

**High Performance**

**End of year Summary to  
the ISA Board**

*Chair, ISA High Performance Committee*

## **Executive Summary**

This report summarizes the strongest performances of athletes for the 2022-23 skating season.

### **Highlights:**

#### **Senior**

- Holly Harris/Jason Chan were assigned to 2 GP events this year. In their first event Skate America they finished 5<sup>th</sup> with one of their strongest scores of the season (170.20). At Skate Canada they finished 8<sup>th</sup> with a score of (159.92)
- Anastasiia/Hektor finished 8<sup>th</sup> at their first ISU Senior Championship level event, scoring 189.47 and meeting their goal of finishing in the top 10.
- Darian Kaptich earned a 4 Continents score.
- Vlada Vasiliev earned a 4 Continents score.

#### **Junior**

- Anastasiia/Hektor finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Grand Prix final at the Jr level with a score of (181.37)
- Anastasiia/Hektor finished 1<sup>st</sup> in both of the JGP events, progressively raising their score throughout the season.
- Anastaiia/Hektor finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at Junior Worlds.

## **High Performance**

The High Performance sector oversees and offers input on a variety of areas within ISA.

- Strategic direction and plans for high performance within Australia
- Development and operation of a High Performance program and National Squad
- Developing initiative for enhancing athlete development and achieving results
- Identifying and monitoring National Squad Athletes
- Nomination of athletes for international competitions to the Board of ISA
- Tracking skaters at Champ Series events and international competitions
- Liaising with government and sporting organizations in relation to high performance athletes (AUS Sports Integrity) and AOC (Australian Olympic Committee)
- Recommending Changes in policies to the ISA board
- Working with the ISA Board as needed and requested

## High Performance Program

The High Performance Program is for athletes who demonstrate ability or potential to succeed at a high level in the Junior and Senior ranks, earning scores that qualify them for ISU Championships. The next Olympic cycle program will be working towards advancing athletes to qualify for these Championships with results aiming for skaters being competitive in all disciplines.

## Overview of the National Squad

This year the national squad was named and can be found.

[https://www.isa.org.au/files/ugd/b5945d\\_32e8c4eba2af46e9aef6584cbbfd7d37.pdf](https://www.isa.org.au/files/ugd/b5945d_32e8c4eba2af46e9aef6584cbbfd7d37.pdf)

There are currently funding incentives for skaters at the BN-SR levels.

([Per ISA-04](#)) Updated this year.

## Appendix A

High Performance Incentive Funding 22-23:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tKy6xpctzdUo070hdtEt0XCaaxK5a0eaK89D-uoWc9Y/edit#gid=40228602>

Green indicates the funding has been claimed, Red indicates the funding has NOT been claimed.

Name	Surname	Discipline	Event Score Achieved	Bonus
Darian	Kaptich	Singles	Philadelphia	4C Score/250
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	Brittania Cup	Podium/500 each
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	Brittania Cup	World Score/500 each
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	Skate America	Top 50%/500 each
Hana	Bath	Singles	SEA Podium	500
Vlada	Vasiliev	Singles	SEA Podium	500
Sienna	Kaczmarczyk	Singles	SEA Podium	500
Isabella	Wang	Singles	SEA Podium	250 BN
Anastasiia/Hektor	Gloubeva/Moore	Pairs	JGP Solidarity Podium	500 each
Anastasiia/Hektor	Gloubeva/Moore	Pairs	JGP Baltic Cup Podium	500/each
Anastasiia/Hektor	Gloubeva/Moore	Pairs	JW Scores	250/each

Julio	Potapenko	Singles	JW SP score	250
Julio	Potanpenko	Singles	SEAT Budapest Podium	500
Anastasiia/Hektor	Gloubeva/Moore	Pairs	JGP Final Podium	500/each
Anastasiia/Hektor	Gloubeva/Moore	Pairs	CS Warsaw Podium	500/each
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	Santa Claus Cup Podium	500/each
Vlada	Vasiliev	Singles	AO/4C scores SP/FS	250/each
Renee	Tsai	Singles	AO Podium	500
Kryshtof	Pradeaux	Singles	AO Podium	500
Sienna	Kaczmarczyk	Singles	JR Worlds scores @AO	250/each
Kryshtof	Pradeaux	Singles	Podium Merano	500
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	Top 10 @ 4C	1000/each
Holly/Jason	Harris/Chan	Dance	FD @ Worlds	1000/each

### Selection Criteria

ISA policies #1-9 are in the process of being updated for the 23-24 year in May-June 2023.

### International Competitions

This year saw the return of international competitions for the Novice level skaters. With solid results in all the Novice Divisions.

### International Events and JGP

At SEA Open we saw Vlada skating at Senior level and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sienna skating at the Junior level finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this event. Overall, there were 13 skaters from Australia at this event with strong showings from all the skaters. Hana Bath finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in AN Ladies, and Isabella Wang finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the BN ladies' events.

At JGP Gdansk #2 we saw Sienna and Julio both skating. Sienna finished 29<sup>th</sup> out of 49 skaters and Julio finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 29 skaters. Both skaters completed 2 JGP events and have been slowly increasing their scores over the season. Julio competed in 4 events total and earned a JW SP score at Trophee Metropole Nice Cote d'Azur. Sienna earned the JW score at Asian Open where she finished 4<sup>th</sup> of 18 skaters. Her FS TES at Asian Open was her highest to date.

At Asian Open we saw again had 13 skaters in this event which was moved from Hong Kong to Jakarta, Indonesia. We saw Renee Tsai on the podium at AN in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 10, and Kryshtof Pradeaux finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of his group of 5.

Romy Grogan competed in the World University Games and finished 30<sup>th</sup> out of 34. Sadly, Callum Bradshaw entered very late and could not be added to the roster as the event was full.

Kryshtof Pradeaux and Athena Avci both went to the Bavarian Open in January. Kryshtof finished 5<sup>th</sup> and Athena finished 17<sup>th</sup>. Kryshtof also attended the Merano Ice trophy where he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his group of 5.

There are 7 skaters currently preparing for a new event, Thailand Open the first week of May. We had 3 entries into basic novice all finishing in the top third, and 3 skaters in Intermediate novice with 2 of the 3 finishing in the top half. Andrea Guo finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 19 Jr Ladies at the event.

Thanks to an agreement with New Zealand more than 40 skaters will be attending Oceania in Auckland, the 15-17<sup>th</sup> of May. Skaters are being allowed to earn a score at Panda for these last 2 events in the Asia-Pacific region (Oceania & Hollins). Also, with the passage of ISA 150 6 additional skaters have been added making sure all the events meet the requirements as an international event. ISA 150 allows skaters who have a score at 90% of the qualifying level to request a one-time exemption and enter an international event under specific circumstances. Once that is used it may not be repeated. The scores required are listed on the document.

I will update with Oceania scores once the event has taken place.

Thanks to the agreement between Australia and New Zealand, we are seeing these large numbers being allowed to attend both Oceania and Hollins, usually, we are limited to 2, skaters per level so this is a wonderful opportunity for the skaters to gain international experience.

### **Advanced Novice ISU development Camp**

While the notification was a little late, the ISU offered a Development camp for Advanced Novice skaters with a small stipend, the board agreed to send our top AN skaters ranked between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ISA rankings and gave a small stipend to also help with travel costs. Attendees were:

Kryshtof Pradeaux	James Lin
Renee Tsai	Ariel Guo

Andrea Guo was allowed to participate as an Observer. The camp was in conjunction with the ISU 4 Continents Championship in Colorado Springs, CO in the US. Skaters were given feed back from International and ISU judges from the US. Focusing on all aspects of improving their overall skills in the sport.

### 4C's 2023

This event was my first as team leader. The skaters attending were: India Nette/Eron Westwood, Holly Harris/Jason Chan, Vlada Vasiliev and Darian Kaptich. Sadly, Anastasiia and Hektor were not able to attend due to Visa issues. Darian and Vlada were first to skate and both had good skates. Vlada had a fall on the 3F and Darian had some (<) rotation calls on his 3T+3T but overall these were solid performance for their first ISU Senior Championship events. Vlada skated a more conservative FS and moved up several places to finish 18<sup>th</sup>. Darian skated a slightly scaled back program to finish 17<sup>th</sup> in the FS and move up slightly to 18<sup>th</sup> overall. Both Darian's programs were well received getting the crowds clapping.

India and Eron had a good RD and finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place, Holly and Jason had a small fall on the twizzle sequence has finished 9<sup>th</sup>. India and Eron skated a good FD and maintained their placement at 11<sup>th</sup>. Holly and Jason skated a very strong FD earning just over 15 point of GOE and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the FD and 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

### Jr Worlds 2023

Our skaters at Jr Worlds were Vlada Vasiliev in the Ladies event and Anastasiia Gloubeva and Hektor Giotopouls Moore in the pairs. Vlada had a disappointing SP popping the loop and losing a level on her step sequence. She finished 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 47 skaters. Anastasiia and Hektor had a good skate but an error on the death spiral was costly and put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> after the SP. They rebounded in the FS and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and then 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the event.

### Worlds 2023

Worlds saw Holly Harris and Jason Chan return to the event for a third time. In the RD they had a solid RD scoring 64.80 slightly below their scores in their 2 GP events earlier in the year. However, their FD score at Worlds was one of their highest of the season at 104.67 the only higher score being earned at Santa Claus Cup (108.87) this is their 3<sup>rd</sup> time breaking the 100-point mark in the FD.

Fresh from Junior Worlds Anastasiia and Hektor had stated that their goal was to finish in the top 10. Their SP earned a score of 61.95 just slightly lower than their CS Warsaw Cup score of 63.62. Their FS earned a very strong score of 127.52 and is their season's best score and a personal best score for them. This was also a personal best TTS score. Certainly, a nice way to end the season.

### 22-23 Results and Personal Bests

22-23 Seasons Results <a href="#">Appendix B</a>	Personal Bests <a href="#">Appendix C</a>
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## ISA Development Scholarships

There are currently scholarships available through:

- ISU Jr development Communication [ISU 2543](#)
- NSWISA-Alan Blinn and Simone Moore Memorial Fund
- ISQ: [Club Development Program](#)

## Next Olympic Cycle

A strategy for the next 4 years is in the works. Working towards having skaters represent Australia in all disciplines. (Singles, Pairs, Dance) in Milano/Cortina, Italy in 2026. Working towards skating smart and generating strong scores by executing elements well and generating positive GOE. By encouraging skaters in Basic Novice – Senior to work on more difficult elements and building their scores by doing what they do well. The proposal for this in progress. (Special Achievement Pin Program 23-24) has been passed for next season. The pin program has been updated to be slightly more difficult to obtain a pin, and the addition of Adults/Masters/Intermediate levels. The new discipline of solo dance has also been added using the same criteria as dance. (Awaiting clarification and SOVs from ISU)

## Youth Olympic Games

While Australia did miss out on earning a spot via placement for the Ladies, Men and Dance. 2 spots were earned for pairs. The next opportunity to earn a spot comes via JGP placements where a possible spot could also be earned. The criteria for this is being hammered out and will hopefully be available after 1 July 2023.

## Goals for the next 2 years

*Over the next 2 years I would like to build on being more collaborative.*

- A development camp for the National Squad members.
- Building a team to give critiques and reviews, using Australian ISU TS, Judges in Singles/Pairs and Dance. We could do this at the beginning of the season and offer critiques as needed throughout the season. (Aids in identifying skaters for further development)
- I have had an offer to help HP from an ISU TS who lives between Europe and Australia, between the 2 of us we could cover 3 continents and work towards bringing a broad variety of talent into Australia to work with our skaters.

*Leslie Amacker*

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