

“WP SOLO FIGURE SKATERS” WhatsApp group

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP:

This group is intended as a means of communicating with and to each other for urgent and informational purposes. It is also a way to ask open questions where the intended recipient is not always known (i.e. lost property). The WhatsApp group is NOT intended to be the primary source of organisational announcements and information. Such information will be sent out via email and TeamApp (For assistance with TeamApp, contact scyllanick@gmail.com). Please remember that this group is not the platform for expressing personal opinion, unless asked to provide feedback. We are all here to help each other and keep each other informed, not vent and undermine each other.

Please respect the purpose of the **WP SOLO FIGURE SKATERS** WhatsApp group as well as the rules below.

RULES and POLICIES: (subject to change)

1. Please use common sense.
2. Always be respectful and polite.
3. Never EVER use the group to berate someone else or air grievances. If you have an issue address it one on one with the relevant person.
4. PLEASE do not post anything before 7am and after 9pm UNLESS it is urgent (sudden ice time changes, safety issues etc.)
5. When replying to a specific comment from a person, use the “reply” function to make sense of your comment and avoid confusion.
6. Content shared on these groups is for its members only and could possibly semi-private/confidential in nature. Content from these groups should not be shared with any third party unless otherwise specified. As it is difficult to specify parameters for this, it is best to apply it across the board.
7. NO jokes, religious comments (regardless of intention), hate speech, racism, politics, vulgar language, adult material or anything that may be considered controversial, offensive or hurtful to anyone is allowed.
8. NO advertising will be allowed on this group unless approved by admins. Only admins may post the advertisement.
9. Conversations/debates between two people must move out of the group and into private messages.
10. Please do not post large amounts of pictures and video files. Only post media if absolutely necessary (i.e. found items) and keep these to a minimum.
11. NO audio files, voice notes etc. to be posted.
12. For the benefit of the majority as well as international members, only English will be permitted in the group.
13. NO forwarded news or alert items to be posted unless directly related to the purpose of this group. These items MUST be verified and from a trusted source.

14. Limit the use of emoji's/emoticons (smiley faces) Not all phones can interpret them all and many can be misinterpreted.
15. PLEASE refrain from unnecessary responses such as multiple "thank you's", including emoji's. If you absolutely must say thank you, do it in a private message.
16. Please don't answer questions/requests unless you have the answer or are able to assist. Don't answer with "no", "sorry", "I don't know" etc. Suggestions of things to try or people to ask are however permitted as these may help.
17. Before sending a complaint to a group, identify the "administrator" and share your thoughts with him/her.
18. Please remember that admins may not always be able to respond immediately and that they will as soon as they can.
19. Be mindful that there may be users of all ages within the group (especially children).
20. Admins reserve the right to remove members who won't adhere to these rules and/or Admins' instructions.
21. Please don't request that someone be added to the group. If someone would like to be added, they may contact the admin, the Solo Committee or SAFSA (WP) and request this. ALL members will be required to acknowledge and agree to the rules of this group.
22. Please do not say "thank you for adding me" etc. when added to the group.
23. Due to circumstances and incidents, these rules may be amended and changed from time to time. Group members will be advised of these changes. By remaining in the group you will be considered as having read, understood and agreeing to these changes.
24. Members of this group will be considered to be representative of the sport of figure skating in the Western Cape and its federation (SAFSA) regardless of whether they are SAFSA members or not. Anyone not adhering to these rules or deemed to be bringing the abovementioned into disrepute may be removed from this group as well as face possible sanctions from the federation.
25. If a group member has been warned about behaviour on the group before, they may be removed without notice if the offence is repeated or any other offence is committed.

Please try to keep posting to a minimum. All relevant posting is welcome but to keep order, please refrain from posting unnecessarily.

It is advisable to "mute" the group chat so as not to be annoyed by every post. The posts will still show up on your phone but it will not make a sound or vibrate.

If we all respect each other and adhere to these rules we should not have any problems. By agreeing to this document you are accepting that you are solely responsible for your posts and that SAFSA, its committees, members, associates, sponsors and/or partners will not be liable for the posts made by individuals. By being a member of this (or any other group chat administered by Western Province or it's duly appointed agent (i.e. Team Leaders), you are agreeing to abide by these rules and policies. This includes the admins, committee members and associates. To this end, a stance of no tolerance will be taken.

Before posting, ask: Is this relevant? Is this necessary? Is this a good time to post?

If in doubt, contact the group admin.

And once again, see rule 1.