



NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Dear New Zealand Skating Community

Please find enclosed further information about Nationals as the event draws closer.

OFFICIAL MATTERS

1. The **schedule** will be made available as soon as possible after entries have closed. The latest version can always be found on the NZIFSA website under Competitions.
 2. All **technical or selection questions** should be addressed to the NZIFSA – in the first instance, to the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.
 3. Please ensure that you have **updated your PPC** on the NZIFSA website.
- *NOTE:** NZ skaters who have only one program, please ensure that your PPCs are correctly saved against the *Free Skate* (not the short program). This makes both officials' and organisers' jobs much easier.

MUSIC

If you have already submitted your music details via either the NIISSA or the NZIFSA systems, you do not need to re-enter that information. For those skaters who are based overseas and have not yet submitted their music details, can you please complete the music details via the online form <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/2022MusicDetails>. For each programme you skate you will need to provide the following for each piece of music used

- Title of Music
- Recording Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Publisher / Record Label
- Duration of cut (x min: y sec)
- Whether vocal or non-vocal (instrumental)

We suggest you collect this information for each piece music before you start filling in the form.

MP3 Music Files

If you have already submitted your music via the NIISSA system, you do not need to resend your music files. All other skaters, please send your music files nzifsamusic@gmail.com in .mp3 format by **12 noon on Sunday 2 October**. 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

BRING A BACK-UP OF YOUR MUSIC

Please bring a back-up of your music on a labelled USB stick. This will not be collected but your coach must know where it is in the event there is an issue with the mp3 file.

PROGRAMME PHOTOS

All skaters must have their updated photo uploaded to the NZIFSA website by the closing date of entries. If we don't have a photo for you, we might just have to use an emoji... 😊 Please make sure this is a nice passport style photo of you rather than a general skating picture.

Synchro teams, pairs' and dance couples, if you would like your photo in the programme, please send through a photo directly to the NI Secretary on niissa.secretary@gmail.com by **Sunday 2 October**.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO

There will be a photographer at the event from whom you can purchase sets of photos of your skate or skater. Olga Levien, Levien Photography, is a skater herself as well as photographer. She has taken skating photos previously as seen on her website. She has offered a discount for pre-orders made before 8th October. This can be found on the order form at the link below:

Click here for [Photography Pre Order Link](#)

In recognition of the fact that many skating families prefer to take their own video of their skater, we will not be having a videographer or livestreaming, but there will be a designated area to provide the best possible angle for private video from the stands. Access to this area will be via the 2022 Nationals 'Video Pass', which you will receive upon handing in the signed video consent form to the registration desk. The video consent form is available on the NZIFSA website's Competitions page.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

This year we will be offering a choice of hoodie or T-shirt, each of which has the 2022 Nationals logo printed on the back. Each item will be available in a choice of grey marle or navy. You can pre-order or you can order at the event with a small additional charge for postage. If you pre-order you will be able to pick up your garment(s) on registration at the event. Orders are now open at the link below. Sizing information is available there. **Pre-orders close Thursday 29th September at 10pm.**

Click here for [Official Merchandise Pre Order Link](#)

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE, OFFICIAL PRACTICES AND COMPETITION ICE TIME

For all events the official practices will be held in the morning and the competition in the afternoon/evening. Some Unofficial Practice sessions will be offered each day Monday 17 through to Wednesday 18 October. The exact timing of sessions cannot be confirmed until the competition schedule has been finalised. However, we are able to offer the following as a **guideline only**

| Days/Dates | Unofficial Practice | Official Practice | Competition |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday 17 October | 11.30am - 3.30pm | | |
| Tuesday 18 October | 10.00am -11.30am | 6.00am - 10.00am | 11.30am - 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 19 October | 6.00am 7.30am | 7.30am - 12.30pm | 12.30pm - 3.30pm 5.15pm - 6.45pm |
| Thursday 20 October | | 6.00am - 12.00noon | 12noon - 5.15pm |
| Friday 21 October | | 6.00am - 10.00am | 10.00am - 1.15pm |

MEMBER FORUMS

Three member forums have scheduled, and we would encourage you to come along to listen and have your say at these forums. The location of these forums is still to be confirmed.

| When? | What? | Who should be there? | What's covered? |
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| Monday 17 4pm | Coaches Forum | All coaches | What are the current challenges facing coaches? How do we plan to incorporate the ISU Coaches Education Qualification Framework into our accreditation framework? |
| Tuesday 18 3:45pm | 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 won't 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. |
| Tuesday 18 4:30pm | Organisational Culture and Integrity | All skaters, coaches, parents and officials are welcome to attend | What can we do as individuals, clubs and NZIFSA to grow an organisational culture that we can be proud of and is aligned with our agreed values? |

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 2022 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 (for both Competition and Practices)

If you are able to help, please email Selina at niissa.president@gmail.com and let us know the day/s you are able to help and what you can help with.

BANQUET

Your Nationals Banquet theme for this year is *** **CARNIVAL***** and we are looking forward to a fun filled evening.

The banquet will be held on the evening of Friday 21 October at the Howick Bowling Club. Tickets are \$60 for an adult and \$45 for a child, and include a free glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Additional drinks will be available for purchase by each person attending this event. To order your banquet ticket, please use the link below. Orders for banquet tickets close **Wednesday 12 October**.

Click here for [Nationals Banquet Order Form](#)

More information – including details for booking unofficial practices – will be provided in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all the best for your training over the coming weeks.

NISSA Committee