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Updates on use of SISA ice time

Dear SISA Members and the Ice Skating Community,

We are pleased to announce that the Figure Skating Directors have rolled out supervised group skating sessions with SSC accredited NCAP Level 3 coach, Zhang Mo. Zhang Mo has over 10 years coaching experience in Singapore and is currently the ISU Technical Specialist for Singapore, serving on our technical judging panel for the last couple of National Figure Skating Championships.

Based on the results of the Figure Skating Community survey, there was a demand for supervised group skating sessions. As you know, SISA's allocated ice time at JCube is limited. Therefore, in the best interest of delivering consistent technique and coaching to the community, during the organized SISA ice skating sessions, Zhang Mo was identified to run the first batch of organized group lessons. As coaching is being done on SISA's allocated ice time, the Figure Skating Committee feels the most qualified coaches should be the ones anchoring SISA's program. If demand is high for these classes and costs can be recovered, the Figure Skating Committee will consider other Level 3 and Level 2 coaches for the group SISA lessons. This will ensure that SISA programs, sessions and workshops are of the highest standard that is available in Singapore taking into consideration costs and other constraints.

The other sessions allocated by SSC/JCube as NSA hours are Monday to Friday 6am to 8am. These must be divided between Figure, Speed & Hockey. Currently, there are no other groups interested in these hours. Given our cost constraints, even though SISA would like to allocate these hours to National and Development Team practice times, we are unable to utilize these hours at the moment. Our understanding is that SSC is currently developing rules and regulations with regards to the NSA allocated times. At this moment, SSC stated that the available ice time must be SISA related activities, therefore, we are unable to open this to book privately by coaches, clubs or skaters as it may be considered as "subletting" the ice time. We have been requested by our SSC Relationship Manager to wait for the policy to be finalized and we will explore this possibility in the future.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Singapore Ice Skating Association
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