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High Performance Committee Report

As the Chair of the High Performance Committee would like to begin by saying thank you to the following people who have contributed to a successful 2017/ 2018 Season.

ISA Administrator – Jenny Houlahan
ISA Uniform Coordinator – Kate Rotondo

During the 2017/ 2018 season, I have been able to secure the following grants from the Australian Olympic Committee for our athletes.

Funding Achieved in 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 March 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.

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
- Large 4 Continents Team, representation in all divisions
- Representation at Worlds in all divisions
- Representation at Four Continents in all divisions
- Representation at the Winter Olympic Games 2018 in Men, Ladies and Pairs Divisions

Individual Highlights

- Qualification for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in the Men, Ladies and Pairs Divisions
 - Top 17th for Kailani Craine
 - Top 20th for Brendan Kerry
 - Top 18th finish after the Short Program for Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya and

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Harley Windsor

- 2nd after the Short Program and 6th Overall at Four Continents Figure Skating Championships for Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya and Harley Windsor
- Kailani Craine
 - 1st at Nebelhorn Trophy (Olympic Qualification Event)
 - 3rd at Asian Trophy
 - 2nd at Slovenia Open
- Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya and Harley Windsor
 - 3rd at Nebelhorn Trophy (Olympic Qualification Event)
 - 1st at Junior Grand Prix Poland
 - 1st at Tallin Trophy
 - 2nd after the Short Program at 4CC
- Brendan Kerry
 - 3rd at Lombardia Trophy
 - 3rd at Ondrej Nepela Trophy
- Brooklee Han
 - 7th at Autumn Classics
 - 8th at Finlandia Trophy

I would also like to personally thank Gail Dodds, Brooke Crawford and Peter Lynch for their tireless service at the ISU Junior Worlds, ISU Worlds and Four Continents Championships 2018.

In 2017 the High Performance Committee was able to continue the extraordinary sales of our uniform and merchandise range.

This 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.

With the high sales volumes and the feedback we have received, we have developed a new range of apparel for training use, which will be made available to our International Representatives.



Figure 1: New Uniform Apparel

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Another area of focus for the High Performance Committee was National Development Camps, a lead on from my previous role in the Athlete Development Committee.

I am please to inform the council and the ISA Board that it was a successful event. The ISA National Development Camp 2018 was lead by guest presenter, Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford. Over 8 days in March, the camp travelled from Melbourne to Perth.

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
 Nadine Brazil – Cockburn Ice Arena Events Manager
 Paul Keisler – Obrien Group Arena General Manager
 Paul Lazzarotto – Obrien Group Arena Schools, Sports and Scheduling Manager
 Darren Kwok – Obrien Group Arena Events Manager
 Wendy Meik – Location Coordinator

The budget from the camp:

Budget for ISA Annual Camp - 2 States 4 days

	Melbourne		Perth		Overall Cost	Actual
	TBC	Quan	TBC	Quan		
Ice Cost/ ph	\$250	36	\$225	32	\$16,200	\$15,129
Off Ice Room cost/ ph	\$100	8	\$30	10	\$1,100	Included above
Catering Cost Per Skater	\$60	45	\$60	45	\$5,400	\$2,570
Accommodation Cost per day	\$1,098	1	\$1,300	1	\$2,400	\$2,620
Coaching Fee Per Day * 2 Presenter	\$2,600	5	\$2,600	4	\$23,400	\$23,400
Airfare Budget					\$5,000	\$4,200
Additional Cost (Organiser)						
Accommodation (AD)	\$169	5			\$845	692.5
Flights (AD)	\$350	1			\$650	\$700
TOTAL COST					\$54,995	\$49,311
Total Entry Fees					\$34,995	\$33,200
ISA Subsidies					\$5,000	\$5,000
AOC Subsidies					\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Variance						\$53,200 \$3,889

Figure 2: ISA Natiiona Development Camp Budget

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Improvement in NPS from 65% in 2017 to 69% in 2018.

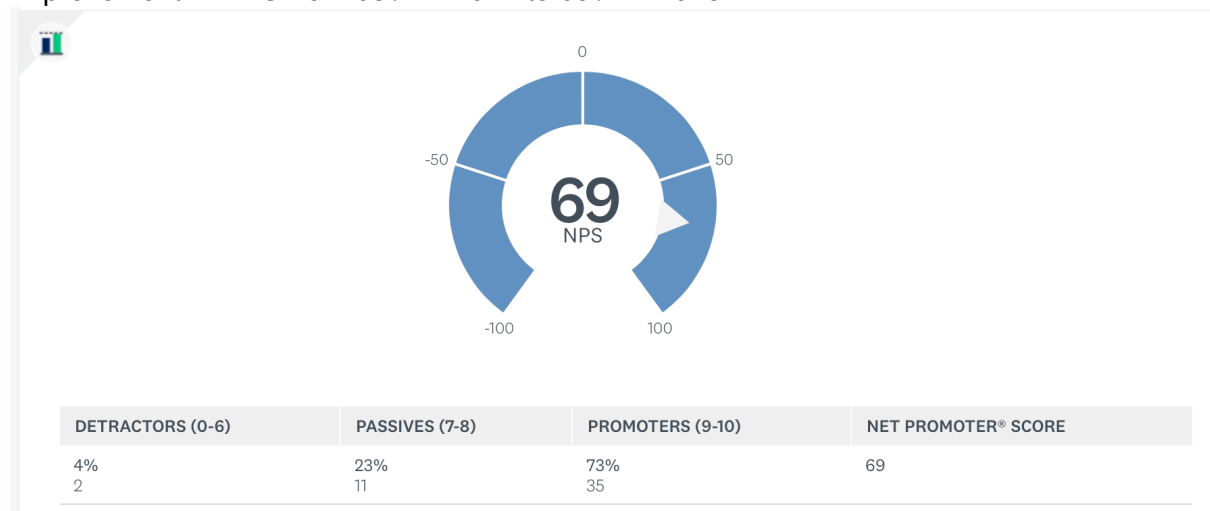


Figure 3: Net Promoter Scores, National Development Camp 2018

35% of the respondents the feedback were happy with the camp being a 4 days with 14.58% for a 3 day, 20.83% for a 5 day and 29.17% for 6 days.

Top 2 skills being learnt from this camp from the feedback was skating skills and jump techniques, with those 2 skills topping the feedback for what athletes would like to see in future camps.

Some notable feedback from the camp:

- *Later start time would be better- 3 consecutive mornings starting at 5:45 too tiring. Suggest alternating early with later start times.*
- *The groups could be grouped by ability not level. As there was quite a range of ability in the group.*
- *Loved the camp! Thanks so much! Please organise more camps. A camp T-shirt would be a lovely addition to future camps.*
- *Avoid clashing with school time if possible. Not such long breaks in between, 3-4 hours is a very long time to be sitting around in between. Otherwise very rewarding and enjoyable*
- *More days! It was a lot of fun. Maybe more variety in off ice sessions? So, not just fitness sessions but perhaps choreography, how to properly mimic on ice movements off the ice properly, and so on? Those sort of things would be good to learn.*
- *I just want to say thank you so much Clarence for bringing this camp to Perth. I had such a great time, learnt heaps and it has really inspired me to become a better skater. Please bring more cool people in the future!! Thank you, thank you, thank you*
- *Longer camp would be great. 3-4 days just not long enough. 2 weeks or at a minimum 1 week would be great so there was no need to go overseas for longer skating camps. Having 2 coaches on the ice was also a great benefit. I would happily pay more for longer and feel the camp was cheap for the benefit. If we go overseas we have to include flights, accommodation and so many other expenses and it adds up tenfold. Training on home ground so much easier. Components section was great and I think of great benefit to all figure skaters. In all a fantastic camp and only wish was that it was longer.*
- *best session was Megan's last session with group 3 when she went through a competition preparation with the skaters. Absolutely amazing. More sessions like this! Precision and expertise teaching in jumps and spins corrected postures immediately. Ecstatic. Balance of off ice and on ice jumps, spins, steps every day. Groups were same level due to level of*

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testing at registration so sessions were targeted. Prefer four hours on ice every day in two hour blocks in morning and afternoon. Group 3 was a good teaching size but two groups combined was too many skaters. Skaters thrilled with organised photo moments with Eric and Megan. What a wonderful life souvenir!

- This was an outstanding, happy camp made so by the extraordinary skill, generosity and hard work of Meagan and Eric. Perhaps a shorter time frame or higher cut-off of skater skill for those attending the whole. Camp. in the future. As much as we all loved spending the time with them we need to make sure that we don't wear out our presenters so they want to come back again. Bringing Meagan and Eric back in the future will. Capitalize on the skills and messages passed on in this camp. A follow up survey at nationals to track the flow on effects of this camp would be helpful.*
- Loved the chance to do the Showcase Performance at the end!*

Following the success of the camp, we will work on the feedback given participants, parents, and coaches for future camps.

In 2017 the High Performance committee in consultation with the Athlete Development, Sports Development, Technical, Judging and Officials and Synchronized Skating Committees made some changes within the Preliminary, Elementary and Basic Novice testing and competition structure.

The High Performance Committee had also formed a sub committee of officials to assist with the drafting of these changes. I would like to thank the following for their tireless contributions, Maria Boronov, Evgunei Boronov, Liz Cain, Leah Bates, Robi Chalmers, Susan Lynch and Jackie Gold.

These changes were also made in consultation with stakeholders such as coaches and state representatives through a survey, which was distributed through their state secretaries and various professional skaters association.

A total of 55 responses were received with responses from all states, 81.8% responses from coaches 45.5% from NSW, 20% from QLD, 18.2% SA, 1.8% TAS, 7.3% VIC, 5.5% WA, 1.8% ACT.

Changes were made to some of these test following the feedback we have received, such as in the preliminary division where the edges pattern was kept within the test with some modifications to keep it inline with the other test levels.

These test and competition changes have been made allow for athletes to compete against athletes on a fairer playing field, to streamline our testing system and to increase our testing standards.

We will be working closely with stakeholders over the 2018/ 2019 season and to see how these changes can be improved to increase the standard of skating in the country.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making 2017 a successful year for the High Performance 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, junior and senior divisions. I will also endeavour to help develop all athletes within the Ice Skating Australia Community.

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I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Best Regards



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