

ART NEWS FLASH

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AMMENDMENTS TO 2013 ARTISTIC SCHEDULE

After careful consideration the Artistic Committee have decided to make the following changes to the Cadet Solo Dance grade for the 2013 Schedule;

Cadet Solo Dance CSD will be able to skate either the Folk or Lively Ballroom tempo for the 2013 competition year

At the Cadet selection event for 2014 Oceania to be held at Nationals 2013 – skaters will be able to skate either the Folk or Lively Ballroom for CSD. Elementary skaters who plan to trial for the team (i.e. those turning 12 before 1 January 2014) can skate their Disco rhythm in the same selection event.

Cadet solo dance compulsories for both of these grades (Cadet Solo Dance and Cadet Solo Dance – Oceania Selection event) will remain as published;

Marylee Foxtrot and Chacha

USE OF ARTISTIC SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION

The schedule as released for the competition year is the one that must be used for all competitions within that time frame. Requirements for the Federation grades must be taken from the current artistic schedule, either in its entirety or part thereof. Non federation grade requirements are at the discretion of the organising committee. This does not stop clubs/regions running the programme to suit their event i.e. instead of skating all figures in a grade they may choose to skate 2 of the 3 figures.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regional Championships are optional. These can be held at the discretion of the Regional Committee in a format suitable to them

NEW AND UPDATED POLICIES

Artistic Policy 5 Selections has been updated and a new Artistic Policy 11 International Training and Development has been written. They are attached to this mailout for your information.

DANCE MANUALS

New Dance manuals have been written and are in the final stages of proof reading. There is one for Couples Dance and one for Solo Dance. These will be posted on the web site as soon as they are completed. I will notify clubs when they are available. Our sincere thanks to Barry Andrews from Australia for his assistance with these and providing the new dance patterns for these manuals.

ARTISTIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Artistic Committee are trying to put together a calendar of Artistic events for the year. It would be very helpful if clubs would please notify the artistic secretary of any events they plan to hold at any time during the skating year. This enables us to update this calendar and keep it current. It assists the Committee and other clubs/regions/areas in planning events throughout the year. Please email the secretary j.reason@xtra.co.nz With any events you are planning to hold as soon as you set a date.

A calendar of events that are known so far has been put up on the website **NOW** for your information.

FUTURE ARTISTIC SCHEDULES AND THE ARTISTIC COMPETITION YEAR

The Artistic competition year will now run from the first of the month following the NZ Artistic Championships until the last day of the month of the following NZ Artistic Championships. In some cases this may not be a full calendar year depending on whether the NZ Artistic Championships needs to be moved to accommodate the dates of the World Artistic Championships.

The new Artistic schedule will follow the same pattern and be released to follow the competition year. In most instances this will mean that the requirements for Junior and Senior grades will not be released with the main schedule but will be released as an additional schedule after the World Artistic Championships.

SELECTION QUALIFICATION

Please be advised that it is a requirement if you are nominating for selection, that all medal test requirements must be achieved **PRIOR** to the close of nominations for that event.

GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE 2013

Will be held in Wanganui on 28/29/30 June 2013. This event will be the selection event for the 2013 World Artistic Championships to be held in Taiwan 6 – 16 November 2013.

NZ ARTISTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Will be held in Wanganui from 1 – 5 October 2013. This will also be the selection event for the 2014 Oceania Artistic team.

Yours in skating

Jane