

# ART NEWS FLASH MAY 2015

## OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

The New Zealand and Australian Artistic Committees' favour a change in the dates of future Artistic Oceania Championships. This is a view that is also supported by the New Zealand Coaching Commission. We have agreed to a proposal to change Oceania's to the September/October school holidays to make a better progression for the competitive year. This will enable our structure to have a competitive season and an off peak season which is an ideal that coaches in both countries have been working towards. It also means that for most of our international athletes Oceania Championships will be the culmination of their years' work not the beginning.

The proposed year structure would look like this;

Area Championships	April
Graeme Sheppard Challenge	May/June (Oceania team selection)
NZ Championships	July (World team selection)
Oceania's	September
World's	September/October/November

Other medal test centres, Open Days, Regional Championships etc would slot into the rest of the year with an envisioned break (off season) over December/January.

This structure will be put in place for the 2016 competition season.

## MEDAL TEST CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

It is the intention of the Artistic Committee that medal test criteria as a requirement of qualification for Oceania team will be lifted as follows;

Senior	medal test 7 (no change at present but is under review)
Junior	medal test 6 (no change at present but is under review)
Youth	medal test 6
Cadet	medal test 5
Advanced Masters	medal test 3
Masters	medal test 2 (no change)
Inline	medal test 6
Mini Precision	medal test 4
Precision	medal test 4
Small Show	medal test 4 (any artistic or Precision medal test)
Quartets	medal test 4 (any artistic or Precision medal test)

Please be aware of this change that will be made for the next team selection for Oceania's 2016. The date and venue for this event has not yet been decided but is likely to be held in 2016.

Yours in skating

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