

BLenheim ARTISTIC ROLLERSPORTS

AGM Club Report

Topic	Comments
Introduction	<p>Blenheim Artistic is now a year and a half old, we are still a very small part of the Blenheim Rollerskating Club but we are seeing a small growth with our learn to skate classes & beginner artistic classes.</p>
Skating Numbers and Growth	<p>We currently have one competitive skater, about 6 regular novice skaters, lots of casual skaters, 1 coach and 1 learn to skate assistant. Although we see plenty of kids give it a go and enjoy it, it is sometimes hard for parents to commit the time to bring them on a regular basis.</p>
Skaters / Senior Skaters involvement (Coaching, judging, mentoring etc)	<p>1 learn to skate assistant will be going for coaches accreditation.</p>

Competitors competing at Oceania / Worlds	Nil (but working towards it)
Public Sessions	Blenheim Rollerskating Club has public sessions every Sunday & the first Friday of the month
Community Involvement	Promote artistic roller skating through parading in the Blenheim Christmas Parade, displays during public/open days, encouraging public viewing of training when utilizing Stadium 2000
Life Members	nil

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This year had started out well with slow but steady growth in numbers, but with the coaching sessions becoming erratic and then the resignation of our coach, Sarah Stack, in February this year it left us with an uncertain future. After having our competitive skater complete Dance “2” medal test without a coach we went looking for help. The club now has the help of a coach, Katelyn Kennedy, from UHRSC. With Katelyn on board we are now able to grow our skaters.

Blenheim Artistic holds lessons every second Saturday, and on every Tuesday there is a “learn to skate” class held (both artistic and speed run this), this is also used to further develop artistic skaters. Katelyn comes across from UHRSC on a “as time permits” basis where we hold “all day” lessons in Stadium 2000.

This year The Southern Area Championships were held in Christchurch, where our single competitive skater obtained a very good result given the difficult start to the skating year.

We would like to thank Katelyn for all her hard work and time that she has put in with Hannah, both with developing her for this years competitions & shaping her path for the future, without which the club would struggle to survive. We would also like to thank UHRSC for their support and putting up with Hannah and I every week.

I am looking forward to see what the future holds for artistic skating in this region, we are only a small club, taking small steps, but we are growing.

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