

WORLD ICE SKATING DAY – SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Look out for activities happening in your area. The World Ice Skating Day (WISD), created and organized by the International Skating Union (ISU), is a one-day global festival dedicated to Ice Skating. This year's annual celebration will be held on December 3, 2023. The key objectives are to make Ice Skating sports accessible to everyone in a fun and safe environment.



RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ISU International Adult Competition, Nashville, USA, 18-22 October

Bronze II Women Artistic	Victoria Marinova	Overall 6 th /16
Bronze IV Women Artistic	Jeanette King	Overall 7 th =/13
Silver II Women Artistic	Olga Levien	Overall 4 th /13
Bronze II Women Freeskate	Victoria Marinova	Overall 5 th /15
Bronze IV Women Freeskate	Jeanette King	Overall 4 th /8
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien	Overall 8 th /17



What a nice surprise to turn up to the pre-competition workshop and meet up with fellow New Zealanders, Alice Vandermade & Sean Jones. Alice and Sean live in London these days and were representing the United Kingdom. However, a number of coaches and skaters who have been around for a few years will recognise Sean from when he represented West Auckland Ice Skating Club.

From left to right - Victoria Marinova, Olga Levien, Jeanette King, Alice Vandermade & Sean Jones.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

17th Europa Cup of Helena, Belgrade, Serbia, 4-6 January 2024

Junior Women Renee Tsai

2024 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Taipei, 26 Feb – 3 March 2024

Junior Men Dwayne Li

2024 World Junior Synch Figure Skating Champs, Neuchatel, Switzerland, 15-16 March 2024

Junior Synchro Titanium

UPCOMING INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

2024 Trophy De Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland, 26-27 January 2024

Mixed Age Synchro Black Ice

Hevelius Cup, Gdansk, Poland, 2-4 February 2024

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DAN MELLAMPHY (LIFE MEMBER), PASSED AWAY 4 NOVEMBER



Sadly, NZIFSA and AIFSC Life Member, Dan Mellamphy passed away on 4 November.

Dan was a judge for many years. He served as President of the NZISA in 1976 and was on the figure committee and vice president during the 1980's. Dan and his wife Jeanne were founding members and President and Secretary of AIFSC. He was at Paradise Glen Innes for the laying of the pipes on sand and played a significant role in getting the first ice shows in Auckland underway.

For coach Debbie Darvill, Dan was her first Ice Dance partner. Dan and his daughter Jacqui won the Norman Wright Trophy in 1977, 1980 and again in 1984. Skating was central to their lives.

Our thoughts are with his wife Jeanne, daughter Jacqui, son Kieran and their extended family.

FURTHER CONSULTATION REGARDING THE 2024 RULES & REGULATIONS

There were a number of questions posed in the draft Rules & Regulations that we had hoped to get some feedback on. In the absence of any feedback the Board have proposed some further changes and will be putting the Rules & Regulations back on the member forums for a further round of consultation. Please do make the time to have a look at the proposed changes and provide feedback.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

The Board, Operations Group and Development Group met last weekend to progress plans and budgets for 2024. We expect to have dates for the various skater, coach and official's development activities in the next newsletter. We know December is crazy busy for many, but do take the time to check out what is planned and get them into your calendar.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next full meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 16 January. 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 9 January. Any correspondence received after that date may be tabled at the February meeting.

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