

# ART NEWS FLASH – 1 NOVEMBER, 2024

## Start of Season Updates

Wow, what a busy few months we have had! As everyone gets stuck into medal tests and new routines here are some important updates:

### **COSTUME REGULATIONS**

World Skate indicated at their ATC meeting at World Champs that they would like nations to make their own calls on the details of the regulations and have therefore left the regulations more vague than last year.

The Committee feel that the essential points in the costume regulations for Free, Dance, Inline, Solo Dance and Pairs are:

- 1) No appearance of excessive nudity. We are back to allowing coloured mesh and modest cut-outs but keep it classy.
- 2) Feathers and Fringe are OUT. The material of the costume may be cut to resemble fringe, but you can no longer use feather or fringe embellishments.
- 3) Anything that is glued to the costume must be 4mm in diameter or LESS.
- 4) Anything larger than 4mm in diameter must be securely sewn on to the costume.

There will **not** be any costume checking, so it is important to keep in mind the following rules (copied from World Skate General regulations 2.20):

- Judges will have the option to push a costume violation button. If the majority of the officials including Referee agree, the deduction will be applied.
- A deduction for costume violation from the Referee will occur if ANY ITEM falls off the athlete. It is mandatory all items be properly secured.
- Costumes rules apply for anything worn on the body.

Taking all of the above into account, this means:

**The judging panel in each event has the final say on deductions and their opinion may differ from competition to competition.**

**If anything falls off of your costume or out of your hair then you're in trouble.**

**Ultimately, have fun and be creative with your costume design but realise that if you decide to push the limits of the regulations then you are taking on the risk of possible costume penalties.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WORLDS SKATERS**

On behalf of the NZ skating community I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to our skaters who competed recently at the World Artistic Champs and World Figures Cup. You all skated your best and were fantastic representatives of our country.

## **WELCOME TO NEW SKATERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Since NZ Champs we have had 36 new skaters registered bringing our total of registered artistic skaters to 371! Welcome to all our new and returning skaters!

We would also like to give a big warm welcome to our newest volunteers on the Artistic Committee:

Holly Logan from Rotorua is using her extensive website expertise to keep the artistic site updated

Megan Hawley has put her hand up to help with medals and artistic numbers – Thanks heaps Megan!

Amy Cheetham has offered to help with the KiwiSkate materials. We'll be bringing her onboard over the summer.

## **VACANCIES**

Jenny Bailey has been very kind to stay on and help us in the Treasurer's role while we continue to search for a new Treasurer. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this role please get in touch.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

**Janine Price**

**NZFRS Artistic Roller Sports Committee Secretary**