

Oxford Open Ice Dance Competition 29th and 30th April 2013

Information for Competitors

Timetable

A provisional timetable for the competition is available on our website, www.oxist.co.uk.

Competitors in the first event each day should be ready to skate promptly at 07:15. For all other events, please be aware that you may be required to skate up to half an hour before the published start time.

Draw

The draw for the competition will take place during the ice dance competition at Bracknell Open, following the day's events on Tuesday 23rd April.

Rink Facilities

Oxford now has a café selling hot and cold drinks and a variety of hot and cold food including paninis, soup and sandwiches. Cold drinks and crisps and chocolate are also available from the vending machines. Please note that if you bring your own food, you will not be able to eat it in the café area, but there are tables in other parts of the rink.

Please note that there is an area of flooring at ice level where there are exposed metal rivets holding down the rubber matting. Please can competitors ensure that they have hard blade guards available for walking around the rink.

Practice Ice

Due to a large entry this year, there will be no practice ice on either day of the competition.

For competitors wishing to visit Oxford ahead of the competition, details of session times and prices can be found at http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Oxford_Ice_Rink.

Photography

The rink requires a form to be completed by those wishing to video or take photographs, as part of their child protection policy. Please do not video or photograph anyone without their agreement, do not use flash anywhere in the vicinity of the ice pad while warm-ups or competitions are taking place, and do not take photographs in the changing rooms or toilets.

There will be an official photographer taking on-ice and podium photos, and an official videographer.

Transport

Oxford Ice Rink is situated on Oxpens Road, about ten minutes' walk from the rail and coach stations. For those travelling by road, a map is available on our website. The rink is best approached either by the A420 (Botley Road) or the A4144 (Abingdon Road).

Parking

The rink has its own car park, but it is expensive. Charges on weekdays are as follows:

0-1 hour	£2.50
1-2 hours	£4.10
2-3 hours	£6.10
3-4 hours	£7.70
4-6 hours	£11.70
6-8 hours	£17.70
8-24 hours	£22.30

It is possible to pay over the phone by credit card.

A second car park, Abbey Place, is available 400 yards from the rink, in the event that the rink car park is full. Prices are the same.

Much cheaper is the Park and Ride service, which has car parks on all the major roads into Oxford. The nearest car park is Seacourt at the end of Botley Road off the A420 junction of the A34. Parking is £2.00 for the day, and the return bus fare to the city centre is £2.70 before 09:00 or £2.40 after, with children free if accompanied by an adult. Timetables are available at http://www.parkandride.net/oxford/html/oxford_frameset.html.

Accommodation

For those wishing to stay over on either Sunday or Monday night, Oxford has a wide variety of hotels and guest houses. Listings can be found at http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/oxford/home_accommodation.html or <http://www.stayoxford.co.uk/>, or contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01865 252200.

Contacts

Should you need any further information, please contact Fiona Brown on 0118 939 4556 or 07790 194127 (before 10.00 pm, please), or by e-mail (compsec@oxist.co.uk). We look forward to seeing everyone on 29th and 30th April.