



Paradite Skating Academy Competition 2025

We are excited to announce the annual Skating Academy competition at Paradise Botany rink! This is an opportunity for Skating Academy skaters of all levels and ages from both Paradise Botany and Avondale to participate in a variety of returning and new competition categories.

Venue: Paradise Botany rink, 490 Ti Rakau Drive, Auckland. **Date:** 16 November 2025, competition begins at 4:15pm until 7:15pm.

Entries: Are open and payment is via your Skating Academy Account under class type Academy Competition. There you should see all the different options available.

Entry fees:

For all categories: \$30 per skater per event including team or solo categories. Entry fee also includes free entry into one D) skill competition category for all entrants (including those entering D) only).

Spectators: Free entry,

Free skate: Competitors bring a friend for free skate with you at the conclusion of competition.

Entry closing date: 11:59pm, 6th November 2025.

Late entries: Will be at the discretion of event organizers if ice time allows.

Judging: Will be determined by technical and artistic aspects of the performance.

Music: Applicable to categories A), C) and F) only, music must be submitted in the format requested by the event organizers. Further information for this to be posted online at a later date.

Official Photography: will be provided by L&L Photography at www.levienphotography.com/figure-skating They are working on special pricing for the Skating Academy and will publish this shortly.

Categories and eligibility:

Please note entries in each category may be separated by age and/or KiwiSkate level depending on the number and demographics of entrants. Skaters may enter into more than one category across A) to D), but no more than one in B), see above for combo pricing.

CATEGORIES:

A. Creative:

A1. Theatre on Ice: open to skaters of all ages and levels who are current students in the Skating Academy. Skaters perform a program in a group of 3 or more with no required elements to their own choice of music on the full ice surface, limit of 5 minutes in length.

A2. Inflatables: open to skaters of all ages and levels who are current students in the Skating Academy. Entries from current Skating Academy coaches may be considered at the event organizers discretion. Skaters perform in a group of 2 or more while wearing a full body inflatable costume a program with no required elements to their own choice of music on the full ice surface, limit of 1 minute 30 seconds in length.

- B. **Skating Academy Programmes:** All levels in this category will skate a preset program (with preset music) for their level. Level 1-4 will skate on 1/3 of the ice, while level 5 will skate on 1/2 of the ice. This is open to all skaters who are current students in the Skating Academy, but can only enter in the level aligning to their current KiwiSkate level assessment on their account at the time of entry submission. Program content, example videos, and music files for practice are here [Academy preset programmes MP3s MP4s PDFs 2024-2025](#)

B1. Level 1: open to Tiny Tots (under 6 years old and not passed Beginner).

B2. Level 2: open to Beginner and Elementary KiwiSkate level skaters.

B3. Level 3: open to Basic and Novice 1 KiwiSkate level skaters.

B4. Level 4: open to Novice 2 and Advanced KiwiSkate level skaters.

B5. Level 5: open to Free Skate 1-3 KiwiSkate level skaters.

- C. **Synchronised:** as per NZIFSA guidelines for synchronised skating grades. Full ice surface. Now open to all synchronised skating grades!

- D. **Skill competitions:** the following four subcategories are open to skaters of all ages and levels who are current students in the Skating Academy. Skaters will have a time limit of 60 seconds and a 1/3 of the ice to perform the skill in isolation with unlimited attempts. Judges will evaluate based on typical grade of execution qualities relevant to the skill. More information will be posted online at a later date.

D1. Spirals

D2. Spins

D3. Teapot glides

D4. Skaters choice of single jump

- E. **Exhibitions:** we invite competitive skaters and synchronised skating teams who are ineligible for the Paradise Skating Academy Competition grades and who would like to skate a gala performance to approach the event organisers.

- F. **Skate School Novice 1 & 2 solo grade:** as per Skate School grade requirements given for previous competitions this season, participants must skate their own program incorporating all the required elements of their current KiwiSkate level. Participants must select and submit their own music up to 1 minute 30 seconds in length. All levels in this category will skate on the middle 1/3 of the ice.

Required elements: one or two foot spin, two foot jump forward to backward, backward mohawks, forward spiral, left forward outside 3 turn, waltz jump, drag, forward toe pivot waltz jump. Spiral

All Theatre on Ice students can enrol in the Skating Academy Competition as individuals in the 'A1 Academy Theatre On Ice' grade. Students will register as individuals, and we'll group them into their correct team based on their class.

Free Practice Sessions for Competition Entrants

• Avondale: Tuesday 11th November, 6:30–7:00pm

• Botany: Thursday 13th November, 6:45–7:45pm

During these sessions, all group routines will have their music played, and time permitting, solo routines will also be played.

Competition Entries

Entries are still open for all grades.

To enter:

1. Log in to your account.
2. Select New Enrolment → Class Type: Academy Competition.
3. Choose the grade you wish to enter.

Resources

You can find the preset solo routines and program information here:

https://paradiceiceskating.sharepoint.com/f/g/EoTgoalckDIHhSZQRF6g8NIBxp5q_hQshWGsOckvB_kOtQ?e=u19kO9

Note: For Section F, the Novice 1 & 2 levels have been combined. This is the only grade where skaters can perform their own-music solo programs.

For more information follow the link below

<https://www.paradice.co.nz/on-the-ice/learn-to-skate/>

Further information: Please see information to follow shortly regarding program learning and practice time, costuming, detailed schedule of events, participant information, etc. on our website .For urgent questions please contact megan@paradice.co.nz.