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Re: The 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games- Update #2

This past weekend we held the 2011 NZIHF Girls Skills Challenge Final in Dunedin during the NZ Ice Fernz Training Camp. The final pitted the talents of Libby Jean Hay from Auckland, Krystie Woodyear-Smith from Christchurch, Ali Macharg from Queenstown and Stephanie Patchett from Dunedin.

The winner of the competition is to represent New Zealand in Vierumaki, Finland this July at the qualification round for the 2012 Youth Olympics. The qualification round will see a boy and a girl representative from each of thirty to forty IIHF member nations all looking to come in the top 15 to qualify for the 2012 Youth Olympics Games in Innsbruck, Austria in January of that year.

The Skills Challenge consists of 9 tests- 4 timed skating challenges each done with and without a puck as well as a shooting accuracy test. All of the competitors in the female final are born in 1994.

The winner of the NZIHF Girls Skills Challenge was Libby Jean Hay of Auckland with a combined score of 71.88. In second place was Ali Macharg of Queenstown.

The NZIHF Boys Skills Challenge was to be held in Christchurch the same weekend but has been postponed due to the recent earthquake in Canterbury. The event has been rescheduled to 16-17 April in Christchurch during the NZIHF AGM Weekend.

The boys final will take place between Frazer Ellis and Richard Dawson of Auckland, Max Dallimore and Daniel Monk representing Christchurch and Callum Burns out of Queenstown. All of these boys were born in 1996. The winner will be announced following the final.

Sincerely

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