



ICE SPORTS

Tasmania

# NEWSLETTER

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## Our vision

Ice Sports Tasmania is committed to promoting, advancing, and supporting all-inclusive participation in ice-based sports and recreation in Tasmania.

Our vision is to ensure that a fit for purpose ice rink facility continues to exist in Tasmania to serve the needs of our athletes and the community.

## Our Team

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## Welcome to the Inaugural edition of Ice Sports Tasmania Inc. Newsletter!

With the looming loss of rink-side conversations and feedback that many of our community prefer an alternate to social media, Ice Sports Tasmania Inc. (IST) has created this newsletter to **stay connected** and help everyone stay **up to date** while we secure a future home for our sports.

As your representative voice to government, investors, media and supporters, we'll answer some 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)' then we seek your input towards opportunities and solutions for our sports whilst we all work together on the campaign to secure a new, local full-size rink.

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What has been done to try and save our sports?

The campaign for a new, full-size rink is not new to Tasmania. Over the past few years, passionate and skilled community members have been lobbying to have a full-size ice sports facility built in Tasmania. Since its inception, IST have extended this prior work, whilst **listening** and **representing** what our community (that's you!) want and need for your skating future.

We have also **connected the government** with an **interstate investor** interested in building and operating a new, accessible and modern ice sports centre here in Hobart. This investor **shares IST's vision** for growing and developing local ice sports while working towards establishing a future Hobart-based team in the Australian Ice Hockey League.

### Who is IST talking with?

IST are collaborating with a **broad range of stakeholders** including rink and ice sport subject matter experts, local and State government, investors and politicians to ensure that the **voice and needs** of our skating community is recognised and a positive solution is secured. We have also visited several interstate rinks and are developing positive relationships with rink owners/managers to enable Tassie skater's opportunity to make travelling for ice time a valuable experience and where possible, more affordable (watch this space!).



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#### IST Values

To act with **integrity, transparency and professionalism.**

Treat people with **honesty, fairness, and mutual respect.**

Be **responsible and accountable** for our decisions and actions as individuals and as an organisation.

Be **open** to different perspectives and **attitudes** and respect the inherent dignity, belief, and **human rights** of all individuals.

Harness individual **diversity** and promote **equality and inclusivity.**

Act responsibly to promote and to contribute to the achievement of **environmental sustainability.**

Acknowledge our responsibility to **contribute to the communities** in which we operate.

## What is the plan while we wait for a new facility to be built?

The situation for ice sports in Tasmania needs a range of solutions. First and foremost, IST's focus is on securing a commitment for a **full-size rink** to be built in Tasmania. This will ensure there is a long-term future for our sports with a new home that is contemporary, accessible and enables growth for our current sports (as well as introducing new ice sports). We know that this solution will take time - to find land, design and construct the facility - and importantly consultation with you, our sporting community.

A **temporary ice rink** is one option for local ice while we wait. IST have forwarded government several connections (& quotes) for the establishment of a temporary ice rink, but this too will need dedicated funding.

Another option is for us to **travel interstate** to spend time on the ice - we know this is not going to be an option for everyone without financial support so are working on some options for fundraising campaign to make this cheaper - alongside the partnerships with the rinks. These offers will be available for individuals and/or groups who want to travel.

### If someone approaches me about the rink, what should I say?

Feel free to share the above information but please refer media enquiries to;  
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## AND NOW A QUESTION FOR YOU!



### Are you interested in joining a group trip to a Melbourne rink?

IST knows you want to have access to ice time and stay connected to each other and your sports. In response, we are working towards (inc. fundraising) for our first Melbourne group rink visit!

So, if you are a registered member of FSAT or IHT and are curious about supported travel to Melbourne to skate, [please email IST at team@icesportstasmania.com.au](mailto:team@icesportstasmania.com.au) as soon as possible. Expressing an interest will not commit you, but means we can start to liaise with you directly re fundraising, trip dates and potential itineraries.