



NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Dear New Zealand Skating Community

The New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships (Nationals) are being held at the Gore Multisports Complex this year and hosted by Ice Sports Southland (ISS). Here is some initial information from ISS to assist you with your planning.

DATES

Thursday 29th October - Sunday 1st November 2026

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. The **closing date for Nationals entries** is **Thursday 8th October**. Each club sets its own earlier deadline to ensure that all entries can be processed with sufficient time to submit to the NZIFSA. Ensure you do not miss the deadline by submitting your entries to your home club secretary in a timely manner.
3. All **technical or selection questions** should be addressed to the NZIFSA – in the first instance, to the General Secretary at secretary@nzifsa.org.nz.
4. Please ensure that you have **updated your PPC** on the NZIFSA website by the closing date for Nationals.

MUSIC

Your music should be sent to nzifsamusic@gmail.com in .mp3 format, and files should be labelled with the following information:

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

E.g. Jane Bloggs Junior Women SP 4-03.mp3

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, pair and dance teams, if you would like your photo in the programme, please send through a photo directly to nzifsainfo@gmail.com by 12 noon on **Thursday 8th October**.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Though the dates and scheduled days for each event are likely to remain the same, the order of events will change. Notification of unofficial practice ice that is not shown here will be made available closer to the time of the event.

Wednesday 28 October	Unofficial practices
Thursday 29 October	Juvenile Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Basic Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Intermediate Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys SP, Ice Dance RD & PD (all grades)
Friday 30 October	Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Junior Under 12, Women & Men SP, Senior Women & Men SP, Pairs SP (all grades), Ice Dance FD (all grades), SYS up to/incl Advanced Nov FS, SYS Junior & Senior SP.
Saturday 31 October	Junior Under 12, Women & Men FS, Senior Women & Men FS, Adult Freeskate (all grades), Pairs FS (all grades), SYS Junior & Senior FS The banquet will be held on the Saturday night
Sunday 1 November	Norman Wright Dancing Trophy, Waltzing Trophy, Adult Interpretive (all grades), Youth Interpretive (all grades) The competition will close at approx. 2pm on Sunday

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition in the afternoon/evening. Ice time will be made available for unofficial practices.

BANQUET

The banquet will be held on the evening of Saturday 31st October. We will send out more info with the ticket prices and booking information as we get closer to Nationals.

ACCOMMODATION

We were aware that many of the accommodation options for the period of Nationals were already quite booked up, however as some of the conflicting events for that week have been rescheduled it would be worth contacting accommodation providers directly to see if there is anything now available. The Nationals organising team have also secured a number of houses and apartment options that are available for rent. These are not usually advertised publicly so if you are still requiring accommodation please contact Melissa on isstestcompsecretary@gmail.com and she will provide you with the list of available options.

MERCHANDISE

We have a great range of merchandise options available via the website below. We have created a web store with all available merchandise options. You will order and make payment directly through the website. Your orders will be shipped directly to you, so you'll be able to wear them before and during the event. We recommend ordering at least 7 days in advance, to ensure your order arrives in time!

[Home NZIFSAMerch26](#) or <https://nzifsamerch26.digitees.co.nz/>

GIFTS FOR SKATERS

We welcome you to throw gifts onto the ice to support the skaters. We will have helpers ready to collect these items and give them to the skaters. There will be a range of goodies available to purchase at the competition, or you can bring along your own items to be thrown! e.g soft toys, sealed bags of lollies, artificial flowers.

ADVERTISING IN PROGRAMME

We are looking for businesses to advertise in our programme, to help subsidise the cost of printing, and for you to market your business. Please feel free to share this with any business who may be interested. Please email icesportssouthlandpresident@gmail.com for more info/pricing.

Stay tuned for more information about the banquet, merchandise, and other excitement.
We look forward to hosting you all soon!

Ice Sports Southland- Nationals Organising Committee