



Dear all

We are pleased to announce that Skate Asia 2014 will be held at SM Megamall International Skating Rink in Philippines.

This year, we will have three competitions that are first-endorsed : Indonesia Ice Skating Challenge 2014 @ Bintaro Jaya in March 7-9, ISI Glacier Open in April 23-26 and Skate Chiangmai in May.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR and MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND! Competition details and entry information will be sent to you in the near future.

Competition Schedule 2014

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Host Rink</i>	<i>Type of Competition</i>
Indonesia Ice Skating Challenge 2014 @ Bintaro Jaya	Mar 7-9	Bintaro Jaya Xchange Ice Skating Club (Jakarta, Indonesia)	Invitational
Skate Beijing 2014	Apr 18-20	Le Cool Ice Rink (Beijing, China)	Invitational
ISI Glacier Open 2014	Apr 23-26	FWG (Hong Kong, China)	Invitational
SM Summerskate	May TBC	SM Mall of Asia (Philippines)	Invitational
Skate Jakarta	May 2-4	Sky Rink Jakarta (Jakarta, Indonesia)	Invitational
Skate Chiangmai	May TBC	Sub Zero Ice Skating Club Chiangmai (Thailand)	Invitational
ISI Skate Japan	Jun TBC	Kawagoe Skate Center (Japan)	Invitational
Skate Malaysia 2014	Jun 25-27	Pyramid Ice (Malaysia)	Invitational
Skate Asia - Manila 2014	Aug TBC	SM Mall of Asia (Philippines)	International
ISI Skate Manila	Oct TBC	SM Mall of Asia (Philippines)	Invitational
ISI Skate Bandung	Oct 17-19	Garden Ice (Indonesia)	Invitational
ISI HK Competition	Nov 8-9, 15-16	CIP / FWG (Hong Kong, China)	Invitational
Skate Shenzhen	Nov TBC	World Ice Arena Shenzhen (Shenzhen, China)	Invitational
ISI Skate Bangkok	Dec 5-7	Sub Zero Ice Skating Club (Bangkok, Thailand)	Invitational

Skate Asia 2013 – a note from the U.S. Referees

The U.S. referees join in saying THANK YOU for a wonderful Jackson Ultima Skate Asia 2013!!! From our welcome at the airport to the closing ceremony we were treated to friendly and generous Thai hospitality. We enjoyed being part of this annual competition – a reunion of skaters and coaches from 20 ice rinks in 10 countries where differences in language and culture melt away as friendships are renewed or formed, and everyone celebrates their passion for ice skating.

After 7 days of competition, judging 750 competitors in 2,766 total entries, We were still smiling! The competition ran well thanks to Paul and Indy. All of the arrangements and extra activities, such as the banquet dinner and “Siam Niramit” stage show, were well organized thanks to Suroj and his team. Your dedication and generosity are admirable! We felt special being in Bangkok for Skate Asia. Thank you Jackson Ultima! Skate Asia 2013 was a most memorable event!!!



Skate Asia 2013~Ranking

Place	Team	Total Points
1	The Rink Ice Arena @ Central Plaza Rama 9 (Bangkok, Thailand)	2112.0
2	Cityplaza Ice Palace (Hong Kong, China)	1765.5
3	Festival Walk Glacier (Hong Kong, China)	1306.5

By Paul Wong



Mr. Ted Wilson passed away peacefully at his home in California, USA on October 18th, 2013.

Mr. Ted Wilson was a top amateur and professional skater in the USA, ice shows producer and had a long and distinguished career in ice rink management and consultancy.

In 1982, he moved to Dubai and started his career on managing ice skating rink. In 1989, after Mr. Wilson relocated to Hong Kong, he was appointed as the ISIA District 17 representative overseeing the international region and was instrumental in creating the Skate Asia event. In 1999, Mr. Wilson successfully formed the Ice Skating Institute of Asia to operate the ISI system in Asia.

Mr. Wilson played an important role in promoting the ISI Recreational Skating Program across Asia. Over many years, he had helped a lot of Asian rink developers/owners on the setting up of their skating clubs and organizing their skating competitions.



The ISIA Asia pays tribute to Ted Wilson's devoted service to the ISIA Asia and asks Members to remember him with affection.

SKATE ASIA 2013: BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER!!!

By Jean Albrightson

Although this was the fourth time this annual international competition was held in Bangkok, it was definitely not "same old, same old" Skate Asia. The 2013 event was bigger and better than ever: 29 teams from 10 countries, 750 competitors, 2766 total entries and 110+ hours of ice time over seven days-plus, it was held at two newly completed ice rinks.



Competition Director Paul Wong and Local Organizing Committee Chair Suroj Lamsam shared their vision for Skate Asia 2013 in their welcoming comments: to host an international recreational skating competition for continued development and success of skating in Asia and to promote unity and friendship among athletes and countries. They not only met, but also exceeded, their mission.

Those of us who regularly attend Skate Asia routinely experience warm and generous hospitality from our Asian host, and we always enjoy the camaraderie among skaters and coaches where differences in language and culture dissolve as we all celebrate our passion for ice skating. But this experience was new to a team of four skaters from Bowie, Md.



I asked each of these skaters to share their favorite experience as a competitor in Bangkok and to compare it to participation in U.S. competitions. Here's what they had to say:

Will Brinton: "I loved seeing all the programs from the different countries – so interesting and different! There was less rivalry between teams; the competition was a lot friendlier."

Alice Murphy: "My favorite experience was being with and watching skaters from so many different countries: the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and others. It's common (in Asia) to throw stuffed animals on the ice after a skater has competed. I thought it was a great way to show support and build team spirit."

Christine Field: "What was memorable for me was how incredibly friendly and welcoming everyone was at the competition. Our common love of skating brought us together as we cheered each other on. Although we were experiencing a very different culture, it was comforting to see similarities, from practice ice to picking up medals."



Jordan McCreary: "I really enjoyed having a chance to compete against Asian skaters in Asia. I liked having judges that didn't know me."

All competitors enjoyed time away from the ice to explore Bangkok. The visitors from Maryland quickly learned to navigate the vast public transportation system to see and learn as much as they could of this amazing Thai capital city. Their most incredible day was spent in the jungle outside of Bangkok riding and swimming with elephants.

When I asked Christine Wilson Brinton, City of Bowie Ice Rink skating director, what she would say to ISI coaches in the U.S. who might be considering taking skaters to the annual Skate Asia competition, she responded, 'if you have an interest, you should do everything in your power to make it happen. Seeing the skaters make connections with other kids their same age who are living on the other side of the world just reinforced my love of ISI and the opportunities ISI offers.'

Congratulations to the team from The Rink Ice Arena @ Central Plaza Rama 9 in Bangkok, this year's Skate Asia champions. Special thanks to Jackson Ultima and to the management and staffs of the host rinks in Bangkok for a wonderful 14th Skate Asia!

Judges Are People, Too!

By Kim Hansen

Judges have a passion for figure skating, and they want to share that passion with you.

Have you ever wondered about the judges at competition? Who are they? What are they looking for? Will they like your skating, your music, and your outfit? Will they forgive your fall, your travelling spin or your missed step? Do they know you're nervous, confident, tired or sick? It's only natural to wonder about these things. After all, these are the people who watch every detail of your performances and make decisions about what you have presented to them. It can be intimidating to see them sitting there and not know what is going through their minds. And while all judging is based partially on opinion, there are some things that are always true.

Judges want you to do well.

All ISI judges are coaches who spend some portion of their time teaching skaters just like you. They know how hard it is to master the tricks you are performing and they know how hard you have worked to put these into a nice program. They love skating and they want you to love it, too. It gives judges great pleasure to see skaters go out on the ice and truly do their best.

Judges understand that you might be nervous.

You can't fool the judges into believing that you're not nervous if your knees are shaking, but the good news is, most of these people either were or are skaters and they know how you feel. There is nothing more normal than to feel anxious when you take the ice for a performance, but don't let the presence of the judges add to your anxiety. Remember, they are on your side and they want you to succeed.

Judges follow the rules to protect all skaters.

Being an ISI judge requires more than just being a coach. These are coaches who have studied the ISI rules and have taken and passed tests to demonstrate that they understand these rules and know how to apply them in competition. This means that they may have to give a penalty score now and then when someone does something outside of the rules. This is not meant to be cruel, but rather to protect everyone else who did what they were supposed to do. While judges know that sometimes a penalty score is earned unintentionally-meaning the skater simply made a mistake-they still have to follow through with the penalty to keep the competition fair for everyone.

Judges recognize mistakes as well as exceptional quality.

It's always hard to smile through a program when you know you have made a mistake. Your first thought will probably be 'I wonder if they noticed?' The answer, most of the time, is 'Yes, they noticed.' But just as they noticed you put your foot down on your Salchow, they also saw how nicely centered your change-foot spin was. They have the ability to separate the good and the bad and to consider both. This is especially true in ISI judging because rather than each judge simply looking at the performance as a whole and giving one or two blanket scores, ISI judges each have different criteria they are looking for. This means that one judge might have given you a third-place score on your Salchow, but the other judge, who is looking for the change-foot spin, might have given you the highest score in that column.

We call this vertical judging, which means that we compare your moves individually against each of the other skaters' same move. You can think of it as "comparing apples to apples and oranges and to oranges"-as opposed to "fruit basket to fruit basket." If you have ever wondered why you do not see what place each judge gave you this is the reason. Since they are judging different things, unless you were consistent in every maneuver, it would be unlikely that their placements all matched and therefore that becomes less important than the combined score of all three judges.

Judges have to judge more than just "tricks".

It's easy to think someone skated a great program when they landed all their jumps or centered all their spins. But did you know that the judges are looking also at several "non-technical" things, such as pattern, choreography, posture, rhythm and artistic impression? Not all of these criteria are in every event, but knowing which ones are will help you understanding what they are looking for. All ISI criteria are listed in The ISI Handbook by event to help you with this.

Judges want to be entertained.

Remember, the judges are your key audience in a competition, and just as with a show or exhibition, you want to entertain them. They want to sit back, relax and enjoy what you are performing for them. They don't like it when you choose to do things that could fall into a "gray area" or that are too difficult for you. That makes them uncomfortable and could put them in a position to have to stop and assess a penalty. Do what you can do well and do what is permitted- and no more. Knowing the rules on your end makes the judges' jobs much easier and allows them to enjoy your performance.

Judges are human.

Remember, judges are just people. They can have opinions different from each other. They can feel happy, sad, sick or tired. They are not stopwatches, measuring tapes or video cameras. They are human. Just like you. And just like you, they have a passion for figure skating, and they want to share that passion with you.

Congratulations to the following ISI skaters who have recently passed high level test:

Freestyle 8

CHIN, Hei Yin Ramona

The Glacier

YU, Hoi Tik Rachel

The Glacier

HANRATANAKUL, Natnicha

Ice Planet

LEUNG, Wui Sze Jay

Cityplaza Ice Palace

SOPA, Romklao

Ice Planet

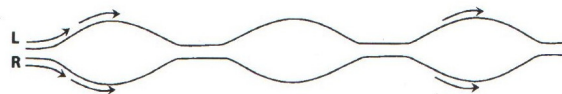
TSUJI, Elisa

Sky Rink Jakarta



SWIZZLE-SWIZZLE-SWIZZLE

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No matter what level skater you are, it's fun to see how many swizzles you can do in a row. It's good practice and good exercise!

How many swizzles can you find in a row, in the puzzle?

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