

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 022

NZISA RULES AND REGULATION CHANGES

Changes that will come into effect from 1 January 2005 approved at a Council Meeting in December are listed below:-

RULE 501 PRELIMINARY STROKING TEST

The present spiral requirements to be deleted and replaced with -
A Spiral Step Sequence in accordance with ISU Rule Rule 310 to include forward inside and forward outside spirals to be executed on both feet.

RULE 516 PAIR LIFT GROUPS – as per ISU Rule 313 para 5, 2004 Edition.

These groups will not be listed in our regulations to avoid constant change.

Group One	Armpit Hold position
Group Two	Waist Hold position
Group Three	Hand to Hip position
Group Four	Hand to Hand position (Press Lift type)
Group Five	Hand to Hand position (Lasso Lift type)

A RECOMMENDATION TO ALL CLUBS AND SUB ASSOCIATIONS

In order to standardize championship grades at the lower levels it is recommended the following be used.

PRE-ELEMENTARY and ELEMENTARY programmes must not exceed 2 minutes 15 seconds but may be less provided that all the elements have been included, the time to be taken from the moment the competitor begins to move or skate. Any element completed after the time allowed will be considered as omitted.

The programme shall be judged as a free skate with deductions for omitted or extra elements as per freeskate.

PRE ELEMENTARY

- a) Waltz Jump
- b) Salchow
- c) Toe Loop
- d) One foot spin (min 3 revs)
- e) Spiral
- f) Simple step sequence (one half the length of the rink)

ELEMENTARY

- a) Waltz Jump
- b) Salchow
- c) Toe Loop

- d) One foot spin (min 4 revs) choice of sit, camel, upright
- e) Spiral
- f) Simple step sequence (one half the length of the rink)
- g) Optional element 1, different from those above*
- h) Optional element 2, different from those above*

* The last two items are additional optional elements of the skaters choice.

MASTERS GRADES

These have been integrated in to the general rules.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING AND DANCE

As there are constant changes being made to these rules in accordance with the development of the New Judging System (COP) our new rules will reference all new ISU Rules as per the 2004 Editions followed by ISU Communication updates received.

SKATER ELIGIBILITY FORM

For some time now we have tried to have these forms drawn up and now with thanks to Great Britain we have used their forms as an example and modified accordingly. These will be accessible via the NZISA website and will be required to be completed by all skaters who are coaching regardless of level and those who have obtained sponsorship in order to protect their Eligibility Status to compete at any competition.

SKATERS AGREEMENT FORM

All skaters traveling overseas will be required to sign this prior to competing Overseas.

JUDGES REGISTRATION FORM

Judges will be asked to complete a declaration form agreeing that they will not coach whilst an active judge on the current list of Judges.

MOSCOW TRAINING

Ricky Cockerill, Tristan Thode and Mathieu Wilson are currently training in Moscow with their Coach Slave Kuznetsov. They are to spend 10 weeks there prior to Ricky and Tristan competing at Four Continents in Korea.

FOUR CONTINENTS

We wish Ricky Cockerill, Tristan Thode and Joel Watson all the best for their competition in Korea February 14th – 20th. Barbara Lindsay-Taylor will be attending as Team Leader. Good Luck messages can be sent to their Hotel. Sun Cruise Hotel, 50-10 Jungdongjin-ri, Gangdong-myun, Gangneung City, Gangwon Province, Korea. Fax +82 33 610 7100.

JUNIOR WORLDS

At the completion of Four Continents Joel Watson will travel to University of Delaware to train with Tracey Poletis for a week prior to competing at Junior Worlds in Kitchener, Canada. This will be the first time Joel has competed outside Australasia so we wish him the best of luck.

FINAL SELECTION FOR AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

Centaurus Club Championships July 17th will be the final opportunity for skaters to be selected. Selectors may view skaters at any time during training or local competitions.

ANNE SCHELTER VISIT

We are currently waiting confirmation of Anne's travel arrangements. Ice time has been booked for Botany Downs Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21 April and Dunedin Sunday 24th – Tuesday 26th. As soon as arrangements are confirmed Clubs, skaters and coaches will be notified details.

ISU JUDGING SYSTEM (Code of Points COP)

Two sets of 'hardware locks' have been received from ISU and a further two sets will be ordered. A 'dummy' run will be trialled at Christchurch before training of Accountants and Judges take place. We are indeed indebted to Dr Patricia Benoit and the Canadian Association who kindly agreed to assist New Zealand in adopting a system that can be used for our levels Novice and below. Patricia has put in a good deal of work on our behalf with input advice given from their experiences at Canadian Competitions.

NZ SKATING NEWS

For those who have been receiving the daily or weekly news from Craig Anderson, and those who have not, there will now be a link from the NZISA Website direct to Craig's site. Craig puts a good deal of time and effort in obtaining skating news daily that would otherwise take some time on an individual basis to obtain all the news he provides.

CRACKED ICE by Sonia Bianchetti-Garbot

My ordered copy arrived on Saturday and I must admit to finding it very interesting to read. Sonia has written this book based on her involvement, trials and tribulations over many years, commencing as a skater, judge and ISU Technical Person and Council Member. Sonia also talks about the politics, intrigues and backroom deals behind our sport. Cracked Ice can be obtained by ordering via her website www.soniabianchetti.com. Cost in NZ approximately \$40.00 includes freight.

On behalf of the NZ Ice Skating Council I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Remember if you are drinking please do not drive. We want to see you all in 2005.

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