



# SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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## GAUTENG NORTH PROVINCE

08 July 2010

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

### RE: – MESSAGE NO. 1 FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### Introduction

This communication is the first formal communication for the 2010/11 year and has as its purpose the communication to all members, coaches and parents of:

- **Member Participation.**
- **Important dates NOT to forget;**
- **Local & International participation of our skaters, coaches & technical specialists;**
- **Test results;**
- **Member accounts**

#### 1. Member participation

Thanks to the few members who attended the Annual General Meeting.

Although the club is operating smoothly, the general apathy shown by members is a cause for concern. We are such a small province that member participation is an absolute necessity. We have a responsibility to our children to ensure the future of their sport and if we don't organise or assist those that organise these events, the end result should not be a surprise to any. As parents we aim to teach our children values, but unfortunately what we do have more power than what we say. Do we sometimes wonder why our children don't attempt anything, don't attend practices, are full of excuses or don't offer any help because they're "too busy" or "tired"? Maybe it is because of the example we set....

We should strive to be better role-models. Ice-skating is not just a sport, it teaches many lessons in life to us and our children.

On behalf of the committee I ask for assistance and understanding. Should you find we are failing you in any way, please offer assistance, neither advice nor criticism. If we are doing something right, a small word of appreciation more than compensates for the lack of serving

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the association without payment. We are giving 100% and any assistance would result in our province being even more the envy of the country. Our motto: “If it is to BE, it is up to ME!”

### 2. Important dates

Attached to this communication is a calendar of figure skating events for the rest of 2010. As with all the events and communications these dates are available on our website.



Please take note that there have been a few changes to the dates of certain events.

#### July, 10<sup>th</sup>:

This is the final day to submit your application to do tests on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The previous test was such a huge success, I urge you to obtain the necessary levels in order to compete at all the future competitions.

#### July, 24<sup>th</sup>:

Tests will be done at the Kolonnade on Saturday @ 17h00. The cost for the tests will be put up on the music box. In addition to being a nicer time to do a test, we are also trying to see if we could use this opportunity to promote figure skating to the public during “normal” hours. If somebody is interested in doing a program after the tests and before the start of the next public session, please contact Elsa Lombaard at [elsa@krause.co.za](mailto:elsa@krause.co.za) by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### July, 31<sup>st</sup>: Ice skating exhibition!!

We are trying to achieve many goals by holding an exhibition on the Saturday @ 17h00 – 19h00. As skaters are preparing to go to the KZN Inter Provincials on the 13-14 August, we need to prepare their programs for the smaller rink. We also think it prudent to get judges to come and provide some feedback to our skaters regarding their programs before the next few competitions leading to Nationals in October. This should also be seen as an opportunity to show the family & friends what we have achieved during the past few months and at a time where they would be able to attend! We also intend involving the public for better awareness and we intend to do this by doing the following:

The format of the exhibition will be for the skaters to do all their programs in the two hours on a section of the rink (similar in size to Durban) closest to the window, blocked off by cones. Whilst the skater will be doing his/her program, the rest of the sections will be warming up in the other part of the rink. There will be no break between skaters and



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programs and no time for judging. Celebrity judges will be attending to decide on the most entertaining skaters for the evening, whilst competition judges will make notes in order to give feedback afterwards to skaters. No entry fee will be charged to the public. There is not a lot of time left, so start practicing!!

### **August, 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: KZN Inter Provincials**

The KZN committee has asked us to kindly give them an indication of the number of skaters from Gauteng North that will be entering for them to plan properly. Please forward me your intent to compete by the 10<sup>th</sup> as to inform KZN. The finer details of this competition will be forwarded to you as soon as it becomes available. As soon as we receive entry forms, we'll distribute it to the interested members. The completed entry forms are to be sent to Janet at [js@fastcomm.co.za](mailto:js@fastcomm.co.za) and the entry fees to be paid into our account. This will be transferred in bulk to KZN.

### **September, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Gauteng Inter Provincials**

This is a BIG competition and the last time to qualify for Nationals (subject to council approval). Both the National & Non-National sections will compete at this event and due to the many entrants, indications are that the event will only finish on Monday afternoon. We'll update you on the detail as we have a better idea of the number of skaters. This is a competition that will require significant involvement from members to be a success.

### **3. Local & International participation of our skaters, coaches & technical specialists**

Lejeanne Marais has just departed to the United Kingdom for training and will only be back in South Africa in time for the Inter-Provincials and National competition. Lejeanne, we wish you all the best and remember that we are constantly thinking of you.



Nadia Geldenhuys has applied to attend 2 Junior Grand Prix competitions. We'll keep you informed on her progress.

Kevin Harris will be attending a seminar in Frankfurt from the 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of July to undergo an exam to become an ISU Technical Specialist (Singles). We wish him well and are proud to have such a specialist in our province.



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Susan Marais will be attending a Coaches Course in Europe from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of August. We look forward to her return so that she can transfer her newly acquired knowledge to our children.

#### 4. Test results

Certificates were handed to eligible skaters at the recent AGM. The other certificates will be handed out at a later stage. It was decided that we shall distribute a synopsis of the test results to all parents and skaters in order for them to update previous tests. This will make future referencing very easy and possible discrepancies would be negated. Please amend the attached list with your previous test results, giving the correct dates for the relevant tests that were passed. This is a very important exercise as this determines whether your child can compete in competitions or not.



#### 5. Member accounts

We have attached a summary of the members' accounts as at 15 May 2010, not reflecting payments after that. Please confirm whether you agree with the balances before we hand the monthly management over to Heidi Britz who agreed to assist us with the accounts. Thanks Heidi for agreeing to assist us. Should there be any discrepancies on your accounts, please contact Christo Viljoen at [service@prispek.co.za](mailto:service@prispek.co.za). The latest statements to follow soon.

On behalf of the committee,

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