



Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2017/18



**ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating
Brisbane 2017**

Brisbane, Australia

August 23 to August 26, 2017

INFORMATION

WELCOME

Ice Skating Australia is proud to host this prestigious event supported by Ice Skating Queensland as part of the 2017/2018 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

Ice Skating Australia and the Local Organizing Committee Ice Skating Queensland; look forward to welcoming the skating family "down under".

We have enclosed a range of important information which may be useful for you and for your preparation to attend this event of the JGP and we especially ask you to view the important visa information.

THE CITY

Brisbane, the host city for the 2017 Brisbane Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is Australia's sunniest city. It is the capital of Queensland, renowned for its warm hospitality, ideal climate and relaxed lifestyle. Queensland is Australia's Sunshine State.

Brisbane is a sub-tropical paradise where the locals will tell you how their climate is, "Beautiful one day, perfect the next".

Brisbane is a safe city but like any big city, we would not expect our young visitors to venture out into the city late at night without responsible adults accompanying them.

Brisbane is a modern city situated on the banks of the Brisbane River which meanders gracefully to one of the most majestic waterways in the world - Moreton Bay. The Bay is home to a bounty of marine life and at this time of year, the migrating humpback whales. The river can be accessed by fast ferries known as CityCats.

Brisbane is a cosmopolitan city with a lifestyle reflecting the mild, sunny weather.

Around an hour's drive north and south of Brisbane are two of Australia's most popular tourist destinations, the Sunshine Coast to the north along with the world renowned Australia Zoo and the Gold Coast to the south. There, the sun beats down on almost pure silica beaches washed by the clear blue waters of the Pacific Ocean/Coral Sea.

Queensland boasts five of the nation's 13 World Heritage areas and there is always something new and exciting happening. Queensland has a range of events and festivals unequalled anywhere in Australia.

Along with the warmth, friendliness and hospitality that Queensland is famous for, Brisbane offers an outdoor lifestyle that is undoubtedly the best in Australia. Visitors will delight in the array of world-class shows, art, theatre, restaurants, live entertainment and shopping.

THE CLIMATE and OTHER DETAILS

CROSSING THE STREET PLEASE LOOK RIGHT FIRST and be sure that motorists are stopping for you at crossings, before you step off the curb.

Weather/Climate> Subtropical.

In August, Brisbane weather conditions are subject to gusty south-westerly winds during daylight hours and then a sudden drop in wind speed a couple of hours after the sun sets. Even though it's windy, you'll be happy to know that such days are sunny.

When planning your visit to Brisbane during August, you should still bring a light jacket for use at night- time. Overnight temperatures usually drop down to between 10-14°C (50 -57°F) on most mornings across Brisbane. By comparison, the maximum daytime temperature reaches a comfortable 23-26°C (73 -78°F) along the coastal areas. But remember, with the wind blowing, the temperature feels cooler than what it really is.

POPULATION

- 1,820,375 (Brisbane city and surrounding areas).
- 4,132,015 (Queensland).
- Brisbane is Australia's third largest city after Sydney and Melbourne.

TIME ZONE

- GMT/UTC + 10 hours.

LANGUAGE

- English.
- Australia is a multicultural country and it is quite normal to hear people speaking a variety of languages.

CURRENCY

- Australian Dollar (AUD\$). AU\$1.00 is about US\$0.76 and €0.71 in March 2017.

THE VENUE – ICEWORLD BOONDALL

Situated 16 kms north of Brisbane's CBD, Iceworld Boondall provides a heated and air-conditioned rink with an ice surface of 60 m x 30 m.

The arena hosts up to 450 spectators and houses a licensed restaurant/club lounge upstairs.

Travel time, Hotel to Rink varies between 10 and 25 minutes during peak hour (3pm to 6 pm). Rink to Hotel varies between 10 and 25 minutes during peak hour (7:30am to 9am).

THE OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel for Skaters, Teams, ST Sportservice, Organizing Committee Brisbane International Virginia Palms

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email: virginia@brisbaneinternationalhotels.com.au

web: <http://www.brisbaneinternationalhotels.com.au/virginia/hotel-accommodation>

Hotel for ISU Event Officials, Judges

Quest Chermside on Playfield

38-40 Playfield Street Chermside QLD 4032

phone +61 7 3624 0800

Hotel for ISU Event Officials, Judges

Quest Chermside

9 Thomas St, Chermside QLD 4032

phone:+61 7 3363 0100

An information desk will be situated on the right hand side to the rear of the foyer as you enter the Brisbane International Virginia Hotel. Hotel reception will assist should the desk be unattended.

All rooms have full air conditioning and are equipped with a shower and WC, cable TV, direct dial telephone, radio and Wi-Fi internet access (for a fee).

The hotel facilities include several meeting facilities, a restaurant, business center, etc. Electricity 240 V; Type I plug; please ensure you bring an adaptor.

The hotel accepts all major credit cards (VISA, MASTER CARD, AMEX and DINERS CLUB).

Team Leaders are to contact the Information Desk to finalize and settle all team members' room accounts. Each ISU Member is responsible for incidentals and unpaid bills of their team members.

HOTEL FOR COACHES and CHAPERONES

The Official Hotels for coaches & chaperones are as follows:

Double or Twin Share room

Quest Chermside \$181.50

Quest Chermside on Playfield \$181.50

Hotel bookings can only be made via the Organizing Committee.

IMPORTANT VISA INFORMATION

Every traveler to Australia requires a valid visa before boarding a plane to Australia and there is no “Visa on Arrival” facility; travelers will be denied boarding of their aircraft to Australia without a valid visa.

The JGP in Brisbane has been registered with the International Event Coordinator Network with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) here in Australia, so that we can facilitate the Visa application process for those attending the competition. In order to expedite the Visa application process, each federation team and nominated officials who are attending the competition are required to complete the Visa Form, so that each person can be pre-registered with DIAC prior to them applying for their visa. Once we have received the details of each person we will provide them with a confirmation of registration letter, which they will need to present on arrival in Australia.

We will notify each person of their visa application options, as passport holders of certain countries will be able to apply online for their Visa, others will be required to complete a paper-based application and submit this at their nearest Australian Embassy. Those passport holders that will be required to complete a paper-based application will be provided with a Letter of Invitation.

We have been advised that paper-based Visa Applications lodged after the 7th August may not be processed in sufficient time to permit travel. This applies to passport holders of the following countries with competitors or officials attending: Brazil, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Philippines, Russia and Thailand.

We are therefore asking that the Visa Form be completed by all participating countries and returned as soon as possible so that we can commence the Australian Visa registration process.

MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, and Data/Replay Operators), Judges and Competitors will receive meals/vouchers for the period, covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning with dinner on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017 and ending with lunch on Sunday, August 27th, 2017 including breakfast. Lunch and Dinner will be served at the rink restaurant.

Meal vouchers can only be used in the designated dining room at the rink restaurant. Meal vouchers are not transferable.

WATER

The city water supply is safe to drink. Bottled water is available at mealtime and within the rink.

GOVERNMENT of QUEENSLAND ANTI-SMOKING LAWS

By law and popular demand the Queensland Government has the nation's toughest anti-smoking laws.

Laws in Queensland include smoking bans for indoor and outdoor public places, as well as tough restrictions on retail advertising, display and promotion of tobacco products.

The new ban on smoking in cars where children under 16 are present sends an additional, and vital, message about the impact of exposure to tobacco smoke on children and Queenslanders are encouraged not to smoke around children at all.

The laws related to outdoor entertaining areas, outdoor sporting complexes and licensed premises are quite explicit with regards their prohibition on smoking and in the Brisbane CBD, smoking is prohibited in the main Queen Street Mall, as well as within 4 meters of the entrance to any non-residential building throughout Queensland. You cannot smoke anywhere where food is being served.

Ice Skating Queensland Inc. has a duty of care to its children and young people and in order to provide a safe environment and workplace free from harm to all, Ice Skating Queensland also embraces a smoking ban within the vicinity of its premises.

TRAVELLING TO BRISBANE

Travel by air to Brisbane is either direct to Brisbane International Airport, International Terminal or if travelling via other Australian cities, your aircraft will arrive at Brisbane International Airport Domestic Terminal. It is important when providing arrival information to let us know your flight and terminal details.

The Organizing Committee provides a pick-up service at Brisbane International Airport. Please inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.

The fee for the pick-up service at Brisbane International Airport for all except skaters and officials is \$30 per person for the round trip and needs to be paid upon arrival at registration.

EVENT SHUTTLE

A shuttle-bus service at 30 minute intervals connects the Brisbane International Virginia Hotel with the Iceworld Boondall Rink and return starting on the first practice day, Wednesday, August 23 2017.

The shuttle will run in accordance with the final time and practice schedule as distributed at the time of registration.

REGISTRATION

The registration for all teams will be held at the ice arena (Iceworld Boondall rink) upon arrival.

The registration office / organizing committee office is located in the front foyer at Boondall Ice Rink. Operating hours are as follows:-

Operating hours:	Tuesday, August 22nd	10:00 – late night
	Wednesday, August 23 rd	08:00 – 22:00
	Thursday, August 24 th	09:00 – 21:00
	Friday, August 25 th	09:00 – 21:00

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all registered Judges, Competitors and one Team-Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members (including the Member President), provided that they are Council Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Federation and a maximum of two medical persons per team. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. The ISU Member certifies with the signed entry form the indicated functions within the team of all team members. Any misuse of any function will be sanctioned by the ISU/OC.

Accreditation will be given to appointed ISU Event Officials, ISU Office Holders and Guests of Honor.

Passports of all skaters must be presented at the accreditation for verification. A reminder that Australian and New Zealand Skaters must also produce their passports at accreditation.

CHAPERONES

Officially entered chaperones (one per skater) will not be accredited, but receive a special ticket to have access to all practice sessions, competitions and to join the shuttle bus system free of charge.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Queensland has strict laws relating to the protection of children and young people. The photographing of children without authority within the Iceworld Rink is prohibited.

The photography or videography of children in events within the Iceworld Rink for commercial purposes is strictly forbidden. Accredited press may photograph children provided they comply with the Queensland Child Protection Guidelines. Anyone creating a nuisance through their photographic or videographic endeavors may be asked to leave the arena.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1922 & 2056 or later updates).

PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 22, 2017	All day	Arrival of Teams
Wednesday, August 23 2017	All Day	Official Practice
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Thursday, August 24 2017		LADIES – Short Program MEN – Short Program
Friday, August 25 2017		ICE DANCE – Short Dance MEN – Free Skating Victory Ceremony Men
Saturday, August 26 2017	08:00	MEN – Judges Round Table Discussion ICE DANCE – Free Dance LADIES – Free Skating Victory Ceremonies LADIES & ICE DANCE LADIES – Judges Round Table Discussion ICE DANCE – Judges Round Table Discussion Skaters Closing Party

Please note: This schedule is subject to changes and will be updated in accordance with the final number of entries.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

The exact times will be published in the final time and practice schedule which will be handed out at time of registration.

Team Leaders Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Initial Starting Order Draws
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Intermediate Draws
Will be held approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the respective Short Programs and Short Dance at the Iceworld Arena

Referees and Technical Controllers Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Judges Draw and Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Reception for ISU Officials and Judges
Wednesday, August 23, 2017
The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite all Referees, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Data Operator, Replay Operator and Judges to a welcome reception (location to be announced).

Round Table Discussions
Round Table Discussions will be held as advised in the final event schedule.

Skaters' Party
Saturday, August 26 2017
All Competitors are invited to join the skater's party. No special invitation will be given for this function. The skaters need to identify themselves with their accreditation to access the party. Only non-alcoholic drinks will be offered and are allowed at the party. This policy will be strictly observed.

VARIOUS

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

Additional practice ice before the start of the competition is available on request to the Local Organizing Committee.

Additional practice will not be free of charge. Furthermore the Organizing Committee will not offer any transportation as well as medical service during such unofficial practice sessions. Please contact the Organizing Committee as early as possible for such arrangements.

TICKETS

Competition tickets will be available at the arena for non-accredited spectators.

BANKS

Regular banking hours in Brisbane are Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm (5:00pm Fridays).

MONEY EXCHANGE

Each bank has a "money changing counter". ATM cash machines are available throughout the city. Money change facilities are also available at the hotel.

SHOPPING

Regular shopping hours in Brisbane are:

Shops & Department-Stores

Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:30pm (9:30pm Thursdays in suburbs,
9.30 pm Fridays in CBD)

Saturday & Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm

TOURIST OFFICE

<http://www.brisbane.visitorsbureau.com.au/>

TAXI

Phone: 131008 or 133222 or 131924

CAR RENTAL

Avis:

Ph: 61 7 3131 3922 <http://www.avis.com.au/>

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