

## **ISV Officials - AGM Report for the 2018 season.**

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Thank you to all officials who were able to volunteer their time for competitions, test sessions and judges' feedback sessions. ISV do not have the number of officials that the bigger states have but your commitment to our athletes and your knowledge development make my role a much easier one. I know it means a lot to our athletes, coaches and families that you continue to volunteer your time and I thank you.

I was involved in a few test and judges' feedback sessions this season and would like to acknowledge the coaches for the generally high level of applicants they are putting forward. It is encouraging to see our athletes moving through the divisions and competing in divisions that represent their standard. I am a proponent of challenging our athletes but also respect the coaches' need to pace them with where their abilities lie.

Sharon Hedley and Anja Faustein started some refereeing duties and Brian Duckworth and Melanie Carrington completed their first TS roles. We also welcomed Anezka Sero and Pam Reid to the judging group, I hope we can make their education process an enjoyable one.

Once again I have been arm-twisting people to move into the roles required on the panels for competition. It is very important that we maintain the strong knowledge base across all roles as it takes the burden off those who continually volunteer and it also increases the knowledge and enjoyment of those who learn new things related to skating. I honestly believe that your understanding and enjoyment of skating increases dramatically once you have been exposed to the various roles we undertake.

ISA held a seminar in Sydney covering the new ISU +5/-5 GOE principles which quite a few of our officials attended. The purpose of this change is to give judges more flexibility in assigning a score per element and has been well received.

Some of our officials were available to attend AFSC 2018 in Sydney, NSW. It was a great competition with the Novice Ladies division probably the pick of the field. It was very encouraging to see quite a few Double Axels cleanly landed and is a testament to what ISA are trying to achieve and the APSA coaches working with their athletes. Our officials covered all roles on the panel and some also attended the ISU Singles and Pairs Seminar held in conjunction with the competition

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We continue to provide strong panels for our marquee events, such as Crystal Challenge and VFSC, and ISV are thankful to Susan Lynch (QLD), Clarence Ong (WA), Liz Cain (NSW) and Tara O'Connor (SA) for their help in making our Benchmark events very strong for the athletes and a learning opportunity for officials.

For another year Andrew Taylor has looked after and refined our IJS and has it absolutely humming along. Our big events of ANZAS, Oceania, Crystal Challenge and VFSC proceeded without incident and our system is the envy of most other states. Andrew has an encyclopedic knowledge of how our system works and its requirements and is always pushing the limits of what we can do to make events better for our officials and athletes.

Kim Wilson has followed a long held dream and moved to Hobart, TAS. She will come and judge with us from time to time as work permits and we wish her well on this new venture.

Our ISV officials who completed international assignments in the calendar year were as follows:

- Cathy Taylor - Reykjavik International Games, World Championships (Milan), JGP Slovenia
- Mark Storton - Four Continents (Taipei), Finlandia, NHK Trophy
- Tricia Moritz - JGP Vancouver
- Dr Elizabeth Ryan - OWG PyeongChang, Japan Open

At the last ISV AGM, ISV very generously awarded me life membership to ISV. I was honoured to receive this but my work is made much easier due to working with a great group of motivated people. I thank ISV for their nomination.

On behalf of the officials, I would like to thank both MFSC and OFSC for looking after us at the various events and for their kind hospitality. It can be tough concentrating for those long sessions and the food and beverages make it all the easier.

I feel like this year has been a strong consolidation year for our athletes. Programs have greater depth and maturity and more athletes are doing harder elements. It is exciting to see a higher standard all the way through the competitive divisions and I wish all athletes, coaches and families continued success for 2019.

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