



# Ice Skating Australia

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## Withdrawal of Figure Skating from the 2009 AYOF

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) has recently advised Ice Skating Australia (ISA) of the withdrawal of Figure Skating from the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF).

In the current economic climate, many countries have cut back on support of the Youth Festival and unfortunately Figure Skating is one of several Sports to be withdrawn from the 2009 Program.

As the 2009 AYOF was the designated selection event for the 2009 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Ice Skating Australia has been forced to review the selection procedure.

Without a designated selection event and in fairness to all junior age-eligible athletes, ISA has decided to use the existing Shadow Team criteria, as published in ISA Policy Document HPP-0806-V1, to rank athletes for nomination to the 2009 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

According to this criteria, the final ranking of junior age-eligible athletes as of October 31, 2008 is as follows:

LADIES		MEN	
1. Tina Wang	104.93	1. Matthew Precious	126.71
2. Cheltzie Lee	104.15	2. Brendan Kerry	113.19
3. Jaimee Nobbs	96.06	3. Nicholas Fernandez	110.42
4. Albrina Lee	86.84	4. Mark Webster	103.77
5. Phoebe DiTommaso	86.22	5. Cameron Jorey-Hughes	91.04
6. Jessica Kurzawski	86.19		

The highest ranked skater in each division will be nominated for the 2009 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Subsequently ranked skaters will be nominated as substitutes.

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