

# **ART NEWS FLASH – 25 JAN, 2024**

## **Medal Tests, Competition Schedule and Team Qualifications**

### **Medal Test Cut-Off for NZ Team Qualification**

As there are multiple qualifying competitions for the NZ Oceania/Pacific Cup team this year, the Committee has decided that the cut-off date for gaining medal tests required to qualify is the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, which is the date for close of entries of Northern Area Champs (the last Area Champs for 2024).

### **Guidance Around Organising Medal Tests**

With a finite number of officials and limited availability of dates/venues in locations, there is a need to create better utilisation of officials and skating clubs/regional/areas time and resources when running medal tests. Before arranging any future tests please review the processes below.

#### Lower medal tests - 1-6

1. When club's plan a lower medal test day/weekend, as a courtesy, the club secretary email their area secretary to inform them of the date/s, indicate if there may be available time for other club skaters from the area/region to attend.
2. Area secretaries will advise the club if there are potential conflicts and support the club with aiming for the best utilisation of time/resources.
3. Club secretaries apply for permit with NZFRS.
4. For lower medal tests, club secretaries' are encouraged to contact NZAO (NZ Academy of Officials) and advise of the attending judges. NZAO may take this opportunity to provide any assistance, support and guidance.

#### Higher medal tests - 7-10

1. When an area committee plans a higher medal test centre they coordinate and confirm which regional centre will host the tests and how many test centres are required for the year.
2. Area secretaries take responsibility for liaising with club secretaries to prepare a list of skaters wishing to sit higher level medal tests-

3. The proposed regional centre dates for higher medal tests are emailed to NZ Artistic Committee to include in the artistic calendar.
4. Area secretary applies for permit with NZFRS.
5. For higher medal tests, area secretaries' must contact NZAO to get approval for panels.

### **Group Skating**

This year World Skate changed their rules around skater's participation in multiple groups (Precision, Show and Quartet). We have also adopted this into our NZ Artistic Regulations. The rule states:

- 1.00.01      **A skater may skate in a maximum of two (2) age categories during the same competition or championships. This rule applies to a maximum of one quarter of the group. i.e., For quartet it is allowed up to one (1) skater per team to skate in two age categories at the same championship.**

The Committee would like to clarify that this rule only applies to World Skate grades. There is no limit to the amount of age/grade categories a skater may skate in, or fraction of a group that is skating in different ages/grades for Novice or Open groups.

### **Competition Calendar for 2025 and Beyond**

World Skate has advised all continents that they wish for Continental Championships to be held in the first six months of each year. The Committee has been in discussion with Skate Australia and the WS Oceania ATC to determine how this will effect the annual timing of the Oceania Champs/Pacific Cup competitions in future years. The Committee has produced a handy general calendar to give our skating community a guide for planning their skating year. This calendar has been sent out to clubs with this News Flash and will also be available on the artistic website.

### **Dance Music**

The Artistic Committee will no longer be producing dance music sets on CD/USB. From now on the dance music tracks that will be used at Regional, Area and NZ Champs competitions for NZ grades (Novice, Adult, Preliminary, Intermediate, Open, Masters and Advanced Masters) and example tracks for medal test dances can be found under the "Coaches Corner" on the Artistic Website.

These tracks are downloadable as a Zip file so you will receive all tracks. Suggested dances are included in the file name for each track. Tracks for world skate grades are available to download on the World Skate website.

### **High Performance Squad**

The 2024 NZ High Performance Squad has been ratified by the committee and the squad list has been sent to clubs with this News Flash.

## **Process for Entering Pacific Cup Outside of the NZ Team**

The process for skaters to enter the Pacific Cup in grades outside of Cadet, Youth, Junior, Senior, Masters and Advanced Masters will be the same as 2023.

If a skater wishes to enter Pacific Cup in the Tots, Minis or Espoir grades then they will need to apply in writing to the Artistic Committee. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

## **NZ Team Uniform**

Due to Oceania Champs/Pacific Cup being scheduled for June this year, NZ Team uniform items will need to be ordered through House of Oom by the end of February. No orders placed after the 29<sup>th</sup> of February will be produced.

Because this date is before the date that the 2024 NZ Teams will be selected, any orders that are not needed for 2024 teams will be made up, but held in general stocks for future years and skaters who have not been selected for the 2024 team will not be invoiced for the uniform items ordered.

Uniform sizing can be ascertained by trying on existing uniform items that are owned by members of your club, or you can contact Paula at House of Oom directly for sizing information.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

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