



**NOTICE OF THE
2009 AUSTRALIAN ROLLER SPORTS ARTISTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
(INVITATIONAL)**
(including competition schedule)

DATES: Sunday 4 October – Friday 9 October 2009

VENUE: Carrara Sports Stadium
Nerang Broadbeach Road,
CARRARA Queensland

1. NOMINATIONS

- (a) State teams must be nominated by the States and invited international skaters must be nominated through their Federations on the attached official forms. All details must be completed and Christian name (not initials) must be shown. States should ensure that all details are thoroughly checked as incorrect nominations may be rejected and replacements may not be accepted.
- (b) All nominations must be sent to the Branch Chairman - Mrs Rosemary Wilkins by Friday, 7th August 2009 (do not fax). Mrs Wilkins's address is as follows: PO Box 4171 Robina Town Centre, QLD 4230 or email to rosemary@wilkinsm.com. All monies must be in the hands of the Skate Australia National Office by 5.00pm on Friday, 7th August 2009.
- (c) Refer to Bylaw No 11 Sanctions and Competition for information concerning the number of skaters eligible for nomination.
- (d) Qualifications for entry into the various grades are set out in the rules of the AAC. Where age determines eligibility for entry in a particular grade, it shall be decided by the age of the skater on 1st January 2009.
- (e) All persons nominated must be competitive members of Skate Australia a minimum of 30 days prior to the first day of competition of the Australian Championships unless an Exemption had been approved by the Board (except from invited National Federations).
- (f) Each person nominated must be a bona fide resident of Australia or its possessions by 29th December 2008. His permanent home must be in Australia and he must have lived in Australia for at least six (6) months unless nominated by an invited national Federation.
- (g) **Artistic:** Names of individual skaters selected for each artistic event must be inserted in the places provided on forms supplied. Substitutions may be made only up until seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Australian Championships by written notification to the AAC Branch Chairman.
- (h) **State Team Managers** must be named with the nominations and requests for program changes, etc. will be accepted **only** from team managers. Team managers, including those from invited International Federations, will be permitted access to the marshalling area.
- (i) Nominations must be accompanied by a State or International Federation cheque to cover

all nominations and registration fees. Cheques should be made payable to Skate Australia Artistic Branch.

- (j) States and International Federations are to supply to the Chief Executive Officer a list of names of coaches no later than 7th August.
- i) For Australian Coaches the list is to include the coaches' membership number, names of skaters coached and their respective events. Only fully accredited (and updated) coaches with participants in the event in progress will be allowed in the marshalling area.
 - ii) For Coaches from invited International Federations the list is to include the names of the skaters coached and their respective events.

Please note that a special Marshalling Area Pass shall be provided to allow access to the marshalling area for the listed events only.

NOTE: MARSHALLING AREA PASSES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. THEY MUST BE ARRANGED WITH THE SKATE AUSTRALIA NATIONAL OFFICE FOUR (4) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2. FEES AND ADMISSION PRICES

The following fees will apply:

Australian Championships

1. **Competitor Registration Fees (per competitor) \$180.00**

Note if there are 3 skaters from one family registering, then the 3rd family member will be permitted to register at no additional cost however payment must be made for the two family members at the full fee of \$180.00.

2. **For skaters competing in Precision only (per competitor) \$130.00**

3. **Nomination Fees (per Australian Championship event) \$20.00**
Combined figures & freeskating event \$10.00

(c) **Spectator entry fee will be Free**

- (d) Video & Movie Cameras:
Skate Australia (according to the rules of F.I.R.S.) reserves all rights to National competitions. Individuals will be permitted to video tape or film events for their own private use but no selling or copying will be permitted without the express approval of Skate Australia in writing.

The availability or use of power is not guaranteed. Television sets will not be allowed in the building.

3. WITHDRAWALS

- (a) As early as possible prior to each event, team managers should give to the Artistic Branch Chairman, written notice of any withdrawal from that event. Reasons should be clearly stated.
- (b) Notices of withdrawal should be handed to the Championship Director prior to the event in question.
- (c) A list of withdrawals from each event will be posted on the official notice board.

- (d) Skate Australia AAC is not obliged to refund registration or nomination fees if entrants withdraw from events.

4. MUSIC FOR FREEDANCE, ORIGINAL SET PATTERN DANCE, FREESKATING, PAIRS AND PRECISION TEAMS

- (a) Vocal music is permitted in all precision team skating events, free dance, original set pattern dance, original dance, creative solo dance and inline free skating with the exception of International inline free skating.
Vocal music is not permitted for compulsory dance, solo compulsory dance, inline compulsory dance, free skating, free skating pairs and international inline free skating events.
Vocal music is music that contains recognisable words in any language. Music in which the human voice acts as a musical instrument and in which there are no recognisable words is permitted in all events.
- (b) Recordings should be of a quality acceptable to high grade amplifiers.
- (c) The Chairmen of the State Artistic Committees must bring all the CDs for their State competitors and hand them to the AAC Chairman one day prior to the commencement of the Championships, i.e. by 1 p.m. on Saturday 3 October 2009. CDs handed in after this time shall incur a late penalty of \$5 per CD payable at least ½ hour before the competitor's event.
- (d) The CDs must be arranged in a cassette carrying case suitably identified with the name of the competitor and event and they must be accompanied by a list set out in program order.
- (e) CDs should be collected by team managers at the conclusion of the Championships.
- (f) The AAC shall not accept responsibility for any CDs not collected at the stipulated time.

5. NUMBER PATCHES

The AAC will provide artistic competitors with number patches for Figure events only.

6. SUITABLE DRESS FOR EVENTS AND WARM UPS

- (a) Specific rules apply for artistic events and the referees shall see that these rules are upheld.
- (b) Team managers should ensure well in advance that competitors have skating outfits that are clean, in good repair, modest and in good taste.
- (c) Referees should ensure that skaters wearing inappropriate outfits do not skate. Affected skaters may appeal to the Championship Director whose decision shall be final.
- (d) The Championship Director has the right to rule against inappropriate outfits in consultation with the event referee.
- (e) Only track suits or parts thereof may be worn over skating outfits during warm-up.

7. DRAWS

- (a) Figures: One group of figures (including the starting foot) for each grade, except for Junior and Senior International, will be drawn one calendar month before the first day of the Australian Championships. (i.e. 4/9/09) Results of draws will be advised to the Chairmen of State Artistic Committees and the Chairman of CAOC via email one month before the first day of the competition (i.e. 4/9/09)

- (b) The draw for the Junior International Grade (group only) will be conducted one calendar month before the first day of the Australian Championships (i.e. 4/9/09) The draw for the starting foot will be conducted the day before the official practice or as otherwise designated by the AAC.
- (c) The draw for the Senior International Grade (group and starting foot) will be conducted the day before the official practice or as otherwise designated by the AAC.

8. REPORTING TO MARSHALS / REFEREES

- (a) Approximate times for events shall be included in the program, however skaters should ensure that they are at the venue at least one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event.
- (b) Fifteen minutes before an event is scheduled to commence, involved skaters must report to the marshal on duty. They should wear their skating outfits and their skates must be with them, though not necessarily on their feet.
- (c) Designated marshalling areas are to be kept clear and only participants in the event, their coaches (if fully accredited) and team managers, and Championship Officials shall be permitted in the area.

9. ENTRANCE TO AND EXIT FROM SKATING SURFACE

- (a) Skaters must use the way indicated by the marshal on duty.

10. WARM UPS

- (a) An announcement shall be made by the Championships Organising Committee after the program has been completed and available time is known.
- (b) Warm up times on the competition floor shall be kept to a minimum.
- (c) In dance events, only one piece of music shall be used for each dance warm up and this piece shall not necessarily be used for the event.
- (d) Coaches should arrange for off-floor warm ups as necessary.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Announcements shall be made only by the official announcers, the Championship Director or the National Branch Committee Chairman.

12. RESULTS

- (a) Results shall be posted on the notice board as soon as available, announced, and placed on the Skate Australia Website.
- (b) Only the Championship Director or her nominee is authorised to remove official notices which remain, at all times, the property of the AAC.
- (c) All results will be posted to the Skate Australia Website at the conclusion of the day's events. The copyright of all results belongs to SA and must not be posted to other websites without express permission of SA.

13. PRESENTATIONS

- (a) All presentations shall be made, where possible, after each group of events.
- (b) Skaters should assemble in the marshalling area and be ready for the presentation.
- (c) Skaters receiving trophies must be in full competition outfits including skates.

14. RULES

- (a) Copies of all appropriate rules and regulations shall be supplied by Branch Committee Chairman and kept in the Championship Director's office.
- (b) Under no circumstances may those copies of rules be removed from that office.
- (c) Skaters and coaches in the marshalling area shall adhere to the rules of the Skate Australia relative to AAC Rules.

15. PROTESTS

- (a) All skaters and team managers should refer to the appropriate rules as set out by the branch.
- (b) Protest fees must accompany all protests and fees are set at \$50 per event. This fee shall be held by the Chairman of the AAC. Fees shall be refunded if protests are upheld.

16. AMBULANCE COSTS

For injuries received during the actual competition or the official warm up prior to the event, medical and hospital costs should be claimed from Medicare and then through SA's National Insurance Scheme.

17. PRACTICE TIMES

- (a) Practice times shall be advised as soon as possible.
- (b) For this year there is no charge for spectators as there is a levy on the registrations.

18. SKATING SURFACE

- (a) No powder may be used on the rink which is coated.
- (b) No BLACK toe stoppers or wheels are allowed on the rink and no persons wearing skates shall be permitted to leave the building. Under no circumstances will protruding axles or axle nuts be permitted on the floor. Further details may be advised from time to time.
- (c) Only competitors and officials shall be permitted on the skating surface during events.
- (d) All competitors should ensure that their skates are in good condition without any protruding metal or axles.
- (e) Random checks will be made on skates at the Championships.
- (f) Any skater found with skates that could damage the floor will not be allowed to skate.
- (g) Stiletto heels are not permitted on any part of the skating floor.

19. SKATE REPAIR FACILITIES

- (a) Availability of repair facilities will be provided if suitable providers can be obtained.

- (b) Skaters are advised to bring spare parts with them and to have their skates checked before attending the Championships.

20. DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing rooms shall be available for males and females.

21. CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

- (a) The Championship Director shall be Mrs Rosemary Wilkins and she will be assisted by Mrs Kathleen McPhail, Artistic VP for Queensland and Mrs Trisha Gundlach, Assistant Artistic VP for South Australia.
- (b) Technical matters relating to the branch committees come under the jurisdiction of the appropriate commissioned official or the branch committee chairman or his nominee.

22. PHOTOGRAPHER

An official photographer has been appointed, and he is given the exclusive right to enter the rink surface for the purpose of taking photographs during presentations. However, the general public may take photographs from outside the barriers.

23. MERCHANDISING

Championship merchandise will be available for sale.

24. DRUG TESTING

The Federation intends to set up drug testing procedures according to the requirements of the Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency. Questions of a medical nature concerning drugs must be referred to a medical practitioner and not to the Chief Executive Officer. The Australian Sports Drug Agency has established a Hotline to provide an information service to sport - 1800 020 506. Alternatively, phone the ASADA (02 6281 1822) for a list of up-to-date and accurate prohibited drugs.

25. GENERAL

Meal facilities will be available at the Carrara stadium.