

South African National Championships

12th -13th October 2009



ATTENTION: COMMITTEE & FIGURE SKATERS

23 July 2009

On behalf of the organising committee I hereby cordially invite you to be part of a marvellous Jacaranda Nationals 2009!

We would like to bring the following preliminary arrangements to your attention in order to assist with your planning and travel arrangements.

Each committee member, coach and skater must please provide us with a head & shoulder picture as soon as possible by e-mailing a colour photo to skating@gnfigureskating.co.za.

A) COMMUNICATION

Please note that any further details and program changes will be made available on our website www.gnfigureskating.co.za under the link **NATIONALS**.

The entry form is available on the website. Kindly complete it and return it to us with a head & shoulder picture of the skater.

Kindly refer all correspondence to the following members of the Nationals sub- committee:

Christo Viljoen Chairman 083 321 6502

Rian Strydom Vice-Chairman 083 609 1213

General queries and entries can be sent to skating@gnfigureskating.co.za

B) ICE RINK

The rink availability has been confirmed in writing from Saturday the 10th till Tuesday 13th of October 2009. Ice times from Friday 9 October 2009 outside of public sessions have also been arranged to accommodate individuals needing extra practice. Special thanks to the management of TRI-ICE for giving us favourable rates in these tough economic times. Please contact us by e-mail to make arrangements for special practice sessions for skaters. The cost of these extra sessions must be settled in advance and will be communicated when a request is received.

C) ACCOMMODATION

Due to the current economic circumstances we have tried to simplify accommodation and travel arrangements.

All the teams can be accommodated at the comfortable, 3 star Jacaranda Lodge. Kindly visit their site at www.jaklodge.co.za.

A special tariff has been arranged for all the skaters from other provinces. Kindly phone them at (012) - 330 2424 to book a place *as part of the Nationals ice skating competition* at the reduced rate of R230 per person per night, sharing. This increases to R 400 per person, not sharing.

The lodge offers various types of accommodation, ranging from self catering to single rooms and rooms for couples.

D) TRANSPORT

Two Microbuses are available to transport the executive members and the judges between their place of accommodation and the ice rink. These minibuses will be made available on a two hourly basis to assist skaters and delegates to travel to and from their accommodation as it is a fair distance from the rink.

We are currently negotiating transport for the WP & Natal teams, for their account, from the Jacaranda Lodge to the ice rink and will advise accordingly.

E) MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday, 11th of October, An opening dinner will be held at Jacaranda Lodge after the draw for everybody to attend. The cost for this will be R 100 per person and will be for own account. Please indicate who would like to attend by the 10th of September.

There is a restaurant on the premises that offers all other meals. Kindly make arrangements with their friendly staff.

A shopping centre is within walking distance offering various fast food services and a supermarket for a healthier alternative.

At the Kolonnade ice rink there are various food stores ranging from supermarkets, fast food outlets and more upmarket restaurants.

F) PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The following program is suggested during the course of the event:

Friday, 9th October: Practice sessions available during early morning and afternoon.

Saturday, 10th October: Practice sessions available during early morning and afternoon

- Sunday, 11th October: Early morning and afternoon practice session.
- Draw to be held, either at Jacaranda Lodge or closer to the rink. To be advised
- Welcoming party for everybody to be held at Jacaranda Lodge. This will take the form of a braai with various meats and vegetable dishes. The cost will be for every person that attends @ R 100 per person. This promises to be a great opportunity for all the provinces to meet on an informal basis. This function will last until approximately 20h00 to provide for skaters competing the next day.
- Monday, 12th October: Early practice.
- Competition: Short programs, Juvenile section, Syncro teams & dance.
- Tuesday, 13th October: Early practice.
- Free programs.
- Gala evening and party (if possible. The number of entries would dictate the feasibility of this.)

G) GALA EVENING & PARTY (TO BE ADVISED)

Even with a restricted budget and serious time constraints it is our goal to have a Gala Evening on the Tuesday. We consider this as the ideal opportunity to promote the sport, involve the public and to gain support from sponsors, sporting bodies and local government. However, the feasibility of this would be determined by the number of entrants and budget constraints and will be communicated to you at a later stage.

Please feel free to contact us regarding anything. We are looking forward to hosting you in the Jacaranda City!

Yours in skating,



Christo Viljoen
On behalf of the Organising Committee