



## COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

# MFSC Crystal Challenge 2018

**EVENT STATUS: ISA Benchmark Event**

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| <b>Event Date</b>                                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> August 2018   |
| <b>Date Close of Entries</b>                        | Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 11:59pm  |
| <b>Date<br/>Time<br/>Place of Initial Draw</b>      | <p><b>Date:</b> Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August     <b>Time:</b> 9:00am. <b>Venue:</b> OBGA Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The draw will determine skating order. For 2-program events, the FS is skated in reverse order. Where the event division has more than 12 athletes, order may be drawn within each warm up group.</li> <li>○ Draw will be undertaken by a Referee or Judge and an MFSC Club Official</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Competition Convenor<br/>Contact Information</b> | <p>Name: Judith Sivasubramaniam and Siew Lee Eow<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:competition.convenor@fsc.melbourne">competition.convenor@fsc.melbourne</a><br/> Phone: 0413 305 137</p>  |
| <b>Event Website</b>                                | Please refer to <a href="http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.html">http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.html</a> for the latest even information.  |
| <b>Event Venue</b>                                  | O'Brien Group Arena<br>Pearl River Road, Docklands  |
| <b>Ice Dimensions</b>                               | Henke Rink - 60m x 30m  |
| <b>Technical<br/>Requirements</b>                   | <p>As per <a href="#">ISU</a> and <a href="#">ISA Technical</a> requirements refer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules 2016</a></li> <li>○ ISU Communications: No 2168 24<sup>th</sup> May;</li> <li>○ ISA Regulations and Communications</li> <li>○ <a href="#">ISA Program Elements 2017_2018</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please use as a guideline only – Program Elements 2018_2019 to be released by 1<sup>st</sup> July</li> <li>• Junior and Senior: please disregard and refer to ISU Special Regulations changes for 2018/2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Results</b>                                      | The IJS (ISU Judging System) will be used for all IJS Divisions, Preliminary and above and Adults with Open Marking. Results displayed or announced will remain provisional until the results are certified by the segment Referee and Technical Controller on the official result form.  |

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| <b>Judges<br/>(Interstate events only)</b> | <p>Each State association is invited to nominate a Judge or Judges, Technical Controller and/or Technical Specialist and Data Operator/Video Replay Operator for any scheduled events.</p> <p>These nominations should be advised to the ISV Convenor of Officials before the closing date. <a href="mailto:mark.storton@iceskatingvictoria.org.au">mark.storton@iceskatingvictoria.org.au</a></p>  |
| <b>Membership Requirements</b>             | <p>At close of entries, all Australian competitors must be a full financial member of their relevant State Association and an affiliated club. (Inclusive of ISA Insurance Registration either directly or via their state association).</p> <p>The membership must be valid during the full competition period.</p> <p><i>Failure to comply with membership requirements will result in withdrawal from the event.</i></p> <p>Overseas entrants must be financial members of an ISU member skating organisation and/or its affiliates, as required by their national organization; the membership must be valid during the full competition period.</p>  |
| <b>Insurance/Liability</b>                 | <p>All members of State Associations are covered under the ISA National Insurance Policy while participating in the event. This policy includes Sport Accident cover.</p> <p>ISA and MFSC assume no responsibility for other persons in connection with this event.</p> <p>ISA and MFSC recommends that any person travelling to an interstate event consider personal travel insurance.</p>  |
| <b>Eligibility to Compete</b>              | <p>Skaters Preliminary and above must have passed the relevant ISA test level at the close of entries.</p>  |
| <b>Practice Sessions</b>                   | <p>IJS divisions Preliminary to Senior will have official practice sessions on the morning of their event. Practice sessions start at 5:45am. Practice schedules will be published with the event schedule.</p> <p>There are no official practice sessions for Theatre On Ice events.</p> <p>Unofficial practice sessions on the competition rink will be available on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. These will need to be booked and paid for in advance, at time of Event Registration. Sessions run from 12pm-6pm and will be allocated based on skater level.</p> <p>Additional freestyle practice sessions are available at O'Brien Group Arena during the week of the event –visit <a href="http://www.obriengrouparena.com.au">www.obriengrouparena.com.au</a> for session times and costs. Please be aware these sessions are likely to be very busy and O'Brien Group Arena will cap sessions at 30 skaters. Visiting coaches are not permitted to take the ice but may coach from the barrier and may be charged an entry fee. Coaches may not coach more than three skaters at one time.</p> |

| COMPETITION ENTRY DETAILS                       |   |
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| <b>Entry Process and Eligibility to Compete</b> | <p><b>Online entry submitted directly to OC, MFSC by competitors</b><br/> The OC will provide a list of competitors to the state associations within (2) two days of close of entries. State Associations will confirm to the OC as soon as possible thereafter, the skaters' eligibility to compete as well as membership status of club and state.</p> <p>PPC and Music submission <b>must</b> be submitted with the entry.</p>   |
| <b>Conditions for Online Entry</b>              | <p>All Interstate competitors must notify their relevant state association of their entry submission <b>prior</b> to entering.</p> <p>All state associations will be asked to confirm that entrants are full financial members in good standing, of both the state association and an affiliated club. (see above)</p>  |
| <b>Payment Process</b>                          | <p>Payments for this event are made through our online registration process. Refer to our website: <a href="http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.htm">http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.htm</a> for all information and links.</p>   |
| <b>Entry Conditions</b>                         | <p>Entries will not be considered complete unless accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full Payment paid on entry</li> <li>○ Music File – electronically submitted on entry.</li> <li>○ Planned Program Content Sheet (PPC) for all IJS-level programs to be received on entry.</li> </ul> <p><b>Late entries will not be accepted</b></p> <p>Entry will be discounted by 10% for all MFSC members.<br/> Volunteers are encouraged to sign up early.<br/> Training sessions will take place in the week prior to the event.</p> |
| <b>Divisions</b>                                | <p>Singles:            IJS Preliminary to Senior (incorporating ISA Benchmark)<br/>                           IJS Adult – Bronze to Masters Elite</p> <p>Theatre On Ice:            Adult, Open, Novice, Junior</p> <p>Synchronized Skating:    Exhibitions by request</p>  |
| <b>Withdrawals</b>                              | <p>Refund only with a medical certificate provided <b><u>before the draw</u></b>.<br/> <b>No refund permitted after the draw.</b></p> <p>A 20% administration fee to cover costs will be deducted from the refund.</p>  |

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| <b>Music Provision and File Naming</b> | <p><b>Online upload:</b><br/>All competitors will submit a copy of their music electronically via the upload link during registration. All files must be submitted in mp3 or m4a format.</p> <p><b>* Please refer to documents:</b><br/> <b>ISA Music Provision Protocol V1 2016/2017</b><br/> <b>ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules 2016</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Standard File Naming: Division_Segment_Name_RunTime</b></p> <p><b>IJS Technical</b><br/> e.g. ElementaryMen_FS_David Smith_2m3s<br/> e.g. JuniorLadies_SP_Jane Smith_2m45s</p>   |
| <b>Other Music file notes</b>          | <p><b>All competitors must have on hand at the event, a backup copy of their competition music on CD or USB Drive.</b></p> <p><b>Mobile phones will NOT be accepted for backup use.</b><br/> The electronic playlist will be deleted at the end of the event. All music remains the property of the skater and will not be shared or re-used.</p>   |
| <b>PPC</b>                             | <p>Planned Program Content (PPC) forms for IJS divisions must be completed online as part of the entry process.<br/> If not received by close of entries, the entry will be considered incomplete.</p>  |
| <b>Schedule</b>                        | <p><b>NOTE: This is subject to change based on entry numbers, including changes to event days.</b><br/> <b>Interstate entrants are advised to consider travel insurance.</b></p> <p>A detailed schedule of events will be provided following the closing of entries and published on the event website:<br/> <a href="http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.html">http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.html</a></p> <p>The <b>anticipated</b> overview of events is as follows, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Thursday:     Unofficial Practices 12pm-6pm</p> <p>Friday:         <i>Competition estimated 1pm-9pm</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">IJS Singles – Preliminary &amp; Elementary FS<br/> IJS Singles – Intermediate FS<br/> Theatre On Ice<br/> (Synchronized Skating Exhibition on request with a fee for ice time as per IJS single program division)</p> <p>Saturday:       <i>Competition estimated 1pm-9pm</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">IJS Singles - Basic Novice A &amp; B,<br/> IJS Singles - Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior SP</p> <p>Sunday:         <i>Competition estimated 12pm-7pm i</i><br/> IJS Singles - Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior FS<br/> IJS Adults Bronze to Masters Elite FS</p> |

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|                        | <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b><br/>It is advised that all skaters arrange for a timely departure from the event on Sunday evening.<br/><b>Travel Insurance is highly recommended.</b><br/>We aim to adhere to the outline above, however <b>changes may be necessary based on entry numbers.</b></p>  |
| <b>Awards/Trophies</b> | <p><b>Event Trophies</b></p> <p>Trophies will be awarded to the first three place-getters of each division. All competitors will receive a participation certificate.</p> <p><b>Crystal Challenge Perpetual Trophy</b></p> <p>The Crystal Challenge Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the skater(s) whose attitude, performance and skating spirit stands out from the crowd, and embodies the spirit of this great sport ~ resilience, courage, expression and beauty of performance. The winner of the Crystal Challenge Perpetual trophy may come from any division from Aussie Skate to ISA IJS levels, technical or artistic. They may be a skater from any club throughout Australia.</p> <p>Over each of the three days of competition, one skater/team will be selected. They will be presented with a Crystal plaque at the final award presentation each day. From these three 'runners-up', the overall Perpetual Trophy winner will be selected. The perpetual trophy will be retained by the Melbourne Figure Skating Club and will be engraved with the winner's name and displayed at O'Brien Group Arena. A representative trophy will be presented to the winner.</p> |

| ENTRY FEES AND DIVISIONS   |  |                  |
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| DIVISION   |  | ENTRY FEE        |
| IJS Singles (ISA Benchmark)  | Preliminary, Elementary                      | \$170            |
|  | Basic Novice A, Basic Novice B, Intermediate | \$170            |
|  | Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior              | \$200            |
| IJS Adults   | Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters, Elite         | \$170            |
| Theatre On Ice   | Adult, Novice, Open, Junior<br>Free Program  | \$250 (per team) |
| Synchronized Skating   | Exhibition only                              | \$100 per team   |
| <p><i>Note:</i><br/>MFSC members will receive a 10% discount and volunteer time availability can be indicated on the entry form</p> <p><i>Other divisions upon Expression on Interest.</i></p> |  |                  |

### EVENT REGISTRATION and VENUE ENTRY

The official Registration desk will be located at the main entrance adjacent to the Henke rink.  
Competitors must register **at least 1 hour** prior to their scheduled event

#### Entry to the Venue

An Admission Fee per spectator is payable to O'Brien Group Arena at the front desk for each day of competition. Skaters will receive one Chaperone Pass for each event entered.

### OFFICIAL EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

An official photographer will be taking photos at the event.  
Photos will be available for viewing and purchase.

For private photographers, please note that **no flash photography** is permitted as it may be dangerous to the skaters.

#### VIDEOGRAPHY

Video Recording: Individuals using video cameras will be required to register at the Information / Registration desk on the day of the event.  
Camera lights are prohibited.

**Videoring can only be undertaken in the designated area.**

All private photographers are required to check in at the Registrations desk on the day of the event.  
Permissions are to be requested at the time of entry.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO OF PRACTICE SESSIONS AND OFFICIAL WARMUPS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

#### NOTES

Private photographers/videographers are not permitted to photograph or record children from outside of their own family unless they have written permission from that skater's parents.

### OTHER NOTES

#### Volunteering

Our events only run thanks to the support of our volunteers! Please communicate your willingness to assist as early as possible using the event registration form or the Volunteer Registration Form at the event website:

<http://www.fsc.melbourne/crystal-2018.html>

**Thank you for your assistance!**