

Skate Down Under - NZ 2014

Announcement / Invitation

An International Competition

for

Novice, Junior and Senior Men and Ladies

NZIFSA

**Organised by the New Zealand Ice
Figure Skating Association Inc.**

Dunedin, New Zealand

August 14th – 16th, 2014

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Skate Down Under will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2014 and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2014, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications.

Participation in Skate Down Under is open to all skaters who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1 and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2 b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420.

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU General Regulations and ISU Communication 1420, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or, who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate. Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification.

All competitors must be entered through their respective Member Federation.

NOTE: THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL AN EVENT IF INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED.

TECHNICAL DATA

PLACE: Dunedin Ice Stadium
101 Victoria Road, St Kilda, Dunedin, New Zealand
(an indoor ice-rink with the ice surface of 60 x 30 m)

Single Skating Seniors – Ladies and Men

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating, 2012, Rule 511, paragraphs 1 & 2 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 min 50 sec maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules, Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced program” and the element values.

Duration:

Ladies: 4 min +/- 10 sec

Men: 4 ½ min +/- 10 sec

Single Skating Junior – Ladies and Men

Short Program

The required elements to be skated are listed in ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating, 2012, Rule 511, paragraph 3 and the respective ISU Communication.

Duration: 2 min 50 sec. maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules, Single & Pair Skating 2012, Rule 512 and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the “well balanced Program” and the element values.

Duration:

Ladies: 3 ½ min +/- 10 sec

Men: 4 min +/- 10 sec

Single Skating – Advanced Novice

AGE LIMITS

In accordance with the ISU Rule 108, paragraph 2 d), the participants must have reached at least the age of ten (10) and have not reached the age of fifteen (15) before July 1 preceding the competition (born between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2004)

Boys/Girls

Technical Rules – ISU Communication No 1760

Short Program: max. 2 min 30 sec

Free Skating: Girls: 3 min (+/- 10 sec)

Boys: 3 ½ min (+/-10 sec)

In case the requirements as per ISU Communication No.1629 are fulfilled WORLD STANDING POINTS will be awarded in the Senior Categories.

ENTRIES

ISU Members may enter up to 4 competitors for each category in Ladies and Men and their substitutes.

The entries must reach the Organiser by **Tuesday 15th July 2014** at the latest. Entries must be made on the official form and sent to:

E-mail: testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz

Please note: Entries are only accepted if the Entry Fee has arrived at the Organisers account. A respective confirmation will be forwarded to the Members concerned.

ENTRIES OF JUDGES

ISU Members may nominate one Judge (ISU or International) per discipline and one substitute Judge. The Judges Entries must reach the Organising Committee no later than **Tuesday 15th July 2014**. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

The Organising Committee have arranged a transportation package deal for you, for which we have to ask \$50 NZD per person, payable together with the entrance fee. All team members, except invited officials and overseas judges have to pay this transportation fee. Included in the fee is:

- Transfer from and to Dunedin International Airport (between the 13th August and 17th August)
- Shuttle service from Thursday 14th August to Saturday 16th August between the official hotel and the ice rink.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fees are: \$250 NZD for Singles. This fee, together with the Transportation Package (\$50 NZD), is to be paid at the time of entry via International Bank Transfer to the following account:

Bank:	ANZ Bank
Bank Address:	Cnr Hereford & Colombo St, Christchurch, New Zealand
Account Name:	New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association Incorporated
Bank Code:	01-0806
Account No:	0048118-00
Swift Code:	ANZBNZ22

VISA

Individuals need to check whether they need a visa to visit New Zealand. Please refer to the New Zealand Immigration Service website <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/> or contact your local New Zealand Embassy or Consulate.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation desk will be at the ice rink, there will be accreditation upon arrival. ID Cards will be given to all officially entered skaters, coaches, team leaders, officials and one chaperone per skater. Please wear these ID-cards at all time.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Each member invited, covers the travel and the hotel (bed and breakfast) for their own competitors, coaches and team leaders. Each member covers the travel of their own judges.

The official hotel is:

Mecure Dunedin Leisure Lodge
Duke Street
PO Box 8024
Dunedin
Ph: +64 3 477 5360
Fax: +64 3 477 5460
Contact: reservations@mecureleisurelodge.co.nz

The Hotel room rates (Bed and Breakfast)

Standard Room	\$120.00	Single Occupancy
	\$140.00	Twin/Double Occupancy
	\$160.00	Triple (3 People, One Double & Two Singles)
Superior King & Fold Our Sofa	\$150.00	Single Occupancy
	\$170.00	Twin/Double Occupancy
	\$190.00	Triple (3 People, Two Beds)

Teams, Coaches and Team Leaders and other team members are requested to make all accommodation bookings directly with the hotel. In order to obtain negotiated rates, please quote booking number 73698 when you make your reservation. The hotel is holding rooms for member teams at this rate until Tuesday 1 July.

Please refer to page 7 for additional details regarding the accommodation

JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL TRAVELLING TO THE EVENT FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND

The organiser will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel Officials (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators) travelling from outside New Zealand at the above mentioned hotel beginning with dinner on 13th August until breakfast 17th August 2014.

The organiser will additionally cover economy round trip airfare for the Referee, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist and Data/Replay Operators.

NEW ZEALAND JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL

The organiser will provide ground transportation (subject to availability) and meals at the event venue for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel Officials (Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Data/Replay Operators

ARRIVAL

All invited officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials and Coaches taking part in the competition are requested to advise to the Organising Committee as soon as possible but no later than 31st July, the name of the airline, flight numbers and date and time of arrival at Dunedin Airport. The official "travel form" should be used.

DEPARTURE

Included in your transportation package is a transfer to the airport. The Team Leaders are requested to return the Departure Sheet and deliver this in time to the Organisation Desk at the Ice Rink.

PRACTICE

The official practice for competitors begins on 14th August 2014. Unofficial Practices will be available prior to the 14th August, please complete the Unofficial Practice form to request additional practices.

DRAWS – ORDER OF SKATING

The draws for the starting order of the first segment will be held for each grade per discipline on 13th August 2014. The time and location of the draws will be confirmed with all registered competitors prior to the competition.

MUSIC

All competitors shall furnish competition music of excellent quality CD. In accordance with Rule 343, para 1. In accordance with Rule 343, para 1, all discs must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time) and must be submitted at the time of registration.

Each program (short program and free skating) must be recorded on one track and on separate disc. In addition, competitors must provide a back-up disk for each program.

RESULTS

The results will be calculated according to ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating 2012, Rules 352 and 353.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The three best placed skaters in each event will be announced and honoured. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to medallists.

LIABILITY

According to ISU Regulations Rule 119 the Organizer accepts no liability for bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by the Competitors or Officials. Each Member is expected to provide its own insurance protection. The Organiser will provide emergency medical services for all invited Officials and Competitors during the competition.

INFORMATION

For further information, please contact
New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Association Inc
E-mail: testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz

EVENT SCHEDULE

The preliminary event schedule is as follow, subject to changes, a final schedule will be published as soon as the entry list has closed.

Thursday 14th August

- Official Practices
- Initial Judges Meeting
- Technical Panel Meeting
- Novice Ladies and Men Short Program
- Junior Ladies and Men Short Program

Friday 15th August

- Official Practices
- Novice Ladies and Men Free Skate
- Senior Ladies and Men Short Program

Saturday 16th August

- Official Practices
- Round Table Discussion – Novice Events
- Junior Ladies and Men Free Skate
- Senior Ladies and Men Free Skate
- Round Table Discussion – Junior and Senior Events

Official Hotel Information



Mercure Dunedin Leisure Lodge is a 4-star hotel set in landscaped gardens overlooking Dunedin's Botanic Gardens. The hotel is a 5-minute drive from the city centre.

The hotel has 76 spacious guest rooms, each of which has a balcony or an outside patio. All rooms are furnished in a contemporary style and include a modern bathroom.

McGravins Restaurant, named after the brewery originally on the site, is open throughout the day and serves modern New Zealand cuisine. The restaurant's buffet dinners are very popular, along with the garden views.

The Mercure Leisure Lodge is a short drive from Dunedin's main shopping streets and is within walking distance of Otago University. The hotel is easily accessible from State Highway 1.

How to get to the hotel:

From the South: Follow State Highway 1 on the one way system. Heading north continue past the University and we are the last turn on the right (the last set of traffic lights) before you head up the northern motorway.

From the North: Coming into Dunedin on the motorway, take the first right turn once you have exited the motorway at the bottom of the hill (opposite the Botanic Gardens).

Note: the organisers have arranged a transportation package that includes pick-up and return from Dunedin International Airport (between the 13th August and 17th August) that will deliver you to the hotel



Bookings and Payment:

Please book accommodation by **1 July 2014** and quote booking number **73698** to take advantage of the discounted rate that has been negotiated.

Please note that a surcharge of 1.5% will apply to all credit card payments made at the hotel. Alternatively you may wish to Pre Pay your accommodation or pay by cash or EFTPOS which will not incur a surcharge.

Cancellation policy:

The hotel requires 24 hours advanced notice or the first nights accommodation charge will apply.

Room Facilities

Balcony or , Patio, Pay-per-view Channels, Telephone, Radio, Satellite Channels, Flat-screen TV, Iron, Desk, Ironing Facilities, Seating Area, Heating, Carpeted, Sofa, Shower, Hairdryer, Free toiletries, Toilet, Bathroom, Minibar, Refrigerator, Electric kettle, 3 Seat Dining Table , Children's high chair, Wake-up service, Alarm clock

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Standard Double Room



Standard Triple Room