



NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Less than 2 weeks to go! Here's the latest information for you;

SCHEDULE

The schedule has now been set and is available on the NZIFSA website. Please check this regularly, as it may be updated/changed. [2026 National Schedule V1.pdf](#)

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICES

You are able to request Unofficial Practice sessions per skater, or per synchro team, on the booking form below:

- Unofficial ice sessions for singles and couples will be 30 mins (\$15 per skater)
- Unofficial ice sessions for synchro teams will be 20 mins (\$120 per team)

Unofficial Practice requests must be made on or before Sunday 25th Oct.

We will confirm how many sessions you have been allocated and send payment information to you on Monday 26th October.

Please visit the following link to request Unofficial Practice sessions;

[2026 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships- Unofficial Practice](#)

VOLUNTEERING

Gore is a really small town, with a very small pool of skaters and volunteers. To bring this competition to life, we need you! Lets face it- there isn't a whole lot else to do in Gore, so you may as well spend your time helping. Please put your name down for one of the jobs. You are welcome to volunteer for more than one shift if you are available.

We need volunteers for the following jobs:

Registration table

Merchandise sales table

Marshalling

Music

Announcing

Runner for officials (hot water bottles/blankets)

Time keeping

Medical/first aid crew

Please visit the Google Sheet and fill in your name and club where you can help (Let us know at isstestcompsecretary@gmail.com if you are unable to fill in this sheet, and we can add your name)

[f Nationals 2026 Volunteer Roster](#)

BANQUET- Glitz & Glide

The banquet dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 31st October, from 6.30pm at the Gore RSA. Please join us for a fun night, celebrating another wonderful year of skating in NZ. Tickets must be booked by **Wednesday 21st October**.

Please visit the following link for more information and to book your tickets; [2026 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS BANQUET DINNER | Cognito Forms](#)

MERCHANDISE

We have a great range of merchandise options available via the website below. Your orders will be shipped directly to you, so you'll be able to wear them before and during the event. We recommend ordering ASAP, so that your items arrive in time.

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

TICKETS

Each competitor will be allocated 1x chaperone pass. Entry for other spectators is as follows;

\$5 Adults (per day)

Under 16's Free

VIDEO PERMIT

Only people who have a video permit may video skaters and the videoing is to be of their own skater/team only. If you wish to video other skaters/teams, then you need the written permission of the skaters concerned, or in the case of minors, their parents/guardians.

The video permit form is now available. Please save the confirmation on your phone so that we can match you to our records at the registrations desk. At the registration desk, you will collect a Video Permit Sticker. In our media saturated times, video permits might seem a bit old school but the video permit is about being respectful of others, particularly when many of our athletes are minors.

https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/_2026NationalChampionshipsVideoPermit

PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew from Kea Photography is the official photographer for the event.

The gallery from NZ Nationals can be found here;

<https://www.keaphotos.com/nz-figure-skating-nationals-2026/>

Password: salchow

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! Please ensure all gifts are well wrapped and won't fall apart when thrown onto the ice.

FORUMS

Four member forums are being held during Nationals. and we encourage you to come along to listen and give others the benefit of your constructive feedback and suggestions. These forums will all be held in the Officials Room, which is next to the main reception area of the Multisports Complex.

When?	What?	Who should be there?	What's covered?
Thursday 29 October 5:40pm	Athlete's Voice Communication	All skaters, coaches, parents and officials are welcome to attend	Seeking feedback on how to connect with the AVG and how we communicate information out to athletes
Thursday 29 October 6:10pm	Coaches Forum	All coaches	What are the current challenges facing coaches? Update on Safeguarding Development Camps for 2027
Friday 30 October 6:00pm	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 feedback. Note, at this point in the review process, feedback can only be made on proposals for change that are in the draft Rules & Regulations. New submissions cannot be considered.
Friday 30 October 6:45pm	Selections	All skaters, coaches, parents and officials are welcome to attend	Selections – what's working and what might we need to consider changing?

FACILITIES

We have booked a netball court in the adjoining stadium for skaters to warm up. There are also changing rooms available next to the courts. If you haven't skated in Gore before, you may not be aware that the Gore swimming pool is also in the same building as the ice rink, so pack your swimming togs! The Gore NRG gym have informed us that they will be open during Nationals, and welcome casual visitors, so feel free to get in contact with them if you're looking to use a gym while you are down here!
[NRG Health & Fitness - NRG Gym](#)

HAIRDRESSER AVAILABLE

We have a local hairdresser available for the competition- Tiffany Lamb. Please contact her at peteandtiff@hotmail.com if you would like more information.

Stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to hosting you all soon!

Ice Sports Southland- Nationals Organising Committee