

New Zealand Ice Skating Association (Inc.)

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Selection policies 2005 – 06

The Council of NZISA has adopted the following policies relating to Selection to compete in the Australian Championships 2006:

Following the 2005 National Championships selected skaters (see list below) were named to take part in a selection competition to be held in Christchurch in April 2006.

Other skaters or synchronised teams who were not named but who competed in the 2005 National Championships (or who withdrew due to injury or illness) and who wish to be considered for inclusion in the selection competition may apply through their Club Secretary. Names must be received by the National Technical Committee Secretary (Sandra Williamson-Leadley) by 31 December 2005.

This additional list of names will be forwarded to the NZISA selectors for consideration for inclusion in the selection competition. All skaters and teams to compete in the Selection Competition will be notified individually and through Club Secretaries by 31 January 2006. A list of technical requirements will be provided to all Club Secretaries and will be posted on the NZISA website by 31 October 2005.

In selecting the team to represent New Zealand at the Australian Championships the selectors will take into account the performance of each skater at the April selection competition, but will reserve the right to exercise discretion in the making of final selections. Such discretion may be based on their observation of performances at other times and will take due consideration of other factors that they consider relevant.

Selection to compete in other international competitions

For other international events the NZISA selectors will make their recommendations to the NZISA Council based on skaters' performances at appropriate events throughout the season and on any other factors that the selectors may consider relevant. Selections

The following skaters were named by the selectors at the Banquet following the 2005 National Championships.

To compete at Four Continents 2006: Tristan Thode, Joel Watson

To compete at Senior Worlds: The best placed skater at Four Continents

To compete at the Karl Schaefer Olympic Qualifying Competition, Vienna, 12 October:
Tristan Thode, Joel Watson (alternate)

To compete in other international events as approved by NZISA:

Mathieu Wilson

Morgan Figgins

Cameron Hems

Allie Rout

To attend the Selection Competition in Christchurch in April 2006:

Morgan Figgins

Allie Rout

Claire McGillan

Mathieu Wilson

Elizabeth O'Neill

Alanna Pollock

Cameron Hems

Dee Pulman

Grant Howie

Nationals

Congratulations to all who took part in the 2005 Nationals. The full results are now available, both through New Zealand Skating News (published 12 October) and on the NZISA website. We were delighted with the good spirit of the competition. The banquet was a particularly happy event – thanks to all who took part.

International Judging System

All skaters will by now be aware that we are moving in 2006 to the new IJS (International Judging System). In preparation for this the Council invited Ted Barton, from Canada, to conduct a series of workshops and seminars during the National Championships. Ted is one of the world's leading figures in the development of the new system. We were extremely fortunate to have him. Our thanks to you, Ted, for your outstanding input. Thanks also to Wendy Clucas, who organised the seminar and the related fund-raising.

There will be further seminars and training sessions for judges and coaches. It is absolutely vital that everyone involved in figure skating gets up to speed with the new

system. A major training event is scheduled for Christchurch in April 2006, to coincide with the Selection Competition – dates will be finalised soon. Coaches are especially urged to plan to be there – if you don't know the new system you (and your skaters) will be left behind.

The Council has made a decision to invest in the computer equipment needed to run the new system – it will be trialled in Christchurch in April and will be up and running later in the year.

Awards

Congratulations go to those who were finalists in the Sportsperson of the year and Administrator of the Year Awards, announced at this year's banquet.

Administrator of the Year is Craig Anderson, founding President of the Allegro Ice Dance Club and Editor of the fantastic New Zealand Skating News on which we all so much rely. Congratulations Craig.

Other finalists were John Potgieter, of Auckland, nominated for his effective and committed administration of Auckland Club's two synchronised teams, and John Harrington, of Ice Sports Southland, nominated for his on-going service to the club.

Sportsperson of the Year is Grant Howie, of Ice Sports Southland, who was nominated for his extra efforts in helping young skaters on the ice at the home rink in Gore. Congratulations to you too, Grant.

The other finalists were Cameron Hems (Glenburn), whose courteous and friendly behaviour on and off the rink has been noticed and commented on, and Caitlyn Paul, a skater who is always willing to go the extra distance to help her fellow skaters and her club. Well done, all nominees.

The Allchurch Shield, awarded to the club with the most points overall at Nationals, was won convincingly this year by Centaurus. Congratulations once again to all the hard-working skaters and coaches and the long-suffering officials and parents of Centaurus.

International

We wish Joel Watson the best of luck as he competes in the Karl Schaefer Olympic Qualifying event in Vienna starting today (12 October). You can follow Joel's fortunes by logging on to www.isu.org or www.skating-news.co.nz.

Warwick Johnson
NZISA President
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