

Hello Everyone

September 2013

With the competition drawing near, it is a good time to update everyone on a few items.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE TIME

Unofficial Practice ice time has been arranged for Friday 27th September, and Sunday 29th September for skaters that will not be competing until Monday or Tuesday. There are still some sessions available, please email competition@disc.org.nz if you would like to book any further sessions. The confirmed booking times will be circulated in the next 10 days.

It is important to note that as per rule 213.6;

For practice sessions during Nationals, 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. Once a competitor's official practices for an event begin, they may only skate on official practice sessions. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a competitor being disqualified from the NZ National Championships for that year. The Organising Committee is required to provide unofficial practice ice on the competition ice surface for competitors with the expense to be borne by the competitors. ISU rules regarding practices for competitions do not apply to any New Zealand domestic competitions.

MERCHANDISE

Please find attached the details of the official merchandise and order form. Close off date for ordering any merchandise is 14 September.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony begins at 3.00pm on Saturday 28 September. Club Team Leaders please assemble your skaters by 2.45pm and ensure clubs are lined up in alphabetical order. Skaters will enter the ice from the main entrance.

VIDEO PERMIT

Video permits are required for anyone who wishes to video their own skater. You will be required to have the form with you if you wish to access a dedicated videoing area rinkside. A copy of the form is attached and you will find the permit form on the website under Nationals information.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM) & RULES AND REGULATION FORUM

The SGM will be held on Sunday 29 September 12:30pm – 12:45pm, followed by the Rules and Regulations Forum. These will be held in the Mezzanine lounge of the Dunedin Ice Stadium. Clubs are reminder to notify the General Secretary of who their delegates for the SGM are at least seven days prior to the meeting.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

A reminder for you that Daylight Savings begins on Sunday 28 September. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour.

SKATERS' PROTOCOL

A little bit of housekeeping just to make sure that the competition is a great success for everyone;

- During the Official Practices, please ensure the arm bands are worn when your music is on
- Please do not hang any skate guards or clothing over the side of the rink
- The skaters/coaches area is **only** for those skaters and coaches who's grade is about to take the ice. Skaters/coaches who are not in participating at that time are not permitted in this area.
- Parents and spectators are requested to sit in the grandstand to view and support skaters, please do not stand near the glass screens during practice sessions or the competition.

Happy Skating and we look forward to seeing you all soon
Dunedin Ice Skating Club