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For attention: All members

RE: – MESSAGE NO. 2 FROM THE COMMITTEE

1. Introduction

This communication is the second communication and has as its purpose the communication to all members, coaches and parents of:

- Important decisions taken at the SAFSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Council meeting;
- The proposal to change the official Gauteng North skating dress; and
- A number of sundry issues.

We will endeavour, to the extent warranted, to keep you updated with further member communications, primarily via the website. Copies will also be left in the music box at the ice rink together with membership application forms.

It is important that members visit the website to check on particulars of the forthcoming competitions most notably our own Provincial and an inter schools competition.

2. SAFSA AGM and Council meeting

With the receipt of the official minutes of the meetings, we are at liberty to communicate as follows:

At the **AGM** held on 13 June 2009, the following Standing committee selections of relevance to our Province were made:

International Selections Committee:

(With effect from end Nationals 2009)

Free Skating:

Chairman: Mr Leonard van der Riet
Mrs Helga Pinto
Mr Neil Garrard
Mr Etienne Dreyer
Mrs Jenny Griffiths
Mrs Claire Mancini
Ms Brenda Smith
Mrs Pat Norton (Secretary)

Member of:

International Skating Union
SA Sports Confederation and
Olympic Committee
(SASCOC)
Sports Council – Gauteng
North

At the **Council** meeting the discussions primarily concentrated on the issue of the awarding of National colours.

(A) The decision taken on the awarding and wearing of colours is as follows:

- With immediate effect, National colours will no longer be issued for Juvenile and Pre- Novice sections, however Colours already awarded in the past to skaters cannot be taken away and therefore remain valid;
- National colours for the Novice section remain however will be debated at the next Council meeting in October 2009;
- SAFSA Novice, Junior and Senior colours will only be awarded to skaters representing SAFSA in ISU International competitions in these sections which are listed in the official ISU communication listing (NOT the ISU website listing). A "scroll" is to be placed under the badge representing the section awarded.

Council agreed on the following rules for the wearing of colours at:

- Inter-Provincial/Nationals: Provincial colours as skaters are representing their Provinces and not their country;
- Parade: Provincial track suits as skaters are representing their Provinces and not their country; and
- Draw: Highest colours awarded i.e. the Provincial or SAFSA green blazer whichever is applicable to the individual skater.

Regarding Protea colours – these are awarded by SASCOC only for Championships e.g. Worlds, Four Continents and Junior Worlds.

The existing SA Green/Gold tracksuit to remain as the official dress code for all Internationals attended by South African skaters to retain team identity. These track suits are NOT a colours award, but eligible skaters as per above, may wear their highest colours badge on the track suit. *The wearing of the tracksuit other than at international competitions is therefore to be discontinued.*

(B) The decision taken in respect of International selections is as follows and we quote:

- "The International Selections Committee selects on the basis of "rankings" obtained i.e. the highest ranked skater for a particular international competition and section requested is given the first option to participate in the competition requested, 2nd highest second option. It was confirmed that if the highest ranked skater requests more than one competition, the Selection Committee makes the final decision as to how many competitions the skater will have first preference (i.e. the "winner takes all" analogy does not apply). This is done so that as many skaters as possible can get international exposure.

(C) Annual Subscriptions (Affiliation fees payable to SAFSA)

With effect from 1st April 2010, to be as follows:

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| • Ordinary Members: | R 150.00 |
| • Life Members: | R 75.00 |
| • Annual subscriptions by Provinces to the Executive: | R2 000.00 |

The above implies an increase in membership fees payable per member for the next financial year to GNFSA yet a lower, now flat fee is payable to SAFSA. The additional amounts recovered from members are then available to the Province for own use.

Provinces do not have any discretion to charge different fees.

Issues discussed at Council without a final resolution are not communicated until finalised.

3. Sundry issues

3.1 Gauteng North official dress

A number of e-mail requests and discussions have taken place on the possible replacement of the current Gauteng North (GN) dress. There are arguments in favour of and against its replacement as well as differing views judging by the e-mail correspondence received.

We will therefore deliberate at the next Committee meeting in July on the issue before reverting back to members for a decision. The issue has not been discussed at the Committee meeting to date.

3.2 Tuesday afternoon/evening practice

The Tuesday afternoon ice time available from 17h15 is our province's best opportunity to promote the Province and the sport in general.

Please encourage skaters to wear the official GN dress even though such dress is under discussion for replacement.

3.3 Inter schools competition

Please note that the competition will take place on the 21st August. The few schools for which we have received contact details have already been invited. You are encouraged to visit our website for more detail.

4. Closing

We are still planning to host a member engagement session as previously mentioned. Scheduling of the engagement is being done to accommodate the school holidays which have commenced.