**Championships Rules & Information**

1. Skaters and Officials Programmes will be made available at the Team Manager’s Meeting.
2. All competitors are requested to take part in the Opening Ceremony. Skates are to be worn with each team appropriately dressed according to their Club’s requirements. SkateNZ will award a prize for the Best Dressed Team during the ceremony.
3. 2017 World Team Members may wear their NZ Uniforms with the approval of their club. Those choosing to wear the New Zealand uniform must wear the complete uniform, display an atmosphere of pride and act in a dignified manner.
4. All competitors must be at the venue and ready to report to the correct marshalling area at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their event.
5. All music should by now have been received by the Chief Announcer.
6. Competitors must wear their NZ Artistic number.
7. Competitors must ensure that their skates do not have protruding axles or nuts. Skate checks will be made in the marshalling area and during the official practise sessions.
8. All warm up periods prior to events will be as per the rules in accordance with the World Skate Artistic rules.
9. The order of skating will be listed in the programme.
10. Medals and/or trophies will not be presented unless competitors are in skating costume and wearing skates. Presentation ceremonies are a serious part of the NZ Artistic Championships and skaters should act in a dignified manner.
11. Official Training times are nominated in the programme. Competitors must observe the rules of the Official managing each practice session.
12. Only competitors, approved coaches and championship officials involved in the event being run at the time will be permitted in the official area. All such persons must be registered members of NZFRS.
13. The referee for each event shall have total control of the floor with only officials of the current event being allowed in the official area. Competitors for the following event will not be allowed to take the floor until the retiring referee gives permission.
14. Only official calculators and referee of the event will be allowed in the calculating area.
15. Team managers and competitors should watch the noticeboard for any programme changes. Notices must not be removed from the noticeboard. All notices placed on the noticeboard shall have the approval of the Event Manager prior to posting.
16. All withdrawals from events must be made to the Sports Committee Secretary.
17. Programme changes shall be made by the respective Event Manager
18. Video taping of the Championships will be permitted, however those patrons using tripods must use an area which does not restrict other patron’s viewing.
19. Food is allowed in the Stadium, however patrons are urged to place rubbish in the bins located throughout the Stadium. Please clean up all your rubbish before vacating the premises.
20. Championship souvenirs, tickets for the NZ Closing Function events will be available from the NZFRS Treasurer.
21. Patrons must remain quiet during figure events and at other times where competitors require extreme concentration.
22. Team Managers are responsible for team discipline for the duration of the Championships.
23. Trade Displays must have the prior approval of the Event Manager.
24. Officials must take care with the types of footwear worn on the skating surface. No stiletto type shoes will be permitted.
25. Skates must not be worn when going up the stairs or sitting in public seating areas.
26. Skaters must retire from the marshalling area after the completion of their event.
27. Flowers / gifts thrown to competitors on the floor after their event must be completely encased in cellophane and must not contain water, sealed or otherwise.
28. Cell phones must be switched off or on silent mode while in the stadium.
29. Artistic presentations will be held at the advertised programme times.
30. Titleholders are not included in the programme this year due to the many grade changes that have occurred. A lot of the grades have different age ranges and/or names. We acknowledge the 2017 titleholders and have recorded their success. We look forward to identifying the new titleholders for 2018 in the new grades and acknowledging them going forward.

31. Please report any injuries and/or accidents to the Event Manager to be recorded in the Accident Register, and any concerns regarding hazards arising from an accident or injury should also be reported to the Event Manager.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

**Please report any Health & Safety issues to the**

**Event Manager – Michelle O’Doherty or**

**NZFRS Treasurer – Ann Deihl**

**ACCIDENTS & INJURIES**

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