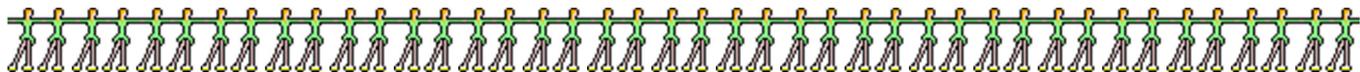


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**Team Registrations**

Thirty-six teams across five Members registered for the 2021-2022 season, including two Basic Novice A and two Aussie Skate teams.

**International Competition**

This season only two teams managed to compete internationally but this was at the two biggest events on the SyS Calendar.

Because live competitions had resumed overseas, Australian teams did not have the same opportunity to enter various international online events as last season but there were a number held domestically which attracted entries. As a result of AFSC being cancelled, a different ISA SyS International Selection Policy was drawn up which incorporated two online competitions hosted by ISA where eligible Junior and Senior teams were given two opportunities to achieve benchmark scores where the team with the highest SP and FS total across both events was selected for the World and World Junior Championships. Congratulations to the teams named below who managed to get to these events despite the new difficulties and challenges that every international traveller now has to deal with before, during and even afterwards.

**World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, Innsbruck, Austria – March 2022**

**Iceskateers Elite (Qld)**

Coach: Hayley Dunne

Team Leader: Pater Marcovich

Judge: Liz Alexandre

SP Placing: 22

FS Placing: 22

Final Placing: 22

**World Synchronized Skating Championships, Hamilton, Canada – April 2022**

**Team Unity (NSW)**

Coaches: Madonna Randall and Georgina Reilly

Team Leader: Gloria Williams

Judge: Angelique Clyde-Smith

SP Placing: 20

FS Placing: 17

Final Placing: 18

**Forms and Policies**

These were updated for the season as usual and uploaded on the ISA website from May 2021. The new season 2022-2023 forms and policies are now available.

**International Teams**

Three clearances for Australian skaters were issued for this season; them having been accepted into teams in Canada and Great Britain.

**Non-Australian Citizens**

This season there were 14 requests from non-Australian citizens from 9 Federations seeking clearance to skate in teams here. Only two were made for New Zealand skaters who were members of Team Unity. Other non-Australian citizens also in the team have permanent clearances from Italy and Japan.

## **2021 Australian Figure Skating Championships**

With the cancellation of this event, many teams took the opportunity to participate in the ISA Online Competition held in December 2021/January 2022. A huge thank you to all those who made this possible – ISA, ISA Members, various volunteers, Teams, Coaches, Accountants, Technical and Judging Officials. These events do not just happen without all the many cogs working together for our sport and are often more work and definitely more time consuming than a live event.

## **Seminars**

There will be two coaches and one mini team (4 skaters) attending the SyS Development Seminar in Vierumaki, Finland next week (May 12 to 14) plus an additional coach attending on their own. It's the first one to be held since 2019 and is always a valuable learning experience for everyone attending.

In addition, Sydney Synch Festival (to be held in Erina, NSW) will be host to an ISU SyS Judging Seminar; a great opportunity for all our SyS officials to learn from the ISU experts with the added bonus of a technical component. Thank you to Susan and NSWISA for helping with this. It will be a great way to start our new season of skating and help reinvigorate everyone.

## **Other Tasks**

As always, I had to provide numerous letters for competitors taking leave from education and work to attend the two championships and be a reference for various applications for scholarships and grants. I continue to update the Ice Dance and SyS pages on the ISA website as well as work on the ISA Proof of Age Register which now totals some 6400 names. I've worked closely with Susan, Debbie and Monica on the technical updates to SyS and Ice Dance and spent a lot of time working with Kim on the content of the new ISA Test and Aussie Skate apps.

## **In Conclusion**

It's been two hard seasons now and yet somehow the SyS community continues to persevere on the ice when they can and off the ice when they can't. Some new skills have been learned – particularly how to maximise off ice training and not waste the valuable ice time when it is there. It is a credit to everyone involved that we still have a healthy number of teams and I congratulate the coaches, skaters and team officials who continue to work so very hard to encourage the skaters and teams to work for future competitions.

Good luck to all of you for 2022-2023! Looking forward to seeing everyone at a live competition soon and hopefully not just the top half of all your faces.

*Angelique Clyde-Smith*

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