



NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Dear New Zealand Skating Community

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The schedule is now posted on the NZIFSA website and is attached for your information. We will endeavour to send you any updates, but please also regularly check on the NZIFSA website.

MUSIC

Your music should be sent to nzifsamusic@gmail.com in mp3 format by **10pm Friday 16 October** (note the small extension to the deadline for this). Files should be labelled with the following information:

- Competitor's (or Team's) Name
- Championship Section (e.g. Junior Ladies)
- Program Identification (e.g. Short Program)
- Exact running time of music (not skating time)

E.g. Joe Bloggs Senior Men FS 4-03.mp3

PROGRAMME PHOTOS

All skaters must have their updated photo uploaded to the NZIFSA website. Please check this now. If we do not have a photo for you, we might just have to use an emoji... 😊 Please make sure this is a nice passport style photo rather than a general skating picture.

Synchro teams and dance couples, if you would like your photo in the programme, please send through a photo directly to nzifsainfo@gmail.com by **10pm on Friday 16 October** (again we have extended the deadline a little for this).

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Order and pay by **6pm, Sunday 18th October** and you will be able to collect your merchandise during the competition. Orders placed after that time will be posted out and will attract a postage fee.

We have some great merchandise for you this year. We have a t-shirt, hoodie or crop sweatshirt to choose from, all with the Nationals 2020 logo. Images and further details can be found on the DISC website:

<https://www.dunediniceskatingclub.com/nationals-merchandise>

The following link takes you to the purchase form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/DunedinIceSkatingClub1/NationalsChampionship2020MerchandiseOrderForm>

Keep checking the merchandise page, additional items will be added as they become available!

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

Unofficial Practice sessions are available Friday 23 through to Monday 26 October.

Days/Dates	Session Times	Unofficial practice offered for the following grades
Friday 23 October	2:00 - 4:30pm	Ice Dance, Juvenile, Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice
	4:30 - 4:50pm	Ice Groom
	4:50 - 6:50pm	Junior, Senior, Synchro
Saturday 24 October	7:30 - 9:30pm	Ice Dance, Juvenile, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Adult
Sunday 25 October	7:45 - 9:45pm	Juvenile, Intermediate Novice, Advanced Novice, Adult
Monday 26 October	3:00 - 4:00pm	Juvenile

The cost for the practice sessions is:

Singles: \$15 per 30 minute session

Dance: \$30 per couple per 30 minute session

Synchro: \$100 per team half hour

To book your place in an unofficial practice session, please use the link below:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/DunedinIceSkatingClub1/NationalsChampionship2020UnofficialIcePractice>

Please book your unofficial practices by **Tuesday 20 October**. We will then prepare the schedule and confirm the exact timing of the sessions you are on.

Dunedin Ice Skating Club Open Ice

During the build-up to Nationals, DISC has some capacity to welcome visiting skaters to practice during Club Open Ice, the cost is \$22.50 per session. However, spaces will be limited each day and prior bookings are essential. We will do our best to accommodate as many skaters as possible but cannot guarantee all requests if numbers are high. To make a booking, please contact: admin@dunediniceskatingclub.com

Information about Club Open Ice times can be found here:

<https://www.dunediniceskatingclub.com/visiting-skaters>

VOLUNTEERS

The help of volunteers to do various jobs during the competition is vital to the smooth running of the event. All volunteers at the 2020 Nationals will receive a pass to the whole event, so you can come and watch even when you or your skater are not competing. We need people to help with the following:

Door Marshalling Timekeeping Announcing

Music Playing (for both Competition and Practices)

Please follow the link to identify yourself to a particular task:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q4oJvNdzO8tnnVG3Df5X6zeagusx3NG/view?usp=sharing>

ON-ICE OPENING CEREMONY

All competitors are encouraged to take part in the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony will be held on Saturday 24 October. Skaters need to assemble in the foyer area by 2.45pm with their skates on. Please wear your Club uniform. Skaters who have been selected to represent New Zealand at international competitions or Australian Figure Skating Championships may choose to wear their official New Zealand representative jacket if they have one.

Skaters will be asked to line up behind the person holding the sign with their club name on it. Each club will be led onto the ice, skate half a lap, then line up facing the audience. DISC skaters, as the host club, go first, followed by all the other clubs in alphabetic order.

During the Opening Ceremony, the International A and International B Team representatives will be announced and asked to move to the front. Those skaters and teams who competed at the Australian Figure Skating Championships will be named and will be asked to step to the right of their line. This year we will not ask the skaters and teams who competed at the Australian Figure Skating Championships to move to the front.

BANQUET

Shake out your tartan! The banquet will be held on the evening of Tuesday 27 October at the Metro Direct Lounge in the Edgar Centre. The Banquet has an early start for those who might be heading home in the evening. Family members welcome.

Banquet tickets need to be purchased in advance, both for catering numbers and for COVID safety/track and trace reasons. You will be able to collect your pre-purchased tickets at the rink during the competition.

Start: 5pm for a 5:30pm buffet

Venue: Edgar Centre, 116 Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

Tickets: \$45 for an adult; \$30 for a child (under 12).

Deadline for bookings and payment: 5pm Friday 23 October

Bookings:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/DunedinIceSkatingClub1/NationalsChampionship2020Banquet>

PERMISSION FOR LIVE STREAMING

NZIFSA are aiming to live stream the 2020 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships. Access to the livestream will be via a daily link rather than an open public forum. The daily links will be emailed to all championship participants.

Please temper your expectations around what we are able to offer in terms of live stream. Keep in mind that we cannot match what is on offer by the ISU. The live stream will not be commentated. We will have a separate camera for the live streaming than the one that is used for the judging system. We do not offer any guarantees around the skill level of the camera operators we co-opt to help with this.

Before live streaming any skater we need the explicit permission of the skater, or of their parent/guardian if they are under 18. Please complete the online registration form by **Thursday 22 October**.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/PermissionToLiveStreamNationals2020>

If there is no permission form completed, we will not be live streaming the skater.

VIDEO PERMIT FORM

Spectators must apply in writing to use video equipment to record portions of the event for their private use only. You will need to complete a video permit form if you wish to video any skater. If you wish to video other skaters/teams, you will need the written permission of the skaters concerned, or in the case of minors, their parents/guardians. Please complete and present the attached form to the registration desk on arrival at the rink or pick up a form at the registration desk.

MEMBER FORUMS

Three member forums are scheduled. We would like to encourage you to come along to listen and have your say at these forums. The forums will be held upstairs at the rink.

When	What	Who should be there	What's covered
Saturday 24 12:30pm	Coaches Forum	All coaches	Coach accreditation and maintaining points – what opportunities are there for ongoing development that would count towards maintaining accreditation?
Sunday 25 12:30pm	Rules and Regulations	All skaters, coaches, parents and officials are welcome to attend	This is part of our annual review of the NZIFSA Rules and Regulations. We will not be going through each of the proposed changes line by line. You need to have read up the proposed changes and come along with your questions or suggestions.
Sunday 25 1:15pm	What can NZIFSA do for you?	All skaters, coaches, parents and officials are welcome to attend	Are there things you would like the NZIFSA to do differently? Are we putting our resources into the right activities? We are wanting your suggestions and ideas as to how we can develop and grow figure skating in New Zealand.

Note, the current plan is for an anti-doping seminar to be held via a zoom meeting at a later date. However, NZIFSA are looking at whether there is an opportunity for a presentation at Nationals.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE SPORTS ANTI-DOPING RULES

Preeya Laud, the NZIFSA Anti-Doping Officer wrote a piece in the July NZIFSA newsletter – the critical messages are reproduced below.

- Remember to please CHECK ALL YOUR MEDICATIONS. Neglecting to do so may result in a 4-year ban from all sport not just figure skating.
- You and only you are responsible for what is put into your body; this includes MEDICATIONS and/or SUPPLEMENTS that you may be taking in or out of season. Supplements pose a risk of producing a positive test due to the unregulated way they are made and tested.
- Drug tests can be carried out in all age groups and levels.
- If you are unsure of whether or not you are allowed to take your medications, please contact Preeya directly through anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz or you can check out the DFSNZ website where you can check your medications <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/medication-check>
- The prohibited list can be found through the World Anti-Doping website <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/content/what-isprohibited>
- If you are sick or injured or need regular treatment for a condition and the medication is Prohibited, you'll need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). If you think you need a TUE please contact Preeya as soon as possible at anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz.

Good luck for the competition. We hope all your hard work pays off and you skate a personal best. Looking forward to watching you compete

Dunedin Ice Skating Club Organising Committee