



NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Dear New Zealand Skating Community

It is less than a week till our National Championships get underway. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and trust that you are planning to stay and watch as much of the competition as you are able to (without impacting on your own competition preparation). It's shaping up to be a great competition.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition schedule has been posted on to the NZIFSA website. Please continue to check the NZIFSA website for any updates.

DRAW

The draw will be done electronically by our competition Accountant. This will be emailed out when available and will also be displayed at the rink and on the NZIFSA website.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

We have plenty of unofficial practice ice available and we have been extremely lucky to have received a grant for this ice this year. So, as a one off, there will be a small admin fee charge of \$5 for the unofficial ice practices this year for a 30 min session, or \$60 for synchronized skating teams. To make a booking request please click the link below.

[2022 Nationals Unofficial Practice Ice Request Form | Cognito Forms](#)

Please complete this online request for Unofficial Practices on or before by **Friday 14 October**. We will confirm the un-official practice sessions by Sunday 16 October. Payment instructions will be sent through when unofficial practice sessions are confirmed.

A reminder to all skaters

As detailed on section 213.5 of the NZIFSA Rules & Regulations, once the Championships have commenced, i.e. official practices for events, competitors are not allowed to practice on the competition ice surface except on official / unofficial practices organized by the Organizing Committee. Once a competitor's official practices for an event begin, they may only skate on official practice sessions. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a competitor being disqualified from the NZ National or Adult Skating Championships for that year.

MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Medal presentations will be held off ice at the rink. Skaters are encouraged to be in their skating costume for the medal presentations. Our Official Photographer will be there taking pictures.

OPENING CEREMONY

One of the features of our National Championships has been the opening ceremony with all our competitors invited to take to the ice. This will take place on Tuesday 18th October at 11.20am. We encourage all skaters to attend. If you have a club jacket please wear this. International representatives may wear a New Zealand jacket.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

There is still time to purchase your merchandise for Nationals. This will now be delivered after Nationals with a small additional handling fee. This year we will be offering options of hoodies and T-shirts, 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. Sizing information is available in the link below.

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

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?
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?

REGISTRATION

Skater registration is to be held at Paradise Ice Arena on Monday 17th October between 11.30am - 3.30pm. Follow the skater registration signs as you enter the foyer. All skaters are encouraged to attend to collect your registration bag, door program, merchandise, banquet tickets, video permits.

For anyone not able to attend our registration day, please collect your registration bag from the Organizing Committee. Please watch out for the signs of where this will be located as you enter the rink arena.

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.

DRUG TESTING

Please remember that drug testing may occur during the course of any NZIFSA Competitions. If Drug Free Sport NZ do decide to drug test at this event, a list of who has been selected for drug testing will be displayed near the Kiss and Cry backdrop. You must check the list and if selected see the testing officers before you are able to leave the venue.

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](#)

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to request some additional volunteers please as we have not had many responses to date. There are still many gaps available so please consider how you can assist and add your name to the roster. It would be helpful if you could identify your skater as well so we can make contact. In particular we need people to be at the door to take entry fees and also to take photos at the kiss and cry booth. This is just using a phone to capture photos of skaters as they are waiting for results. All volunteers at the 2022 Nationals will receive a pass to the whole event, so they can come and watch for free.

KISS AND CRY

Thanks to Dan and Kirsty Laker, we have a beautiful Auckland beach picture for our Kiss and Cry backdrop. Skaters and their coaches will be able to sit and get their photos taken. These pictures will be available for download after the event. The Kiss and Cry area will be directly opposite the 'Zamboni' next to the bleachers by the "Laser Tag" rink party room. Skaters will enter the ice at the 'Zamboni' and exit the ice at the opposite gate next to the bleachers. The entry marshall will take the skaters jacket and guards over to the ice exit point. Please familiarize yourself with this area during your official practice.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Remember that you can like the NIISSA page and/or follow the NZ Nationals event that has been created there for updates and information.



[North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association New Zealand](#)

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

NIISSA Committee