

NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Dear New Zealand Skating Community

The New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships (Nationals) are being held at the Dunedin Ice Stadium this year and hosted by the Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC). Here is some initial information from DISC to assist you with your planning.

DATES

Saturday 7 - Tuesday 10 October 2023

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 **Friday 15 September**. 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.

OUR LOGO

We have been working with Trelise Wadsworth, a third year design student from Te Pūkenga (Otago Polytechnic), on the concept for a Nationals logo.



Our brief was something that represented skating in a gender-neutral way; incorporated elements of Dunedin (the wave because the ice stadium is by the ocean) and DISC (colour scheme). Trelise has developed up several versions of the logo around this same concept that you will see appearing on various different media.

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, pairs' and dance couples, if you would like your photo in the programme, please send through a photo directly to nzifsainfo@gmail.com by 12 noon on **Friday 15 September**.

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.

Friday 6 October	Unofficial practices
Saturday 7 October	Juvenile Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Youth Interpretive (all grades), Adult Interpretive (all grades), Pairs SP (all grades), Waltzing Trophy, Norman Wright Dancing Trophy
Sunday 8 October	Basic Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Intermediate Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Synchro up to and including Advanced Novice FS (includes Adults)
Monday 9 October	Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys SP, Junior Under 12, Women & Men SP, Senior Women & Men SP, Adult Freeskate (all grades), Pairs FS (all grades), Ice Dance RD and PD (all grades), Junior & Senior Synchro SP
Tuesday 10 October	Advanced Novice Under 12, Girls & Boys FS, Junior Under 12, Women & Men FS, Senior Women & Men FS, Ice Dance FD (all grades), Junior & Senior Synchro FS

Official practices are expected to be held each morning with competition in the afternoon/evening as per the draft outline below. Ice time will be made available for unofficial practices. The times outlined below are indicative only.

Days/Dates	Unofficial Practice	Official Practice	Competition
Friday 6 October	4:00pm – 7:00pm		
Saturday 7 October	6:00am – 7:30am	7:30am – 12:00pm	4:00pm – 8:30pm
Sunday 8 October	6:00am – 7:00am	7:00am – 12:00pm	4:00pm – 8:30pm
Monday 9 October		7:00am – 1:30pm	1:30 – 8:00pm
Tuesday 10 October		6:00 – 10:00am	10:00am – 2:00pm

BANQUET

The banquet will be held on the evening of Tuesday 10 October. We have a great theme planned, which will be revealed along with the ticket prices and booking information as we get closer to Nationals.

Given that competition runs into the start of Term 4 and some skaters may be planning to head home on Tuesday to avoid additional time off school, we would appreciate an indication of numbers planning to attend the banquet. Can you please complete the Cognito form below by if you plan to attend the banquet.

[Expression of Interest Nationals 2023 Banquet](#)

FACEBOOK PAGE

If you're on Facebook, you can like the DISC page and/or follow the NZ Nationals event that will be created there for updates and more information as they becomes available.



[Dunedin Ice Skating Club](#)

Stay tuned for more information about the banquet, merchandise, and other excitement!

Dunedin Ice Skating Club Organising Committee

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