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Athlete Development Report

The Athlete Development Team would like to begin by saying thank you to the following people who have contributed to a successful 2016/ 2017 Season.

ISA Administrator – Jenny Houlahan

Following the successful introduction in 2016 of the following online forms:

- Athlete Contract and Medical Questionnaire
- Team Leader Application
- ISA Uniform Order

I have taken further steps into streamline other processes for athletes and officials.

- Athlete Funding and Incentive Claim (payment run around of 6 – 8 weeks)
- Judges/ Officials Expense Claim (payment run around of 6 – 8 weeks)
- ISU Special Regulations Order

Together with the help of Treasurer Wendy Meik, we were able to expedite the payment process for athletes and officials.

During the 2016/ 2017 season, I have been able to secure the following grants from the Australian Olympic Committee for our athletes.

Achieved in 2016/ 2017

- Australian Olympic Committee Funding for Olympic Preparation WY 16/17 - \$12,000
- Australian Olympic Committee Solidarity Funding for National Activities (ISA National Development Camp December 2017) - \$15,000

Application in Process 2017/ 2018

- Australian Olympic Committee Funding for Olympic Preparation WY 17/18 - \$13,000
- Australian Olympic Committee Solidarity Funding for National Activities (ISA National Development Camp April 2018) - \$15,000

Looking forward, I will be working closely with the Australian Olympic Committee and International Skating Union on more collaborations and funding opportunities.

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In the international scene there has been some notable achievements both as a country and individual athletes.

Team Highlights

- Large teams for Asian Trophy, FBMA Trophy, Torun Cup, Volvo Open Cup
- Invitation to the Asian Winter Games 2017
- Largest 4 Continents Team, representation in all divisions
- Representation at Junior Worlds in all divisions
- Representation at Worlds in Ladies, Mens and Pairs

Individual Highlights

- Qualification for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in the Men's Division
- First Junior Grand Prix win by the pair team, Ekaterina Alezandrovskaya and Harley Windsor
- 2nd Place finish for Holly Harris at Volvo Cup
- 2nd Place finish for Kailani Craine at Warsaw Cup
- 2nd Place finish for Brooklee Han at Reykjavik International Games
- 3rd Place finish for Kailani Craine at Volvo Cup
- Top 4 Overall finish for Brendan Kerry at ISU Challenger Series
- Junior Grand Prix Finals attendance for Ekaterina Alezandrovskaya and Harley Windsor
- Top 70% finish at Four Continents for Brooklee Han, Brendan Kerry

I would also like to personally thank Sharon Gaylard and Jackie Gold for their tireless service at the ISU Junior Worlds, ISU Worlds and Four Continents Championships 2017.

For the 2016 season, ISA paid for all athletes competing overseas at an ISU sanctioned event on the ISU calendar. Following the success of the 2016 season, the athlete development team will endeavor to do the same for the 2017 season.

At the start of 2016, the Athlete Development Committee together with the support of the board moved forward with the opening up of the ISA merchandise.

During the year we also gained approval from the Australian Olympic Committee to use the Boxing Kangaroo for our international representatives on some merchandise items.

I am pleased to announce that ISA has been able to make a profit from these items, which has allowed for us to put the profit directly back into the Athlete Development initiatives.

Total Sales: \$17,544.82

Total Profit: \$5263.45

This profit is largely attributed to the hard work and dedication of our uniform coordinator Kate and Michael Rotondo. Due to their forward thinking, ISA is able to reduce lots of shipping cost by personally delivering jackets at competitions or arranging for athletes to carry it as couriers, which further attributes to the profits.

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Figure 1: Team Aus (New Merchandise)

Another area of focus for the athlete development committee in 2016 was a National Development Camp.

I am please to inform the council and the ISA Board that it was a successful event. The ISA National Development Camp 2017 was lead by guest presenter, Igor Tchiriaev. Over 8 days in January, the camp travelled from Brisbane to Perth.

The budget from the camp:

	Overall Cost	Actual Cost
Ice Cost/ ph	\$9,675	\$9,619
Off Ice Room cost/ ph	\$150	\$113
Catering Cost Per Skater	\$5,625	\$6,302
Accommodation Cost per day	\$1,735	\$1,735
Coaching Fee Per Day	\$7,000	\$7,000
Per Diem	\$960	\$960
Airfare Montreal to Brisbane	\$1,200	\$1,180
Airfare Brisbane to Perth	\$536	\$536
Additional Cost		
Accommodation (AD)		\$444
Flights (AD)		\$698
TOTAL COST	\$26,881	\$28,586
Total Entry Fees	\$16,590	\$20,400
ISA Subsidies	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Variance		\$1,814

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I would like to take the opportunity to specially thank the following people who help make the camp possible:

Calandra Barrett – Cockburn Ice Arena General Manager
 Garry Stubbs – Iceworld Boondall General Manager
 Jane Timmins – Catering (Brisbane)
 Kate Rotondo – Transportation

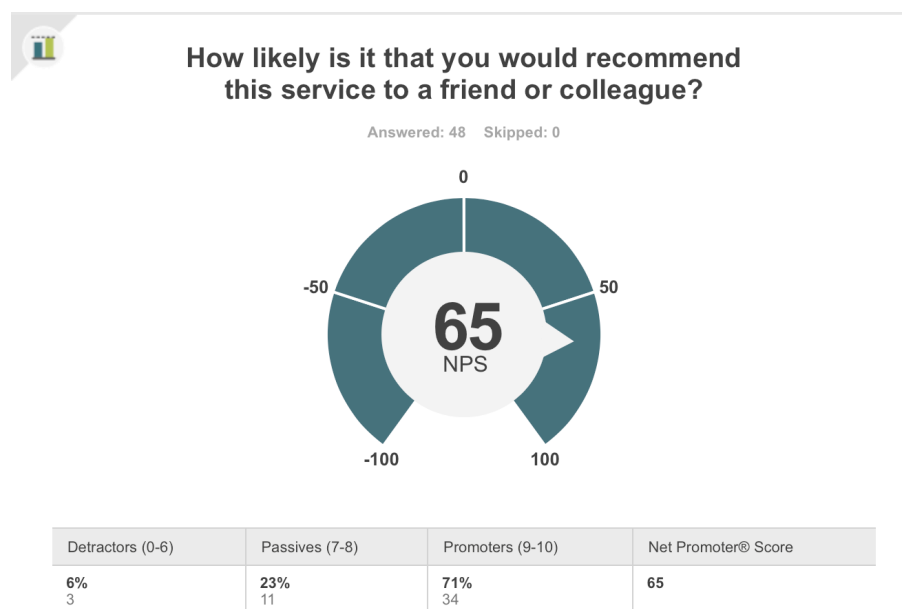


Figure 2: Net Promoter Score (ISA National Development Camp 2017)

Some notable feedback from the camp:

- *“for being inclusive of all levels and also, not only the 'top 3' in any level. Opening up this kind of training and also opportunities for skaters to compete overseas at a younger level, I believe, is a game-changer for Australian skating and can only lead to a growth and development of the sport and our athletes in coming years.”*
- *“I think the camps should go for fewer days with more on each day”*
- *“Participant - had lots of fun and I would definitely participate in the next camp. Parent - I thought it was well worth the money and I know my daughter really loved the camp. Thank you for allowing the elementary level skaters join in.”*
- *“I had the best time and I was so sad it had to end. I can't wait for the next camp!!!”*
- *“Please keep running camps and the layout was really good because you weren't there for the whole day however you got a good 2 hours on the ice to train with a coach”*

Following the success of the camp, we will work on the feedback given participants, parents, and coaches to present 2 ISA National Development Camp in the month of December 2017 and April 2018.

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The first camp in December 2017 is intended to cover 2 states and approximately 90 athletes in total. The second camp in April 2018 will be targeted across 3 states with an approximate target group of 100 athletes. We look forward to welcoming back everyone.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making 2016 a successful year for the Athlete Development Committee and myself. I will endeavour to work closely with more athletes, coaches, state associations and stakeholders to increase our international presence in the novice divisions. I will also endeavour to help develop all athletes within the Ice Skating Australia Community.

I look forward to another successful year.

Best Regards



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