



# **SYDNEY SYNCHRONIZED FESTIVAL 2023**

**International Synchronized Skating Competition**

**Erina, NSW, Australia**

Conducted under the authorization of the ISU and in accordance with ISU Regulations 2022.

Organised by the New South Wales Ice Skating Association  
with the approval of Ice Skating Australia.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

ISU Events:

- Senior: Short Program & Free Skating
- Senior Elite 12: Short Program & Free Skating
- Junior: Short Program & Free Skating
- Advanced Novice: Free Skating
- Basic Novice: Free Skating

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The NSW Ice Skating Association is pleased to welcome entries for the 2023 Sydney Synchronized Festival.

### **1. General Regulations**

Sydney Synchronized Festival will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2022, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2022, and the relevant ISU Communications, or any updates published by the date of the commencement of the event.

Participation in the Sydney Synchronized Festival is open to all Teams & Competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to the ISU Rules in effect. All participants' ages must fall within the limits specified in the ISU Rules and they must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in the ISU Rules & Communications in effect or any updates published at the time of the commencement of the competition.

All Teams must be entered through their respective ISU Member Federation.

Please direct all inquiries to:

- LOC: Sydney Synchronized Festival Organising Committee.
  - c/o Mrs Lynne Kentish
- Postal Address: PO Box 3266, North Strathfield, NSW, 2137
- Physical Address: Sports House Quad 1, Level 2, 8 Parkview Drive,  
Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, 2127
- Phone: 02 8736 1224
- E-mail: [admin@nswisa.com](mailto:admin@nswisa.com)
- Web: <https://www.nswisa.com>

**\*\*We ask for all communications to be via email.\*\***

### **2. Categories**

Sydney Synchronized Festival will offer the following divisions:

- ISU Senior: Short Program & Free Skating
- ISU Senior Elite 12: Short Program & Free Skating
- ISU Junior: Short Program & Free Skating
- ISU Advanced Novice: Free Skating
- ISU Basic Novice: Free Skating

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2022, or any update to this document in effect by the date of the competition (Determination and publication of results) will be used.

### 3. Venue

The venue for this competition will be:

Erina Ice Arena, Erina Fair  
620 Terrigal Drive, Erina, NSW, 2250  
<https://erinaicearena.com.au>

Ice Surface: 60 metres x 30 metres

The layout of the arena with the entrance to and exit from the ice, judges' stand, etc. will be forwarded to each participant following the close of entries.

Erina Ice Arena is located 1hr 30 mins North of the Sydney Airports.

### 4. Entries

Each ISU Member Association may enter any number of teams per category. The organiser reserves the right to limit the number of entries per Member. Entries of Teams, nominated Judges and Team Managers/Leaders may be made only by the Member Federation concerned on the designated Official Forms. All details must be completed and Team Managers must ensure all skaters and Teams meet all eligibility requirements at the time of entry.

All Entries must be sent to the Sydney Synchronized Festival 2023 Organizing Committee and submitted through the NSWISA Online Registration Platform.

**All entries must be submitted BY 11:59PM AEST FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023.**

All teams are requested to submit individual photos for accreditation and a team photo with their entry.

### 5. Entry Fees

The Entry Fees for this competition must be paid as part of the online registration process. The fees for each division are inclusive of GST and are:

**ISU Senior:** AUD \$1,995

**ISU Senior Elite 12:** AUD \$1,995

**ISU Junior:** AUD \$1,995

**ISU Advanced Novice:** AUD \$1,595

**ISU Basic Novice:** AUD \$1,595

Please note the Entry Fee does not include any extra practice ice. Extra practice ice is available for purchase directly from Erina Ice Arena.

The costs of the meals, lodging and travel expenses will not be borne by the organization. Information about local accommodation, meal and transport services is available from the Organising Committee.

The entry fee will not be refunded in case of withdrawals for any reason.

## **6. Music & Planned Program Content**

Music must be submitted in MP3 format, through the NSWISA Online Registration Portal. The team must also submit a copy of their music for each program on USB at the time of registration. All USBs must be clearly identified with the name of the team, the category (Senior/Elite 12/Junior/Advanced Novice/Basic Novice), the type of program (Short Program/Free Skating) and must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time).

All Planned Program Content (PPC) information must also be submitted through the NSWISA Online Registration Portal at the time of entry. The PPC information must be completed by each Team using the terminology for the elements listed in the official ISU Scale of Values table.

Any updates of music or PPCs between the time of submission and the event must be communicated to [admin@nswisa.com](mailto:admin@nswisa.com).

## **7. Accreditation**

The official accreditation for Teams and Officials is planned at the Erina Ice Arena from the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all entered Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, two Coaches per Team, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members and a maximum of two medical persons per ISU Member. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their ISU Member. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all people for whom accreditation is requested.

Accreditation will be given to appointed Event Officials and Guests.

The national passport for each skater of the Teams taking part in the Competition will be required during the accreditation process.

In accordance with ISU Rule 109, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must have a release letter from the national federation they are a citizen of or Clearance Certificate from the ISU.

Please note that as per ISU Rule 830, after registration at accreditation for an event, Teams may not practice at a rink other than the official rink.

## **8. Official Practices**

The Official Practices may start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Each Team will be allocated Official Practices free of charge as follows:

- 10 minutes for all Short Programs and Novice Free Skating
- 11 minutes for the Junior Free Skating
- 12 minutes for the Senior Free Skating

No extra practice ice will be available after the Official Draw.

## **9. Draws**

The Official Draw will be held at Erina Ice Arena at 5:00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. All Skaters, Coaches, Team Leaders and/or Managers, Officials & VIPs are invited to the draw.

For events with Short Program and Free Skating, the Free Skating will be skated in reverse order of the Short Program results.

## **10.Event Officials**

Each participating Member may nominate judges for this event. All Officials must be listed on the ISU List of Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data & Replay Operators for Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating current at the time of the competition for the relevant role.

The Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list for Synchronized Skating however Officials are welcome to nominate to officiate at this event.

The Organiser will cover the travel expenses for invited Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Data and Replay Operators only. Ordered flight tickets should be based on economy airfare and approved by the Organising Committee. The Organiser will provide ground transportation for invited Technical Panel, Referees and nominated Judges. The expenses (room and meals) for invited Technical Panel, the Referees and nominated Judges will be borne by the Organiser starting with lunch Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 till lunch Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. All other expenses shall be the responsibility of each official.

The Official Hotel will be advised to all Officials upon their nomination.

The Draw for the Panel of Judges will be done at the Judges Meeting, which will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 3:00pm at Erina Ice Arena.

The Judges Round Table Discussion will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 following the conclusion of the competition.

## **11.Technical Rules**

Sydney Synchronized Festival 2023 will be run in accordance with appropriate ISU Rules (ISU General Regulations 2022 and ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules for Synchronized Skating 2022), as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration form will be allowed to skate.

Age requirements are as per Rule 108, 4 ISU General Regulations.

The Technical Requirements for all divisions are as follows:

All divisions will run in accordance with the elements and requirements as listed in the ISU Rules and communications in effect for the 2023/24 season.

**a) Senior Teams:**

Shall consist of 16 skaters, who must have reached at least the age of 16 before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Short Program: Maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1.33

Free Skating Program: 4 minutes ( $\pm$  10 seconds), Factor 2.67

**b) Senior Elite 12 Teams:**

Shall consist of 12 skaters, who must have reached at least the age of 16 before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Short Program: Maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1.33

Free Skating Program: 4 minutes ( $\pm$  10 seconds), Factor 2.67

**c) Junior Teams:**

Shall consist of 16 skaters, who must have reached at least the age of 13 but not have reached the age of 19, before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Short Program: maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds, Factor 1.33

Free Skating Program: 3 minutes 30 seconds ( $\pm$  10 seconds), Factor 2.67

**d) Advanced Novice Teams:**

Shall consist of 12-16 skaters, who must have reached the age of 10 and have not reached the age of 15, before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Free Skating Program: 3 minutes ( $\pm$  10 seconds), Factor 2.67

**e) Basic Novice Teams:**

Shall consist of 12-16 skaters, who must have reached the age of 10 and have not reached the age of 15, before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Free Skating Program: 3 minutes ( $\pm$  10 seconds), Factor 2.67

## **12. Opening Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony will be held at Erina Ice Arena prior to the commencement of competition on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **13. Results**

The IJS (ISU Judging System) will be used for all Divisions. Results displayed or announced will remain provisional until the results are certified by the segment Referee and Technical Controller on the official result form.

## **14. Awards**

Medals will be presented to all registered skaters in each Team who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division. Certificates will be presented to all participating skaters.

## **15.Liability**

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, ISA & NSWISA accept no liability for injury or damage sustained by competitors or officials. The Organizing Committee will not be providing participant insurance coverage for the event. Each Member is expected to provide its own insurance protection.

All members of Australian State Associations are covered under the ISA National Insurance Policy while participating in the event. This policy includes Sport Accident cover. ISA & NSWISA assume no responsibility for other persons in connection with this event. ISA recommends that any person travelling to an interstate event consider personal travel insurance.

It is the responsibility of all participants and accompanying persons to ensure they comply with all Australian and New South Wales Government requirements relating to Visas and any Covid-19 travel restrictions. This competition will be run in adherence with all Government restrictions and requirements in force at the time of the event.

## **16.Medical Information**

The Organizing Committee will provide emergency medical services for all participants during the Official Practices and competition.

Each Team Manager should be able to give important medical information for each skater for use in case of an emergency or accident. Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly help local medical and emergency personnel:

- Allergies
- Existing medical conditions (eg. asthma)
- Current medications
- Immunizations
- Blood type
- Use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances, medical braces, etc.

## **17.Publicity Waiver**

Each participant and Team, waive any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their Synchronized Skating Team, and grant permission to use same, as or in publicity prior to, during or following the Sydney Synchronized Festival 2023.

There will be an Official Photographer as well as representatives of the Organising Committee present at the event to capture photos. Photos taken by the Official Photographer will be available for viewing and purchase.

All private photographers and videographers are required to register at the Information / Registration desk on the day of the event. Please note that no flash photography or lights on cameras are permitted in practices, warm-ups or events, as it may be dangerous to the skaters.

The competition will be live-streamed and available on the NSWISA YouTube Channel.

## **18.Tickets**

Tickets to this competition will be available at the venue door. For bulk ticket purchases, please contact [admin@nswisa.com](mailto:admin@nswisa.com).

## **19.Preliminary Event Schedule**

### ***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

All Day – Extra practice ice available at Erina Ice Arena

### ***Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

All Day – Extra practice ice available at Erina Ice Arena

### ***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

All Day – Extra practice ice available at Erina Ice Arena

AM – Arrival of Officials

2:00pm – Technical Controller and Referee Meeting

3:00pm – Judges Meeting & Draw

4:00pm – Team Leaders & Coaches Meeting

5:00pm – Competition Draw

6:30pm – Officials' Dinner (invitational)

### ***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

6:00am – Official Practices

Approximately 1:00pm – Opening Ceremony

Approximately 1:30pm – Competition

### ***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023***

6:00am – Official Practices

Approximately 11:00am – Competition

Approximately 2:00pm – Round Table Discussion

**\*\*Please note that this schedule is subject to change.**

A schedule of events will be provided following the closing of entries and published on the LOC website [www.nswisa.com](http://www.nswisa.com).