

## **ISV Officials - AGM Report for the 2017 season.**

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Once again I would like to extend my thanks to all officials who were able to assist in some way with the events, test sessions and feedback sessions ISV ran this season. I am delighted with the calibre of our officials who are all on a continual learning path and are the equal or better of our counterparts across the country. I know it means a lot to our athletes, coaches and families that you continue to volunteer your time and I thank you.

Again, I personally judged quite a few test sessions this season and would like to acknowledge the coaches for the generally high level of applicants they are putting forward. We are in for an exciting period in ISV's history as some of our athletes will test into the Junior division and will, I'm sure, continue the upward progression of our competitive group. Combine this with the strong standard in the lower divisions and our membership can be well pleased with where we are.

Our athletes and officials attended AFSC in Brisbane, Queensland and acquitted themselves very well indeed. Our officials are in demand on the strong panels and our athletes put in one of the best displays I have seen in my time. A quick scan of the season's, and AFSC, results will clearly show that and it certainly bodes well for the future.

We continue to provide strong panels for our marquee events, such as Crystal Challenge and VFSC, and I am often contacted by interstate officials who would like the opportunity to officiate with us. I know we provide a very professional yet easy going panel and it makes for a fun event.

Andrew Taylor and I attended a Swiss Timing seminar hosted by ISA in Brisbane which covered all things related to the set up and running of the IJS. It was very informative for me, though I'm quite sure Andrew had it all pretty much banked anyway. Andrew continues to do amazing things with our system in regards to efficiency and reliability and the livestreaming that ISV offer are also a part of his repertoire.

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.

Our ISV officials who completed international assignments were as follows:

- Cathy Taylor - Junior Worlds 2017, Autumn Classic Montreal, Reykjavik International Games
- Mark Storton - Junior Worlds 2017, JGP Zagreb, Japan Open, Cup of China, Four Continents Taipei
- Robyn Burley - Junior Worlds 2017
- Tricia Moritz - JGP Brisbane
- Dr Elizabeth Ryan - OWG PyeongChang

At the last ISV AGM, Tricia Moritz was awarded life membership to ISV as a recognition for all the judging and feedback she has provided for our athletes, as well as previous administration roles. Tricia has a deep understanding of our sport and is always happy to assist our skating community.

I am in the process of arm-twisting some 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.

Skating in Victoria continues to be in an exciting phase with a lot of talent at all levels of our competitive stream. I think this may be the season we start to see the ladies producing the Double Axel and possibly a sprinkling of triple jumps attempted. This level of elements puts us fairly in the top half of athletes in the country and I am very excited for what may come. I wish all athletes, coaches and families continued success for 2018.

Mark Storton  
Convenor of Officials