

# ART NEWS FLASH - MAY 1, 2020

## 2020 Skating Season

Dear Artistic Skating Community,

2020 has brought our skating world a great deal of challenges! With the cancellation of this year's Area and New Zealand Artistic Championships, and the future of world events uncertain, the Artistic Committee would like to make some recommendations to the skating community regarding the remainder of the season. These recommendations and guidelines also have the support from the NZFRS Board.

We would like to encourage each area, region and club to investigate running local competitions and/or training and show events in the second half of 2020. Getting back on skates and connecting with other skaters will necessarily be the priority for the remainder of this year. We also recommend that skaters patch and medal tests are to continue as needed.

With regards to competitions, we would like to issue the following guidelines:

-With the international disruption within skating worldwide and World Skate we are not expecting to have 2021 requirements published for quite some time. For the remainder of 2020 all skaters will continue to skate in the grade that they were eligible to compete in as of January 2020.

-Competitions do not need to be of a "championship" standard. Alternative venues may need to be considered. Please also think about the possibility of offering prizes rather than trophies and medals.

-Competitions do not need to be based on the National or International requirements. A range of non-federated grades and events should be offered to skaters. These may not require the full official resources of a federated event and could be a fun and creative way to engage all of your club's skaters.

-If you do plan a competition based on the National or International requirements then the Artistic Committee and the RollArt Committee are happy to help clubs and/or Area and Regional Committees with planning any RollArt events to meet the RollArt requirements and scoring criteria. Our officials will also appreciate having a competition or two to keep their own judging skills active.

The rest of this year for artistic skating is going to be very different than past years. Let's embrace the opportunity to try new things and have fun on skates!

Yours sincerely,  
Yvonne Lambert-Smith  
Artistic Roller Sports Committee Chairperson

**Artistic Number Payment Dates**

The Artistic Committee have decided for this year only, to extend the due date for payment of Artistic numbers until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.

Also, due to the interruption of the competition year, any Artistic numbers registered and paid for in the first half of 2020 will be valid until July 2021.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

**Janine Price**

**NZFRS Artistic Roller Sports Committee Secretary**