

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Tallink Hotels Cup, Tallinn, Estonia, 19-22 February 2026

Junior Women	Ziyao (Nicca) Wu	SP 22 nd /25	FS 15 th /24	Overall 16 th /25
Junior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li	SP 2 nd /7	FS 1 st /7	Overall 1 st /7
Coach & unfunded TL	Bess Cao			

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Tallinn, Estonia, 3-8 March 2026

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 38 th /50		Overall 38 th /50
Junior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li	SP 7 th /43	FS 9 th /24	Overall 8 th /43
Coach	Bess Cao			
Coach	Michael (Chih-I) Tsao			
Team Leader	Melissa Cummings			

Congratulations Dwayne on this is outstanding achievement. Also congratulations to Renee on competing at her first ISU event. We're very proud of you both.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Thailand Open Figure Skating Trophy, Bangkok Thailand 1-4 May 2026

Basic Novice Girls	Judy Tong
Basic Novice Girls	Nicole Xiao
Advanced Novice Girls	Luna Wu
Junior Women	Ziyao (Nicca) Wu
Coach	Rosie Armstrong
Team leader	To be confirmed

Adult Figure Skating Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany, 17 May to 23 May 2026:

Bronze II Women Freeskate & Artistic	Juliette Sivertsen
Bronze IV Women Freeskate & Artistic	Trish Weir
Bronze V Women's Freeskate & Artistic	Eleanor Stanbury
Bronze V Women's Freeskate & Silver V Artistic	Sue Hoseit
Silver IV Women's Freeskate & Gold IV Artistic	Tammy Cowan

TEAM LEADER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THAILAND OPEN

The NZIFSA are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced individuals to fulfil the Team Leader role at the Thailand Open Figure Skating Trophy – Bangkok, Thailand, 1-4 May 2026.

The ideal candidates should be capable of managing both high-pressure situations and routine administrative tasks. As outlined in the position description, the Team Leader must be a team player who can collaborate effectively with athletes, coaches, judges, parents, and administrators.

They should have a solid understanding of NZIFSA rules and the protocols for international events, as well as possess local knowledge to facilitate smooth coordination during the competition. A proven track record in international events is essential, as we aim to ensure that our skaters have the best possible support in achieving their goals on the world stage

The Team Leader position description can be found on page 10 of the Job Descriptions for Appointed Positions on the NZIFSA website:

<https://nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Job%20Descriptions%20for%20Appointed%20Positions%20V9.0.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. For the Thailand Open funding will be “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.

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 on or before **12 noon on Sunday 29 March 2026:**

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/TeamLeaderEOIThaiOpen2026>

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

RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

The Aichi Figure Skating Championships 2026 Governor's and Board of Education Prize interclub competition, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, 20-24 February 2026

Junior Women Renee Tsai SP 12th/47 FS 21st/47 Overall 19th/47

ANZAS 2026 Adult Interclub Competition Melbourne, Australia, 7 & 8 February 2026

Bronze Class I-II Artistic	Sarah Mummery	FS 4 th /4	Overall 4 th /4
Bronze Class IV Artistic	Linda White	FS 4 th /5	Overall 4 th /5
Bronze Class VI Artistic	Eleanor Stanbury	FS 1 st /1	Overall 1 st /1
Silver Class IV Artistic	Kirsty Cox	FS 3 rd /3	Overall 3 rd /3
Bronze Class I Freeskate	Sarah Mummery	FS 5 th /9	Overall 5 th /9
Bronze Class IV Freeskate	Linda White	FS 7 th /7	Overall 7 th /7
Bronze Class VI Freeskate	Eleanor Stanbury	FS 4 th /4	Overall 4 th /4
Silver Class IV Freeskate	Kirsty Cox	FS 3 rd /3	Overall 3 rd /3

UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

All skaters, not just the International A & B team representatives, can seek permission to attend interclub competitions outside New Zealand by emailing secretary@nzifsa.org.nz and specifying what competition and what grade they would like to compete.

Ice Skating Australia's Champ Series events listed below are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. Please note, until we have announcements, we can't confirm permission but hopefully the following information will help with your planning.

- Hollins Trophy, Erina, NSW, 6-8 June
- Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, VIC 6-9 August.
- WinterSun, Brisbane, QLD – 2-6 September
- Sydney Synch Festival, Erina, NSW, 12-13 September. Entries close 14 August.
- Swan Trophy, Perth, WA – 27-30 September. Note that Western Australian Ice Skating Associations plan to run this interclub competition alongside the Swan Trophy international competition

OCEANIA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, AUCKLAND 19 – 21 MAY 2026

NZIFSA and Ice Skating Australia are again co-hosting the Oceania International Figure Skating Competition and Coach Development Seminar and we are pleased to advise that we have secured funding support from ISU Development.



The competition is for Singles Basic Novice to Senior level skaters and is to run 19-21 May. All Single skaters selected to the International A & B Teams have been invited to attend and to submit confirmation of Interest by 19 March. We will be contacting these skaters shortly with their approval to compete. If you missed this deadline, please email secretary@nzifsa.org.nz

OCEANIA COACH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR WITH SEAN RABBITT, 22 & 23 MAY

We are very excited to be bringing Sean Rabbit to Auckland to run the Oceania coach development seminar. Level 2 – 4 coaches, please mark this in your calendar now. We will have information and registration forms for you shortly.

UPCOMING SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Development Camp with Kori Ade - Auckland (Botany), 10-13 April

We are very excited to confirm that we have managed to secure Kori Ade as the coach for the upcoming skater development camp. The camp is for skaters of all disciplines that are the equivalent of Basic Novice Singles or higher and for Level 2-4 coaches. We're very conscious that this notification comes way later than we would have liked but encourage skaters and coaches to make the most of this great opportunity.

Kori is an outstanding coach who really loves teaching, coaching, mentoring and inspiring both skaters and coaches. We strongly encourage eligible skaters and coaches to make it a priority to try and attend this camp and are really confident that you will all get a lot out of this. The overall focus is on skating skills but we can expect Kori to deliver on technique, artistry, fundamentals and training concepts as well as off-ice strength, jump, artistry, psychology and best practices.

Who is this development camp for?

- Basic Novice to Senior Level Singles or Pairs skaters.
- Ice Dance skaters that have at least Bronze Pattern and Freedance tests (I.e. Intermediate Novice Ice Dance) or Bronze Stroking.
- Members of Mixed Age, Advanced Novice, Junior or Senior Synchronized skating teams that have at least the Bronze stroking test.

All skaters must have the correct test levels at the close of camp registrations. Note all test levels refer to Standard grade tests.

Level 2-4 coaches, including the Level 2 coaches currently enrolled in the Level 2 coaching course.

What to expect

Expect a mix of on and off-ice activities with skaters put into separate groups for some of the activities and come together for others. Kori can offer sessions on technique, artistry, fundamentals and training concepts as well as off ice strength, jump, artistry, psychology and best practices in many areas. A session for parents may also be offered. The exact schedule will be based on registrations. While you can expect to get a break or two during the day we recommend that you plan to be available between the times indicated below.

Date	Likely earliest start time	Likely finish time
Friday 10 April	1:00pm	7:15pm
Saturday 11 April	7:00am	7:45pm
Sunday 12 April	7:00am	7:45pm
Monday 13 April	6:30am	7:45pm

Kori has also offered to do some follow up online sessions including some virtual coach training (4), skater high performance mental training (2-4) and best practices follow up (1). Exact details to follow.

Registration

Registrations are due on or before **Wednesday 1 April**. All skaters must hold the correct test levels by the close of registrations. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2026CampWithKoriAde>

Cost information:

\$275 for Synchro and Advanced Novice to Senior NZIFSA Development Squad Members

\$550 for Synchro and Advanced Novice to Senior non Development Squad

\$220 for Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice Development Squad Members

\$440 for Basic Novice and Intermediate non Development Squad Members

\$350 for Level 2 – 4 Coaches (or \$100/day for coaches that can only attend part of the camp)

Travel Subsidy for Development Squad

Reminder – Development Squad members that returned their training plans by 1 May are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of travel expenses to a maximum of 50% of the amounts in the Travel and Reimbursement Policy on receipt of an expense claim with supporting invoices/receipts.

Singles Pre Elementary, Elementary & Juvenile, Dunedin 2 & 3 May and Auckland (Botany) 9 & 10 May

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding two training camps for Pre Elementary, Elementary and Juvenile level skaters.

Registration:

Registrations are due **on or before Tuesday 14 April**. Skaters and coaches can register online at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2026PreElementaryToJuvenileCampsDNDOOrAKL>

Cost information:

\$85 for NZIFSA Development Squad Members

\$165 for all other skaters

\$85 Kiwiskate and Level 1 – 4 Coaches

\$50 / day for Kiwiskate and Level 1 – 4 Coaches who can only attend part of a camp.

RECENT SKATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Clean Sport Webinar, 25 February

A Sport Integrity Commission Clean Sport Webinar was held on 25 February for skaters, parents/caregivers, coaches and club officials. We had 28 participants for this session. There was last minute interest from a number of other people, however, pre-registration is required for any of these courses to allow time for the paperwork and consents to Sport Integrity NZ prior. A further session is planned for later in the year.

Online Stroking Question & Answer Session, 14 March

We tried something a bit different with an online Question and Answer session for Skaters, Coaches and Parents on 14 March. Links to stroking patterns and videos from previous stroking sessions were provided in advance and people invited to send in any questions or clarifications in advance. On-the-spot questions during the online session were also encouraged. The session was led by Connor McIver. There was only one question submitted in advance and no questions raised during the session indicating that this trial format may not be the best way to address questions people might have around the stroking tests. If people do still have questions they can direct these to the Technical Director either directly to technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz or via the Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

RECENT COACH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

We had a KiwiSkate course and Level 1 course held in Dunedin this past weekend 21 & 22 March. We will have reports on these coaching courses for you in the April newsletter.

UPCOMING OFFICIALS TRAINING

- Ice Skating Australia seminar for any Tier 2 judges interested in becoming a referee. Presenter - Debbie Noyes. Online 31 March.
- Components Seminar. Note this is now online rather than in-person. Presenter - Sandra Williamson-Leadley. Online 2 & 3 May.
- Pairs – Judges training. Online sessions on 10 and 17 May presented by Debbie Noyes from Australia.
- Referee Refresher – online session 20 June
- Initial Judges and Initial Tech Panel Meetings – online sessions 27 June

In addition to the above there will be online sessions to cover season updates.

RECENT OFFICIALS TRAINING

Online Stroking Question & Answer Session for Judges, 14 March

A productive online session was held on 14 March, presented by Connor McIver, and attended by four judges. A number of judges put in apologies as they were unable to attend and a recording of the seminar was distributed to those judges.

REMINDER 2026 NZIFSA SKATER SCHOLARSHIPS DUE 26 MARCH

Basic Novice to Senior level Development Squad members are eligible to apply for one of two skater scholarships for 2026 to train overseas or to work remotely with a coach or team of coaches of international repute. Each of the scholarships are for \$4000 NZD; one skater / team selected for Basic Novice to Intermediate Novice and the other for Advanced Novice to Senior. These applications are for all disciplines of ice figure skating. In the case of an ice dance couple, pair skating team or synchronized skating team being awarded a scholarship, the \$4000 NZD will be shared as a couple/team.

Application forms and the accompanying terms and conditions have been sent to all NZIFSA Development Squad members. Please discuss your plans with your coach(es). After reading through the application information, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mathieu Wilson, our High Performance Officer, at high.performance@nzifsa.org.nz. Note that the firm deadline for applications is **5pm on 26 March 2026** and these need to be sent to secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.

CLUCAS CUP SELECTION COMPETITION, CHRISTCHURCH 13 & 14 JUNE 2026

As per the NZIFSA Selection Policy, this competition is to determine selection and priority order for international competitions with a closing date between 7 July 2026 and one week after our National Championships. The competition will be open to skaters in Basic Novice to Senior grades in all disciplines, plus Mixed Age Synchronized skating, who competed at the 2025 National Championships and who are age eligible for international competition in their respective grade as at 1 July 2026.

Age eligibility for entry into Clucas Cup Competition

Discipline	Grade	Age as at 1 st July 2026
Singles	Basic Novice	Under 14
	Intermediate Novice	Under 16
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 16
	Junior	Is at least 13 but is under 19
	Senior	Is at least 17
Dance	Basic Novice	Under 14
	Intermediate Novice	Under 16
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10, but Girls under 16, Boys under 18
	Junior	Is at least 13, but Women under 21, Men under 21
	Senior	Is at least 17
Pairs	Basic Novice	Under 14
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10, but Girls under 16, Boys under 18
	Junior	Is at least 13, but Women under 21, Men under 23
	Senior	Is at least 17
Synchronized Skating*	Basic Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 16
	Advanced Novice	Is at least 10 but is under 16
	Junior	Is at least 13 but is under 19
	Senior	Is at least 17

* Please refer to the Selection Policy for team composition requirements.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR CLUCAS CUP

Note the following is a provisional schedule for the 2026 Clucas Cup Every effort will be made to hold the events on the days listed below, however, the order of the events will change from that listed below.

Saturday 13 June

Basic Novice & Intermediate Novice FS
 Intermediate Novice FS
 Advanced Novice, Junior & Senior SP

Synchro up to and including Advanced Novice FS (includes Mixed Age)
Synchro Junior & Senior SP

Sunday 14 June

Advanced Novice, Junior & Senior FS
Synchro Junior & Senior FS

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition as per the draft outline below. The times outlined below are indicative only.

Days/Dates	Unofficial Practice	Official Practice	Competition
Friday 12 June	3:30 – 5:30pm		
Saturday 13 June		10:00am – 1:30pm	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Sunday 14 June		7:30am – 10:30am	10:30am – 1:30pm

NZIFSA AGM – AUCKLAND, SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

The NZIFSA AGM is to be held on Saturday 28 March at the Pakuranga Rugby League Club, 27R William Roberts Road, Pakuranga, Auckland. We encourage all clubs to ensure they have representation at the AGM.

Below is the proposed timetable on 28 March for the 2026 AGM:

1:00 – 2:00pm AGM

2:00 – 4:00pm Member Forums

4:00 – 5:00pm Social Get Together

Member Forums

Member forums are open to all life members, members of affiliated clubs, coaches and officials. The following two member forum topics will be addressed:

- Expectations/Guidelines on Media/Publicity. NZIFSA are seeking input on what our skating community are looking for from our Media/Publicity. What Platforms? Content? Where can contacts be found? Who can Submit?
- General Q & A Session: What does the community want from the NZIFSA? Please submit questions 1 week before the AGM ie 21 March 2026 via the general secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz

A meeting of the new Board, Operations Group and Development Group will be held on the Sunday morning (approximately 9:00am – 1:30pm).

NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

The Board is seeking member feedback on the **Members' Forum Acceptable Use Policy**, **Health and Safety Policy** and **Anti-Match-Fixing and Sports Betting Policy** (feedback due by **30 April**). Your submissions will be considered by the Board when they review the policy, and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

Submissions on the **Finance Policy**, **Child Protection Policy** and **Funding Policy** closed on 20 March. No submissions were received. The Board will review these policies at their meeting on 29 March and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Sunday 29 March the day after the NZIFSA AGM. 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 Sunday 22 March. Any correspondence received now will be tabled at the next meeting.

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