

COACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2023 ISA AGM

I would firstly like to acknowledge my sub committee, Madonna Randall, Richard Laidlaw, Evgueni Borounov, Liz Cain and Hayley Marcovich. It is a sub committee made up of knowledgeable coaches from across the country in the disciplines of Singles, Ice Dance, Pairs and Synchronized Skating.

As coaches we are working with skaters from the grassroots to elite level on a daily basis. We become not only a voice for the coaches but also for the skaters and I thank ISA for continuing to provide us with this opportunity.

Whilst I did not submit as many reports this past year to the ISA Board as in the previous year we were involved in many discussions with other Chairs. Communication between the various Chairs has grown and this has been a very positive experience.

Debbie Noyes included us in the discussion group in regards to the consideration of splitting Nationals and then asked for the opinions of the greater coaching community. As such a poll was sent out to all coaches with the opportunity to include comments. This was collated and given to Debbie for her consideration. The results of the poll were interesting with a 50/50 result and the comments received were respectful and informative. More importantly though was that the coaches were given the opportunity to be heard.

Solo dance has been a discipline of much discussion this past year with the ISU looking to include it on the ISU International Calendar of Events. I was fortunate to be asked to be on the ISU IDTC for solo dance. The Committees role has been to put together the recommended requirements for the discipline which was presented to the IDTC for consideration. It is our hope that the final requirements will be approved and published soon.

I have been working with Angelique on a proposed test structure and changes to Australia's solo dance rules. I thank Angelique for the enormous amount of work she is doing in preparing the new rules and bi-laws.

The Coach Committee looks forward to its continued work with ISA and being a part of the future growth and development of the sport.

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Chair Coach Committee