

2026 NORTH ISLAND ICE SKATING SUB ASSOCIATION ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT – SKATE SCHOOL

VENUE: Paradise Ice Arena, Botany Downs
Corner Botany Road & Ti Rakau
Drive Botany Downs, Auckland

DATES: Saturday 3rd October 8.15am - 11.45am and 4.15pm – 7.45pm
Sunday 4th October 8.15am - 11.45 am and 4.15pm –8.15pm
ENTRIES CLOSE: Entries Close when the schedule is full or Friday 13th September
whichever occurs first
(No late entries accepted after closing date)

DRAW: Electronic draw Wednesday 30th September 2025

ENTRIES: Entries must be made on the official entry form via the link:
[https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/ 2026NorthIslandChampionships](https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/2026NorthIslandChampionships)
Entry fees should be deposited directly into the NISSA bank account (ANZ 01 1839 0247804 01) by the closing date. You must quote the skater's name and "NI Champs" as a reference when making your deposit.
Please note: A separate entry form is required for each event entered.

All entrants must be members of NISSA member clubs and hold a current NZIFSA Test and Competition (TC) registration. Guests from NZIFSA affiliated South Island clubs may enter but will not be awarded the title if they win a grade (the title will go to the first North Island skater).

ENTRY FEES:

Skate School :	Skate School Singles : All Grades	\$50 per entry
	Skate School Synchro : All Grades	\$250 per team
	Skate School Theatre on Ice	\$20 per skater / max \$340 per team

PLANNED PROGRAMME CONTENT SHEETS

Current PPCs are required to validate your entry. Please ensure your PPC is emailed to NISSA (niissa.tests@gmail.com) by the close of entries. Entries may be withdrawn if the required PPC is not received by the closing date.

NO FURTHER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE

Withdrawal of an entry is permitted before the closing of entries. After the closing date, any skater who withdraws will not be entitled to a refund of entry fees, except on medical grounds. In such cases, withdrawal is permitted up to—but not including—the first day of the competition, and must be supported by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

SKATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS: Music is the skaters or teams own choice and will need to be submitted (see below).

<u>Skate School Novice Level</u> • Free Skating Programme – up to 1 min 30 sec • Holders of Kiwi skate badge Novice 1 or 2 • A common piece of music (per class) to be assigned by the coach · Expected Elements in the program are: • One or two foot spin • Two foot jump, forward to backward • Novice 1: Backward Mohawks; Novice 2: FI Mohawk & BI Mohawks (strokes or crossovers in between Mohawks) • Forward Spiral (free edge choice) • Left outside 3-Turn • Waltz Jump • Drag • Forward toe pivot	<u>Skate School – Theatre On Ice</u> • Performed on the full ice surface and to the teams music of choice, which may contain sound effects. • Program up of 6 minutes + / - 15 seconds • Props and Scenery may be used • No badges are required to be held Between 8 and 40 skaters present a theme, emotion or story enhanced by music and sound, and incorporating the dimensions of choreography and skating movements, performance and rapport between skaters or sub-groups of skaters, and props and scenery (if used). The use of any substance that might harm the ice is not permitted and props and scenery should not take longer than 2 minutes to be on and off the ice at the start and end of the program.
<u>Skate School Advanced/Proficiency Level</u> • Free Skating Programme - up to 1 min 30 sec • Holders of Kiwi skate badges Advanced and Proficiency · A common piece of music (per class) to be assigned by the coach · Expected Elements in the program are: • Advanced: Spin or Waltz Jump • Proficiency: Spin or Sal chow Jump • Back spiral (free choice of edge) • Forward spiral (free choice of edge) • Advanced: Half flip Proficiency: Toe Loop • One foot or marching spin Proficiency: One foot spin • Step sequence: Bunny hop, x 2 FI Mohawks x2 FO 3 Turn sideways gallop, drag, (Proficiency add FI twizzle each direction) FO 3 turn, Back Toe step, Forward or Bac	<u>Skate School Synchronized</u> • Skate School Synchronized A : Skate School Advanced level or above. Some of the skaters may have NZIFSA Test 0 – Elementary Stroking or Pattern Dance. • Skate School Synchronized B : Skate School Novice Level or above. All skaters are still in skate school and not holding NZIFSA Test 0 – Elementary or Pattern Dance or above. • Skate School Synchronized Adult : All skaters are over 18, Some of the skaters may have NZIFSA Test 0 – Elementary Stroking or Pattern Dance. • Free Skating Programme - up to 3 mins • Between 6 and 16 skaters • Individual music allowed • Expected Elements in the program are: • Forward or backwards horizontal line (1/2 length of rink or more) • Two spoke wheel (optional hold) forwards or backwards • Forward intersection • Circle formation: forward crosscuts/three turn or Mohawk/backwards crosscuts/three turn or Mohawk (optional hold). Repeat twice. • Step sequence in block formation or block with a change of configuration.
<u>Skating Academy “Character”</u> • Performed on 1/3 ice (central section) as a solo or with 2 skaters • Free Skating Programme to a 1 minute piece of music of your own choice and may contain vocals • Can dress up in costume to express the theme • No badges need to be held. Skaters are encouraged to create their own choreography with minimal coach assistance and will be scored on their artistic interpretation and development of the musical themes rather than technical skills.	

Judging will take into account technical execution and presentation (artistic) aspects of the skater’s performance. Please ask your coach if you want to compete, but are unsure of the grade to enter.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

The NIISSA Ice Figure Skating Championships will be conducted in accordance with the NZIFSA Rules and Regulations for 2026. These are posted on the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/rules>

MARKING AND TABULATION:

As per Rule 217.1, for the National Championships and for North and South Island Championships, the ISU Judging System (IJS) shall be used.

SCHEDULING:

For various reasons the competition schedule may change up to and including on the day of the competition. Check your email and regularly look at the notice board at the ice rink.

The competition may run up to 30 minutes early of the latest schedule, please ensure you leave early enough to deal with any contingencies and arrive at least one hour before your scheduled time to skate. You may not receive any warning at the rink that events are running early, it is your responsibility to determine if the competition is running ahead or behind schedule and be ready to skate in your warm-up and events.

MUSIC:

All competitors shall provide music in **MP3 format**. Music should be uploaded to the following link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthIslandIceSkatingSubAssociation/NorthIslandsCompetitorsMusic2026> by close of entries. File should be labelled as follows: skater name, grade, short programme or freeskate, e.g ***Sarah Smith, Juvenile Girls, Freeskate.***

Video and Photography Policy

NIISSA retains all rights to video recording and photography of the Championships.

Video recording requires a permit. Anyone wishing to record video must obtain prior approval from the organisers. Only those with a valid permit may record their own skater. Permits will be checked during each skater's performance.

Photography of your own skater is generally allowed. Please **respect the privacy of others** and do not take photos of other skaters without their consent. If any skater or parent has concerns about photography, please contact NIISSA **before the event**. We will do our best to support your request.

Flash photography and video lights are not permitted during warm-ups or competition performances.

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