



# Great Britain Short Track Speed Skating

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2019-20 Senior GB Team Selection Policy

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## 1. OVERVIEW

### Great Britain's Short Track Olympic strategy for Beijing 2022

**Vision:** Develop people who consistently deliver outstanding performances in Short Track by 2026

**2022 Mission:** Create a world-leading learning environment that best prepares racers to deliver 2-3 Short Track Olympic medals in Beijing

The four-year BIS international senior competition programme is intended to support this vision and mission and this policy is structured with this aim in mind.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS SELECTION POLICY

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which the British Ice Skating (“**BIS**”) will select teams to represent Great Britain in identified senior International Skating Union (“**ISU**”) Short Track Speed Skating events. In the 2019-20 season these events will be:

- ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Championships (WCH)
- ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (EC)
- ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Events (WC)

## 3. SELECTION PANEL

3.1 The STSS selection panel (the “**Panel**”) acts on delegated authority of the BIS Board and is responsible for implementing the selection policy agreed by the Board.

3.2 The Panel shall comprise:

- (a) Short Track Technical Advisory Committee Chair (Voting Member, casting vote);
- (b) British Ice Skating Honorary Short Track Head Coach (Voting Member);
- (c) Independent member from an outside sporting body (Voting Member);
- (d) British Ice Skating Senior Management representative (Voting Member);
- (e) Note-takers etc. as required (non-Voting Member).

### 3.3 Conflicts of Interest

Any person who sits on the selection panel shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest in the capacity on which they are a part of the panel and shall refrain from participation in the discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a material conflict of interest. If a person has any queries in this area, they should consult the BIS Senior Management representative.

### 3.4 Lead Coach

References to the 'Lead Coach' shall be the coach nominated by British Ice Skating to fulfil this role in accordance to agreement made between all key stakeholders:

- British Ice Skating, as the recognised National Governing Body and the ISU Member Federation;
- The English Institute of Sport, as the body responsible for the Medal Support Plan ('MSP') of Elise Christie; and
- The National Ice Centre ('NIC') as the host and programme manager of the Speed Skating Performance Programme ('SSPP').

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent Great Britain in an ISU competition short track athletes must meet the following primary requirements:

1. Current BIS membership;
2. British passport or Clearance Certificate to skate for GBR;
3. Correct age and standard (where applicable) for the event as per the official Announcement and related ISU Communications;
4. Hold Full Eligible status as per [BIS publications on Eligibility](#);
5. Adherence to BIS General Rules, Codes of Conduct and any Athlete Agreement applicable to the individual; and
6. Not be serving any suspension relating to anti-doping or disciplinary offences.

## 5. 2019-20 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The table below details the ISU events which are applicable to this selection document.

### ISU/ESU Championships

	<b>Event Date</b>
<i>European Championships Debrecen, HUN</i>	<i>24-26 Jan 2020</i>
<i>World Championships Seoul, KOR</i>	<i>13-15 Mar 2020</i>

### ISU World Cup Series

<i>World Cup 1 Salt Lake City, USA</i>	<i>1-3 Nov 2019</i>	
<i>World Cup 2 Montreal, CAN</i>	<i>8-10 Nov 2019</i>	
<i>World Cup 3 Nagoya, JPN</i>	<i>29 Nov - 1 Dec 2019</i>	
<i>World Cup 4 Shanghai, CHN</i>	<i>7-8 Dec 2019</i>	
<i>World Cup 5 Dresden, GER</i>	<i>7-9 Feb 2020</i>	
<i>World Cup 6 Dordrecht, NED</i>	<i>14-16 Feb 2020</i>	

## 6. QUOTA PLACES

The number of places available to Great Britain in each event is determined by the ISU. The number of quota places for 2019/20 is:

	Women		Men	
	Relay	Individual	Relay	Individual
World Championships	Top 8 relay ranking in 2018-19 World Cup series required to qualify 5 relay places	2	Top 8 relay ranking in 2018-19 World Cup series required to qualify 5 relay places	1
European Championships	5	2	5	2
World Cups	6	3*	6	3*

\* Should a relay team be entered this increases the number of individual spots from 3 to 6. All skaters are expected to be eligible for both the relay events and individual distances and participate under the one team ethos.

## 7. TIMELINE

Indicative timelines are provided below, which may be subject to change.

	Date
Deadline for declaring interest in racing World Cups	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Selection Panel meeting – Phase 1 World Cups (1-4)	11 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Communication of Phase 1 selections	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Athletes deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Substitute athlete's deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019
Selection Panel meeting – European Championships and Phase 2 of World Cups (5-6)	16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Communication of European Championships and World Cups Phase 2 selections	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Athletes deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Substitute athletes deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Selection Panel meeting – World Championships	20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Communication of World Championship selection	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Athletes deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Substitute athletes deadline to confirm uptake of qualified place	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## 8. MINIMUM STANDARDS

To be eligible for the selection process which will be used to select athletes to the events identified in section 1, athletes must have met the minimum performance standards

Tier 1	Top 11 finish in an individual event at the Olympic Games, World Championship or World Cup or top 6 finish in an individual event at the European Championships or a medal in an individual event at the Junior World Championships. The result must have been attained during the 2017-18, 2018-19 or 2019-20 seasons.
Tier 2	Top 22 finish in an individual event at the Olympic Games, World Championship or World Cup or top 11 finish in an individual event at the European Championships or a top 8 finish in an individual event at the Junior World Championships. The result must have been attained during the 2017-18, 2018-19 or 2019-20 seasons.
Tier 3	Top 32 finish in an individual event at the Olympic Games, World Championship or World Cup or top 22 finish in an individual event at the European Championships or a top 16 finish in an individual event at the Junior World Championships. The result must have been attained during the 2017-18, 2018-19 or 2019-20 seasons.

Tier 4	<p>Achieved at least 2 out of 3 of the minimum performance times detailed below in an individual competition during the 2018-19 or 2019-20 seasons.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="695 300 1274 787"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="695 300 1274 359"><b>Men's</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 359 992 417">500m</td> <td data-bbox="992 359 1274 417">41.787</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 417 992 476">1,000m</td> <td data-bbox="992 417 1274 476">87.383</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 476 992 535">1,500m</td> <td data-bbox="992 476 1274 535">142.322</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="695 535 1274 594"><b>Women's</b></th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 594 992 653">500m</td> <td data-bbox="992 594 1274 653">44.820</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 653 992 711">1,000m</td> <td data-bbox="992 653 1274 711">96.962</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="695 711 992 787">1,500m</td> <td data-bbox="992 711 1274 787">158.948</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Men's</b>		500m	41.787	1,000m	87.383	1,500m	142.322	<b>Women's</b>		500m	44.820	1,000m	96.962	1,500m	158.948
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## 9. SELECTION: PHASE 1 WORLD CUPS – 1, 2, 3, 4

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 in section 8 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 4 above. They must have also declared their interest in competing in the World Cups to the BIS email address [performance@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:performance@iceskating.org.uk)
- b. Selection of individual events will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Up to six male and six female athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out below:
  - i. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table in section 8 above.
    1. If athletes are tied in tier 1 to 3, then the highest individual World Cup result from the previous year will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If that is still level, then the second-best World Cup result will be used. If a tie still exists, then a third best World Cup result will be used from the previous year. If neither athlete raced in the previous season the process above is repeated but using the two previous seasons results.
    2. In tier 4 and 5 the athletes with the three performance times are ranked above the athletes with only two. If athletes are tied in tier 4 to 5 with the number of time standards met, then a cumulative time will be calculated from the 1500m, 1000m, and 500m based on the previous year's times skated in competition.
  - ii. Previous major competition history at ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered, to determine athletes' performance trajectories and ability to perform under pressure.
- c. Distance selection will be made using the ranking list in section 9.1.1 above. The top ranked skater gets the first choice of any one distance, this is then followed by the next ranked skaters. At this point, the top ranked skater will get first choice of a second distance, followed by the next ranked skaters until every athlete has selected two distances. This process will be done by the Lead Coach for each individual World Cup and will happen during the week that starts two weeks prior to competition.
  - i. A gender specific relay can be entered into each World Cup if there are at least four athletes of that gender who have met the minimum performance standard to be considered and are attending that specific World Cup. Up to six male and female athletes will be selected to each relay team. The athletes selected to race each individual relay will be done by the World Cup Lead Coach in collaboration with the GB coaches attending the World Cup based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams:
    1. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.



2. Individual distance performances.
  3. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
  4. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.
- ii. A mixed relay can be entered into each World Cup if there are at least two male and two female athletes who have met the minimum performance standard to be considered and are attending that specific World Cup. Up to four male and four female athletes will be selected to the relay team.
1. The athletes selected to be part of the four of each gender will be done by the World Cup Lead Coach in collaboration with an GB coaches attending based based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams:
    - a. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.
    - b. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.
  2. The athletes selected to race each individual relay will be done by the World Cup Lead Coach in collaboration with the GB coaches attending the World Cup based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams:
    - c. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.
    - d. Individual distance performances.
    - e. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
    - f. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

## 9. SELECTION: PHASE 2 WORLD CUPS – 5, 6

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 in section 8 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 4 above. They must have also declared their interest in competing in the World Cups to BIS before the deadline.
- b. Selection of individual events will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Up to six male and six female athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out below:
  - i. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table in section 8 above.
    1. If athletes are tied in tier 1 to 3, then the highest individual World Cup result from the previous year will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If that is still level, then the second-best World Cup result will be used. If a tie still exists, then a third best World Cup result will be used from the previous

- year. If neither athlete raced in the previous season the process above is repeated but using the two previous seasons results.
2. In tier 4 and 5 the athletes with the three performance times are ranked above the athletes with only two. If athletes are tied in tier 4 to 5 with the number of time standards met, then a cumulative time will be calculated from the 1500m, 1000m, and 500m based on the previous year's times skated in competition.
- ii. Previous major competition history at ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered, to determine athletes' performance trajectories and ability to perform under pressure.
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    - iii. A gender specific relay can be entered into each World Cup if there are at least four athletes of that gender who have met the minimum performance standard to be considered and are attending that specific World Cup. Up to six male and female athletes will be selected to each relay team. The athletes selected to race each individual relay will be done by the World Cup Lead Coach in collaboration with the GB coaches attending the World Cup based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams:
      1. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.
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        - b. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

2. The athletes selected to race each individual relay will be done by the World Cup Lead Coach in collaboration with the GB coaches attending the World Cup based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams:
  - a. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.
  - b. Individual distance performances.
  - c. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
  - d. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

## 10. SELECTION: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. Selection of athletes for the individual championship will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Up to three male and three female athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out (up to number of quota places). Selection will be based on the following criteria;
- b. Performances in 500m, 1000m and 1500m events at World Cups 1 to 4 in this current season.
- c. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table in section 8 above.
  - i. If athletes are tied in tier 1 to 3, then the highest individual World Cup result from the previous year will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If that is still level, then the second-best World Cup result will be used. If a tie still exists, then a third best World Cup result will be used from the previous year. If neither athlete raced in the previous season the process above is repeated but using the two previous seasons results.
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- d. Previous major competition history at ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered, to determine athletes' performance trajectories and ability to perform under pressure.
- e. Provided GBR has achieved qualification for the relevant relay event at the European Championships and at least four male/ female athletes (gender specific relay) that have met the minimum performance standard set out in section 8 above and met the eligibility in section 4 above, a team will be selected for each of the men's 5000m and women's 3000m relay teams. The teams must include all athletes already selected for the individual

championship. The number of athletes selected for the relay will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the ISU entry rules for the relay events. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the performance criteria outlined below

- i. Selection for the Relay squads will use the same criteria set out for the individual European Championships athletes above in this section.
  - ii. The athletes selected to race each individual relay will be done by the European Championship Lead Coach in collaboration with the GB coaches attending the European Championships based on their impact on medal winning potential in relay teams
1. An athlete's relay performance history during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 ISU International World Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered.
  2. Individual distance performances.
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## 11. SELECTION: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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  - ii. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table in section 8 above.
    - i. If athletes are tied in tier 1 to 3, then the highest individual World Cup result from the previous year will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If that is still level, then the second-best World Cup result will be used. If a tie still exists, then a third best World Cup result will be used from the previous year. If neither athlete raced in the previous season the process above is repeated but using the two previous seasons results.
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## 12. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, elements of the 2019-20 selection process; or have any other mitigating circumstances, the Panel reserve the right to provide an opportunity for such an athlete to compete and challenge for selection under the following conditions:

- Certificated evidence of illness or other mitigating circumstance must be presented to the Panel prior to the commencement of the selection competition.
- Where there are other mitigating circumstances, certified details must be provided to the Panel no later than 24 hours prior to a scheduled selection competition.
- The Panel has the sole discretion to invoke this clause if required and any decision is final

## 13. DE-SELECTION

Selection to a Great Britain Team is to specific events in accordance with the prevailing selection policy. The Panel has the right to withdraw athletes from identified race(s) on the basis of injury/illness. Such decisions will only be taken following consultation with appropriate coaches and/or medical reports.

## 14. AMENDMENTS

BIS reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at [www.iceskating.org.uk](http://www.iceskating.org.uk).

## 15. CONFIDENTIALITY

Athletes and officials must not disclose any information regarding any selection decisions or appeals until such information is publicly announced or disclosed by BIS.

## 16. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

All team members must comply with ISU and BIS competition and training kit regulations whilst competing for Great Britain

All team members are expected to abide by the media protocols of the BIS. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own personal performances.

## APPENDIX 1

### Qualification to the GB Performance Squad for Short Track Speed Skating 2019-20

To qualify for the GB Performance Squad for the discipline of Short Track Speed Skating in the 2019-20 season, an athlete must fulfil the following:

- Meet the eligibility criteria as outlines in Section 4 of the International Selection Manual
- Achieve the minimum performance standards for Tier 1, 2 or 3 as outlined in Section 8 of the International Selection Manual

Qualification for the GB Performance Squad can be achieved at any time during the season.