

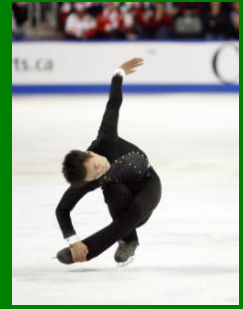
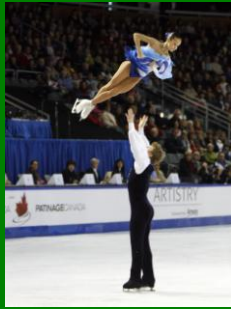


# **SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**1 APRIL 2012  
to  
31 MARCH 2013**





## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present my report on the activities of the South African Figure Skating Association (SAFSA) for the 2012/2013 financial year.

The primary objective of this association, as is the case with all other sporting organisations, is to foster greater interest in the sport of Figure Skating in general and its four disciplines of Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronised Skating in particular. In this vein, a primary objective of this past year was to finalise the Long Term Participant Development Plan for SAFSA through the National Technical Committee in conjunction with SASCOC and Dr Istvan Balyi. I am pleased to report that the plan has been finalised and approved and presented to all athletes and coaches at the Draw Event of the 2012 National Championships held in May 2012. The process will now begin to implement the necessary structures and programmes to bring the plan to fruition.

In order for SAFSA to manage the sport of Figure Skating in the most effective and efficient manner, the continued evaluation of the current governance structures of SAFSA continues. It goes without saying that maintaining the status quo is no longer an option within any organisation with several challenges relating to development, capacity building and producing results that are deemed to be acceptable to all the national and international stakeholders in the sport of Figure Skating in particular, sport in general and the citizens of South Africa. The administrators, officials and volunteers in the sport govern and manage the sport of Figure Skating on behalf of the citizens of South Africa and we are answerable to all our stakeholders with regards to both the manner in which we govern and the decisions our structures make. We are simply the custodians and not the 'owners' of the sport of Figure Skating and thus we have an onerous responsibility in ensuring we manage the sport well for the benefit of current and future generations of South African citizens who wish to partake in the sport of Figure Skating.

We are fortunate in having a sound governance structure with sufficient external evaluation mechanisms in place to ensure our governance continues to be of an acceptable standard to our various stakeholders. Governance is a very important aspect in any sport and I am pleased to report that very few issues in this regard required the attention of the Council. In the recent past, sport in general has received too much negative publicity with regards to governance and it is our duty to ensure we continue to evaluate our governance structures and systems and amend these for the benefit of the sport.

During this past year, the major amendments made to the rules and regulations of SAFSA include (a) streamlining the International Selections Committee nomination and selection procedure and reducing the number of members required on each subcommittee. This was primarily for cost saving reasons as well as the introduction of the ranking system which is a mathematical calculation not requiring decision-making input by the Selectors; (b) formally allowing for amendments to rules and regulations through an e-mail correspondence when the necessary urgency requires this. This process is not a replacement for the formal process of submissions to the Council and is only to be used in exceptional circumstances; and (c) permission to use scores attained at Provincial Championships for the passing of a test in the Star Test Series.

In addition to these amendments, a Council Bosberaad was held in September 2012. This was primarily to consider the implications of the Recognition of Sport or Recreation Bodies regulations of the SRSB as well as those of SASCOC. It is clear that a major re-alignment and restructuring within SAFSA will have to take place in order to meet these requirements. SAFSA currently



typically allows individual members to be members of Provinces. This must change and all individual members must be members of Clubs. The Clubs will then be the members of the Regions and the Regions will be members of the Provinces who in turn will be members of the national association. Numerous other amendments were debated and the process will now begin to implement and make changes to the respective constitutions to put these amendments in place.

The South African Department of Sport and Recreation (SRSA) as well as the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) are adamant that the agendas of development, transformation and mass mobilisation continue to remain and occupy the highest priority in the minds of the sports administrators. In a sport as small as ours and compared to the other more prominent sports, further development of the sport of Figure Skating is essential if the sport is to continue on a sustainable basis. I am pleased to report that to assist in this endeavour, SRSA provided SAFSA with a grant of R600,000 (R348,000 was received in the previous financial year) to support this development. This development funding was used as follows:

- (a) An amount of R114,000 was reserved to help subsidise the costs of the three Interprovincial Championships as well as the National Championship.
- (b) An amount of R157,000 was reserved to assist the different development clubs affiliated to the Provinces as well as the Synchronised Skating Clubs
- (c) An amount of R60,000 was reserved to hold the Bosberaad mentioned previously
- (d) An amount of R75,000 was reserved for training camps which included the Synchronised Skating Training Camp held in Cape Town as well as the training camp held by Laurent Depouilly and Gary Beacom.
- (e) An amount of R25,000 was reserved for a training course for technical officials (coaches and judges) for the development of the new Skating Skills Structure; and finally
- (f) An amount of R169,000 was reserved for the support of athletes to attend international ISU Championships, the ISU Development Competition and training costs of high-performance athletes from all age groups.

With the exception of the R60,000 reserved for the Bosberaad (10% of the grant) all the funding was used to develop and transform the sport of Figure Skating further and the athletes, either directly or indirectly, were the major beneficiaries of this grant.

An important benefit to the SAFSA in having officials at international level is the transfer of knowledge and experience these persons gain during their individual international exposures. In this regard, Mr Neil Garrard attended the 2013 Four Continents ISU Championships as well as the 2013 Senior World Championships during this past year. We continue to enjoy his wealth of experience he gains at these championships and benefit from the transfer of knowledge to our own Judges and coaches.

In addition, the President and the Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee attended the ISU Congress held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in June 2012. This was a watershed congress for especially the developing countries such as South Africa and, in our opinion, due to a short-sighted decision of the majority of the members of the ISU (including some developing nations themselves) resulted in it now being extremely difficult to qualify to enter the yearly World Championships with the rather steep minimum technical scores that are required. Although the preliminary rounds that existed previously resulted in extra cost for the nations concerned, these rounds allowed our athletes to compete against the very best athletes in the world. With the removal of the preliminary rounds and the introduction of the very high technical scores for both Junior and Senior Worlds (but not Synchronised Skating World Championships) our athletes are denied the opportunity to compete and develop their skills at this high level. This is a major blow to our athletes and we trust that in future this decision will be reviewed.

In order to ensure sustainability within our sport, the training of coaches continues to be of high importance. During the past years, SASCOC has finalised the Long Term Coaches Development Programme which several SAFSA delegates were part of. We look forward to the



implementation of the programme and that our coaches will all show their commitment to delivering improved performances by our athletes by taking part in the programme and improving their own individual coaching skills.

On the international front, the SAFSA has nominated and sent numerous athletes to international events to represent South Africa during the reporting period. The details of the participation in these events are reported later in this document. A good achievement for this year was that the SAFSA achieved a very credible placing at the 2013 ISU Four Continents Championship when Lejeanne Marais placed 18<sup>th</sup> out of 20 participating athletes from 12 countries. Considering that during the 2012 ISU Four Continents Championship where 13 countries participated with 30 athletes, the impact of the new minimum scores is dramatic. Congratulations are due to Lejeanne for continuing to improve her performances and look forward to even better results in the future.

Four young SAFSA high-performance athletes took part in the inaugural ISU Development Trophy in April 2013. Although this international competition took place outside of the review period of this report, the results of these four athletes warrants duplication in this and the next report. Evan Wrench (Novice A Boys), Abigail Samuels (Novice A Girls), Matthew Samuels (Novice B Boys) and Amber Britz (Novice B Girls) took part in the competition held in Manila, Philippines and returned with FOUR GOLD medals. 53 athletes from 11 different countries took part in this international competition and SAFSA is justly proud of this wonderful achievement. We trust these four athletes will continue to build on these excellent results and look forward to them one day representing South Africa at World Championships and the Olympic Winter Games.

Many other younger athletes also took part in international competitions and trust that their exposure to international standards and athletes of the same age will give them a better and first hand understanding of what is required to achieve good international results in major championships in the future. SAFSA National Colours will be awarded to 26 athletes for participating in ISU International Competitions and Protea Colours, on behalf of the SASCOC, to 17 athletes, coaches and/or team managers during this financial year. Congratulations to all these athletes, coaches and team managers for achieving these prestigious awards.

The cornerstone of proving that any association is promoting and developing the sport actively is the holding of different competitive events during the period under review. I am pleased to announce that the association will, due to the implementation of the Long Term Participant Development Programme and with the concomitant change in competition schedule its annual National Championships on 6-8 May 2012 and three Interprovincial Championships were also organised during this period. A total of 333 competitors took part in three Interprovincial events and the National Championships. Provincial Affiliates also held annual Provincial Championships and numerous other smaller club, inter-club and inter-school competitions were held at provincial level. It is very heartening that many of our athletes are making use of the competitive opportunities made available to them in order to develop as competitive athletes. We look forward to these numbers growing even further in the future.

As in my previous report there still remain two major challenges that the SAFSA will have to address in the short term. The first of these is the Recognition of Sport and Recreation Bodies regulations of the SRSA and specifically the requirement of at least seven Provincial Affiliates according to the provincial borders published by the Demarcation Board. We are well aware that the reason for this is that there are only ice rink facilities in three of the nine Provinces in South Africa and it remains almost impossible to start a Provincial Affiliate in a Province without any facilities to develop the sport. This past year was categorised with yet another setback when the only ice rink in Pretoria (the Kollonade Ice Rink) closed its doors in January 2013. The Gauteng North Province has experienced so many setbacks in the past years including the temporary closure of the Kollonade Ice Rink due to structural failures some years ago, that it is our duty to support this Province through these very difficult times. The good news is that a new ice rink will be opening in the near future in The Grove Shopping Centre, Lynwood and once it opens we hope this Province will bounce back from this setback and continue to flourish as it did in the past 3 years.



Other good news is that plans have been finalised for the new full size Durban Ice Rink. However, this will result in the closure of the current ice rink expected from January to June of 2014. We trust that the current athletes that make use of this facility will make use of the ice rink in Amanzimtoti whilst the Durban Ice Rink is being expanded to a full size ice rink. The SAFSA looks forward to once again in the near future holding National Championships in Durban and we trust the Province will continue to grow with this improved facility.

The second challenge is that, based on the regulations of the SRSA, all sporting codes must re-apply for membership to the SASCOC and who will in all likelihood use these same six criteria of the SRSA to consider the membership re-applications. Thus, our membership in the SASCOC will also be reviewed. The negative consequences of losing recognition by both SRSA and the SASCOC are very serious as the loss of recognition will result in the sport losing all rights to partake in ISU sanctioned events and the probable loss of support funding from the SRSA. In January 2013 the necessary documents, motivations and plans were submitted to SASCOC and we await the outcome of the review process. The SAFSA, through the Council and the Executive will continue to engage with SRSA and the SASCOC regarding these two challenges.

On a more positive note and despite the latter challenges we are experiencing, our membership shows continued growth, especially at club level and this is very heartening. We trust that this growth in membership will assist the SAFSA to motivate for additional facilities in Provinces in which there are currently no facilities.

Finally, it would be irresponsible for the SAFSA not to thank the many internal and external stakeholders in our sport who have assisted in sustaining the sport during this period. On behalf of the SAFSA I wish to thank SRSA, the SASCOC, ISU and Lotto Distribution Trust Fund for their assistance, guidance and financial contributions towards the daily activities and development of the SAFSA and its members. We remain truly grateful and humble for this assistance and guidance and look forward to a continued positive relationship with them. To govern, manage, promote and develop a sport with in essence only unpaid volunteers is never an easy task. However, with the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that is exemplified by so many of our volunteers, it makes this task for all of us so much easier. This spirit of volunteerism should never be taken for granted and rewarded wherever and whenever possible. The SAFSA has precisely such an award, called the Max Staub Star, which it can award annually to any person who has made a long-term commitment and meaningful impact on the sport and exemplifies this spirit of volunteerism. The Max Staub Star was awarded to Mrs Elizabeth Bates for her outstanding services to the sport over a period in excess of 25 years. We can never be grateful enough to a person such as this and for the so many years of support and assistance received. It is indeed all of our responsibilities to nurture such volunteers since an amateur sport such as ours will always be heavily reliant on the assistance of volunteers such as Liz.

To the many other volunteers, officials, members, office holders and athletes, thank you for your continued support, involvement and dedication to the sport. None of the achievements reached to date would have been possible without your commitment, assistance and dedication and we once again look forward to your continued involvement and assistance in the future. It continues to remain both a privilege and a humbling experience to be able to lead such a fine group of diverse people for the benefit of the sport of Figure Skating in South Africa. Thank you to you all!

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**VINCENZO (ENZO) D'AGUANNO**  
**PRESIDENT**

**DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2013**



## GENERAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

**(a-1) SAFSA Direct Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2012**

Affiliate	Honorary Members	Longstanding Members	Ordinary Members	TOTAL	PDI*
Central Gauteng	12	13	110	135	14
<b>Percentage:</b>	9%	9%	82%	100%	10%
Gauteng North	4	3	65	72	6
<b>Percentage:</b>	6%	4%	90%	100%	8%
KwaZulu / Natal	16	3	53	72	4
<b>Percentage:</b>	22%	4%	74%	100%	6%
Western Province	14	30	215	259	75
<b>Percentage:</b>	5%	12%	83%	100%	29%
SAPSU **	2	11	20	33	1
<b>Percentage:</b>	6%	33%	61%	100%	3%
<b>Total (all affiliates):</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Percentage (all affiliates):</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18%</b>

**(a-2) SAFSA Direct Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2013**

Affiliate	Honorary Members	Longstanding Members	Ordinary Members	TOTAL	PDI*
Central Gauteng	8	11	142	161	16
<b>Percentage:</b>	5%	7%	88%	100%	10%
Gauteng North	3	2	61	66	6
<b>Percentage:</b>	5%	3%	92%	100%	9%
KwaZulu / Natal	4	7	110	121	7
<b>Percentage:</b>	3%	6%	91%	100%	6%
Western Province	15	31	230	276	80
<b>Percentage:</b>	5%	11%	84%	100%	29%
SAPSU **	2	11	20	33	1
<b>Percentage:</b>	6%	33%	61%	100%	3%
<b>Total (all affiliates):</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Percentage (all affiliates):</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17%</b>

\* Previously Disadvantaged Individuals

\*\* South African Professional Skaters Union (Coaches Union)



**(b-1) Club Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2012**

<b>Club*</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>PDI</b>	<b>%</b>
Junior Blades Ice Skating Club	Western Province	509	221	<b>43%</b>
Black Panthers Figure Skating Club	Western Province	359	240	<b>67%</b>
Durban Junior Ice Skating Club	KwaZulu / Natal Province	82	35	<b>43%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>950</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>52%</b>

**(b-2) Club Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2013**

<b>Club*</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>PDI</b>	<b>%</b>
Junior Blades Ice Skating Club	Western Province	543	189	<b>35%</b>
Black Panthers Figure Skating Club	Western Province	241	163	<b>68%</b>
Sunday Night Club	Western Province	117	46	<b>39%</b>
Seals Junior Ice Skating Club	KwaZulu / Natal Province	204	62	<b>30%</b>
Durban Junior Ice Skating Club	KwaZulu / Natal Province	105	50	<b>48%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>1210</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>42%</b>

\*The listed clubs are members of the respective Provincial Affiliates. In the Gauteng region (Johannesburg and Pretoria) the activities of the clubs are performed by academies owned and managed by the Ice Rink itself. These academies are not members of the two Provincial Affiliates (Central Gauteng and Gauteng North) but it is estimated the number of participants in the academies in the three ice rinks exceeds 350.

**(c) Recreational Skating**

It is estimated that conservatively 90,000 persons per month ice skate recreationally in the different ice rinks across the country. More accurate statistics cannot be supplied as the ice rinks are private commercial facilities and the association has no access to their individual ticket sale figures.

**(d) Training Facilities**

The following training facilities with different degrees of access are available for training by the athletes of SAFSA.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Town, City</b>
Ice Station	Grand West Casino and Entertainment Complex	Cape Town
Northgate Ice Rink	Northgate Shopping Centre	Randburg, Jhb
Festival Mall Ice Rink	Festival Mall	Kempton Park, Jhb
Kolonnade Ice Rink	Kolonnade Shopping Centre	Pretoria
Durban Ice Rink	81 Somsteu Road	Durban
Galleria Ice Rink	Galleria Shopping Centre	Amazimtoti, Durban



### (e) Development and Proficiency Tests

The following development and proficiency tests were successfully completed by the athletes during the reporting period commencing 1 April and ending 31 March the following year:

#### For the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

Test Type	WP	KZN	GN	CG	Total
Skating Skills Series	39	15	12	25	91
Elements in Isolation Series	11	12	14	32	69
Free Skating Test Series	6	8	0	12	26
Star Test Series	28	7	3	11	49
<b>Total:</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>235</b>

#### For the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

Test Type	WP	KZN	GN	CG	Total
Skating Skills Series	50	12	8	49	119
Elements in Isolation Series	4	12	6	23	45
Free Skating Test Series	0	0	1	4	5
Star Test Series	15	17	0	8	40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>209</b>

#### For the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

Test Type	WP	KZN	GN	CG	Total
Skating Skills Series	43	32	8	44	127
Elements in Isolation Series	4	35	9	38	86
Free Skating Test Series	22	8	0	2	32
Star Test Series	18	2	0	14	34
<b>Total:</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>279</b>



## **GOVERNANCE**

The SAFSA is promoted, controlled and managed by the following bodies:

**(a) The Council of SAFSA**

The Council of SAFSA held its Annual General Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 in Kempton Park at the African Tribes Guest House. The SAFSA Financial Statements, Presidents, Vice President's and Standing Committee Chairperson's and SAPSU Reports were tabled and approved at the meeting.

The Council of SAFSA met on a further occasion for an ordinary meeting that also took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 subsequent to the Annual General Meeting. It should be noted that the Council also makes use of e-mail correspondence between Council meetings to make and ratify decisions of the Council.

**(b) The Executive Committee of the Council**

The Executive Committee continues to be in daily contact by means of e-mail to plan and execute the necessary daily activities of SAFSA.

**(c) The following four Provincial Affiliates:**

- (i) Central Gauteng Figure Skating Association (CG)
- (ii) Gauteng North Figure Skating Association (GN)
- (iii) KwaZulu-Natal Figure Skating Association (KZN)
- (iv) Western Province Figure Skating Association (WP)

**(d) The following four Standing Committees of the Council:**

- (i) International Selections Committee (ISC)
  - Singles and Pairs Division
  - Ice Dancing Division
  - Synchronised Skating Division
- (ii) National Technical Committee (NTC)
- (iii) National Judges Technical Committee (NJTC)
- (iv) Rules and Regulations Committee (R&RC)

**(e) The South African Professional Skaters Union (SAPSU)**





## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. The Council and Executive Committee of the Council

The persons attending the Annual General Meeting, Council General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings of the SAFSA were as follows:

Role	Person	AGM	CGM1	Bosberaad
National President	D'Aguanno, Mr VS	✓	✓	✓
Deputy National President	Abrahams, Mr N	✓	✓	Apol
National Secretary	Allely, Mrs B	✓	✓	✓
National Treasurer	Servais, Mrs C	✓	✓	✓
National Development Officer	Dreyer, Mr E	✓	✓	✓
National Public Relations Officer	de Kock, Mrs B	✓	Vacant	Vacant
Vice President: Central Gauteng	Quattroccere, Mr G	✓	✓	Apol
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: Central Gauteng	McCull, Mr W	✓	✓	✓
Delegate: Central Gauteng	McCull, Mrs D	NA	NA	✓
Vice President: Gauteng North	Sailer, Mrs J	✓	✓	Apol
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: Gauteng North	Viljoen, Mr C	✓	✓	✓
Delegate: Gauteng North	Venter, Mrs L	NA	NA	✓
Vice President: KwaZulu/Natal	de Kock, Mrs B	✓	✓	Apol
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: KwaZulu/Natal	Rivett, Ms F	✓	✓	Apol
Delegate: KwaZulu/Natal	Van Staden, Mrs C	NA	NA	✓
Vice President: Western Province	van der Riet, Mrs D	✓	✓	✓
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: Western Province	Abrahams, Mr N	✓	✓	✓
Delegate: Western Province	Stanton, Mrs T	NA	NA	✓
Chairperson: NJTC	Garrard, Mr N	✓	✓	✓
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: NJTC	Mancini, Ms C	✓	✓	✓
Chairperson: SAPSU	Marais, Mrs S	✓	✓	✓
2 <sup>nd</sup> Delegate: SAPSU	Broodryk, Mr D	✓	✓	✓
Acting Chairperson: R&RC	D'Aguanno, Mr VS	✓	NA	NA
Chairperson: R&RC	Dreyer, Mr E	NA	✓	✓
Chairperson: NTC	Dreyer, Mr E	✓	✓	✓

Note: AGM = Annual General Meeting, CGM = Council General Meeting

## **B. The Provincial Affiliates of the SAFSA**

The Provincial Affiliates of the SAFSA reported that each Provincial Affiliate held its Annual General Meeting as required by their respective constitutions and regular Provincial Committee meetings to manage the daily affairs of the province. I am pleased to report that the four Provincial Affiliates are managed well, meeting their governance obligations and executing their mandates in the best possible manner under very trying circumstances. The growth and progress of the SAFSA is almost entirely driven by the activities of the Provincial Affiliates and thus their effective and efficient governance and management is of critical importance.

## **C. The Standing Committee's of the SAFSA**

### **1. International Selections Committee (ISC)**

The ISC convened on three occasions during the period in review:

- 9 May 2012 (Johannesburg)
- 14 October 2012 (Cape Town)
- 20 December 2012 (deliberations held by means of e-mail)

The members of the ISC were as follows:

<b>1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013</b>	
<b><u>Singles and Pairs Division</u></b>	
Chairperson:	Mr VS D'Aguanno
Secretary*:	Mrs B Allely
R&R Representative*:	Mr E Dreyer
Members:	Mrs H Balk-Pinto Mr N Garrard Mrs J Griffiths Ms C Mancini
<b><u>Ice Dancing Division</u></b>	
Chairperson:	Mr VS D'Aguanno
Secretary*:	Mrs B Allely
R&R Representative*:	Mr E Dreyer
Members:	Mrs H Balk-Pinto Mr R Jacobs Ms B Smith
<b><u>Synchronised Skating Division</u></b>	
Chairperson:	Mr VS D'Aguanno
Secretary*:	Mrs B Allely
R&R Representative*:	Mr E Dreyer
Members:	Mrs K du Plessis Ms C Mancini Ms B Smith

\* Ex-officio members without voting rights

### **2. National Technical Committee (NTC)**

The NTC held its deliberations via e-mail during the period under review. The members of the committee are as follows:

Chairperson: Mr E Dreyer

Members:



Judges: Mr N Garrard (NJTC Chairperson)  
Ms B Smith  
Mrs J Griffiths  
Coaches: Mrs S Marais (SAPSU Chairperson)  
Mrs H Ashley  
Mr D Broodryk

The function of the NTC is to review all competition and championship requirements and the continued further development of the various development test structures in the association and submit to the Council proposals for the amendment thereof. It has the further mandate to maintain and update the ISU Judging System software and hardware as and when required and to train and provide sufficient officials for the effective use of the ISU Judging System software during Interprovincial and National Championships.

The NTC held a training course in March 2013 to revise, develop and train coaches and judges in the new Skating Skills Test Structure. Good progress has been made on the lower levels and the association looks forward to the adoption of this structure and implementation within the provinces.

During the period in review the NTC submitted several proposals to the Council based on its annual reviews and these have been deliberated upon by the Council. These submissions and proposals included:

- the revision of the Technical Pass Mark for all Star Tests;
- the revision of the International Selections minimum scores for Synchronised Skating;
- the revision of the Skating Skills Test Series;
- the revision of the programme requirements for national sections; and
- continued implementation of the SAFSA Long Term Participant Development (LTPD) Plan for SAFSA.

Future projects that the NTC has identified include:

- further revision of the Skating Skills Test Series to ensure this is aligned with and supports the objectives of the SAFSA LTPD Plan;
- the compilation of a training video relating to the Skating Skills Test Series for athletes, coaches and Judges in order to assist with the identification of errors and good features in all the exercises and improve the consistency of the Judging across the country;
- the annual revision of the Star Test minimum Technical Pass Marks for all disciplines; and
- the annual revision of the International Selections minimum scores.

### **3. National Judges Technical Committee (NJTC)**

The NJTC held its annual meeting during the 2012 National Championships in May 2012 in Cape Town. The members of the NJTC are as follows:

Chairperson:	Garrard, Mr N (acting)		
Vice Chairperson:	Vacant		
Secretary:	Vacant		
Rules and Reg.:	Dreyer, Mr E		
Members:	Balk-Pinto, Mrs H	D'Aguzzo, Mr VS	De Kock, Mrs B
	Du Plessis, Mrs K	Griffiths, Mrs J	Jacobs, Mr R
	Jonas, Ms S	Mancini, Ms C	Rivett, Ms F
	Smith, Ms B		

Over and above the fourteen Judges that are members of the NJTC, there are additional Judges who are progressing through the ranks in the association and once they become

Senior National Judges will become members of the NJTC. What is also extremely pleasing is that more previously disadvantaged individuals are showing interest in judging and out of the total of 23 Judges, four are from the PDI grouping. This bodes well for the future diversity of the judging panels and officials in the organisation.

The NJTC is required to consider the annual promotions and compile the final list of Judges and Referee's and levels of qualification. In addition, the NJTC must resolve any disputes relating to Judging and Refereeing matters and must draw up the panel of Judges and Referees for the different sections at the annual National Championships.

#### **4. Rules and Regulations Committee (R&RC)**

The R&RC does not hold regular meetings. Its function is to submit constitutional, rules and regulations proposals to the Council for consideration based on the needs of the association and changes in the regulatory framework, both nationally and internationally, in which the SAFSA operates. It furthermore advises the Council with regards to proposals submitted and clarifications required with regards to the current rules in effect.

Chairperson: Dreyer, Mr E  
Members: NJTC Representative - vacant  
McCull, Mr W

#### **D. The South African Professional Skaters Union (SAPSU)**

The primary function of the SAPSU is to manage and govern all coaching related matters in the SAFSA as well as developing and training of new coaches for the sport. The members of the Executive Committee of the SAPSU are as follows:

Chairperson:	Marais, Mrs S
Vice Chairperson:	Broodryk, Mr D
Secretary:	Stigant, Mrs L
Treasurer:	Hawks, Ms B
KZN Representative:	Ashley, Mrs H
Gauteng Representative:	Slabbert, Mrs G

There are currently 33 members of the SAPSU consisting of:

- (a) Two Honorary Member Coaches
- (b) Five International Member Coaches
- (c) Seven National Member Coaches
- (d) Nine Provincial Member Coaches
- (e) Nine Member Coaches
- (f) One Club Coach

The SAPSU together with the NTC finalised the framework for the implementation of the Long Term Participant Development (LTPD) Plan that was initiated by the SAFSA in conjunction with the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee in the previous year. During the period in review, the process to implement the plan was commenced and as such further training of the individual coaches is required.

A number of active competing athletes continue to participate in the Teaching Apprenticeship Program under the guidance of an experienced coach who acts as their mentor whilst providing training assistance to other active athletes. The hope is that these athletes will, once they have decided to retire from competitive skating, use this mentoring opportunity well and use this basis to become coaches and members of SAPSU and actively contribute towards the development of the sport in years to come.





## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The following athletes, officials and coaches participated during the period in review and represented South Africa in international events sanctioned by the International Skating Union and approved by SASCOC.

### A. ISU International Championships

#### *1. ISU Four Continents Championships (8 - 11 February 2013, Osaka, Japan)*

Coach: Mr L Depouilly  
Judge: Mr N Garrard

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 34.28  
Free Skating Score: 70.78

#### *2. ISU Junior World Synchronised Skating Championships (6 - 9 March 2013, Helsinki, Finland)*

Coach: Mr D Broodryk  
Team Leader: Ms C Goliath  
Assistant Coach: Ms T Stanton  
Team Manager: Ms H Maselli

Section: Synchronised Skating, Junior  
Team Name: Team Rainbow  
Athletes:

Nathan Arendse	Melissa Bunn	Rachael Coxen
Jessica Gobel	Michaila Goliath	Nuraan Gqotso
Tine-Mari Greeff	Lauren Guenantin	Chantal Hilliar
Keisha Kannemeyer	Talia-Che Maggott	Michela Maselli
Antonia Melim	Bradley Morris	Michaela Murdock
Kirsten Phillips	Jessica Stanton	Tamzen Thomas

Statistics: Short Program Score: 17.97  
Free Skating Score: 40.73

#### *3. ISU Senior World Championships (10 - 17 March 2013, London, Ontario, Canada)*

Judge: Mr N Garrard

### B. ISU International Competitions

#### *1. Rooster Cup 2012 (26 - 29 April 2012, Courbevoie, France)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Novice A Girls  
Athlete: Christel Viljoen

Statistics: Free Skating Score: 24.80

2. *ISU Junior Grand Prix (12 – 16 September 2012, Linz, Austria)*

Coach: Mrs H Ashley  
Team Leader: Mrs I Erwee

Section: Singles, Junior Ladies  
Athlete: Simonn Erwee

Statistics: Short Program Score: 25.52  
Free Skating Score: 48.68

3. *Nebelhorn Trophy (27 – 29 September 2012, Obertsdorf, Germany)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 29.64  
Free Skating Score: 61.46

4. *Ice Challenge Cup (5 – 10 November 2012, Graz, Austria)*

Coach: Mr D Quattrocecere

Section: Singles, Basic Novice A

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Statistics</u> <u>Free Skating Score</u>
Amber Britz	27.29
Mikaela Fuscher	23.90

5. *Golden Bear (23 – 25 November 2012, Zagreb, Croatia)*

Coaches: Ms B Hawkes and Ms T Nichols

Section: Singles, Basic Novice A

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Statistics</u> <u>Free Skating Score</u>
Danielle Alves	21.41
Tannith Brand	21.12

6. *NRW Trophy (5 – 9 December 2012, Dortmund, Germany)*

Coaches: Mr D Broodryk and Mr L Depouilly

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 33.19  
Free Skating Score: 72.32



Section: Singles, Junior Men  
Athlete: Ancio van Tonder

Statistics: Short Program Score: 24.10  
Free Skating Score: 54.57

7. *Golden Spin of Zagreb (13 – 16 December 2012, Zagreb, Croatia)*

Coach: Mr L Depouilly

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 45.20  
Free Skating Score: 78.15

8. *Hamar Trophy (19 – 20 January 2013, Norway)*

Coach: Mr D Quattroceccere

Section: Singles, Debs Girls  
Athlete: Amber Britz

Statistics: Short Program Score: 23.88  
Free Skating Score: 42.65

9. *Bavarian Open (7 – 10 February 2013, Obertsdorf, Germany)*

Coach: Ms T Karademir

Section: Singles, Junior Men  
Athlete: Ancio van tonder

Statistics: Short Program Score: 28.99  
Free Skating Score: 57.92

10. *Helmut Siebt Memorial (13 – 16 February 2013, Vienna, Austria)*

Coach: Mr D Broodryk

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Kim Falconer

Statistics: Short Program Score: 19.68  
Free Skating Score: 52.59

Section: Singles, Junior Men  
Athlete: Johann Wilkinson

Statistics: Short Program Score: 32.59  
Free Skating Score: 46.21

11. *International Challenge Cup (21 – 24 February 2013, The Hague, Netherlands)*

Coach: Mr D Broodryk

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies

Athlete: Kim Falconer  
Statistics: Short Program Score: 24.42  
Free Skating Score: 50.19

Section: Singles, Debs Boys  
Athlete: Evan Wrench  
Statistics: Short Program Score: 13.92  
Free Skating Score: 28.08

*12. Trophy D'Ecosse (14 - 17 March 2013, Dumfries, Scotland)*

Coach: Mr O Jaaskelainen  
Team Leader: Ms T Hill  
Team Manager: Ms L Gobel

Section: Synchronised Skating, Novice  
Team Name: Team Silhouette  
Athletes: Melissa Bunn Rene Cilliers Rebecca Crous  
Robyn Faure Natascha Giesemann Jessica Gobel  
Michaila Goliath Lauren Guenantin Zoe Herringer  
Michaela Hill Jenna Howes Antonia Melim  
Tarryn Morris Michaela Nortier Emma Swart  
Amy Jade van der Vent Michealynn van der Vent Tara Viljoen

Statistics: Free Skating Score: 25.65

*13. Coupe du Printemps (22 - 24 March 2013, Luxembourg)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 33.63  
Free Skating Score: 66.45

*14. Triglav Trophy (27 - 31 March 2013, Jesenice, Slovenia)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies  
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 37.27  
Free Skating Score: 78.19

**C. Other International Events**

*1. Miami Open (10 - 12 August 2012, Florida, USA)*

Coach: Mr O Jaaskelainen

Section: Singles, Juvenile Girls

Athlete

Statistics



Jordyn McCarthy  
Rebecca Crous

Free Skating Score  
24.25  
22.15



## **NATIONAL, INTERPROVINCIAL AND PROVINCIAL EVENTS**

The SAFSA held a number of competitive events throughout the reporting period. The details of the events are as follows:

### **(A) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Due to the introduction of the Long-Term Participant Development (LTPD) Plan, the SAFSA annual competitive events calendar was amended so as to be more supportive of the aims and goals of the LTPD Plan and took place on 6 - 8 May 2012 at the end of the skating season instead of at the beginning stages (September/October of every year) of the skating season. A total of 89 athletes took part in 13 sections over two disciplines (Singles and Synchronised Skating)

### **(B) INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **(i) 2012 Gauteng Interprovincial Championships (1 – 2 September 2012, Pretoria)**

The event was organised by the Central Gauteng Figure Skating Association and held in the Festival Mall Shopping Centre Ice Rink, Kempton Park, Johannesburg. A total of 31 competitors (64 competitors in the 2011 event) took part in 9 sections over one discipline (Singles Skating).

#### **(ii) 2012 Cape Interprovincial Championships (12 – 14 October 2012, Cape Town)**

The event was organised by the Western Province Figure Skating Association and held in the Ice Station, Grand West Casino and Entertainment Complex. A total of 174 athletes (152 athletes in the 2011 event) took part in 19 sections over two disciplines (Singles and Synchronised Skating).

#### **(iii) 2013 KwaZulu/Natal Interprovincial Championships (23 – 24 February 2013, Durban)**

The event was organised by the KwaZulu/Natal Figure Skating Association and held in the Durban Ice Rink, Durban Central. A total of 39 athletes (42 athletes in the 2012 event) took part in 12 sections over one discipline (Singles Skating).

### **(C) PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following Provincial Championships were held during the period under review:

- (i) KwaZulu/Natal Province Figure Skating Championships (14 August 2012, Durban)
- (ii) Western Province Figure Skating Championships (2 - 3 March 2013, Cape Town)
- (iii) Central Gauteng Figure Skating Championships (16 - 17 March 2013, Johannesburg)

### **(D) OTHER COMPETITIONS**

Numerous other competitions including club, interclub and inter-school competitions were held during the period under review. They included the Black Panthers Club Championships, Junior Blades Club Championships, Prima Vera Cup and Rising Stars Competition.





## AWARDS

SAFSA National and South Africa Protea Colours will be awarded to the following athletes, coaches and team managers (team leaders) at the Awards and Draw Ceremony of the 2013 SAFSA National Championships to be held on 12 – 14 May 2013, Cape Town. Protea Colours are awarded with the prior approval and on behalf of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee. It should be noted that the list contains athletes, coaches and managers who have previously been awarded Protea Colours in the past.

### A. SAFSA NATIONAL COLOURS

#### (i) SENIOR COLOURS

##### Single Skating

Marais, Lejeanne	(2012 Nebelhorn Trophy, Obertsdorf, Germany) (2012 NRW Trophy, Dortmund, Germany) (2012 Golden Spin, Zagreb, Croatia) (2013 Coupe du Printemps, Luxembourg) (2013 Triglav Trophy, Jesenice, Slovenia)
Falconer, Kim	(2013 Helmut Siebt Memorial, Vienna, Austria) (2013 International Challenge Cup, The Hague, Netherlands)

#### (ii) JUNIOR COLOURS

##### Single Skating

Erwee, Simonn	(2012 ISU Junior Grand Prix, Linz, Austria)
Van Tonder, Ancio	(2013 NRW Trophy, Dortmund, Germany) (2012 Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany)
Wilkinson, Johann	(2012 Helmut Siebt Memorial, Vienna, Austria)

##### Synchronised Skating

Arendse, Nathan	(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)
Coxen, Rachael	(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)
Ggotso, Nuraan	(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)
Kannemeyer, Keisha	(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)
Stanton, Jessica	(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)

#### (iii) NOVICE COLOURS

##### Synchronised Skating

Bunn, Melissa	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Cilliers, Rene	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Crous, Rebecca	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Faure, Robyn	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Giesemann, Natascha	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Gobel, Jessica	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Goliath, Michaila	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Guenantin, Lauren	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)
Herring, Zoe	(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)

Hill, Michaela	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Howes, Jenna	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Melim, Antonia	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Morris, Tarryn	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Nortier, Michaela	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Swart, Emma	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>
Viljoen, Tara	<i>(2013 Trophy D-Ecosse, Dumfries, Scotland)</i>

## **B. PROTEA COLOURS**

### **(i) SENIOR**

#### Athlete

Marais, Lejeanne *(2013 ISU Four Continents Championships, Osaka, Japan)*

### **(ii) JUNIOR**

#### Athlete

Bunn, Melissa	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Gobel, Jessica	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Goliath, Michaila	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Greef, Tine-Mari	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Guenantin, Lauren	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Hiliar, Chantal	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Maggott, Talia-Che	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Maselli, Michela	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Melim, Antonia	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Morris, Bradley	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Murdock, Michaela	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Phillips, Kirsten	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Thomas, Tamzen	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>

#### Coach

Broodryk, Dantin	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
Stanton, Tiana	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>

#### Manager/Team Leader

Maselli, Heidi	<i>(2013 ISU Junior World Synchro Skating Champs, Helsinki, Finland)</i>
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## **C. MAX STAUB STAR**

Bates, Mrs Elizabeth.