

### ISU DOCUMENTARY OF TEAM TITANIUM'S JOURNEY TO JUNIOR WORLDS

The official ISU YouTube channel has uploaded a documentary and interview about Team Titanium's experience as New Zealand's first-ever team at the World Junior Synchronised Skating Championships. Team Titanium's historic debut at Neuchâtel 2024 is a testament to their hard work and dedication. From countless hours of practice to overcoming numerous challenges, their passion and commitment truly shine through in this performance. Watching them achieve such a significant milestone is inspiring and heartwarming. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this moment possible. Your efforts have paid off brilliantly, and we couldn't be more proud.



You can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZcUHhARuw>

### UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Based on the selections from the Clucas Cup competition the Board have confirmed the priority order for assignment for the upcoming Junior Grand Prix. Of our Junior Women, Renee Tsai had first priority and has chosen to attend the JGP in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### **Junior Grand Prix - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-14 September**

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

#### **Junior Grand Prix – Wuxi, China, 09-12 October**

Junior Women	Cara Tang
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li

Renee and Cara have been named as the first substitutes for these Junior Grand Prix. Misaki Joe has been named as the second substitute for each of these events.

## RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

### Hollins Trophy, Liverpool, Australia, 8-10 June 2024

Unfortunately, Hollins Trophy did not organise an international competition this year, however this time we had a large number of young skaters competing in their first ever overseas competition.

Preliminary Girls	Anna-Bella Levien Lilian Peng	Overall 15 <sup>th</sup> /25 Overall 22 <sup>nd</sup> /25
Elementary Girls	Hailey Ng Alva Zhang Aeryl Zhang	Overall 5 <sup>th</sup> /16 Overall 11 <sup>th</sup> /16 Overall 13 <sup>th</sup> /16
Basic Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie	Overall 8 <sup>th</sup> /8
Intermediate Novice Girls	Mia Chen Luna Wu	Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> /13 Overall 4 <sup>th</sup> /13
Adult Silver Women	Olga Levien	Overall 5 <sup>th</sup> /9

Congratulations Mia Chen for your podium placing. Kudos to everyone for putting in your best effort!

## UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

### Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, Australia, 8-11 August 2024

Preliminary Girls	Anna-Bella Levien
Elementary Girls	Hailey Ng
Elementary Boys	Ryder Zou
Intermediate Novice Girls	Mia Chen
Advanced Novice Girls	Nicca Wu
Junior Women	Victoria Larsen Alethea Wong
Senior Women	Ella Smith
Silver Women Freeskate	Olga Levien

### 14th City of Nagoya Figure Skating Competition Minato AQLUS Cup 2024, Japan, 21-23 July 2024.

Junior Women	Renee Tsai
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## SELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2024 CLUCAS CUP COMPETITION

The 2024 Clucas Cup Selection Competition was held in Dunedin on 15 & 16 June. The following is the confirmed list of skaters that met or re-met the selection criteria at the 2024 Clucas Cup competition to be included in the International Representative Teams.

**International A Team selection criterion met at 2024 Clucas Cup**

- Renee Tsai re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Cara Tang re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Misaki Joe re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Christine Aixinjueluo re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Women
- Dwayne Li re-attained the selection TES for A Team – Junior Men

**International B Team selection criteria met at 2024 Clucas Cup**

- Bridey Sangster attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Olivia Dickson attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Mia Cotton re-attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Olivia Mandle attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Maddison Bryce attained the selection TES for B Team – Intermediate Novice Girls
- Brooke Cathro attained the selection TES for B Team - Junior Women. However, Brooke is already named to the A team, so that takes precedence over this result.
- Mirika Armstrong attained the selection TES for B Team - Senior Women

Skaters and teams that had already been named as International Representatives at the 2023 National Championships are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following the 2024 Clucas Cup. The confirmed list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

**INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS**

**Advanced Novice Girls**

Renee Tsai\*



**Junior Women**

Renee Tsai  
Cara Tang  
Misaki Joe  
Christine Aixinjueluo  
Brooke Cathro



**Junior Men**

Dwayne Li



**Senior Women**

Dani Gebser



**Junior Synchronised \*\*\***

Titanium: Rachel Chen  
Jasmine Hu  
Sophie Jennings  
Alexis Laud  
Katrina Mitalauskas  
Noelle Qiu  
Caitlin Rae  
Emma Scholtz  
Jenna Scholtz  
Ava Spencer  
Vicky Wang  
Lexie Wu  
Kelly Zou



**INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SKATERS**

**Basic Novice Girls**

Olivia Dickson\*  
Mia Cotton\*  
Olivia Mandl\*  
Mia Chen



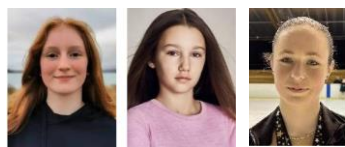
**Intermediate Novice Girls**

Bridey Sangster  
Olivia Dickson  
Mia Cotton  
Olivia Mandl  
Madison Bryce  
Lilah Langi-Scott  
Yuhuan Ding



**Junior Women**

Rebekah Sime  
Olivia Pokorny  
Jazz Evangelou



**Senior Women**

Mirika Armstrong



**Basic Novice Synchronized Skating \*\*\***

- Platinum: Evie Bolster  
Lili Cooper  
Oria Deng  
Kylie Jiang  
Athena Macmac  
Emma Scholtz  
Aries Simpson  
Tang Tang  
Emma Thein-Xie  
Luna Wu  
Alva Zhang  
Evie Zhu  
Kyle Hui  
Eddie Luo  
Ryder Zou



**Mixed Age Synchronised \*\*\***

- Black Ice: Maddison Blincoe  
Megan Briggs  
Caitlin Carter  
Katrina Chan  
Neske Groenewegen  
Alex Hamilton  
Amber Harries  
Victoria Heald  
Vanessa Preston  
Zoe Schnuriger  
Brooke Stansfield  
Taylyn Vallet  
Courtney Wertheim  
Gabby Wooler  
Jordan Etches



- Cutting Edge: Djuna Elkan  
Amelie Henderson  
Shawna Henderson  
Lucienne Holtz  
Rachael Jannink  
Arlea Lewis  
Olivia Marks  
Jazelle McCormick  
Hannah Sime  
Rebekah Sime  
Paige Symister  
Selina Zeng



\* Skaters are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age. Their scores have been adjusted as per Appendix B of the Selection Policy to determine priority order.

\*\*\* 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 requirements for that grade for that competition.

### **AWARDING OF THE CLUCAS CUP**

The 2024 Clucas Cup Competition included the presentation of the Clucas Cup, named in memory of Wendy Clucas and presented by her daughters Janine and Sonja. The cup is awarded to the skater that gains the highest percentage above the A team Selection TES, with the highest unfactored programme component score as the deciding factor if there is a draw.

Dwayne Li won the cup again by an impressive margin, having achieved 111% above the required A Team TES for Junior Men.



### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE CLUCAS CUP COMPETITION**

Thank you again to our generous sponsor, Four Winds Foundation, for the \$5,000 grant towards the cost of ice time for the Clucas Cup Competition.



### **THANK YOU TO ANDREW FROM KEA PHOTOS**

Thank you, Andrew, Kea Photos, for making yourself available to photograph the Clucas Cup competition. The competition photos are here: <https://www.keaphotos.com/clucas-cup/> . The password is IOTfs3

## RECENT SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

### Singles Pre-Elementary, Elementary & Juvenile, Auckland 1 & 2 June



11 Skaters and 3 Coaches attended with Debbie Darvill as the Moderator

### **North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association April Development camp**

The North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association recently ran a development camp for NI skaters from the 14-17 April 2024. This was the first camp run since before Covid and much anticipated by all. We were fortunate to have coach and choreographer Anne Goldberg-Baldwin from the Boston Skating Club moderate this camp. Anne is a triple Master Rated coach through the PSA and she has coached and choreographed extensively throughout the US. Anne specialises in spins, performance and choreography blending the technical and artistic aspects of skating and fostering creativity and exploration while maximising point potential for her athletes. The NISSA camp was open to all levels of competitive skaters and we had a large number of skaters and coaches attending. In total, we had 12 adult skaters, 26 figure skaters and 7 coaches participating over the 4 days of on-ice and off-ice activities. Skaters thoroughly enjoyed the engaging and dynamic coaching technique brought by Anne. NISSA would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the funding provided by Pub Charity Ltd that allowed this event to be accessible to our skaters.



## CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS ACEIVEMENTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SKATING

### Congratulations Coco Flood (CISC)

Earlier this year Coco was invited to trial for the New Zealand Junior U19 rowing team after a successful summer season and trial. She was later selected to the team and will be traveling to St Cathrine's Canada in August to compete for New Zealand In the U19 Junior World Championships. Well done Coco.



### Olivia and Sophie attended Shattuck-St. Mary's summer camp

NZIFSA is happy to share that Olivia Pokorny won the Shattuck-St. Mary's video essay competition for the summer school. Shattuck-St. Mary's has awarded her a 1-week scholarship for camp this summer. Olivia and Sophie attended for 2 weeks in June.



## MUSIC DETAILS REQUIRED FOR MUSIC LICENSING

In preparation for the 2024 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 (NIISSA) 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 "2024 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/\\_2024MusicDetails](https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2024MusicDetails)

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/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2024>

## **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHOTOS ON THE NZIFSA WEBSITE**

Skaters, can you all please make sure you have an up-to-date portrait style photo loaded onto the NZIFSA website. We need a passport style photo (except you are allowed to smile) rather than an action photo. We use these photos for competition programmes and for the newsletter. Often we find they are four or five years out of date and we may have a skater aged fifteen with a photo of them at age ten. To update your photo please log into the mynzifsa area of the NZIFSA website

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/members/mynzifsa/>

## **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 - Bangkok, Thailand, 11-14 September
- Junior Grand Prix – Wuxi, China, 9-12 October

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%20%20V11.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.

Please submit your EOI and any supporting documentation online by **5pm on Monday 1 July**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2024JGPTeamLeaderEOI>

If you have any questions, please email the General Secretary at [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz).

## **CHANGES TO NATIONALS' QUALIFICATION TES**

Following the recent ISU Congress hosted in Las Vegas USA, a number of the proposed changes to the technical requirements that had been advised in ISU Communications 2624 and 2623 do not come into effect this season. The Nationals qualifying TES for Junior and Senior grades have been recalculated to reflect the ISU Congress decision to delay the proposed changes to these grades that would have seen a reduction in the maximum number of jumps from seven to six and a change to the spin requirements that included the introduction of a choreographic spin. The Junior and Senior TES included in the original announcement for Nationals were based on the assumption that proposed changes to the technical requirements would be adopted at the 2024 ISU Congress and come into effect 1 July.

In addition to the above, the qualifying TES for adult Silver and Elite Freeskate has also been updated in response to recently announced changes in the requirements for these grades. The maximum number of jumps allowed in each of these grades has been reduced by one, and the qualifying TES has been adjusted accordingly.

Please check the updated National Championships announcement:

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/2024comps/Info/>

## **NZIFSA SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024**

The NZIFSA has two scholarships of NZ\$4000 to help support skaters to train overseas for a period in 2024. The Basic Novice/Intermediate Novice scholarship has been awarded to Mia Chen and the Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship has been awarded to Cara Tang. The Scholarship Committee comprised Jeanette King (NZIFSA CEO for 6 years), Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU Judge all disciplines, International Referee Singles & Pairs and Synchronized, International Technical Controller Singles and Synchronized), and Clarence Ong (ISU Technical Specialist Singles from Australia). Congratulations Mia and Cara.



## **CALL FOR EOI FOR SKATING DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Very sadly, Brooke Tamepo has resigned from the Skating Development Director role. The energy and enthusiasm she brought to this role will be missed.

The Board are seeking expressions of interest from suitably skilled and knowledgeable members who would like to be considered for appointment to this role. This appointment will be for the period until the 2025 AGM.

Please refer to the Job Description for the Skating Development Director.

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Elected%20Positions%20V9.0.pdf> as well as the Governance and Management Policy.

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Governance%20and%20Management%20Policy%20V%207.0.pdf>

Please send your CV to [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) on or before Sunday 30 June

## **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 9 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](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)) by Tuesday 2 July. Any correspondence received after that date may be tabled at the August meeting.

All the best in skating,  
Robyn Morris and Bess Cao  
President and CEO, NZIFSA