

RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Junior Grand Prix – Bangkok, Thailand, 2-5 September 2026

Junior Women	Renee Tsai	SP 15 th /38	FS 18 th /37	Overall 17 th /37
Junior Men	Dwayne (Yanhao) Li	SP 1 st /28	FS 2 nd /28	Overall 2 nd /28
Coaches	Bess Cao			
	Chih-I (Michael) Tsao			
Team Leader	Anna Ho			



Congratulations to both Renee and Dwayne on achieving Personal Bests at this competition. Renee achieved a PB in her SP score. Dwayne achieved PB's in his SP, FS and Total score as well as the outstanding result of a Silver Medal.

From Renee Tsai on the JGP Bangkok experience

I'm very grateful to have competed at another JGP event this year, and of course, super thankful to the NZIFSA for this opportunity. Although there are still many areas for improvement, being able to skate and compete alongside some of the world's top skaters is always inspiring. The atmosphere of the competition is very exciting and motivating, and often feels surreal. The lights, the commentary, and the loud cheers make the competitions so fun and memorable. It feels amazing to represent New Zealand at such a high-level competition, so I am truly grateful.

Adult Figure Skating Competition in Vernon, Canada, 16-19 September 2026

Bronze II Women Artistic	Juliette Sivertsen	FS 7 th /17	Overall 7 th /17
Bronze IV Women's Artistic	Melanie Purdey	FS 4 th /13	Overall 4 th /13
	Sally Garelja	FS 8 th /13	Overall 8 th /13
Bronze II Women FS	Juliette Sivertsen	FS 5 th /15	Overall 5 th /15
Bronze IV Women's FS	Melanie Purdey	FS 5 th /12	Overall 5 th /12
Silver I Women's FS	Elise Franklin	FS 10 th /14	Overall 10 th /14
Silver II Women's FS	Rachel Sidda	FS 8 th /16	Overall 8 th /16
Bronze Solo Free Dance	Sally Garelja	FS 7 th /8	Overall 7 th /8
Bronze Solo Free Dance	Melanie Purdey	FS 11 th /11	Overall 11 th /11



ONGOING OR UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Swan Trophy International, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 26-30 September 2026

Basic Novice Girls	Jasmin Ngan
	Lilian Peng
	Aeryl Zhang
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien
Advanced Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie
	Luna Wu
Junior Women	Mia Chen
Senior Men	Yanhao (Dwayne) Li
Coaches	Bess Cao
	Tracy Hipkiss
	Kevin Reynolds
	Cordelia Shi
Team Leader	Jeanette King
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley
Tech Specialist	Kevin Reynolds

Junior Grand Prix – Ljubljana, Slovenia 30 Sept – 3 October 2026

Junior Women	Nicca (Ziyao) Wu
Coach	Špela Lovrenčič
Unfunded Team Leader	Caisheng Yang

RECENT INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

WinterSun, Brisbane, Australia, WA, 2-6 September

Basic Novice Girls	Athena Macmac		FS 2 nd /11	Overall 2 nd /11
Intermediate Novice Girls	Lydia Peters		FS 1 st /4	Overall 1 st /4
Advanced Novice Girls	Emma Thein-Xie	SP 3 rd /5	FS 1 st /5	Overall 1 st /5
	Madison Bryce	SP 1 st /5	FS 2 nd /5	Overall 2 nd /5



Sydney Synch Festival, Erina, NSW, Australia, 12-13 September

Senior	Obsidian Senior	SP 2 nd /3	FS 1 st /3	Overall 1 st /3
Mixed Age	Obsidian Mixed Age		FS 2 nd /7	Overall 2 nd /7
Basic Novice	Obsidian Basic Novice		FS 2 nd /5	Overall 2 nd /5
Basic Novice B	Obsidian Basic Novice Crystal		FS 1 st /1	Overall 1 st /1



Obsidian Senior

Obsidian Mixed Age, Basic Novice Crystal, and Basic Novice



ONGOING OR 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 are interclub competitions that are open to skaters from other member federations. Most of these competitions have already been held for this season. Of the remaining competitions, approval has been granted for:

Swan Trophy Champ Series Interclub, Bibra Lake, WA, Australia, 27-30 September

Basic Novice Girls	Charlotte Hua Rebecca Situ
Intermediate Novice Girls	Anna-Bella Levien
Junior Men	Michael Yuchen Duan
Senior Women	Cordelia Shi
Silver II Women Freeskate	Olga Levien
Coaches	Tracy Hipkiss Kevin Reynolds Cordelia Shi
Judge	Sandra Williamson-Leadley
Tech Specialist	Kevin Reynolds

Ice Skating Victoria State Championships, Melbourne, VIC, Australia, 17-18 October 2026

Senior Women	Cara Tang
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NATIONALS UPDATE

Some brief updates for you

- Nationals **Merchandise** is available for order and delivery via this link <https://nzifsamerch26.digitees.co.nz/>
- There are still some further accommodation options available
- Ice Sports Southland has additional ice time available to purchase on the Tuesday prior to the unofficial practice ice

Please contact Melissa Cummings at isstestcompsecretary@gmail.com for ice bookings, information, or the accommodation list.

For more detail, please refer to the Nationals Newsletter uploaded to the NZIFSA competitions page <https://nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/2026comps/2026Info/>

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

We are very pleased to announce the Board appointment of Elizabeth Corish as the Administrative Support Officer. This appointment is for the period until the 2027 NZIFSA AGM. Elizabeth may well be in contact with member clubs, skaters, coaches and officials as part of her role supporting the activities of members of our Development Group and Operations Group.

RULES AND REGULATIONS CONSULTATION

As the first step in this annual process, the Rules and Regulations were posted on the members forum <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>. These have been posted with some proposed changes already included. A summary of proposed changes has been posted by our Technical Director, Michael Holtz. Members have 40 days, until 8 October, to comment on any of these proposed changes and are also invited to make submissions for further changes either on the member forum or by email to technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz. There will also be a discussion forum held in conjunction with the 2026 National Championships. Following this initial consultation process a draft of the Rules & Regulations incorporating the proposed changes will be posted on the member forums for a further 21 days for feedback on the proposed changes only. This feedback will be taken into account when the Board finalise the 2027 Rules and Regulations at their November meeting.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 13 October. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz). Any correspondence received after the 6 October will go to the next meeting.

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