

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 006

This will be the last communication until after the Annual General Meeting to be held in the New Lynn Community Centre, Auckland, April 20th.

ELIGIBLE SKATER'S AGREEMENT

Important: Any eligible skater who may be receiving remuneration from teaching Kiwi Skate, or Individual Skaters must apply to the NZISA for permission to do so, in order to retain their "Eligible Status" for the coming season.

WEB SITE

Many thanks are extended to Robin Mills who has set up the NZISA Web Site. The web site is still in the early stages. The web site can be accessed on www.nzisa.com.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Three of our skaters Tristan Thode, Mathieu Wilson and Vicky Kuo will be competing at the Mladost Trophy International in Croatia March 14th- 16th. Their coach Slava Kouznetsov plus Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas who will act as Judges accompanying them.

ISU TRAINING CAMP – BEIJING

The team to travel to this 5½ day camp is presently in final organization mode. A total of eleven countries have been invited. The skaters Personal Coach must accompany them. It is a stipulation from the Project Manager that Parents are not able to attend this camp as they require skaters to familiarize themselves with traveling and being in a team environment.

As one coach has three skaters selected there were two vacancies for coaches. Coaches were asked to send in their résumé' s for selection of the two available positions. At the conclusion of the camp there will be an ISU Judges Seminar held with emphasis on the Presentation Mark.

Skaters who have been selected are:

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| Vicky Kuo | Novice Ladies |
| Dee Pulman | Primary Ladies |
| Mathieu Wilson | Primary Men |
| Laura Mills | Primary Ladies |
| Allie Rout | Pre Primary Ladies |

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| Team Leader | Rosemarie Nye |
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Coaches accompanying pupils: Slava Kouznetsov

Rosie Blong

Karen Phillips

Additional Coaches selected based on experience and level of skaters presently coaching : Kevin Poit & Kim Lewis

WINTER OLYMPICS

I hope you are all enjoyed the excellent figure skating coverage we received on TV1. For those lucky enough to have Sky Digital it has been a feast of skating with coverage from the 2002 USA National Championships.

The judging ethics at the Olympics has certainly been brought out in the open and I am sure much discussion will be held prior to and at ISU Congress in June.

JUDGES HANDBOOKS

ISU have made available a new Judges Handbook on Singles Skating replacing the old 1993 book some of us have. The format will be the same as the new Pair Handbook that is excellent.

Funding & Development will subsidize the purchase of this Handbook to the value of \$50 each for Judges on the Classification List.

Scott Thode will be issuing a form for the purchase of this handbook. Judges must complete the form and enclose the balance of payment in order to receive the \$50 subsidy.

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION CALENDAR

For those interested I have just received notification dates for:-

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| Wintersun Trophy | Brisbane | July 3 – 7 th |
| Australian Nationals | Brisbane | November 30 th – December 1 st Synchrono |
| | | December 2 – 7 th Singles |

Participation at both these competitions will be on a selection basis as there is limited funding now that the ANZSEP Grant has been abolished. However skaters may apply to the Selectors through the Technical Committee for consideration to compete at Wintersun at their own expense.

Hollins Trophy NSW June

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

International Events being considered as likely competitions for our skaters to compete at are:-

Golden Bear Junior Novice, Youngster
Mladost Trophy Junior, Novice, Youngster
Golden Spin
Four Continents
Junior Worlds
Worlds

In closing my last Communication for the 2001/2 year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those volunteers who have assisted in the running of ice skating over the past twelve months and I hope these communications have helped in some small way keeping everyone in touch with current events.

Wendy Clucas

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