

## PARADICE SKATING ACADEMY FAQS:

- Q. Is the competition open to all ages?
- A. Yes, all ages can enter. The only requirement is that you are a current Skating Academy student.
- Q. Will genders or ages be separated within the categories?
- A. Competitors may be separated to compete against other skaters of the same gender or similar age, but this depends on the number of entries per category.
- Q. Do competitors have to wear a skating dress and tights/skating pants?
- A. No, you don't need to wear competition clothing, but if you would like to we encourage it. For Theatre On Ice check the theme with your coach and find a fun costume.!.
- Q. What if I do not want to enter D) skill competitions?
- A. Skill competitions are optional but encouraged.
- Q. How do I do my free enrolment for D) skill competitions (one included per paid enrolment)?
- A. After close of entries, you will be emailed a form to complete to choose your free enrolment category.
- Q When can I practice for the competition?
- A. Some guided practice will be done during group lessons, but we recommend coming along for self practice to our Skating Academy practice sessions after school on Tuesdays at both rinks and Thursdays at Botany during term time. These are only \$12 per session. In addition you can practice during public sessions without music.
- Q. Can I enter if I am new to skating?
- A. We encourage all skaters to enter a category that suits them. Category B) Skating Academy programmes has two levels that cater to beginners, all you need to do is learn the pre-set programme by following along to the video provided.,
- Q. Can adults enter?
- A. Yes, competition is open to all current Skating Academy students including adults of all ages.
- Q. Will adults and younger skaters be separate?
- A. The more entries we have, the more likely it is that we will be able to split adults and kids for judging purposes.
- Q. Is it open to skaters who only attend Monday Development classes?
- A. Yes, development is part of Skating academy.
- Q. I don't own skates, will skate hire be available?
- A. Yes, skate hire is included and will be open. However, it will be first in first serve.
- Q. I need to withdraw, who do I contact?
- $\hbox{A. Please email event organisers with the subject line "2025 competition with drawal"}.$
- Q. Will I receive a certificate and/or medal?
- A. Competitors in all categories except for D) Skill competitions and E) Gala will receive medals for first, second, and third place, while all competitors in all categories will receive a certificate.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  Do I need TC registration or club membership to enter?
- A. No, the only requirement is that entrants are current Skating Academy students (including Development and casual adult group lesson students).

## FAQS ON PRE-SET PROGRAMMES:

- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  How do I know what level to enter for category B) Skating Academy programmes?
- A. Please look at your skill level listed on your PIMS account that has your current enrolment on it. If you are unsure, ask your group lesson Head Coach. The level that you enter is the level you which are currently working on when you submit your entry.
- Q. What if my skill evaluations are out of date?
- A. Please ask a Head Coach to re-asses you and update your account evaluations.
- Q. Where can I find the category B) Skating Academy pre-set programme example videos and music files for practice?
- A. These are available here Academy preset programmes MP3s MP4s PDFs 2024-2025

## FAQS ON GROUP AND PAIR ENTRIES:

- Q. Does everyone in the group need to submit an entry via their PIMS account?
- A. Yes, everyone needs to enter individually. Your group members will be submitted with your music and entries will be cross checked
- Q. How do you know who is in the group/pair and what our music is?
- A. Once entries are closed we will contact you.
- Q. Can we change our group members or music after we have submitted the form? A. No, please decide and submit your group entry and music form once only.

## FAQS REGARDING DAY OF COMPETITION:

- Q. When do skaters need to arrive?
- A. Please arrive at least half an hour before your event with hair/makeup done if applicable and dressed to skate. If you can stay for the duration of the competition to support the other skaters, please do. Prize giving for all categories will be held at the end of the competition so stick around to receive your certificates, and medals for each top 3.
- Q. Where do skaters go on arrival?
- A. Please sign in at the front desk and listen carefully to the announcer and coaches for instructions. Note that it is your personal responsibility to be at the on ice gate on time for your warm up group.
- Q. Can I take photos of skaters?

- A. You may take photos of skaters known to you if they are for personal use only and they have given you permission. Official photographers will be present.
- Q. How can I purchase official photos?
- A. Here is a link to the official photographer <u>www.levienphotography.com/figure-skating</u>. Order before the competition, during, or after online via their website/email.
- Q. How is the competition judged?
- A. Judges will score competitors based on technical and artistic aspects, and the placings will be determined as a result of the judges combined opinions.
- Q. When will the schedule for the day be published?
- A. The schedule will be posted online shortly after entries close.
- Q. Do spectators have to buy tickets?
- A. Spectator entry is free for this competition, plus competitors can bring a friend for free skate time at the end.
- Q. When will prize giving be?

A. We will plan to have prize giving as soon as possible following the final event of the day, but there will be some delay while final results are calculated. During the delay, please enjoy a free skate. Skate hire will be open

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