



2020 ANNUAL REPORT for presentation to the 2021 WAISA AGM

The activities of the Association during 2020 were largely unaffected by the global Covid-19 pandemic with the same number of Test Sessions, Competitions and Championships held during the year as in 2019. However, the membership of the Association was affected by the pandemic with a total membership of 246 in 2020 down from 272 in 2019. Junior Memberships were down from 164 in 2019 to 128 in 2020, Adult Memberships down from 106 in 2019 to 92 in 2020. Honorary members were up from 21 in 2019 to 25 in 2020 and WAISA had one Associate Member in 2020, down one from 2019.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

WAISA ran 3 competitions and one championship in 2020 covering events from Aussie Skate Level 4 to Senior and Adult divisions plus Synchronized events. This was the same number as in 2019 and we were very fortunate under the circumstances to be able to provide these opportunities for our members.

NON-COMPETITIVE ARTISTIC EVENT

WAISA trialed a non-competitive artistic event at the end of December – SkateFest Christmas 2020. The event was based on the Ice Skating Australia (ISA) Artistic Rules, Section 9 of the ISA By-Laws, and was hugely successful and enjoyed by athletes, coaches and audience alike. WAISA would like to develop this area of the sport in the future as it has shown the potential to attract more participants into the sport as well as provide non-competitive opportunities for our existing members.

AUSTRALIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately the 2020 Australian Figure Skating Championships were cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, Ice Skating Australia did trial two on-line benchmark events with WAISA athletes competing in the second of these on-line events which was held in December 2020. Congratulations go to Isabella Osborne who the bronze medal in the Basic Novice Ladies event, Abbey Williams who won the bronze medal in the Junior Ladies event and Amber Trevor-Hunt who won the bronze medal in the Adult Ladies Silver event.

WAISA would like to thank Ice Skating Australia for providing this opportunity to our athletes and for the funding grant to enable WAISA to purchase a high quality video camera to assist with the recording of the athlete's performances.



TESTING SESSIONS

WAISA ran 7 test sessions in 2020 with a total of 132 tests attempted during these sessions. Although the number of test sessions held was the same as in 2019 the number of tests attempted was lower than in 2019 when 170 tests were attempted. This decrease in tests attempted directly reflects the decline in memberships during the 2020 period.

2020 ICE SKATING AUSTRALIA AGM

The 2020 ISA AGM was held via Zoom due to the pandemic. The WAISA Delegates were Theresa Trevor-Hunt, Andrea Willis and Katrina Harburn.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

WAISA have continued to support our affiliated clubs during 2020 and are committed to supporting and nurturing these clubs during the coming years. We thank the dedicated volunteers who give their time to the clubs that form an integral part of the Western Australian Ice Skating Association. In 2020 the affiliated Clubs were WA Figure Skating Club, IceSynchroWA and Perth Ice Skating Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WAISA would like to thank the State government which through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Lotterywest is a major supporter of the Association.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to assist with another successful year for WAISA especially under the difficult conditions that we found ourselves under during 2020. A special mention goes to the 2020 WAISA Council who have worked cohesively as a great team throughout the year and continued to move the Association forward throughout the pandemic. Thank you to the Judging and Technical Panels who continue to unselfishly volunteer their time and expertise to provide opportunities for our athletes.

Finally a big thank you to all of the WAISA athletes for the dedication and passion for the sport that continues to make us all strive to assist them to reach for the stars and fulfil their dreams.

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