



## New South Wales Professional Skaters' Association

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# APSA (NSW) NEWS November 2009

Dear NSW, ACT and SA Coaches,

### SEMINARS

- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - 12.30pm for 1.00pm – 4.00pm      ISA Roadshow & Anti - Doping DVD

Ken Brown Room 2 – SPORTS HOUSE Figtree Ave Homebush – Parking is available behind the building (Take a Ticket – It will be validated for you at the seminar) Enter from the Car Park. This will be a great opportunity for every coach to hear Ice Skating Australia's vision for the future development of our sport. Topics will include, Aussie Skate, Junior Development, Camps, Seminars and Elite Skaters.

An Anti- Doping Seminar will also be held for up to date information on Drugs in Sport.

5 Update Points Lunch and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to Adele by Sat 28<sup>th</sup> November – at [adele.leghorn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:adele.leghorn@yahoo.com.au)

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Level 2 Modules – Sports Medicine / Strength and Conditioning / Fitness Testing – This was a great afternoon with 24 coaches attending. Michael Pasfield was our presenter. We all learnt a lot, received our 7 update points and had great fun along the way.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Oceania Junior Development Camp – Brisbane. I flew to Brisbane just for 1 day of the camp to see what was happening. The camp had Primary and up level skaters – who all appeared to be having the best fun. The On Ice presenters were wonderful Cynthia Ullmark from Canada presented the Edges Classes. These were similar to the Annes Edges style with edges patterns skated in time to music. Valentyn Kadzevitch from Perth and Cynthia took the Jump classes, giving the skaters some new and challenging exercises to try. George Galanis from Newcastle, Cynthia and Valentyn took the Artistic / Music Interpretation Class. The skaters also had off-ice classes in conditioning / IJS / PPC's etc. Congratulations to ISA on a wonderful camp, providing great resources for our skaters.

### UPDATE POINTS

A big thank you to Sarah Fleming, who is keeping us all organised with our update points. It is not enough to earn the points going to seminars or other activities – You have to submit them to Sarah!!!

If you are able to scan your logbook and send it to Sarah electronically that will be the best, otherwise you can post a photocopy of your logbook to her. [scfleming1@bigpond.com](mailto:scfleming1@bigpond.com)

Remember the list of activities to gain points is quite extensive and is on the APSA website [www.apsa.net.au](http://www.apsa.net.au) .

### CERTIFICATE FOR SELF EMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CHILD RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Thank you to all of you who have sent through your certificate numbers. For those of you who have not organised your certificates yet, here are the details:



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This certificate will replace the police checks that APSA has done on our behalf in the past. An AFP Criminal name check will not be sufficient.

- Please go to the website [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) the site for the NSW Commission for Children and Young People.
- Then go into the 'Working with Children' section and in green on the left you will find **Certificate for Self Employed People**
- Scroll down until you come to the Application Form (P1017) and the Application Instructions.
- It will cost \$80 and will need to be renewed every 3 years.

Please do not delay - parents have the right to see your certificate and verify your certificate number on the website to know that their child's coach is not prevented from working with children. Significant penalties will apply for anyone caught without or misusing a certificate from May 2010. ACT and SA coaches should check for changes to government requirements in your states.

### **COMPLAINTS – Member Protection or Child Protection**

From time to time, we receive a letter of complaint from one coach against another, or perhaps a parent against a coach. Usually these problems are able to be solved at the rink or mediation level. More serious complaints have a particular procedure to be followed by APSA.

Any complaint is confidential and will not be discussed at the regular council meetings, that APSA council members attend. A complaint will be given immediately to the complaints officer, who will begin an investigation into the complaint. That means an account of the situation will be sought from all parties involved.

The complaints officer will then ask for a judiciary committee from the council and a disciplinary decision will be made. Each party will be notified of the decision.

### **COACHES UPDATE**

- Doug Clarke passed away early on Friday morning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to Barbara, whom we love dearly and Rodney and Bronwyn and their families. We will always remember Doug's great contributions to both APSA NSW and APSA National and his wonderful contribution to Ice Dancing in our country.

The funeral will be held at the 'Magnolia Room' Macquarie Park on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Light Refreshments will be served afterwards.

- Joanne Wilkes is recovering steadily after her operation to place a pace maker into her brain – Talk about BRAVE!!!. She is sounding terrific and looking forward to one day (not just yet) returning to the ice. She misses everyone, and is very thankful to all of you who have sent your love and best wishes to her.
- Jan Mayo and her husband Tim welcomed a baby girl Zadie Eloise into their family on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. Mum and Baby are doing well! Congratulations Jan from all of us.

All for now



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