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Strong ACT Figure Skating Team 2016

After a very competitive 2016 ACT Figure Skating Championships held at the end of September over two days, The ACT Ice Skating Association has selected a strong team for representation at the Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) to be held in Melbourne, from 25 November to 2 December 2015.

"It's an exciting year for ACT figure skating with the addition of our up and coming Ice Dance couple complementing the remaining twelve single skaters. Ice dance has not featured as part of an ACT team since 1999!" said ACTISA's President, Ms Rebecca Wells.

ACT Team 2016

Ice Dance

Basic Novice Division

Alex and Chris Flaudin Dorling

Single

Ladies Advanced Novice Division

Brianna Steggall
Sarah Batey
Georgia Tongs

Mens Advanced Novice Division

Callum Bradshaw
Ben Meeuwissen

Ladies Intermediate Division

Tanisha Jory
Lauren Ashman
Renee Steggall
Eleonore Willis

Ladies Basic Novice B Division

Monique Lawrence

Ladies Basic Novice A Division

Anastasia Bradshaw

Mens Basic Novice A Division

Harry Harper

Ms Wells commented;

"Our first time ACT representatives in Single Divisions Renee Steggall, Harry Harper and Anastasia Bradshaw have plenty of experience competing in Melbourne and should be able to contain their nerves and excitement as a first time representative to deliver personal bests. Our Ice Dance couple, siblings Alex and Chris, have told me they relish the opportunity to compete in their first national competition and for the first time at the O'Brien Arena in Melbourne.

Our 2016 ACT Advanced Novice Ladies Champion, Brianna Steggall, has returned to competitive skating after a 2.5 year break and was especially thrilled with her podium placing at ACT Championships. After being unable to compete at the 2013 AFSC at the last minute, she is extremely excited to be again competing and representing the ACT at 2016 AFSC.

Tanisha Jory, our 2016 ACT Intermediate Ladies Champion, will be aiming to build on her sixth placing at the NSW Skating Championships, held only a week after the ACT Championships. Tanisha has also been nominated for the Inaugural CBR Sports Awards.

Last year's team reserve, Georgia Tongs, was able to compete at the 2015 championships and has continued to attain personal bests, her most recent being her progression to a higher division.

Ben Meeuwissen has also advanced a level since 2015 and aims to build on last year's selection in the Australian squad with a personal best at this new level.

Our other experienced skaters Callum Bradshaw and Sarah Batey will be aiming for personal bests in the Advanced Novice Mens and Ladies Divisions, while Eleonore and Lauren are unable to compete at the ASFC this year. Harry Harper is returning from injury and is hopeful he will make his first championships.

We wish all our competing skaters well and know they will represent the ACT skating community with outstanding performances coming home with personal bests."

Background

The Australian National Figure Skating Championships are held in a different state each year and are awarded the hosting rights by Ice Skating Australia the year before each event is held.

The Championships will be held over 7 days, from 25 November to 2 December 2015, at the O'Brian Group Arena, Docklands, in Melbourne with skaters competing in Synchronised, Singles, Pairs, Dance and Adult Divisions. A live stream of all the events will be conducted via the AFSC website <<http://afsc2016.com.au>>.

Information

ACTISA welcomes media interviews, to organise please contact:

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