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NATIONALS INFORMATION

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

We are just days away from 2023 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships (Nationals) at Dunedin Ice Stadium, starting Saturday 7th October – Tuesday 10th October! Here are some final updates from DISC to assist you with your planning.

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

The V1 Unofficial Practice Ice schedule has been circulated to everyone who booked. The Saturday evening session is now full, but there are spaces available across other sessions, see below:

Friday Session #1	4pm-4:30pm 4:30pm-5pm 5pm-5:30pm 5:30pm-5:50pm ICE GROOM 5:50pm- 6:20pm 6:20pm-6:50pm
Saturday Session #2	6:30am- 7am 7am-7:30am
Sunday, session #4	8pm-8:30pm 8:30pm-9pm 9:20pm-9:50pm

You can make a booking for an additional unofficial practice ice session using the new link below, the form will remain open until **5pm on Wednesday 3rd Oct.** If there are any issues with your existing booking, please email DISC directly on: admin@dunediniceskatingclub.com

Some important points to remember about unofficial practice ice:

- There will be low background music played throughout the session, but no individual programme music will be played.
- Ear buds are not permitted during the session.
- Be aware of others, sessions have a range of skaters present.
- All unofficial practice ice must be booked and paid for in advance, please do not turn up and ask if there is space.

[Unofficial Practice Ice Bookings #2](#)

VOLUNTEERING

To give you a sense of the scale involved in running Nationals, across the four days (five including Friday's unofficial practice ice) we have a minimum of 155 volunteer slots to fill. And this is the bare minimum! Get involved, meet some new people, and have fun. We need volunteers for the following jobs:

- Registration table
- Merchandise collection table
- Marshalling
- Music box
- Announcing
- Runner for officials (hot water bottles/blankets)
- Time keeping
- Medical/first aid crew
- Help with the food and drink for officials

Once you have indicated where and when you're available, a team leader will be in touch to confirm slots and share with you information relevant to Dunedin Ice Stadium.

[Volunteer form link](#)

BANQUET

Deadline for booking your banquet tickets: 10pm, Monday 2nd October

Don't miss out, make sure you book your tickets for the banquet.

The banquet is a two-course meal, with dietary needs accommodated. Tickets:

Adults (over 12 yrs) - \$45

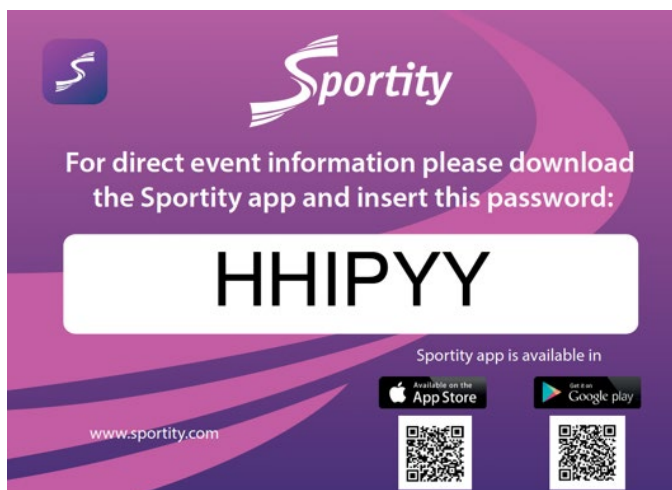
Children (12 yrs and under) - \$20

Please indicate any dietary needs in the booking form

[Banquet ticket sales](#)

SPORTITY APP

We will be using the Sportity app as a digital info board throughout the competition. The NZIFSA website is still the most important source of competition-related information, but we will replicate and store information like the latest schedule, unofficial practice schedules, changing room allocations and so on the app too. Download the Sportity app to your phone and use the password below.



OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony, 4pm on Saturday 7th October, will begin with a mihi whakatau. Mana whenua representatives from Ngāi Tahu (Kāi Tahu) will welcome Māori and Pākehā manuhiri/visitors to Ōtepoti. The mihiwhakatau involves a whaikōrero – welcoming speeches where information and stories are shared, followed by waiata/songs. Robyn Morris will speak on behalf of NZIFSA and would welcome your support at the opening ceremony with singing Te Aroha, a waiata about love and peace. This particular waiata is short and the kupu/lyrics are straightforward to learn. The video link below will help you.

[Link to lyrics and music of Te Aroha](#)

VIDEO PERMIT

The video permit form is now available. Please save the confirmation on your phone so that we can match you to our records at the registrations desk. In our media saturated times, video permits might seem a bit old school but the video permit is about being respectful of others, particularly when many of our athletes are minors.

[Video permit form link](#)

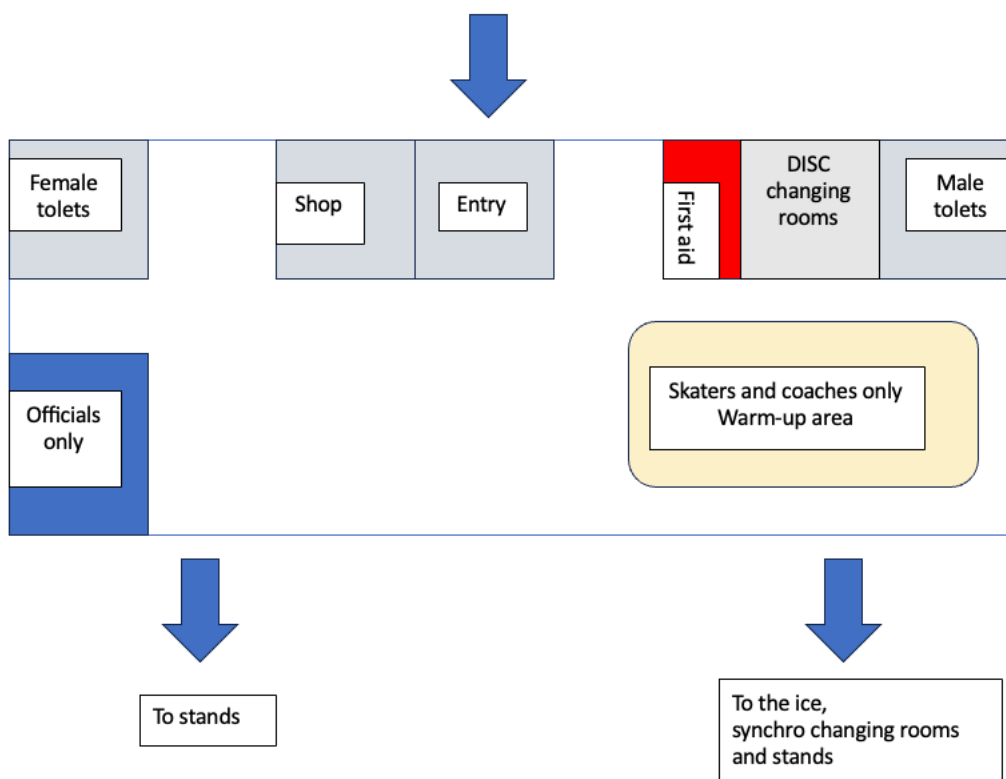
REGISTRATION TABLE

The registration table will open on Saturday morning, give yourself plenty of time to register before your event. Not only can you collect your registration pack, but you will also be able to finalise your video permit by collecting a sticker. Video permit forms will be available if you have forgotten to complete the form online.

We will be running a silent auction from the registration desk, with the top prize a \$300 voucher towards blades from Skaters Edge, generously donated by the team at SE team. What an amazing opportunity to spend a little to save a lot!

AROUND THE RINK

There will be signage to orient you if you are visiting Dunedin Ice Stadium for the first time. The plan below will give a sense where key areas are.



DISC changing rooms are available to all skaters, there are rooms available for male, female, and gender-neutral changing. Visiting synchro teams will be allocated to hockey changing rooms, and will be collected by a marshal and given access to the ice via the nearest gate during the competition.

The first aid room is next door to the DISC changing rooms. There is a defibrillator located in this room.

Drinking water is available from a drinking fountain and tap outside the first aid room.

Skaters and coaches have an allocated area close to the main entry to the ice for warm up, there is more room for warm-up outside the building – weather permitting!

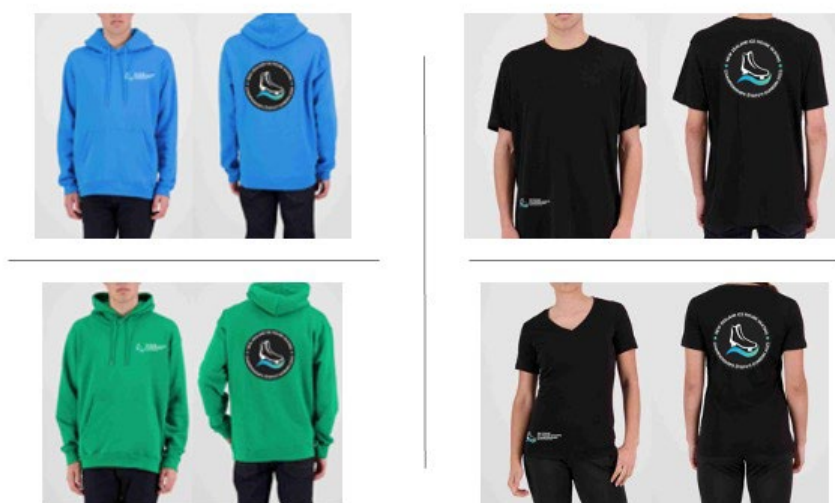
Family and general public areas are in front of the shop and in the stands. Please support the skaters by going out to watch and give them your rousing encouragement!

Access upstairs during the competition events will be available to volunteers for food prep and runners only. The upstairs seating area will be open during the Victory Ceremonies, and for the coaches' forum and general forum.

Parking is limited directly outside the Ice Stadium, but there is lots of parking immediately next door (on the right of the Ice Stadium as you look at it). A bay by the side of the Ice Stadium will be coned off to allow access for emergency vehicles, please leave this area clear.

MERCHANDISE

You will be able to order merchandise during Nationals. Ice Stadium staff will take your order and calculate the postage. We will close orders on Wednesday 12th October.



TICKETING

Skaters who register for Nationals have entry for themselves plus a chaperone as part of their registration. For other guests, day tickets are available for purchase from the online store, or can be purchased at the entry to Dunedin Ice Stadium.



Adults (over 12 yrs) - \$5 per day ticket

Children (12 yrs and under) - Free

[Purchase tickets](#)

We will not be asking for donations at the registration desk!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Amazing bios! Thanks to all the skaters who have supported the publicity campaign and shared a little about themselves. More to come – follow the story on Facebook...



[Dunedin Ice Skating Club](#)

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