

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (Inc)

COMMUNICATION 019

NATIONALS - September 20 – 23 inclusive

Queenstown Club will host the 2004 Championships and plans are well under way. Registration and the Banquet Dinner will be held at the Copthorne Hotel who is also offering an accommodation package. This venue is a short walking distance to the ice rink.

JUDGES TRAVEL TO NATIONALS

Council has allocated funding based on regional location for Judges travel to Nationals this year in Queenstown. A letter will shortly be send out by our National Technical Secretary requesting Judges availability and advising financial contribution offered.

JUDGES DEVELOPMENT

Sandra Leadley has been placed in charge of Judges Development. NZ Council recognizes that this is an area, which is in need of developing not only in continuing education but to encourage new judges. Sandra will shortly be contacting all listed Judges by means of a questionnaire asking for submissions on what individual requirements are and where assistance is sought. A quick response would be appreciated in order to get the program underway.

ISU CONGRESS

Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas traveled to Scheveningen, in The Netherlands to attend the 50th Ordinary Congress. Two major decisions were made at this Congress acceptance of the New Judging System – Code of Points (COP), and the Constitution that will come into effect after the 2006 Congress.

The New Judging System was accepted by the majority of Members and will come into effect at Junior Worlds, Worlds, European and Four Continent Competitions as well as the Grand Prix Events. All International competitions will use this system within one year. A change was made to the maximum number of 10 Judges in the panel to 12 Judges. A sealed computer program shall randomly select 9 Judges of the panel whose scores will be used to form the result (the highest and the lowest score not to be used).

ISU have declared all Members will receive the software package, however, it will be up to the individual Member as to what level they can implement the system. Council will make this decision and then make application for financial support and training to the ISU. In brief skaters earn points for elements executed now instead of being deducted for failures much like Diving and Gymnastics.

CHANGES DIRECTLY RELATING TO COMPETITIONS - Singles

As Figure Skating Branch includes Single and Pair Skating, Ice Dancing and Synchronized Skating the term “Figure Skating” will be used only as the indication of the Branch.

Clothing Requirements

The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity for athletic sports.

Men must wear trousers, no tights are permitted. Accessories and propos are not permitted. Ladies in Singles and Pairs may wear skirts, trousers or tights.

Duration of Single and Pair Short Program

This has been changed to Two minutes and 50 seconds, but may be less.

All Spins for Singles and Pairs Short Program and Freeskating

If a skater or both skaters fall when entering a spin, a simple spin or a spinning movement is allowed immediately after this fall (for filling time purpose) with this spin/movement not being counted as an element.

Flying Spin – Senior, Junior Singles Short Program

After the eight revolutions in the landing position skaters may conclude the spin with a variation of this position.

Spin Combination for Singles and Pair Short Program and Freeskating

The minimum number of revolutions required in each position is two. In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted.

Straight Line Step Sequence Singles Short Program

May commence at any place of the short barrier and goes to any place of the opposite short barrier keeping the approximate shape of the straight line.

Pair Skating Short Program and Free Skating

Lifts are classified in 5 Groups, lifts of former Group 6 are included in Group 5. In this Group the Axel Lasso (side by side Lasso) lift is considered as the most difficult. In any Group one hand hold increases the difficulty of the lift.

Twist Lift in Pair Short Program

A split position by the lady, prior to rotating is not mandatory, but will increase the grade of execution of this element.

Pairs Freeskating

Small lifts (Dance lifts) which may be either ascending and descending or rotational in character, in which the man does not raise his hands higher than the shoulder level, as well as movements which may include the holding of the lady by the leg are permitted independent of the number of revolutions.

Allowance of a Fresh Start

The two minute time period commences immediately after the referee's decision is announced to the skater.

Four Continents Championship

In Single skating will consist of the Short Program and the Free Skating independent of the number of entries. No more qualifying rounds will be held.

World Junior Championships

The results of the qualifying free skating in Single events will not be used for the determination of the final result and are used only for selecting the participants who qualify for the short program and for the draw of this program.

The qualifying free skating groups will be composed in the usual manner, but not in accordance with the results of the Championship of the previous year, but in accordance with the ranking of skaters at the ISU Junior Grand Prix Events of the same season, possibly after the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final results.

AFRISKATE COMPETITION

It was disappointing that no skater attended this competition. However, Jeanne Begej and Wendy Clucas attended an ISU Judging Seminar covering the NJS and also participated as judges. The hospitality from the African Association was great and the competition a very good one for our skaters to attend. In order to assist our skaters to attend this competition, South Africa has offered to billet our skaters on a reciprocal basis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE COMPETITIONS OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND

This is currently being worked on and will be distributed to all Clubs once approved by Council

DRUGS IN SPORT

If you have a skater on medication for a health condition and are unsure of its legality please contact Anna-Marie Frost on 09 625 6424 or email FROST_TITIRANGI@xtra.co.nz.

METAL PINS

New Zealand Council will be ordering a supply of Metal Pins. There will be two varieties; one will have a Kiwi on Skates the other the New Zealand Monogram. Clubs will shortly receive a letter and sample inviting them to place an order so that a Bulk Order can be placed. Cost will be determined by manufactures charges. These badges may be sold at Club level, or any competition or used for swaps in the case of skaters traveling overseas.

BARBARA GRAHAM

It is with deep sadness that we were advised of the passing of Barbara on 8th May after a battle with cancer. Barbara visited our shores on several occasions holding seminars for Coaches, Skaters and Judges and was always willing to assist our skaters competing overseas when required. Barbara was a former Technical Director of the Canadian Skating Association and responsible for the development of Canadian skaters during the 1980s and 1990s. Barbara also worked in Queensland with their skaters and coaches. NZ skaters and administrators who had any dealings with Barbara will remember her as a great lady with much to offer, who lived life for skating.

