



Paradice Skating Academy Competition 2026

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Frequently asked questions

FAQS ON ENTRY:

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.
Skaters Edge has some stock, especially of skating tights.

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 and Thursdays at both rinks during term time. These are only \$13 per session.

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 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. If you would like to purchase skates please see reception or Skaters Edge.

Q. I need to withdraw, who do I contact?

A. Please email event organisers, bree@paradice.co.nz with the subject line "2026 competition withdrawal".

Q. Will I receive a certificate and/or medal?

A. Competitors in all categories except for E) SkateFest will receive medals for first, second, and third place, while all competitors in all categories will receive a certificate.

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:**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 reassess 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 on the Paradise website

Q. Can I choose my own music?

A. You can choose your own music for Category D) Artistic. For Category A) Theatre on Ice and Category C) Synchronised, music is chosen by the team and/or coach. Category B) Skating Academy Programmes use pre-set music, and Category E) SkateFest uses background music.

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. Please fill out the group entry and music submission. This will be emailed to you after entries close.

Q. Can we change our group members or music after we have submitted the form?

A. No, so please make sure your group members and music are final before submitting the form.

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. Professional figure skating photographer Olga Levien has generously agreed to attend the competition to photograph every skater and event. Packages of her perfectly edited photos are available to pre-order online at <http://www.levienphotography.com/figure-skating>

Q. How is the competition judged?

A. A panel of 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 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.