

**Selection Criteria for the British Short Track Speed Skating
National Performance Pathway 2010/11 Season**

Selection for Teams Competing for Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
World University Winter Games, ISU World Cups, ISU World Junior
Championships, ISU European Championships and ISU World Championships

General information

Two trials will be held during the season. The first (“Open”) trials will be held in August 2010 and will be open to all NISA Registered Athletes with a valid British Passport and who have attained the necessary entry level Medal Test Standard. The Open trials will be used to select the National Squad for one year and will also select the National Team for all the ISU World Cups. The second trials (2nd), held in January 2011, will select the individual and relay place/s for the ISU European and ISU World Championships. The trial dates must be set 6 weeks in advance posted on the NISA web site copy send to all club secretaries. Entries must be received no later than 7 days before the first day of the Open trials.

Medal Test Standards are calculated by using the current world record times, which were last updated on 1 July 2010, (as this date coincides with the age categories changing), and adding a percentage to these records as follows:

For Individual senior ladies and men:

- Gold Medal standard - World Record time with 2% added
- Inter Gold Medal standard - World Record time with 4% added
- Silver Medal standard - World Record time with 6% added

A full list of all the different age category Medal Test Standards is included in Appendix A.

The Medal Test Standards are set and approved by the World Class Management Group (WCMG). To achieve a Medal Test Standard the time must have been skated as defined in the Athlete’s Charter. For a Senior moving up from Junior a Junior athlete moving up a Junior age category they will have 3 months from the Open trials to achieve the required Test Standard at their new age category.

Selection of the National Squad

From the results of the Open trials a national ranking is established which will be used to select the National Squad. The number of athletes selected to go to competitions is dependent on the funding available, the ranking and the required Medal Test Standard.

Qualification for the Squads is as follows:

National Squad

Up to 7 places for men from their ranking gained at the open trials and who also meet the Training Commitment Criteria

Up to 7 places for women from their ranking gained at the Open trials and who also meet the Training Commitment Criteria.

All athletes must have achieved a Silver Medal Test Standard (within their respective age category). To achieve a Medal Test Standard the time must have been skated as defined in the Athletes Charter. There are up to 14 places open for athletes to qualify onto the National Squad (subject to funding being available) if one gender does not have 7 athletes that meet the qualifying standard, then extra places may go to the other gender provided they have athletes who do meet the standard. This may result in an imbalance in numbers, but this will only happen if there is an imbalance in gender ability. The Performance Director may add athlete(s) onto the National Squad taking all performance indicators and programme season goals into consideration.

The funding of the National Squad is then split by the level of the Previous Seasons International Results into Podium, Development and Talent I/D. (See Sport UK Athlete Personal Award Programme (APA's) Criteria from July 2005).

National Squad Athletes Training at the National Ice Centre

An automatic review of the selected athletes will take place after the Open trials. All athletes that qualify through the Open trials or are added by the Performance Director will have to commit themselves to training at the National Training Centre, and meet the training commitments laid down in the Athletes Charter. All these athletes will be under the direct control of the Performance Director.

Selection Criteria for International Competitions

Winter University Games (WUG)

All athletes have to meet the BUSA Education Criteria before they are available for selection.

Places will be awarded to athletes that have achieved the Senior Inter/Silver Medal Test Standard

If more than 5 Men or 5 Ladies have the Medal Test Standard the Overall results from the Alta Valtellina Competition (ITA) will be used to rank the athletes. The top 5 Men and 5 ladies from the overall ranking will be recommended to BUSA for selection.

ISU World Cups

Individual places will be awarded to athletes that have achieved the Senior Silver Medal Test Standard.

If an individual Medal Test Standard has not been achieved the Performance Director may select an athlete as a member of the Relay Team if it is felt that the Relay Team will be competitive. (These athletes may then also skate in the individual competition).

From the Open trials in August the top 6 Men/Ladies from the Overall Ranked will qualify for the World Cup 2010/2011 season. Due to training commitments and season Programme goals the Performance Director may add and/or take out athletes from the National Team, this must be approved by the WCMG. This selection will be made taking all performance indicators and programme season goals into consideration.

The Performance Director, after consultation with the National Coach, exclusively decides who will skate in each individual distance and the relay at all ISU World Cups. For the selection of the relay team, a separate test may, at the discretion of the Performance Director, be held amongst the athletes. The Squad Relay Test consists of (7(for men) or 4 (for ladies)) X 1.5 laps, each repetition starting every 60 seconds. The athletes selected to form the Relay Team(s) after such a test is at the sole discretion of the Performance Director.

ISU Junior World Championships;

Individual Places will be awarded to athletes that have achieved the Junior “A” Silver Medal Test Standard.

If an individual Medal Test Standard has not been achieved the Performance Director may select an athlete as a member of the Relay Team if it is felt that the Relay Team will be competitive. (These athletes may then also skate in the individual competition).

The selection of up to 4 Junior men and 4 Junior ladies will be made based on the results from the ISU World Cups 1,2,3,4 and the ISU Junior Star Class competition rounds 1, 2 & 3.

All athletes must have a Junior A Silver Medal Test Standard. If an athlete does not have the qualifying Medal Test Standard, the Performance Director may still select the athlete to go to the championships; this must be approved by the WCMG.

ISU Europeans Championships;

Individual Places will be awarded to athletes that have achieved the Senior Inter-Gold Medal Test Standard.

If an individual Medal Test Standard has not been achieved the Performance Director may select an athlete as a member of the Relay Team if it is felt that the Relay Team will be competitive. (These athletes may then also skate in the individual competition).

Selection for the individual places for the European Championships will be: The first individual place will be awarded to the athlete who is the highest overall ranked athlete at the 2nd trials. If there is a tie in the rankings then the athlete with the faster personal best as a percentage of the current World Record will be ranked higher.

The second individual place will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG) this selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration. Any decision on selection of the second athlete is made at the sole discretion of the Performance Director and the WCMG.

The first 2 Relay Places will be selected from the results of the Squad relay tests, the fifth will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG) this selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration.

If we have 3 individual places, first and second from the 2nd trials will be selected with the third individual place being selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG). The first relay places will be selected from the results of the squad relay tests, the fifth places will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG) this selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration.

ISU World Championships:

Individual Places will be awarded to athletes that have achieved the Senior Inter-Gold Medal Test Standard.

If an individual Medal Test Standard has not been achieved the Performance Director may select an athlete as a member of the Relay Team if it is felt that the Relay Team will be competitive. (These athletes may then also skate in the individual competition).

Selection for the individual places for the ISU World Championships will be:

The first place will be awarded to the athlete who is the highest overall ranked athlete from the 2nd trials. If there is a tie in the rankings then the athlete with the faster personal best as a percentage of the current World Record will be ranked higher.

The second individual place will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG). This selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration.

The first 2 relay places will be selected from the results of the Squad Relay Test. The fifth will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG). This selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration.

If Great Britain and Northern Ireland have 3 individual places, first and second from the 2nd trials will be selected with the third individual place being selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG).

The first relay place will be selected from the results of the Squad Relay Test, the fifth places will be selected by the Performance Director (and approved by the WCMG) this selection will be made taking all performance indicators into consideration.

The Standard for all other international competitions, to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland athletes must achieve at least the Silver Medal Test Standard in the age category in which they race i.e. Seniors or Juniors.

Format for the Open Trials

The competition must be held on an ice surface 30 x 60 meters and all the NISA racing rules apply.

Anyone can be entered into the trials providing they are NISA Registered Athletes with a valid British Passport and who have attained the necessary entry level Medal Test Standard. The trials must be held at least three weeks before the first ISU World Cup. Anyone taking part in the trials will have to have achieved at least the Bronze Medal Test Standard in their respective category and be of Junior C age category or older.

Competitors are ranked by completing a 7 lap time trial in pursuit style for both ladies and men sections. The top 16 athletes from each section respectively will be placed in the first group (Pool A for men or Pool A for ladies) and ranked 1st to 16th. The other athletes will be ranked 17th and beyond, and will be the second group (Pool B for men or Pool B for ladies).

The National Squad will be selected based on the cumulative results of three distances, 500M, 1000M, 1500M and time trial. Points are allocated for the finals of each distance and the time trial.

The ranking for the time trial is as follows:

Three groups are made for the starting draw of the time trial.

Group 1

Athletes ranked 1 to 10 from the Previous Seasons Open trials

Group 2

Athletes ranked 11 to 20 from the Previous Seasons Open trials

Group 3

All other athletes that have been accepted into the trials.

From these ranking the pairs are drawn for the starting order of the individual time trial.

Racing Format

The racing format is as follows:

The 7 lap time trial is used to rank the athletes for the first distance, the 1500m.

Notwithstanding the promotions and demotions defined below, the cumulative total finals points of the time trial and 1500m will be used to make the heats of the 500m.

Notwithstanding the promotions and demotions defined below, the cumulative total of the finals points of the time trial, 1500m and 500m are used to rank the athletes for the 1000m.

Resolving a Tie after the Time Trial

If two more athletes have the same time in the time trial the referee calls them together and will have them draw for position. If two or more athletes have the same time for the 16th position, all the affected athletes will do another 7 lap time trial to separate them. The winner of this second time trial will be 16th and will be placed in Pool A. The other athletes from this second time trial will be placed in Pool B and classified from 17th onwards based on their time in the second time trial. These athletes will be ranked above all other athletes in Pool B.

Promotions and Demotions within the racing Format

The last placed athlete in Pool A in the 1500m will be awarded those position points and then be moved down to Pool B for the 500m. If there is more than one athlete in the last position in Pool A (due to disqualification etc.) then, within this group of athletes in last position, the athlete with the lowest rank, after the time trial (including any re-runs and tie resolution described in the previous section) is complete will be moved down to Pool B. The first placed athlete in the 1500m Pool B will be awarded the appropriate position points for this place and then be moved up to Pool A for the 500m.

The last placed athlete in Pool A in the 500m will be awarded those position points and then be moved down to Pool B for the 1000m. If there is more than one athlete in the last position (due to disqualification etc.) then, within this group of athletes in last position in Pool A, the athlete with the lowest rank after the time trial (including any re-runs and tie resolution described in the previous section) is complete will be moved down to Pool B. The first placed athlete in the 500m in Pool B will be awarded the appropriate position points and then be moved up to Pool A for the 1000m

Qualifying Format

1500m

In the 1500m semi-finals are made up based on the ranking of the time trial. The make-up of the semi finals and finals will be as per ISU Championships Rules:

500m

After the top placed athlete from Pool B in the 1500m has been moved up to Pool A and the lowest placed athlete from Pool A in the 1500m has moved down to Pool B , the make-up of heats for the 500M will be as per ISU Championship Rules based the cumulative points of the time trial and the 1500m. The make-up of the heats, semi finals and finals will be as per ISU Championships Rules.

1000m

After the top placed athlete from Pool B in the 500m has been moved up to Pool A and the lowest placed athlete from Pool A in the 500m has moved down to Pool B, the heats for the 1000m are based on the cumulative final points of the time trial, 1500m and 500m. The make-up of the heats, semi finals and finals will be as per ISU Championships Rules

Distribution of points

-The point's distribution for the time trials and all the other distances is as follows:

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	500	366	265	191	137	97	68	49
Position	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	33	22	15	9	5	3	1	0
Position	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	-1	-3	-5	-9	-15	-22	-33	-49
Position	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	-68	-97	-137	-191	-265	-366	-500	-501

If there are more than the prescribed number of athletes in a final, the extra athletes get the points of the top athlete in the following final. For example, if there are 5 athletes in final A of the 500m, the athlete finishing fifth will receive 137 points and the first placed athlete of final B will receive 97 points.

NOTE: If at the end of the Open trials there is a tie, the athlete's rank at the end of the time trial (including any re-run runs and tie resolution described in the previous section) will be used to break the tie.

Penalty

In case of a Penalty, the offending athlete will be placed last in the race and have no time recorded. If it is a final they will receive the points of the last position in that race (i.e. 4th not 3rd if 2 athletes receive a penalty in a 4 athlete race). If an athlete receives a second Penalty in the same distance, they will be Disqualified, will not skate again in that distance but they will be awarded the points for last place in the Pool they were competing in for that distance.

Disqualification

If an athlete is disqualified in a qualifying round or the final they will not skate again in that distance and will be awarded the last place in that distance.

If the referee decides that there was team skating as defined in the NISA racing rules, they can disqualify all the athletes involved, and those athletes would receive the lowest position points available in that Pool.

Special rules

- If an athlete decides to retire before the start of the time trial the pairs will be remade. If an athlete retires from the competition after the start of the time trial, the competition continues and the athlete alone in his pair will skate alone.
- In case of a disqualification and advancement the referee will decide in which race the athlete is advanced to. (Primary or secondary final or semi-final).
- If an athlete did not finish a race because of an injury they will be given a finishing position before any Disqualified/Penalised skater.
- If an athlete withdraws from the competition before the making of the heats, the heats will be made without the athlete.
- If an athlete withdraws before the semi-final or the final he will placed in

the last position in the race. Disqualified/Penalised athletes will receive the position ahead of the athlete who has withdrawn.

- If an athlete withdraws from the competition because of an injury or illness, and the referee approves it, their name will remain in the competition. They will be ranked as per his total points, as all other athletes, and they will receive the last position in the group where they last raced. (This is in order not to penalize them).
- If an athlete in Pool A retires after the time trial, but before the start of the 1500m, the athlete in highest position in Pool B will, after being awarded the points for this Pool B position, be advanced to Pool A.

Re-run of races

- In the time trial, all the athletes may ask for a rerun of their time trial race. If they request a re-run the athlete must notify the referee before they leave the ice. A minimum of 20 minutes rest must be given before the rerun.
- The time of the rerun will be the official time. If an athlete has asked for a rerun they must skate it. If they elect not to do the rerun they will be excluded from the competition.
- If during the time trial an athlete catches the other athlete and has problems overtaking, the referee may grant that athlete a rerun. In this case the best time of all their races will be the official time. That athlete will always have the right to ask for a rerun. In this case the rule stipulated above applies for the rerun.
- The official time of the time trial must be announced before the athletes leave the ice.
- If in the last race an athlete, who is in contention for a place on the National Team, is taken out of the race and is not disqualified or Penalised, the referee has the power to stop the race and rerun it without any Disqualified/Penalised athletes. The race will be rerun from the start. If the referee decides that the infraction was intentional, the Disqualified/Penalised athlete(s) in that race will receive 0 points.

2nd Trials

The 2nd trials will be open to National Squad members selected through the Open trials and will be a run as an all-finals format. The athletes will compete over a 1500m, 500m, and 1000m. The ranking for the first round, the 1500m, will be taken from the final ranking from the Open trials. All other seeding will follow ISU International Championship Rules using overall ranking for the seeding of races. The competition rules, defined below, from the Open trials will also be used;

- Penalty
- Disqualification
- Special rules
- Re-Run of Races

Points will be awarded in the finals for each Distance:

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	500	366	265	191	137	97	68	49	33

Final Ranking will be calculated using the sum of the points from all three distances added together. If after three distances there is a draw on points the following ranking will be used:

- I. Highest Ranking in an individual distance final.
- II. If there is still a tie the most 1st Places in all races.
- III. If there is still a tie the most 2nd Places in all races.
- IV. If there is still a tie, the fastest time in the 500m

Selection Appeal Procedure

For all appeals pertaining to decisions made on the selection of the National Team or National Squad, please see Appendix "D" of the NISA Short Track Athletes Handbook (Dispute Resolution Policies and Procedures of the National Ice Skating Association of the UK 2010/11).