



ACTISA COMMUNIQUE: COUNCIL MEETING HELD 03/08/2016

Activity noted since previous meeting on June 1st:

1. ACTISA competitions/events:

The next ACT competition to be held will be the National Federation Challenge including Ice Dance and the Gwen Peterson Theatre-on-ice trophy on Friday and Saturday the 2nd and 3rd of September immediately followed by the Reg Park Artistic Competition held on Sunday the 4th of September. There will be an opportunity to hold an Exhibition division depending on interest. Announcements and Entry forms are available on the ACTISA website, Facebook Page and at the rink. Please note the closing date of 12th August and ensure entries are placed on time as there is NO guarantee that late entries will be accepted if numbers of entries already received are not time permitting. Late entries will incur a fee of \$25.

This is a large competition and all available volunteers will be utilised so if you are available please be sure to indicate this to our Competition Convenor, Andrea Wood (comp@actisa.asn.au).

ACTISA's Spring Competition and ACT Championships will be held Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of September and entries will close September 10th. Pre-announcement can be found on the ACTISA website in the coming weeks.

2. Interstate Competitions:

Upcoming Interstate competition, Crystal Challenge will be held this weekend 4th – 7th August and will consist of both Artistic and Technical divisions. We would like to wish our 17 ACT representatives good luck. It is great to see good numbers of skaters travelling as a group to these large events and supporting each other as a team.

3. ISA Tests:

Congratulations to the following skaters who undertook and passed Tests on July 30th: Leila Villegas (Elementary), Chris Flandun-Dorling (Basic Novice Dance), Alex Flandun-Dorling (Basic Novice Dance), Georgia Tongs (Advanced Novice Patterns).

The next ISA test day will be Saturday 10th of September beginning 4pm. Applications close Monday 22nd of August. Please look out for the announcement on the ACTISA website. Please note that this will be the last ISA testing day before the Spring Competition and ACT Championships. Contact our test convenor for more info: Adele Collett (isa_test@actisa.asn.au)

4. Aussie Skate Tests:

The next Aussie Skate testing session will be held 4th August. Please note that this will be the last test day before close of entries for National Federation Challenge and Reg Park competitions here in the ACT. The following Aussie Skate test day will be held on September 1st.

5. Memberships:

ACTISA has now provided access via the ACTISA website to a current members list. This list will consist of each ACT skaters membership number and POA (Proof of Age) number. These details may be needed to complete competition entries.

If you have not renewed your membership, please find forms on the ACTISA website. All competitors in competitions or participating in ACTISA development and test sessions MUST be current financial members.

6. ACTISA Trivia Night

ACTISA's trivia night was held July 30th at the Western Creek Labour Club. ACTISA would like to thank Christine Stanley and Alison Lawrence for organising such a successful event. ACTISA would also like to thank all those who helped out of the night. Congratulations all who won prizes! ACTISA's Trivia Night raised just over \$2000 for the development of our skaters here in the ACT! Thank you!

ACTISA committee wishes to remind members of the following:

1. Judging:

ACTISA is always on the lookout for more judges and technical officials. Fancy giving it a go? You can start trial judging Aussie Skate as soon as you are 15 years old! Contact judges@actisa.asn.au if you are interested.

2. Volunteers:

We are very pleased to welcome new volunteers at any time. Please contact a member of the committee to find out what is involved and to make your offer known.

We would also like to thank all those who volunteer for ACTISA, helping our ACT events run promptly and smoothly.

3. Funding:

ACTISA would like to inform members that the Policy for financial support is currently under review; however skaters and judges are still able to apply for funding at any time. Please check our website for the appropriate form and procedure.

4. Feedback and Enquiries:

Feedback including complaints are welcome at any time and should be made in writing and submitted by sending to our PO Box, placing it in the drawer at the rink, or emailing pres@actisa.asn.au. Only written complaints will be accepted and all complaints will be considered seriously and receive a response. Enquiries regarding committee decisions and processes are also welcome. Often information is not correctly interpreted before being passed on resulting in confusion and a perception that correct and fair procedure is not being followed. Instead of automatically believing what you hear, please check by contacting ACTISA yourself.

5. Next Meeting:

The next committee meeting will be held September 7th. Please note that committee meetings are not open to the general membership or non-member parents except by special arrangement. You can also check the website for news at www.actisa.asn.au

Don't forget! Find the ACT Ice Skating Association on Facebook!