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Welcome to Edition 5 of Ice Sports Tasmania Inc.'s newsletter; your snapshot of activity occurring within and surrounding our local ice sports.

Our vision

Ice Sports Tasmania is committed to promoting, advancing, and supporting all-inclusive participation in ice-based sports and recreation in Tasmania.

Our vision is to ensure that a fit for purpose ice rink facility continues to exist in Tasmania to serve the needs of our athletes and the community.

Our Team

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HUGE thanks this week to **Quest NewQuay** who have provided an exclusive 30% room rate discount for IST Inc. members, *and*

Steadfast Tasmania Insurance Brokers who generously donated \$1000 for skaters heading interstate to train! Amazing!



Frequently Asked Questions



We have heard IST Inc. are planning more fundraising? How can we contribute or show our support?

There are a range of ways people can support IST Inc.

First step—**join IST Inc. as a supporting member** on our website (or click [here](#)).

This is one way to demonstrate your support to save the future of our sports and back our call for a new ice rink facility. Importantly, this is also how you can make sure you are kept up to date with the latest information **and** to contribute to IST Inc. strategy and lobbying by making sure your voice is heard!

IST Inc. is about to launch a series of fundraising activities too!

So, show your support by buying some raffle tickets in our **WINTER RAFFLE** which has just opened!

Head to our Facebook page or talk with one of our team to arrange your tickets—you can e-transfer payment & we'll send you your tickets!

Hurry, this winter raffle **closes June 26th!**

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Ice Sports Tasmania Inc. Winter Raffle

Raffle Drawn 26th June

Tickets \$5 Each

3 Amazing Prizes to be won!

1st Prize - 2 Nights Accommodation in 2 Bedroom Apartment @ Quest NewQuay (\$889 value)

2nd Prize - \$100 Virgin Australia Voucher

3rd Prize - Melbourne Airport Skybus Return Voucher for 1 Adult + 1 Child (\$44 value)

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IST Values

To act with **integrity, transparency and professionalism.**

Treat people with **honesty, fairness, and mutual respect.**

Be **responsible and accountable** for our decisions and actions as individuals and as an organisation.

Be **open** to different perspectives and **attitudes** and respect the inherent dignity, belief, and **human rights** of all individuals.

Harness individual **diversity** and promote **equality and inclusivity.**

Act responsibly to promote and to contribute to the achievement of **environmental sustainability.**

Acknowledge our responsibility to **contribute to the communities** in which we operate.

Who is going to be eligible to access IST Inc.'s fundraising monies?

Great question! IST Inc. has started fundraising with the specific purpose of giving money (reimbursements and vouchers) to skaters who are travelling interstate to train or compete. This program will only be available whilst we await a new local rink and whilst there are funds available.

To be eligible skaters will need to evidence:

1. Current membership with IHT and/or FSAT
2. Active participation in ice hockey or figure skating in the current calendar year



Please note that fundraising is for skaters only, and cannot be used for parent/guardian payments, meals or entertainment unrelated to ice sports. Each skater will need to submit an application (watch this space) by the advertised due date and will need to provide evidence of skating during travel in order to receive agreed reimbursements. This is a new process for IST Inc. so we are still creating the systems to help make this as easy as possible for you – watch this space for updates!

In addition to IST Inc. fundraising, we encourage individuals also to fundraise – ensuring that you check with your sporting Association first to ensure you are complying with any conditions they may have for individual athlete fundraising.

Email FSAT on fsatas@gmail.com or IHT on vdl.icehockeytasmania@gmail.com

IN OTHER NEWS...

Tassie athletes heading interstate

IST Inc. is working hard to negotiate discounts and special arrangements for any Tassie Ice Sports athletes heading interstate whilst we wait for our own local rink to be available.

Many local skaters have already enjoyed the benefits of these deals, and we really appreciate your messages of gratitude.

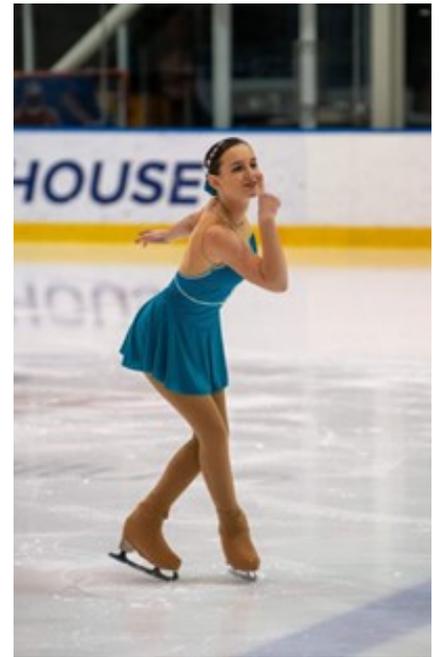
That said, we are still learning what YOU want and what YOU need to be able to stay connected to your sports and each other.

So, if you are a registered member of FSAT or IHT and want to know more about the deals we have made available for you, you have a suggestion or a question, please email us at team@icesportstasmania.com.au. Alternatively, please feel free to chat directly with any of the IST team (names are on page 1 of this newsletter).



Tassie Ice Sport Athlete in Focus

Kimberly Gentile is ranked 5th in Australian Intermediate Ladies Figure Skating. She is striving to keep her dreams alive by travelling regularly to Melbourne to train and compete. Hindered by the small Tassie rink, and having self funded her travel for years in order to compete and grow, she is a classic representation of 'Little Rink, Big Dreams'. Thank you for sharing your story Kimberly, we can't wait to be able to watch you perform locally one day on a full size rink!



What do you remember about your first time on an ice rink?

My first memories at the ice rink started with following my older sister to her learn-to-skate lessons. After a couple of years of watching my sister, I decided that I wanted to give it a go. After my first lesson on ice, I knew skating was my sport and I have been committed ever since.

Kimberly, why did you choose figure skating?

When I was 7 years old and just starting skating, I remember thinking that the classes looked like so much fun and I didn't like that my sister got to do something that I wasn't, so that definitely drew me to the sport initially. However, as I got a little bit older, I loved how diverse skating is as a sport, I really appreciate the challenge and working hard towards my goals.

What are your current goals and dreams for your future in skating?

I am currently training to continue working through the ISA testing levels. I am working towards my Junior and Senior test patterns. I would also love to represent Tasmania by competing in my 5th ISA Nationals Competition later this year.

What do you love most about your sport, and why?

Figure skating is such a unique sport that really can't be replicated on anything but ice. While this makes it such a hard time for me without a rink at home in Tassie, it is something that makes the sport so special. I also love that skating combines both skills and physical training with presentation and performance.

What advice do you have for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

I would definitely say that if you want to start skating, give it a go! Skating is a sport that young children and adults alike enjoy and can excel at, and I would love others to have the opportunity to feel the same passion for Figure Skating that I do.

Kimberly, how are you impacted by not having a full-size ice rink here in your home state?

Not having a full-sized rink in Tasmania has put me at a huge disadvantage compared to my Mainland competitors throughout my entire skating journey. I have been unable to skate to my full capacity or achieve the full power in my skating skills because the smaller rink limits the ability to use the momentum required to do so.

Without a full-sized rink in Tasmania, I cannot complete any further tests without traveling interstate. I also had to travel interstate to compete in benchmark competitions (that achieve a ranking in Australia) and to have competition in my current skill range. In addition to this, I also have to adapt my routine days before a competition to fit a full-sized rink when I travel to the mainland to compete, which is something no other competitor has to do. A local full-sized rink will solve all of these issues and allow me to achieve my current goals and then aspire to achieve even higher ones.

Send your questions and suggestions to team@icesportstasmania.com.au