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# SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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## GAUTENG NORTH PROVINCE

10 March 2010

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

### **RE: – MESSAGE NO. 7 FROM THE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Introduction**

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

- The calendar for 2010;
- Important dates **NOT** to forget;
- Local & International participation of our skaters;
- Recent developments affecting sporting federations relevant to our sport and Province;
- ISU training event
- Synchro Team

#### **2. Calendar for 2010**

Attached to this communication is an illustrative calendar of figure skating events for 2010. This calendar is also available on the website.

Please note that certain changes have been made to the previous calendar and that this calendar replaces all previous ones.

#### **3. Important dates**

Please take note of the following important dates:

##### **March, 12<sup>th</sup>:**

The final date to enter the test to be held at Central Gauteng on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. The next scheduled date is only in June. Please liaise with the test secretary, Teresa Potgieter at [teresa@absamail.co.za](mailto:teresa@absamail.co.za) regarding any tests.

##### **March, 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Final day to submit affiliation forms to Gauteng North in order to be eligible voting members at the Annual General Meeting, planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Also, the final day for skaters to become members or renew membership and be eligible to participate at the Provincial Championship, to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

##### **April, 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Final day to enter the Provincial Championship. Entries to be forwarded to the competition secretary, Janet Sailer at [js@fastcomm.co.za](mailto:js@fastcomm.co.za). Entry fees to be paid into the club's Nedbank account with a reference: Surname & Initials - Prov

#### **Member of:**

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

## **April, 18<sup>th</sup>: GN Provincials**

The entry form and more detail will soon be distributed amongst everybody. Other than that, we would like to bring under your attention that you don't need to buy teddies for the evening. We still have lots of teddies to be sold at the competition at VERY reduced prices. Please come and support us.

### **4. Local & International participation of our skaters**

Soleil Grobler and Meredith Potgieter represented Gauteng North at the recent Prima Vera Cup at Kemptonpark. Both performed very well and have done us proud.

We are also holding thumbs for Nadia Geldenhuys that is currently preparing to compete at the Junior World Championships in the next week. She has obtained Junior PROTEA colours, making her only the second member of our Province to achieve this. A well deserved prize for a skater that shows remarkable courage and dedication.

Our Senior Protea member, Lejeanne Marais will most probably also grace our ice rink with her performance at the coming Provincial championship. We also look forward to seeing her again in action.

### **5. Recent developments affecting Provincial sports federations**

The latest developments pertaining to the Tshwane Sports Council (TSC), the use of the GN emblem by GN sporting federations, etc. are:

Members of our committee are still attending relevant meetings of both the TSC, the Dept. of Sport and the Gauteng North federations to position our Province in such a manner as would be most beneficial to ensure recognition, affiliation where required, and also eligibility for funding. We have affiliated to the TSC whilst maintaining our loyalty to the other Gauteng North federations in our collective attempt to change the constitution to a mutually accepted one.

We have been in discussion with the Executive as to align ourselves with SAFSA's direction we need to take to benefit figure skating.

We will keep you informed as events transpire.

### **6. ISU Training camp**

As it is cheaper to get a coach from overseas than to send a lot of skaters overseas, a training camp is being planned for the week after Nationals in October. Currently the details are very sketchy and could change suddenly and significantly, but the following are proposed.

An International Coach will hold coaching sessions at Cape Town and at another venue for a few days after Nationals. Gauteng North has applied to SAFSA to host the Coach at our rink from the 11<sup>th</sup> till 13<sup>th</sup> October to coach our skaters and coaches. Due to budget constraints we have suggested that ourselves, CG and KZN join hands and host it at the Kolonnade. We are asking parents if they would be willing to accommodate skaters from KZN for the couple of days to join us for the practices, as to make it more viable to it being held here.

We do not have much more detail on the times or the format the training would take form, but we are in discussions with SAFSA and the other provinces in this regard. We'll keep you updated of our progress.

### **7. Synchro Team**

For those of you that saw the Nationals last year, the participation of the synchro teams were quite something else.

Although Gauteng North is skater vs skater the best province in South Africa, if we are to win the team trophy, we need to enter male skaters in the competition, as well as synchro teams.

CG has started a synchro team, so anybody interested, kindly contact us for more details to join them or to start our own team.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you have any enquiries.

Kind regards.

**Christo Viljoen**

On behalf of the committee.

(Original signed)

