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# SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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## GAUTENG NORTH PROVINCE

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**For attention:** All members, parents and coaches

### **RE: – MESSAGE NO. 5 FROM THE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Introduction**

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

- The conclusion to the hosting of Nationals 2009;
- Confirmation of GN entries to the Rising Stars competition for our non- National skaters on 25 October 2009;
- Feedback on decisions taken at the recent SAFSA Council meeting including proposed dates for competitions and championships in 2010; and
- An addition to the list of coaches at GN.

#### **2. Nationals 2009**

Nationals 2009 has come and gone. Based on feedback received from across the spectrum, we can indeed conclude that the event was both a memorable and successful one. Many of our members and parents, even some who did not have skaters competing, assisted to contribute to the success. The committee members wish to express its sincere appreciation to all members, skaters, parents, coaches, friends, etc, that contributed to the event.

Of the 21 competitive skaters registered with GN, 11 qualified for Nationals 2009 of which 5 took podium places; a very pleasing success rate. All 11 skaters were very competitive in their sections resulting in the following noteworthy podium placings:

- Senior ladies – Lejeanne Marais – second place;
- Junior ladies – Nadia Geldenhuys – first place;
- Novice girls – Meredith Potgieter – first place;
- Novice girls – Crystal Liebenberg – second place
- Juvenile girls – Christel Viljoen – first place

Vicky Sailer and Shannon Strydom achieved fourth place in the Novice and Pre- Novice sections respectively.

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

### 3. Rising Stars competition

The following entries from GN have been received and submitted for the competition scheduled for 25 October 2009 at the Northgate mall:

- Anja Viljoen;
- Tamzan du Plessis;
- Courtney Huyerman;
- Alicea Lubbe;
- Megan Timmerman; and
- Elzaan Deysel

We wish them well in their efforts and know that they will represent GN with pride and distinction.

### 4. SAFSA Council meeting – 11 October 2009

Only decisions that were taken are communicated here. If a discussion took place without a final conclusion or decision, it will be stated as such to avoid confusion.

- The non- awarding of National colours for Novice sections was referred back to Provincial committees for consideration. This simply means that National colours will, as per the May 2009 Council decision, still not be awarded to Juvenile and Pre- Novice sections for international selections but can still be awarded to selections in the Novice section until Council decides otherwise;
- Part N of the Rules and Regulations is attached hereto and contains important information on “International, National and Development program selections” including selection of Team leaders for International competitions. All changes approved are indicated in blue print for ease of reference;
- Part Q of the Rules and Regulations is attached hereto and contains important information on the holding of “Championships and Competitions”. Minimum standards and protocol/rules in respect of podium placings and medal awards, inter alia, are included. All changes approved are indicated in blue print for ease of reference;
- Part X of the Rules and Regulations containing approved amendments (in blue print) to the “Anti- Doping Regulations” is attached to this member communication. **Coaches and parents of asthma sufferers must take particular note of section 6 to ensure that ignorance to the rules does not result in disqualification of a skater at a competition or championship.**
- Feedback from the NTC – the NTC will focus on a review of the current skating skills structure and report to Council in future on proposed amendments;
- SAFSA membership types – “Life” members will change to “long- standing” members;
- SAFSA plans to host an international Junior Grand Prix in 2011;
- A seminar was hosted by SASCOC on 10 July pertaining to Long Term Athlete Development and was attended by a number of coaches and Council members. Details will be provided on the website while further developments and application will be communicated as required;
- The following dates are proposed for the “2010 SAFSA calendar”:
  - Cape Town inter provincial – 17 and 18 April 2010;
  - KZN inter provincial – 14 and 15 August 2010;
  - Gauteng inter provincial (hosted by GN) – 11 and 12 September 2010;
  - Nationals 2010 (in Cape Town) – 3 to 6 October 2010.

### 5. List of coaches at GN

Megan- lea Baker has been awarded “coach” status by SAPSU (the governing body for coaches) based on her qualifications and experience obtained both locally and in the UK.

Megan- lea will therefore be included in all correspondence of the province and will also be added to the list of coaches on the GN website due to her availability to coach at the Kolonnade ice rink.

Her contact details are:

- Cellular number 072 990 1335;
- E-mail address – [bakers@webafrica.org.za](mailto:bakers@webafrica.org.za)

## **6. General**

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members (as detailed in previous member communications sent to you) if you have any enquiries.

Kind regards.

On behalf of the committee.  
(Original signed)

