

ART NEWS FLASH – 12 JUNE, 2022

NZ Champs Updates and Reminders

NZ Champs Programming

Monday 18th July training day.

In the past there have been training times allocated to each grade for the day preceding competitions and training sessions during the week. However this will not be the case this year. Monday will now be the only training day. Time will be allocated to Clubs with respect to how many skaters and or events the Club has registered for the Nationals. This allocation will be finalised when the programme organisers have received the official number of entries from the NZFRS. Clubs will be advised of their times as soon as possible. It will then be up to Clubs to organise their skaters within the time allocated and will need to advise the Chief Announcer of this. A form will be attached to this newsflash and sent to all Clubs to assist with the information that the Chief Announcer requires.

Programme layout.

In broad general terms we can advise that all figure and group events will be completed Tuesday and Wednesday, with the exception of Small and Large Show groups. These events will be held later in the week.

Dance and freeskating events will be dispersed throughout the whole competition.

Please be prepared for long days. There will be start times between 7 - 7:30am and finish times of 10 - 10:30pm

Junior and Senior events.

To add prestige to these events (including figures), and to give due recognition to skaters for their dedication to skating to be able to enter these grades, the skaters will be announced onto the floor in their competition groups and acknowledge the audience with a wave/arm raised. The skaters will then proceed with their official event warm-up. Skaters may like to practice this during their Monday training. The Chief Announcer is familiar with this and will happily provide guidance as required.

Competitive Warmup

Due to an exceptional situation of there being a very tight schedule/programme, creating time limitations, not all free and dance events will be able to have, at the conclusion of the warm-up period, the (1) minute recovery time for the first skater, before they take the floor.

However, the exception will be, that the (1) minute will be factored into the timing for Junior and Senior events

As soon as an order of events is done it will be released to the skating community.

Venue Information

Our Event Manager, Michelle O'Doherty has visited the stadium in Blenheim recently and would like to pass on the following general information:

There will be heating and plenty of parking. There is a Subway and another café inside the stadium complex and a pool next door.

The floor is very similar to the floor at New Plymouth that skaters will be familiar with from past NZ Champs. Blenheim skaters have been using a mix of 88-92 harness wheels on the floor. Michelle skated on it herself during her visit and would recommend 90-92.

Michelle has not been advised that food will be unable to be taken into the venue.

Officials and Coaches ID

Officials and Coaches ID's must be worn at NZ Champs. Coaches without an ID card will be unable to enter the marshalling area with their skaters.

NZ Champs Trophies

If you have a trophy from 2021 NZ Champs please ensure that the trophy is clean and return it to the Trophy Steward, Sonja Reid on Monday at NZ Champs. A list of trophies and their current holders has already been sent to clubs. If in doubt please contact your club secretary in the first instance.

Check Content Sheets and Style Dance Certificates

SKATERS and COACHES please carefully check your content sheets and style dance certificates to ensure that they are correct.

Your content needs to be in the correct order and match what is performed on the floor. For items that require a time to be entered please remember that the time is measured from the first movement of the skater NOT the start of the music.

The instructions for correctly filling out content sheets are on the first page of the content sheet file.

If your content sheets have been changed or updated since Area Champs then please send them to the Artistic Secretary ASAP at artistic.secretary@gmail.com

Music

Please make sure that your music has been correctly named (skater_grade_event) and sent to our Chief Announcer, Roger Boulcott at nzartisticmusic@gmail.com

Travel

North Island skaters: please make sure you arrange travel and accommodation ASAP. As NZ Champs take place during the school holidays there is more demand for ferry services and flights and these are starting to fill up.

NZ Champs takes a lot of planning and involves hours of behind the scenes work by dedicated volunteers. Please help us to ensure that the event runs smoothly by making sure that all of your paperwork and music is correct, up-to-date and sent to the organisers well in advance of the competition.

Notes for Oceania Nominees

Costume Requirements

A reminder for skaters nominating for selection to the NZ Oceania Team at NZ Champs: As this is the qualifying event for Oceania Champs, international costume rules will apply to nominating skaters. Full World Skate costume regulations can be found on the World Skate website or in the 2022 NZ Artistic Regulations, section 5.00

Uniforms

Past Oceania Team members may bring existing uniform items for embroidery. New uniform items can also be ordered at NZ Champs. Please see Paula at the House of Oom shop.

Finances

As per previous years, funds for Oceania Champs are to be paid in instalments, the first of which will be due a couple of weeks after the team is named at the conclusion of NZ Champs. Please be prepared for this.

Medal Tests

As stated in previous communications, skaters wishing to nominate for the 2022 NZ Oceania team have an extension for achieving their required medal tests. The date that medals need to be achieved by is the 18th of July 2022. If you are planning to sit a test after the closing date for nominations then please remember to contact the Artistic Secretary ASAP with the results of your test once you have sat it.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

Janine Price

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