



## Bulletin #2

# FRS New Zealand Scooter Championship 2026

*As with all FRS events, we take this opportunity to reaffirm our values: we support all riders, and everyone is welcome.*

### Event Details

- **Location:** Bay Skate - 290 Marine Parade, Napier, New Zealand
- **Event Dates:** January 21 – 24, 2026
- **Backup Date:** January 25, 2026 (in case of unforeseen circumstances)

### Provisional Schedule

A confirmed schedule will be provided for riders following the registration closing date. This will include practice sessions and draft times for competition heats.

- **Wednesday 21 January:** Practice Day – Scheduled practice sessions for every rider
- **Thursday 22 January:** Park Qualifying/Semi-finals – Riders compete for a spot in the finals
- **Friday 23 January:** Street Qualifying/Semi-finals – Riders compete for a spot in the finals
- **Saturday 24 January:** Finals for All Divisions – Champions crowned across all categories
- **Sunday 25 January:** Reserve Day

### Registration Information

- Registrations close **midnight, 7 January 2026**. No registrations can be accepted after that date.
- **Registration Website:**  
Visit <https://liveheats.com/events/414296/registration> to sign up. All registrations must be completed online within the specified window.

- **Opening rounds seeding**

Seeding for opening rounds of competition will be based on the order of registration. For example, if you register early, you will be seeded in the later stages of the run order. If you register at the end of registration, you will be at the start of the run order. All following rounds will be based on the results from the previous round of competition.

- **Entry Fee:**

Entry fee is \$120 for the first category and \$30 for entering a second category. Registration fees cover the competitor's entry to Bay Skate for the entire event (21 – 25 January).

- **Cancellation:**

Entrants who cancel prior to 31 December 2025 are entitled to a full refund (*less credit card fees charged by third-party providers Stripe and Live Heats*). For our full Terms & Conditions see the downloadable T&C document available on Live Heats when you register.

## World Skate Qualification

The 2026 FRS Nationals will be one of the events we will use to determine quota positions for the 2026 World Skate Competition Season.

At this stage World Skate has not released what the quotas for the 2026 season will be, but as soon as we find out we will communicate this with the riders.

The results from the Junior, Men's and Women's categories in both park and street disciplines will be used to determine quota positions.

Quota positions will not cascade beyond the eligible riders.

Only riders eligible to represent New Zealand as per World Skate requirements will be considered (this includes age requirements at the time of World Skate events). If a rider qualifies, it is at their discretion whether they attend the World Skate Scootering event in 2026 and all costs will need to be met by the rider.

## At the Event

- **Round formats**

- **Categories with 10 or fewer competitors**

All riders will advance to finals with semi-finals being used to determine run order for finals.

- **Categories with 20 or fewer competitors**

We will have semi-finals with top 8 advancing to finals.

- **Categories with 21+ competitors**

We will have quarter-finals with top 16 advancing to semi-finals, then top 8 from semi-finals advancing to finals.

- **Competition Format**

- **Park** - Each rider will receive 2 x 45 second runs. Their highest score from the 2 runs will count.

- **Street** - Each rider will receive 2 x 45 second runs. Their highest score from the 2 runs will count.

World Skate categories (Men's, Women's and Junior) only in the finals we will use the 2/3/3 format.

- **Best Trick**

This year we will be introducing "best trick" awards on finals day.

One for Male and one for Female

- **Street** – Will be determined based on the trick portion of the finals
- **Park** – Will be a jam format competition on finals day.

- **Live scoring**

Live scoring will be available on the day using the Live Heats link:

<https://liveheats.com/events/414296> .

Scores will also be displayed on a large screen at Bay Skate.

- **Judging:**

We have highly experienced Judges scoring the event using the Live Heats platform. Judges' decisions are final.

Please do not engage with the Judges during the competition or after to discuss any results with them.

If you require clarification, we will be following the World Skate process that can be found on the last page of the World Skate Competition Rules for Scootering.

The judges will score a rider's 45-second run and provide an overall impression score out of 100. This score is based on the following key criteria:

- Style
- Consistency
- Diversity
- Use of Park
- Difficulty of Tricks

Each of these categories interconnects to create a cohesive and impressive run. Riders have full freedom in how they use their 45 seconds, and their ability to combine these elements effectively is what ultimately determines their score.

- **Rider Check-in:**

Riders can check-in for the competition between 6-7pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January or prior to their first practice session on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The registration tent will be located inside Bay Skate to the left of the stadium.

Riders will receive a wristband (which provides them with ongoing free access to Bay Skate during the competition).

Those who have pre-ordered the Thrive FRS t-shirts will be able to collect from the registration tent.

- **Rule Book:**

The rule book we will be using at the event is the [World Skate 2025 Scootering Rulebook](#).

- **Medic:**

There will be 2 medics on-site for the event daily between 10am – 6pm from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Rider safety will always be considered first, so we thank you for your understanding should any injuries result in schedule delays.

- **Spectators:**

Spectator passes will be managed by Bay Skate so please keep an eye out on their social media for information. We will also email out this information when it becomes available.

- **Helmets:**

Wearing helmets is compulsory for all entrants in the “park” division regardless of age. In the “street” division helmets are compulsory for all entrants under the age of 18, including for practice sessions.

- **Livestream:**

The finals day (Saturday 24 January) will be livestreamed on the internet. This link will go live when competition commences. A camera crew will be on-site to film competitors. Footage will also be shown on the big-screen at Bay Skate.

- **Possessions:**

Please be responsible for your own property. We cannot guarantee the security of your gear.

- **Trophies:**

Trophies and medals are awarded to those placing first in their category. The recipient must return their trophy to Bay Skate within 2 days of receiving it so it can be engraved. Trophies remain at Bay Skate throughout the year. Competitors can keep their medals.

- **Weather:**

In the case of weather delays or other interruptions, the FRS Committee will communicate changes to entrants using the email address used to register for the event. Sunday 25 January has been reserved for continuation of competition, should weather or other interruptions have caused delays.

- **Sponsors:**

As a not-for-profit organization, we are incredibly grateful to our sponsors who have made this event possible. If you win a place or a spot-prize, please consider showing support to the relevant sponsor (for example, tagging them on social media).

This year we've had wonderful sponsorship support from:

- Envy
- Sleeper Scooters
- Madd Gear
- Grit
- Core
- Seaside Skates
- Scooter Flow
- Skinnies
- Scooter Bitz
- Snow and Street

- Skate Pro
- Burger King
- Root Industries
- Unichem Pharmacy

- **Smoke-Free Event:**

This event is smoke / alcohol / drug-free. Please do not drink, vape or smoke in or around the venue.

- **Social Event:**

Justine Moke, parent of one of the riders is organizing a dinner for riders and their families. Tables at Lone Star, Napier have been booked for 7.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. If you want to join the group booking, please get in touch with Justine with the number of people, including the split of adults to younger people.

[justinemoke@gmail.com](mailto:justinemoke@gmail.com)

- **Any other questions?**

There will be FRS volunteers sporting lanyards throughout the event. Please feel free to ask questions. Alternatively, if you have questions ahead of the event, please reach out to the FRS committee – [freestylerollersportsnz@gmail.com](mailto:freestylerollersportsnz@gmail.com).