



New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships

Newsletter #3 - September 2016

Tuesday 11 October - Friday 14 October
2016
Christchurch – Alpine Ice Sports Centre

Well, it's just around the corner – only two weeks to go. Congratulations to those who have qualified. There will be some hard training leading up to the event. It is all coming together and we are very excited to see you all and are sure that it will be very enjoyable.

Along with some reminders, we have included information we feel will be helpful for you when you arrive.

Banquet – tomorrow is the last day to order tickets

Please fill out the attached form to order your tickets for the banquet, to be held Thursday 13 October at the Woolston Club. Tickets are \$50 per person, with children under 12 years \$35 per person. The order form is also available on the NZIFSA webpage under the Nationals information. Banquet Ticket orders are due tomorrow, **Wednesday 28 September**.

Volunteers

We still need volunteers. Please remember, any time you are able to lend us is a plus. Just send in your available times to nzifsainfo@gmail.com and Lindsay will pop you into the roster. We need you! The roster will be sent out closer to the date.

FIRST AID – This is very important! If you are a doctor or nurse, or hold a current first aid certificate, please consider volunteering. We need first aiders to be present at the official practices and the competition. Please contact Lindsay at the email above and let her know. Thank you!

Merchandise

T-shirt orders have been finalised. If you have missed out, please let us know so we can attempt to source one for you (no guarantees).

Music

Don't forget to send your music to nzifsamusic@gmail.com. There are still some skaters yet to send their music. Please do this as soon as possible. If you are having trouble converting your music please email and advise us, as we may be able to help. Remember to bring a CD (not a pendrive) with your music for back-up and have this in your bag rinkside when you compete.

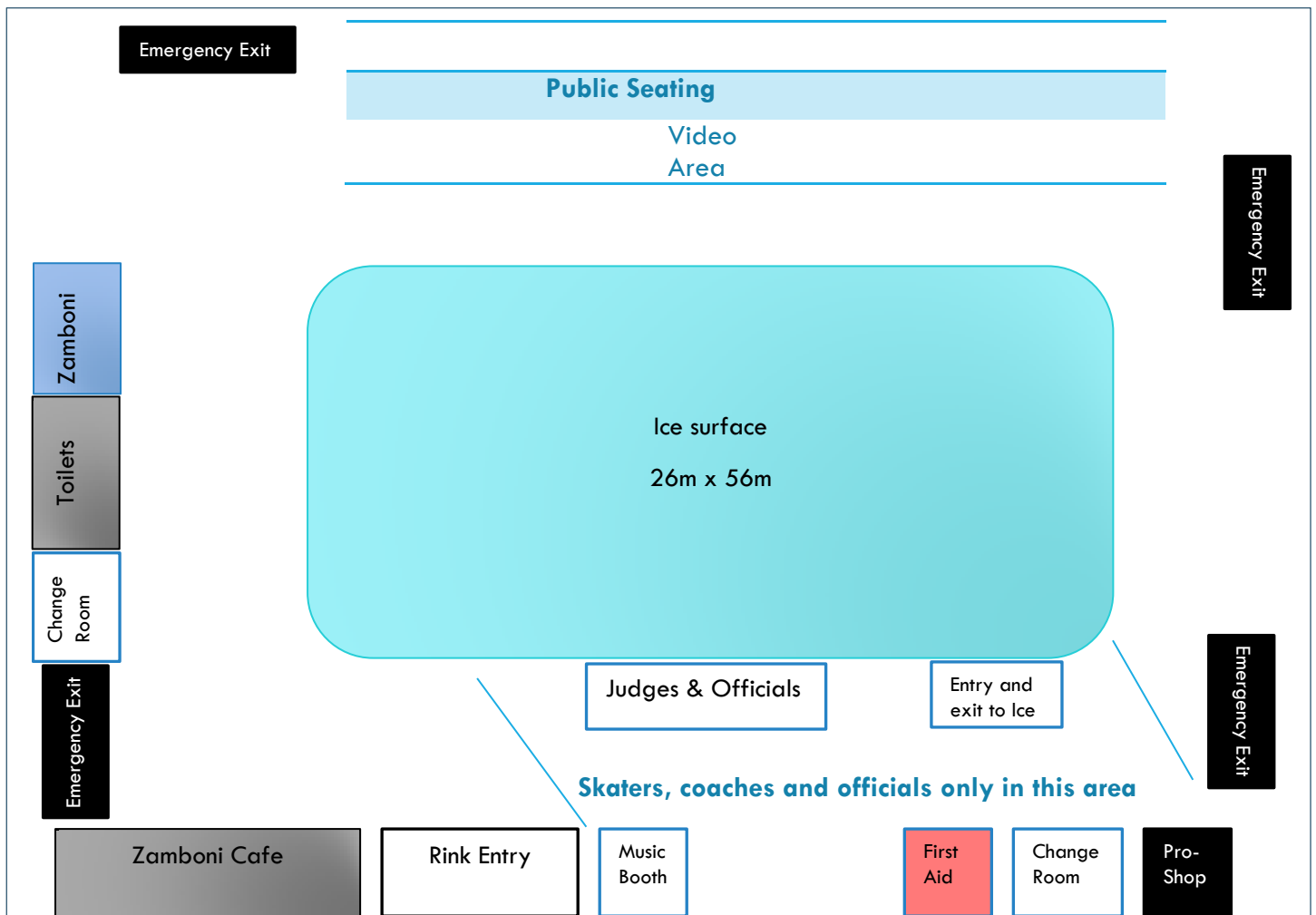
Unofficial Practice Ice Time

A schedule, booking form and pricing has been uploaded onto the NZIFSA website under the Nationals information. Please fill it out and make your payment by **Wednesday 5 October** as per the instructions. Depending on the number of skaters that register for each session, we may need to make some minor changes as to what time some skaters have their unofficial practices. The unofficial practice schedule will be published as soon as possible after the bookings close.

Just a reminder to all skaters that as per our current Rules and Regulations, there are some restrictions regarding skating on the competition ice surface once the championships have started refer Rule 213.5. "For practice sessions during National and Adult Skating Championships, 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 organised by the Organising Committee."

For those skaters planning to arrive a day or so earlier and skate on public sessions, please be aware that for Health & Safety reasons Alpine Ice has limits on what skaters are able to do on public sessions. They do not allow jumping, spinning, or any activity where the foot is raised off the ice (eg spirals). This clearly impacts quite a lot on what you are able to practice, but it is important that you respect these rules.

Rink Layout



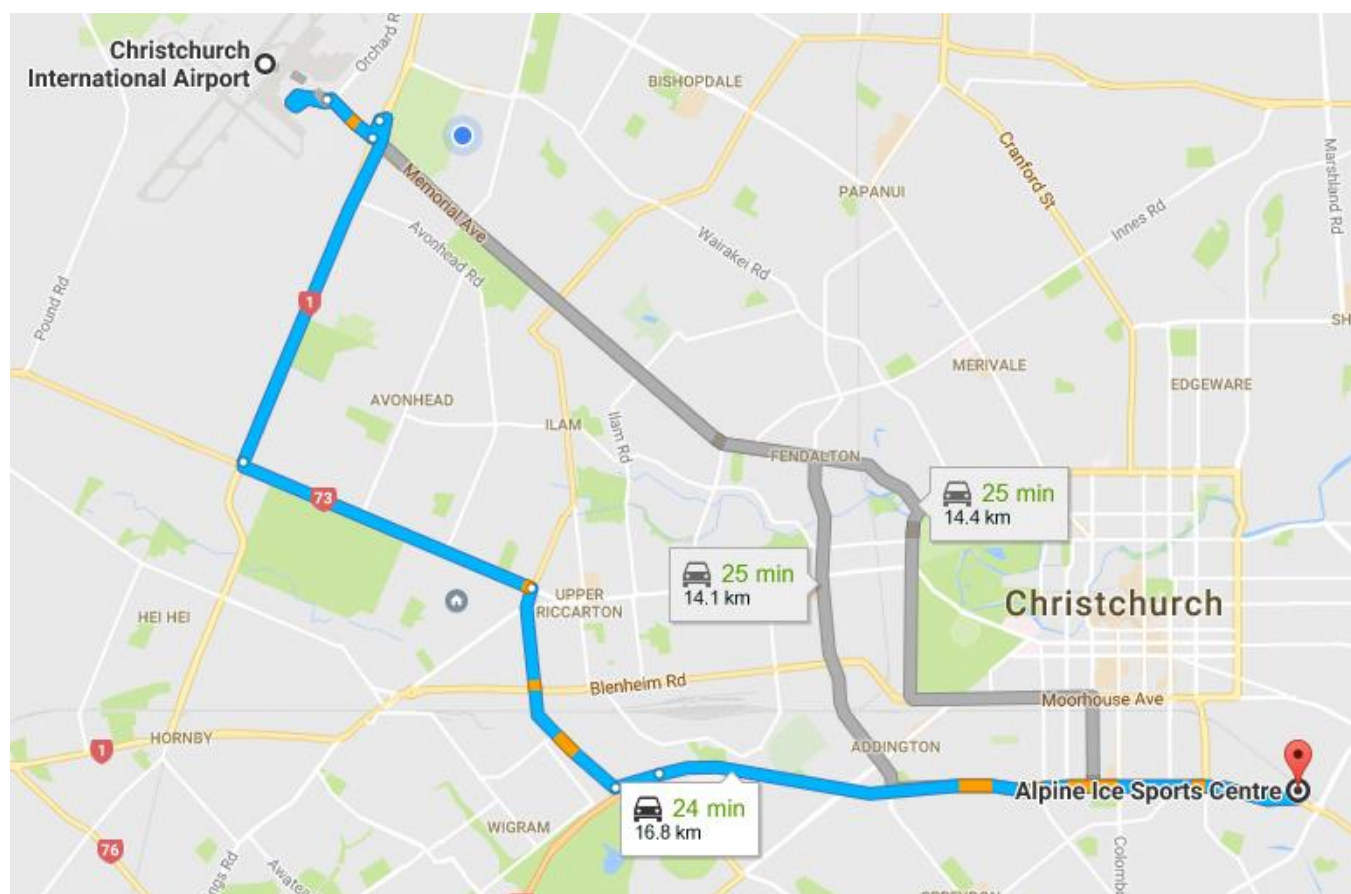
No Skates or Skate Bags allowed in the Café at any time

Please note that skates and skate bags are not allowed in the Zamboni Café at any time. We have provided two changing rooms where you can get changed and put your skates on.

Getting to and from the rink

Alpine Ice Sport Centre is at 495 Brougham Street, Opawa, Christchurch. Brougham Street has two lanes each way, divided by a median island. The rink is on your left if you are heading east along Brougham Street. When you exit the rink, if you want to return along Brougham Street, turn left out of the rink (it's one way so you need to turn left anyway), then right at the traffic lights, right again (third exit) at the first round about, then a left turn at the next lights will have you back on Brougham Street heading west.

We recommend you add an extra 10 -15 minutes to your drive time as there are still roadworks all over the city that may cause delays.



We look forward to seeing you in October.

The Centaurus Ice Skating Club and the Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club.