



SOUTH AFRICAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

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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 2010/2011 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 order to do so in the most effective and efficient manner, the governance structures of SAFSA must manage the affairs of the association on a regular basis and timeously intervene in the matters of the day. 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.

In this vein, we are fortunate in having a sound governance structure with sufficient external evaluation mechanisms to ensure our governance continues to be of an acceptable standard to our various stakeholders. Furthermore, it is pleasing to note that as an organisation we are able to find sufficient common ground when the inevitable disagreements arise and move forward. At a recent SASCOC meeting attended by the Honourable Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Fikile Mbalula, his displeasure at the turn of events in some of our more prominent sports was quite obvious. His message was clear in that he expects and demands that the role players in the sport resolve their internal differences through amicable and good governance structures and processes within the organisation, a position with which I must concur most strongly.

I am pleased to report that the Council has continued in its endeavour to improve the governance structures of SAFSA and better align itself with the recommendations of the King III report. In this regard, the Council approved two important resolutions within this reporting period: (a) The limitation on the Office Bearers periods of office to a maximum of twelve years and (b) That such Office Bearers whilst in office may not be connected persons in relation to one another. These two amendments towards improved structures of governance are the first steps in our drive to improve corporate governance and additional changes will continue to be debated and implemented if found acceptable.

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. In this regard, I am pleased to report that all four of the SAFSA Provincial Affiliates held athlete recruitment sessions in part funded by a SRSA grant during the reporting period. A total of 313 children and youth took part in these recruitment sessions. Many had never seen nor experienced ice skating before and their

excitement was tangible during the events. Furthermore, more than 97% of these individuals were previously disadvantaged individuals (PDI's). It is my hope that several of these PDI's will now decide to take part and become active athletes in our sport. It is however regrettable that the marketing of our current clubs and non-affiliated academies did not feature as prominently as possible during all these recruitment sessions. It is essential that these potential athletes are made aware of these clubs and academies as membership of these structures is the first step towards becoming an active athlete. I would like to use this opportunity to encourage our clubs and non-affiliated academies to play a more prominent role during these recruitment sessions. It is in their best interests and is the most important task of each of our clubs.

I am also pleased to report that four of our clubs were supported during this reporting year through a grant from SRSA for ice time and coaching fees. Our total club membership exceeds 1000 members of which more than 50% are from the previously disadvantaged grouping. What is however disappointing is that this percentage is not reflected as well in the direct membership of the SAFSA. The administrators of this sport must interrogate this matter to determine why this is so and what can be done to rectify the anomaly of the significant differences in PDI percentages between club membership and direct membership of the SAFSA.

Capacity building and the training of officials for the numerous events we hold within the borders of our country is an important aspect in ensuring the sustainability of the sport in the long term. I am also pleased to report that Mr Etienne Dreyer attended an ISU Judges Seminar in late 2010 and passed the practical examination and is thus eligible to become our newest International Judge in Singles and Pair Skating. The SAFSA has thus the following four international representatives in the Singles and Pairs judging fraternity: Mr N Garrard (ISU Championship Judge), Ms F Rivett (International Judge), Ms J Griffiths (International Judge) and Mr E Dreyer (International Judge). The most 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. We look forward to all of them continuing to contribute to the development of our Judges and Referees within the SAFSA and also look forward to other Judges joining their ranks in our other two disciplines (Synchronised Skating and Ice Dancing) when funding permits this. It is also pleasing to note that a number of new trial judges have commenced the long and arduous training process to become SAFSA Judges and what is most pleasing is that a number of them (three of the five new Judges) are from the PDI community. An important aspect in capacity building also includes the transformation of the officials' panels to better reflect the membership base of the association and it is pleasing to note that this aspect is also receiving attention and progress is being made.

Our coaches are also progressing well with regards to development and capacity building. It is indeed pleasing to report that substantial progress has been made with the introduction of the Coaches Accreditation Programme in the SAFSA and most commendable is the enthusiasm shown by the majority of our coaches to be part of this accreditation programme. This kind of maturity is essential if we are to progress in especially the technical basis of the sport as without well-trained and experienced coaches we will never produce athletes of the required international standard. All of our 32 accredited coaches have passed Level 1 of the Accreditation Programme and a further five have passed Level 2. In this regard, it would be unconscionable for me not to thank very sincerely the Trustees and Management Committee of the Cape Town Ice Rink for being prepared to so generously invest in this program in which they derive no direct benefit. The Cape Town Ice Rink has no responsibility to invest in the development of Figure Skating and yet they do so and very generously at that. If it was not for the very active involvement of Mr Sergio Pinto and Mr Shern Allely this accreditation program would not have become a reality in the SAFSA. The fact that this Coaches Accreditation Programme is internationally renowned and that the training and examination is performed by persons outside of the association and who themselves drive the programme in the USA only adds further credence to the programme. The SAFSA will of course continue to support this programme and our involvement in it. However, our support needs to be greater than just words and gestures and in this regard a Lotto application has been submitted and we trust that the Lotto will support this endeavour as it is

unfortunately quite expensive. In order for this programme to be sustainable, we cannot continue to be completely dependant on the generosity of the Cape Town Ice Rink.

With the introduction of the ISU Judging System, many of our coaches are now required to perform the role of Technical Specialist on the Technical Panel of competitive events. It is with pleasure I can report that Mr Kevin Harris was re-accredited as an International Singles Technical Specialist and that Mrs Lisa Stigant also took part in the seminar held in Frankfurt and passed the subsequent theoretical and practical examinations. The SAFSA can now justly boast having two International Technical Specialist in Singles Skating. Ms Barbara-Anne Hawkes also attended the seminar for Synchronised Skating but because of the limited practical exposure in South Africa due to only one to two teams participating on a national level, it was considered unwise for her to do the practical examination at this point in time. A significant amount of practical experience on the national front is required before an aspirant Technical Specialist is subjected to the rigorous practical examination by the International Skating Union. As is the case with the International Judges, it is the obligation of these three Technical Specialists to transfer the knowledge they have gained through the seminar and examination processes to our remaining Technical Specialists.

Two years ago, the SAFSA was invited to attend a seminar on the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Programme presented by SASCOC. The benefits of this programme are numerous and the programme is based on sound scientific principles in sport. If the SAFSA is to produce athletes of higher technical proficiency than is currently the case, it is essential that the SAFSA introduce the LTAD programme in the sport and as quickly as possible. In this regard, Mr Dantin Broodryk and Mrs Lisa Stigant attended a follow-up seminar in 2010 on this programme, its benefits and the science behind the LTAD programme. The NTC together with the SAPSU have now commenced the process of integrating and aligning the different aspects of the Coaching Accreditation Program with the LTAD programme. Mr E Dreyer, Mr K Harris and Mrs Lisa Stigant attended a meeting with the SASCOC earlier this year and presented the SAFSA integration and alignment process to the SASCOC. The feedback I have received is that the SASCOC are happy with the progress made and we will continue to drive the integration and alignment process in the future. Any such alignment and integration process does not come with some sacrifices, one of which was the re-design of the competitive skating calendar in South Africa to better assist those athletes that must participate both nationally and internationally. The cycles of periodisation for athletes are of critical importance to the success of an athlete and that the previous SAFSA competitive calendar was not conducive to these athletes delivering their very best performances during competitive events. It is my belief that in years to come the benefits of the introduction of the LTAD Programme, the integration and alignment of the Coaches Accreditation Programme and the re-design of the competitive skating calendar will be clear for all to see and specifically for those who compete both nationally and internationally.

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. The SAFSA achieved its best placing ever in the 2011 Four Continents Championships when Lejeanne Marais placed 15th out of 29 participating athletes and South Africa ranked 7th out of the 14 countries that participated. We trust that our athletes will grow in stature and progress to achieve even better results in the future. Many of the participating athletes are from our younger sections and we 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. SAFSA National Colours were awarded to four athletes and Protea Colours, on behalf of the SASCOC, to 26 athletes, coaches and team managers. 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 held its annual National Championships in October 2010 and four

Interprovincial Championships were also organised during this period. A total of 301 competitors took part in these five events. Each Provincial Affiliate also held its annual Provincial Championships and numerous other smaller club, inter-club and inter-school competitions were held at provincial level. It is heartening that many of our athletes are making use of the competitive opportunities made available to them in order to develop as competitive athletes. I look forward to these numbers growing even further in the future.

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. And 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. It gives me great pleasure to announce on behalf of the Council that the Max Staub Star was awarded to Mrs Maureen Lorton for her outstanding services to the sport over a period in excess of 40 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 Mrs Lorton.

In any report of this sort where one reflects on the past achievements it is only natural to contemplate the future anticipated challenges that the sport will encounter. In this regard, there are two major challenges that the SAFSA will have to address in the short term. The first of these is the Recognition of Sport or Recreation Bodies regulations of the SRSA. There are six criteria and all six of these criteria must be met before recognition of the sport will be given. It is my considered opinion that we certainly comply with five of these six criteria. The criterion that we do not meet is that we do not have seven Provincial Affiliates affiliated to the SAFSA 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. 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 loss of support funding from the SRSA. This challenge is of course not a new challenge and the Council has been aware of these pending regulations for a few years now. It has now become a very urgent priority for the Council to discuss the way forward and understand the consequences of this SRSA regulation.

Furthermore, at the recent President's Council meeting of SASCOC, several resolutions were adopted by the body, all of which have an impact on the SAFSA and its athletes in particular. The SRSA has published a school sports policy in which only 15 sporting codes are recognised and funded. This list of 15 codes excludes Figure Skating and of course many others. The resolution agreed to by SASCOC is that SRSA should initially fund these 15 sporting codes but that over time this must be extended to all sporting codes recognised by the SRSA and SASCOC. With regards to transformation, gender and ethics, all sporting codes must accommodate athletes with disabilities and in addition a Transformation, Gender and Ethics Scorecard will be created for all sporting codes to measure the codes progress in terms of transformation, gender parity and ethics. This implies that in the case of the SAFSA, we must act now to include a programme of events to accommodate athletes with disabilities in our sport. With regards to the SASCOC Team Selection Policy, the following excerpts that were adopted are pertinent to this sporting code: (a) There will be a Generic Team Selection Policy for all multi-coded events binding all SASCOC member NFs, including winter sports and sports for the disabled; (b) Sport specific selection policies shall consider technical issues and the performance pathway and history of each athlete/team; and (c) All NFs that want to be considered for selection shall have a Long Term Participant Plan (LTTP or LTAD) and Long Term Coach Plan (LTCD) in place. During the meeting, the SASCOC Board indicated that athletes only ranked 15th

or higher will be permitted to participate in the Olympic Games and only those athletes that are serious medal contenders will be supported through the Operation Excellence Program. Furthermore, to even be considered for in our case the Winter Olympic Games our sport must have the LTAD and LTCD in place. This places a heavy burden on the NTC and SAPSU to initiate and finalise this process and plans as soon as possible. The inclusion by the SASCOC of this requirement further emphasises the importance of the LTAD and LTCD plans.

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 the many 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 is truly both a privilege and a humbling experience to lead such a fine group of diverse people for the benefit of the sport of Figure Skating in South Africa.

VINCENZO (ENZO) D'AGUANNO
PRESIDENT

DATE: 31st May 2011



GENERAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

(a) SAFSA Direct Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2011

Affiliate	Honorary Members	Longstanding Members	Ordinary & Non-Voting Members	TOTAL	PDI*
Central Gauteng	14	17	107	138	11
Gauteng North	3	2	37	42	2
KwaZulu / Natal	25	3	47	75	3
Western Province	15	36	202	253	72
SAPSU**	2	11	18	31	1
TOTAL:	59	69	411	539	89
PERCENT OF TOTAL:	11%	13%	76%	100%	17%

*Previously Disadvantaged Individuals

**South African Professional Skaters Union (Coaches Union)

(b) Club Membership Statistics as at 31 March 2011

Club*	Province	Members
Junior Blades Ice Skating Club	Western Province	345
Black Panthers Figure Skating Club	Western Province	412
Sunday Night Club	Western Province	131
Durban Junior Ice Skating Club	KwaZulu / Natal Province	135
TOTAL:		1023

*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 400.

(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.

Name	Address	Town, City
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	Amanzimtoti, Durban

(e) Development and Proficiency Tests

The following development and proficiency tests were successfully completed by the athletes during this reporting period:

Test Type	WP	KZN	GN	CG
Skating Skills	39	15	12	25
Elements in Isolation	11	12	14	32
Free Skating Test Series	6	8	0	12
Star Test Series	28	7	3	11
Total:	84	42	29	80



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 14th of August 2010 in Durban at the Southern Sun, North Beach Hotel. The SAFSA Financial Statements, President's, Vice President's and Chairperson's Reports were tabled and approved at the meeting. A new Executive Committee of the Council was appointed at this meeting.

The Council of SAFSA met on a further two occasions for ordinary meetings. These meetings occurred on the 14th of August 2010 in Durban (subsequent to the Annual General Meeting) and on the 2nd to 3rd of October 2010 in Cape Town. 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 of the Council of SAFSA met in Cape Town on three formal occasions during the period in review (22 July 2010, 5 October 2010 and 22 February 2011). Furthermore, the Executive is 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	CGM2	CEC1	CEC2	CEC3
National President	van der Riet, Mr L D'Aguzzo, Mr VS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deputy National President	van der Riet, Mrs D Abrahams, Mr N	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
National Secretary	Norton, Mrs P Allely, Mrs B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Treasurer	Servais, Mrs C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Development Officer	Abrahams, Mr N Dreyer, Mr E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Public Relations Officer	Vacant de Kock, Mrs B	~		✓	~	✓	Conf. Call
Vice President: CG	Quattroccere, Mr G	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President 2 nd Delegate: CG	McColl, Mr W Bates, Mrs L	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President: GN	Viljoen, Mr C	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President 2 nd Delegate: GN	Sailer, Mrs J	✓	✓		n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President: KZN	Rivett, Ms F	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President 2 nd Delegate: KZN	Gribben, Ms C	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President: WP	van der Riet, Mrs D	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vice President 2 nd Delegate: WP	Abrahams, Mr N	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson: NJTC	Dreyer, Mr E Garrard, Mr N	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson 2 nd Delegate: NJTC	Garrard, Mr N Jonas, Ms S	✓		✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson: SAPSU	Evetts, Mrs V Marais, Mrs S	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson 2 nd Delegate: SAPSU	Harris, Mr K	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson: R&RC	D'Aguzzo, Mr VS	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chairperson: NTC	D'Aguzzo, Mr VS Dreyer, Mr E	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
SRSA Delegate (by invitation)	Phongoma, Ms N	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: AGM = Annual General Meeting, CGM = Council General Meetings, CEC = Council Executive Committee Meetings

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:

- 31 May 2010 (deliberations held by means of e-mail); and
- 6 October 2010 (Cape Town subsequent to the National Championships).

Further deliberations, at the discretion of the committee, were held by means of e-mail with regards to Team Leader selections for different international competitions due to the late or no submission of nominations by Provincial Affiliates. The members of the ISC were as follows:

1 April 2010 to 5 October 2010	6 October 2010 to 31 March 2011
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Singles and Pairs Division</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr L van der Riet Secretary*: Mrs P Norton R&R Representative*: Mr VS D'Aguanno Members: Mrs H Balk-Pinto Mr N Garrard Mrs J Griffiths Mr E Dreyer Mrs C Mancini Ms B Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Singles and Pairs Division</u></p> <p>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 F Rivett Mr R Jacobs Mrs T Burlison</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ice Dancing Division</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr L van der Riet Secretary*: Mrs P Norton R&R Representative*: Mr VS D'Aguanno Members: Mrs H Balk-Pinto Mr N Bashkier Mr VS D'Aguanno Ms B Smith Mr R Jacobs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ice Dancing Division</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr VS D'Aguanno Secretary*: Mrs B Allely R&R Representative*: Mr E Dreyer Members: Mrs H Balk-Pinto Ms B Smith Mr R Jacobs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Synchronised Skating Division</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr L van der Riet Secretary*: Mrs P Norton R&R Representative*: Mr VS D'Aguanno Members: Mr E Dreyer Mr N Bashkier Ms C Mancini Mrs T Burlison Ms B Smith Mr R Jacobs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Synchronised Skating Division</u></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr VS D'Aguanno Secretary*: Mrs B Allely R&R Representative*: Mr E Dreyer Members: Mrs T Burlison Ms B Smith Mr R Jacobs Ms S Jonas</p>

* Ex-officio members without voting rights

2. National Technical Committee (NTC)

The NTC held two meetings in Cape Town during the 2010 National Championships in October 2010. The members of the committee are as follows:

Chairperson: Mr E Dreyer (acting)
Members:
Judges: Mr N Garrard (NJTC Chairperson)
Ms B Smith
Mrs J Griffiths
Coaches: Mrs S Marais (SAPSU Chairperson)
Mrs H Ashley
Mr K Harris

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. 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.

3. National Judges Technical Committee (NJTC)

The NJTC also held its annual meeting during the 2010 National Championships in October 2010 in Cape Town. The members of the NJTC are as follows:

Chairperson: Garrard, Mr N (acting)
Treasurer: Jonas, Ms S
Members: Balk-Pinto, Mrs H Bates, Mrs K Burlison, Mrs T
D'Aguanno, Mr VS De Kock, Mrs B Dreyer, Mr E
Du Plessis, Mrs K Griffiths, Mrs J Jacobs, Mr R
Mancini, Ms C Rivett, Ms F Smith, Ms B

Over and above the fourteen Judges that are members of the NJTC, there are an additional eight Judges who are progressing through the ranks in the association and once they become Senior National Judges will become members of the NJTC.

The primary function of the NJTC is to provide training and development opportunities for new and current Judges and Referee's. 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: D'Aguanno, Mr VS (acting)
Members: Dreyer, Mr E (NJTC Representative)
McColl, 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

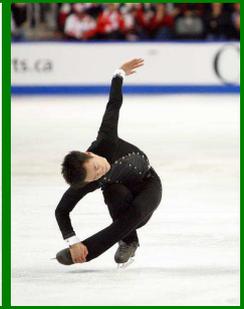
There are currently 32 members of the SAPSU consisting of:

- (a) Two Honorary Member Coaches
- (b) Five International Member Coaches
- (c) Seven National Member Coaches
- (d) Eight Provincial Member Coaches
- (e) Seven Member Coaches
- (f) Three Club Coaches

The SAPSU together with the NTC are currently developing the framework for the implementation of the Long-Term Athlete Development Programme that must be initiated in the SAFSA. During the period in review, all 32 coaches took part in the training and examination for Level 1 in the Coaching Accreditation Programme. I am pleased to report all the coaches passed this written exam. Five of the coaches have also passed the Level 2 theoretical and practical exam.

The SAPSU continues to revise and refine the coaching fee structure on an annual basis and the code of ethics policy was also revised and improved during this reporting period.

An estimated additional eight active competing athletes 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 eight 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 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 Synchronised Skating World Championships (9-10 April 2010, Colorado Springs, USA)*

Coach: Mr O Jaasekelainen
Manager: Mrs C Eden

Section: Synchronised, Senior
Athletes: Angelica Davids (Captain)
Megan Calleja
Derrick Barnard
Chloe Eden
Nicola Engel
Gretel Engelbrecht
Paulo Peacock Frederick
Christine Reddell
Bhivek Singh
Kelly Tomes

Mainke Greeff
Tougied Hendricks
Kelly Amber Jones
Helen Laurie
Cornel Mostert
Michaela Murdock
Daniel O'Hanlon
Tarryn Servais
Tiana Stanton

Statistics: Short Program Score: 27.68
Free Skating Score: 46.06

2. *ISU Junior World Championships (28 Feb – 6 Mar 2011, Gangneung City, Republic of Korea)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais
Manager: Mrs S Marais
Judge: Mr N Garrard

Section: Singles, Junior Ladies
Athlete: Nadia Geldenhuys

Statistics: Free Skating Program Score: 45.67

3. *ISU Four Continents Championships (15 - 20 February 2011, Taipei City, Chinese Taipei)*

Coach: Mrs S Marais
Manager: Mrs S Marais
Judge: Mr N Garrard

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies
Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 31.99
Free Skating Score: 69.91

B. ISU International Competitions

1. ISU Junior Grand Prix (15-18 September 2010, Graz, Austria)

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Junior Ladies

Athlete: Nadia Geldenhuys

Statistics: Short Program Score: 25.50

Free Skating Score: 45.08

2. Crystal Skate of Romania (18-21 November 2010, Brazov, Romania)

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies

Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 28.04

Free Skating Score: 62.23

3. Santa Claus Cup 2010 (1-4 December 2010, Budapest, Hungary)

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Manager: Mr C Viljoen, Mrs E Ballantine

Section: Singles, Cubs Girls

Athlete: Christel Viljoen

Statistics: Free Skating Score: 16.83

Section: Singles, Basic Novice A Girls

Athlete: Rosa Ballantine

Statistics: Free Skating Score: 26.09

Section: Singles, Advanced Novice Girls

Athlete: Anna Ballantine

Statistics: Short Program Score: 21.03

Free Skating Score: 30.02

4. Winter Universiade 2011 (30 Jan – 5 Feb 2011, Erzurum, Turkey) (By invitation through University Sport South Africa)

Coach: Mrs S Marais

Chef de Mission: Mr Makhosandile Majeke

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies

Athlete: Lejeanne Marais

Statistics: Short Program Score: 32.14

Free Skating Score: 64.07

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies
Athlete: Kim Falconer
Statistics: Short Program Score: 22.64
Free Skating Score: 35.24

5. *French Cup (3-5 February 2011, Rouen, France)*

Coach: Mr O Jaasekelainen
Manager: Mrs E Hilliar
Asst Manager: Mrs H Maselli

Section: Synchronised, Novice
Athletes: Michela Maselli (Co-Captain) Bradley Morris (Co-Captain)
Nicole Bernfield Talia-Ché Maggott
Melissa Bunn Jordyn McCarthy
Jade Carels Antonia Melim
Robyn Cox Kirsten Phillips
Rebecca Crous Zoë Thomson
Jessica Göbel Chantal Hilliar
Michaila Goliath Tamzen Thomas
Tine-Mari Greeff Lauren Guenantin

Statistics: Free Skating Score: 29.53

6. *Bavarian Open 2011 (10-13 February 2011, Obertsdorf, Germany)*

Coach: Ms B-A Hawkes

Section: Singles, Senior Ladies
Athlete: Kim Falconer
Statistics: Short Program Score: 19.96
Free Skating Score: 48.46



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

The SAFSA 2010 National Championships (3 - 5 October 2010, Cape Town) 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 64 competitors took part in nine sections over two disciplines (Singles and Synchronised Skating).

(B) INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(i) 2010 Cape Interprovincial Championships (7 - 9 May 2010, 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 118 competitors took part in 17 sections over two disciplines (Singles and Synchronised Skating).

(ii) 2010 KwaZulu/Natal Interprovincial Championships (14 - 15 August 2010, 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 competitors took part in 12 sections over one discipline (Singles Skating).

(iii) 2010 Gauteng Interprovincial Championships (11 - 12 September 2010, Pretoria)

The event was organised by the Gauteng North Figure Skating Association and held in the Kollonade Shopping Centre Ice Rink, Pretoria. A total of 51 competitors took part in 14 sections over one discipline (Singles Skating).

(iv) 2011 KwaZulu/Natal Interprovincial Championships (18 - 20 March 2011, Durban)

The event was organised by the KwaZulu/Natal Figure Skating Association and held in the Durban Ice Rink, Durban Central. A total of 29 competitors took part in 11 sections over one discipline (Singles Skating).

(C) PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

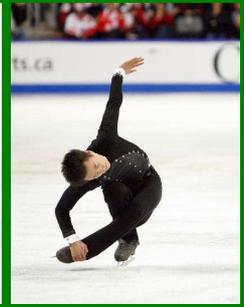
- (i) Western Province Figure Skating Championships (28-29 August 2010, Cape Town)
- (ii) Central Gauteng Figure Skating Championships (17-18 July 2010, Johannesburg)

(iii) Gauteng North Figure Skating Championships (18 April 2010, Pretoria)

(iv) KwaZulu/Natal Figure Skating Championships (29 April 2010, Durban)

(D) OTHER COMPETITIONS

Numerous other competitions including club, interclub and inter-school competitions were held during the period under review.



AWARDS

SAFSA National and Protea Colours were awarded to the following athletes, coaches and team managers (team leaders) at the SAFSA National Championships held in October 2010, 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

Synchronised Skating

Paola Peacock-Friedrich (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

(ii) JUNIOR COLOURS

Single Skating

Jessica Skinner (*athlete, New Zealand Winter Games, Dunedin, New Zealand*)

(iii) PRIMARY COLOURS

Single Skating

Meredith Potgieter (*athlete, New Zealand Winter Games, Dunedin, New Zealand*)

Ancio van Tonder (*athlete, Skate Detroit, Detroit, USA*)

B. PROTEA COLOURS

(i) SENIOR

Barnard, Derrick (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Bates, Liz (*manager, 2010 Four Continents, Jeonju, Korea*)

Broodryk, Dantin (*coach, 2010 World Champs, Torina, Italy*)

Calleja, Megan-Jayde (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Dauids, Angelica (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Eden, Chloë (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Eden, Cecilia (*manager, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Engel, Nicola (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Engelbrecht, Gretha (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Greeff, Mainke (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Hendricks, Tougied (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Jaaskelainen, Oula (*coach, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Jones, Kelly Amber (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Laurie, Helen (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Marais, Lejeanne (*athlete, 2010 Four Continents, Jeonju, Korea*)

Marais, Susan (*coach, 2010 Four Continents, Jeonju, Korea*)

Mostert, Cornel (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Murdock, Michaela (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

O'Hanlon, Daniel (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

Reddell, Christine (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)
Pietersen, Abigail (*athlete, 2010 Four Continents, Jeonju, Korea*)
Pietersen, Abigail (*athlete, 2010 World Champs, Torina, Italy*)
Servais, Tarryn (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)
Singh, Bhivek (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)
Stanton, Tiana (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)
Tomes, Kelly (*athlete, 2010 Synchro World Champs, Colorado Springs, USA*)

(ii) JUNIOR

Geldenhuys, Nadia (*athlete, 2010 Junior World Champs, The Hague, Netherlands*)
Marais, Susan (*coach, 2010 Junior World Champs, The Hague, Netherlands*)
Bates, Liz (*manager, 2010 Junior World Champs, The Hague, Netherlands*)

C. MAX STAUB STAR

Lorton, Mrs Maureen (*member of the KwaZulu/Natal Figure Skating Association*)