



Australian Professional Skaters' Association

FIGURE SKATING COACHING IN AUSTRALIA

- **There are less than twenty rinks in the whole of Australia and ice skating here is a very low profile sport. The list of Ice Rinks and Contact details can be found on the Ice Skating Australia website www.isa.org.au.**
- **Ice rinks here are privately owned and club rinks do not exist. The Managers of our ice rinks (who are mostly non-skaters) hire the coaches. Our rinks are mainly run for public sessions so consequently Free Skating, Dance, Synchronised Team Skating, Hockey & Speed Skating have to fit around public and school sessions. Most of the rinks have private lesson sessions early mornings. Coaches are charged fees of up to \$140 per week as ice hire.**
- **To work here you will also require a working visa, which you must organise yourself through the Australian Immigration Department www.immi.gov.au . You must be sponsored (also to be arranged by you) and you will need proof of your accreditation level.**
- **If you are successful in being allowed to coach in one of the rinks you may be required to provide proof of your accreditation level. You can gain accreditation or equivalency of accreditation for coaching through the Australian Professional Skaters' Association (APSA). Should you wish to join we would require –**
 1. **A letter of reference / identification from someone who knows you – e.g. a doctor, bank manager, minister etc. – similar to one required for a passport.**
 2. **A letter from the rink where you have been coaching, stating how long you worked there and to what standard.**
 3. **A letter from the governing body of ice skating in the area you are coming from.**
 4. **Transcripts of any courses of study (related to skating) that you have undertaken.**
 5. **An Exam or Accreditation Course to gain equivalency at Level 1 Accreditation.**
 6. **A joining fee. (Depending on which State Association you join).**
- **Most of the ice rinks require coaches to also have insurance, which we arrange for our members when they are fully accredited at Level 1, the fee is now \$160.00 per year.**
- **Australia has new Child Protection Laws in place that will require you to have police check for suitability to work with children.**
- **Further information can be found on the APSA website – www.apsa.net.au or you can contact us on the email address below.**