of the team selected at the NZ national championships and must meet the grade requirements for that competition. This is the team from the 2020 National Champs.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE SELECTION COMPETITION

Thank you to our very generous sponsor, One Foundation, for the \$7,000 grant towards the cost of ice time and the accommodation for our officials needed for this Selection Competition.



THANK YOU TO DISC COMMITTEE

We'd like to extend a special thank you to the DISC members who stepped up to help organise the Selection Competition, and fill some of the gaps when key people in the NZIFSA team had been taken out of the action by COVID.

TEAM LEADERS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The NZIFSA are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced individuals to fulfil the Team Leader role at the following international events:

- Junior Grand Prix - Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 31 August – 3 September
- SEA Open Figure Skating Trophy – Singapore, 2 - 4 September
- Junior Grand Prix - Riga, Latvia, 7-10 September
- Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy - Hong Kong, 5-9 December

For all events with 2 or more skaters a skater's coach or parent will not normally be named as Team Leader.

We are looking for team leaders who have enough experience of international competitions, ideally either as an official or coach, to be able to coordinate the activities of our team members. As outlined in the position description, they need to be able to handle crisis situations as well as routine administrative tasks; be team players who can work with all athletes, coaches, judges, parents, and administrators; have knowledge of the NZIFSA rules and agreements surrounding international participation; and, have local knowledge that will assist them in carrying out their role.

The Team Leader position description can be found on page 9 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website:

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V8.0.pdf>.

The NZIFSA Funding Policy <https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Funding%20Policy%20V10.0.pdf> section 10, outlines two different maximum funding criteria based on the location of each ISU Championship or International as indicated below:

- For events in North/South America, Asia and Oceania, \$1,650 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition
- For events in Europe and South Africa, \$2,750 plus cost of official accommodation if not provided by ISU for official days of competition

Normally a person may be selected for a team leader position only once per funding season, however if circumstances require an individual to serve as team leader at more than one competition, funding will be provided in all cases.

For all events, please submit your expression of interest and any supporting documentation online by **5pm on Wednesday 6 July**.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOI>

If you have any questions regarding the above please email the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

RECENT KIWISKATE COACHING COURSE

One last KiwiSkate Coaching Course was held this weekend at Paradise Botany, Auckland, 24 & 25 June. We will report on this in the next newsletter.

ISU CONGRESS IN PHUKET 6-10 JUNE

Every two years the International Skating Union (ISU) holds Congress. Congress is a meeting of delegates from all the member federations and covers speed skating as well as figure skating. The main focus of the Congress is to work through the Constitution and the General Regulations that apply to all and then we split into our two groups (Speed and Figure) to discuss and review the rules and technical requirements for our sport. Every four years the elections of ISU office holders

is held. This Congress was an election year, with the elections for the ISU President, Council members, Technical Committees and Disciplinary Commission taking place on Friday June 10.

Rochelle Stansfield (NZIFSA President) and Jeanette King (NZIFSA CEO) were the NZL Figure delegates at this Congress.

There were some quite significant decisions made at this Congress, with many of these decisions captured in the daily Congress updates that were sent out. These decisions include:

Three rather than five Program Components - Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills.

We agree with the ISU Technical Committees that this change will help eliminate the overlapping definitions and remove confusion and ambiguity. We expect this to result in clearer feedback for skaters and coaches.

Progressive increase in the minimum age for Senior skaters in international competition. The minimum age remains 15 for the 2022/23 season, raising to 16 in 2023/24 and finally to 17 in 2024/25.

Interclub competition rules amended on the back of our proposal. Some stipulations limiting how scores from interclub competitions can be used have been removed again, and we expect to see more interclub competitions again because of this. Note, New Zealand Skaters are still unable to enter club or regional competitions of another ISU member – unless they are an interclub competition.

Introduction of a Qualifying Round for the ISU World Championships starting 2024/25. The intent of this change is to try and encourage the broadest possible participation, within the financial constraints and at the same time ensuring it is still an attractive event for the media and public.

Introduction of a Combined TES for ISU Championships from 2024/25. In addition to gaining the minimum TES, skates will also be required to attain a combined TES.

A separate Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition has been introduced. Previously this has been combined with a regular international competition (Nebelhorn Trophy), and this has created some challenges.

The **Senior Elite 12 Synchronized** grade has been introduced as a grade at international competitions.

Our proposal for **changes to the Program Component weighting** was not accepted, but it did prompt discussion, as we had hoped.

In International Competitions the minimum **age of National officials acting in the categories Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice** is now 21 and the maximum age 75. This potentially provides a good pathway for younger officials wanting to pursue international levels.



The Contingent from New Zealand - Roderick Jones (ISSNZ Pres), Rochelle Stansfield (NZIFSA Pres), Jeanette King (NZIFSA CEO), Sue Petricevic (ISU Disciplinary Commission), Kelvin Nicolle (ISSNZ Tech Dir)

A special thanks go to the Thailand hosts, who provided an excellent experience for all delegates. Streamlined, effortless systems for ensuring delegates were taken care of from the moment they arrived at Phuket airport, to the time they departed, were second to none. Every detail was considered throughout the duration of the congress. The organisation of a special mid-week outing was another way to experience what Phuket had to offer. We donned our swimsuits and opted for the snorkelling, where we were able to see first-hand, clown fish, sea snakes and a vast array of other tropical sea life in the warm ocean. Another highlight was a magnificent seafood dinner hosted by Suwanna Silpa-archa (Thailand ISU Council member) for the Asia and Pacific nations. The ability to re-connect, and make new connections with key personnel of the ISU and member countries at the various social functions was a privilege and a highlight.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE PETRICEVIC – CHAIR OF THE ISU DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Sue Petricevic has been a member of the ISU Disciplinary Commission since 2010. At Congress 2022 Sue was elected to the position of Chair of the Disciplinary Commission. This is a very significant accomplishment Sue that can be very proud of, and we are certainly very proud of her achievements. Sadly Sue was unable to be present for the elections themselves.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO SUE PETRICEVIC

We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Sue Petricevic and her family members on the very tragic passing of both her parents. Tragically Sue's father Michael Petricevic passed away on 4 June, while Sue was on her way to the ISU Congress, and her mother passed away on 20 June. As you can no doubt appreciate, this has been a particularly difficult time for Sue, and I am sure you will join us in wishing Sue and her family all the best.

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **Selection Policy** and **Skater Development Policy** have been reviewed by the Board after the initial call for submissions. Some amendments have been proposed and the updated TES for the 2022/23 season is included. These are due to be posted on the member forum requesting feedback on the proposed amendments.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 12 July. 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 July at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the June meeting.

All the best in skating,
Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King
President and CEO
NZIFSA