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## Notes from the Board – July 2020

Greetings everyone,

We released our last Notes from the Board one week into lockdown. A lot has happened in our skating world since then.

Members will now be aware of the cancellation of the World and Oceania Championships for Artistic and Speed [and other skating sports]. The safety of our athletes and officials is always our highest priority and this was not guaranteed in the continuing COVID -19 environment across the world.

We have disbanded the Teams that had been selected to contest the Oceania and World Speed Skating Championships.

Previously, we had cancelled our Artistic Championships and asked Area Committee to organise local competitions later in the year.

### Continental Championships

There has been some confusion about the wording Continental Championships in the World Skate Press Release. To clarify, our Continental Championships are what we know as Oceania Championships.

### 2020 Annual General Meeting

Our 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held on 17 October. Like the Special General Meeting we held in May, our AGM will be held by ZOOM. The Board will host the meeting in Wellington and local clubs and observers will be welcome to join us.

We will send further information with the AGM notices.

### Permit Fees

Clubs are advised that permit fees for the 2020-2021 financial year are halved to \$15.00 per event.

### Supporters Code of Conduct

The Board has developed a Code of Conduct for spectators and parents at our events. The code will be displayed in venues at our next Regional, Area and National Championships.

### NZFRS Publicity

Board member Belinda Hope is the NZFRS Publicity Officer. Belinda is keen to develop relationships with clubs and regions.

- Can clubs please forward copies of local publicity to Belinda
- Belinda will be working on Skater Profiles for International teams for Media Releases

Belinda's contact details are: [blendy2@gmail.com](mailto:blendy2@gmail.com)





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Special note to Upper Hutt skaters Lileyah and Kelcie Spragg for their great skating on the What Now TV programme recently.

As we continue our return to 'skating as usual' I would like to acknowledge the initiatives that happened during lockdown. One of the most outstanding things that happened was the online coaching, exercises and training. My grand-daughters caught up with their coach every day, speed skaters continued their training and Roll Art training also continued. This was impressive and I commend those leading and participating in these initiatives.

We experienced Zoom! The Board met by Zoom every Sunday night during Level 's 3 and 4 and we had a Special General Meeting. I attended the NZ Olympic Committee AGM by Zoom, along with 200 others – very well run and all over in less than an hour.

I thank everyone involved with the skating, the meetings and the training for your continued commitment to our sport. With this dedication, I feel our sport is in a good place for a return to our normal calendar next year.

Kind regards all

Roger Boulcott  
NZFRS President

