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## New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships

Newsletter #4 - October 2016

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

Only one week to go. How exciting! Along with a few more reminders, we have some additional information for you.

### Extension on Banquet Ticket Orders

We have been able to extend the date that banquet orders need to be in. Final date for orders is now Wednesday 5 October. The banquet is being held Thursday 13 October at the Woolston Club. This is a chance to celebrate success, with the announcement of the provisional lists of skaters selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad, Australian Figure Skating Championship Representatives, and International A & B Team Representatives. It's also where the NZIFSA presents special awards including the Sportsperson of the Year and Administrator of the Year awards. 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 now due **Wednesday 5 October**.

### Unofficial Practice Ice Time due Wednesday 5 October

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.

## Volunteers

A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to help already. We just have a couple of spots to fill - music on Thursday night for 1 hour and announcing Friday. If you can help with these please email to [nzifsainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nzifsainfo@gmail.com) and Lindsay will pop you into the roster. The roster has been sent out tonight to those that have offered to help already.

## T Shirt Orders

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). Email [nzifsainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nzifsainfo@gmail.com)

## Music

Don't forget to send your music to [nzifsamusic@gmail.com](mailto:nzifsamusic@gmail.com). There are still some skaters yet to send their music and time is running out. 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. If you haven't sent your music through by Wednesday this week you may find you have to hum you music for us while you skate.

## Photographer

Kevin Clarke of CMGSPORT, Sports event photographers will be at Nationals taking photos of all skaters. They will have a couple of computers set up so you can view and order images. Their pricing structure is as follows

### PRINTS

5 x 7 photo print	\$15
8 x 12 photo print	\$25
18 x12 photo print	\$40

### DIGITAL FILES

2MB JPEG image	\$20	(Web use and print to 8 X 12 inch)
6MB JPEG image	\$30	(Poster use and print to A1)

Buy five get 2 free

Buy ten get 5 free

Check out their website [www.cmgспорт.co.nz](http://www.cmgспорт.co.nz)

## Video permit forms

If you want to video any portion of an event you must apply for a video permit (attached). To video skaters/teams other than your own family members, you must get the written permission of the skaters concerned, or in the case of minors, their parents/guardians. Also a reminder that the use of flash photography or video flood lights is not permitted. If you are using a phone or ipad, please check that any lights are switched off. These are very distracting to both skaters and officials.

## **ISkate Stand**

Margaret from Iskate at the Canterbury rink in Sydney will have a stand at Nationals. If there are any particular items you would like her to bring over, please contact her at [iskate.icesports@gmail.com](mailto:iskate.icesports@gmail.com) by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and she will try and bring what you want if she has it in stock. Check out their website at [www.iskate.com.au](http://www.iskate.com.au)

### **Reminder - 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.

We look forward to seeing you next week

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

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