

# ART NEWS FLASH AUGUST 31 2014

## GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

The Artistic Committee have added a grade for CSD to the GSC Schedule.

Open Creative Solo Dance

Open age grade

CSD may be any theme.

Music 1.50 – 2.40mins

May not be entered by any person skating in the international grades of Solo Dance at this competition

Entry form attached with this mail out

A typo has been made in the age group for GSC Juvenile grade. It should read skaters 10 years and under.

However, for this competition GSC 2014, skaters who are 11 years old may choose to skate in either GSC Juvenile or GSC Preliminary as already advised on the schedule.

## OCEANIA DANCE MANUALS

Please be advised that the updated Oceania couples and Solo Dance manuals are on the Skate NZ website now.

## MEDAL TESTS

Please be advised that after many years at the same price, we have had to increase the cost of medal tests. Currently the cost of the lower medal tests does not cover even the cost of the bar that is awarded and we have needed to rectify this.

As from 1 September the following charges will apply:

### Patch Tests

\$5 per test

### Figures/Free/Dance Pairs/ Solo Dance and Inline Freeskating tests;

Bronze level tests – 1 - 4 \$10 per test

Silver level tests – 5 – 8 \$15 per test

Gold level test – 9 – 10 \$20 per test (plus the cost of the gold medal/bar)

### Free Pairs

Bronze level tests – 1 - 2 \$10 per test

Silver level tests – 3 - 4 \$15 per test

Gold level test – 5 \$20 per test (plus the cost of the gold medal/bar)

### Free Dance

Bronze level tests – 1 \$10 per test

Silver level tests – 2 \$15 per test

Gold level test – 3 \$20 per test (plus the cost of the gold medal/bar)

**Precision tests**

Bronze level tests – 1 - 3 \$10 per test

Silver level tests – 4 – 6 \$15 per test

Gold level test – 7 – 8 \$20 per test (plus the cost of the gold medal/bar)

As from 1 October the following will apply;

**Figures tests**

All loop circles are to be skated in the manner of doing the loop rather than as skating a long figure. This particularly applies in the manner of movement of the arms and free leg and completing the strikes. Emphasis should be on the quality of edge running. Further guidance to the requirements of the execution of the loop circles will be presented by the coaching commission in their next newsletter.

**Figure tests**

Will be skated with the long figures first and the loops at the end of the test

**Freeskating**

Some of the spins have been rewritten in a different manner to provide clarity. The current use of dashes in listing the spin requirements has created confusion. Please be aware of the alterations and check that the correct spins are being skated

Update medal test schedule will be distributed shortly

Yours in skating

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