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Update for Members

Nominations to International Competitions

SISA are pleased to announce the following nominations to ISU International Championships, and wish these skaters well in their preparations for the upcoming competition:

- ISU 2010 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, The Hague, Netherlands – Brittany Lau
 - ISU 2010 World Junior Figure Skating Championships – Substitute skater – Sarah Paw

Answers to questions posed about Skater Eligibility

The SISA Executive has received some unusual questions about Skater Eligibility, see below.

As always ALL members are advised that if they have any questions about eligibility or any other matter, they should always approach SISA in the first place with their questions as we are the most knowledgeable and experienced in being able to interpret and provide guidance on the many rules of the ISU.

The questions asked were

- *Does the use of the word skater mean 'member' or are you including all skaters whether they are members of SISA or not?*
- *What is the context of 'non-eligible' in the statement "An event which includes eligible and non-eligible skaters and which also includes any form of judging cannot be sanctioned / permitted by SISA."*
 - *Does it refer to ex-members who have been members but have let membership lapse?*
 - *Does it refer to ex-members who were members but have been stripped of membership by SISA?*
 - *Is SISA referring to non-members that are deemed ineligible through their lack of ever having had membership?*

Answers to the questions

- The word skater refers to anyone, regardless of whether they are or aren't a member of SISA.
- A non-eligible or ineligible skater are interchangeable terminologies and refers to a skater that undertakes any activity that deems them Ineligible as per ISU rule 102 and which is detailed in SISA Policy 400 – Skater Eligibility.
- It should be noted that it is the activity that the skater undertakes that causes them to become ineligible it has nothing to do with membership or non-membership of SISA.
- In addition, it should be noted that SISA have NEVER stripped anyone of membership of SISA, and find this portion of the question quite upsetting.

Members are reminded that the rules in relation to Eligibility or Sanctioning of Events are ISU rules, refer to ISU Rule 102, and not rules 'made up' by SISA, as has been rumoured by various sections of the skating community. As per ISU Circular Letter no 541, it is the responsibilities of SISA to ensure that it's skaters only participate in appropriately sanctioned competitions, events, exhibitions and various other activities.

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