



# **Great Britain Speed Skating**

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# British Ice Skating Speed Skating Performance Strategy (2030 Olympic Cycle)

British Ice Skating is committed to creating a world-class, athlete-centred Speed Skating performance environment that enables athletes to achieve sustained international success. Our ambition is to develop athletes capable of competing at the highest level of international speed skating and challenging for medals at major Championships and the Olympic Winter Games, supported by high-quality coaching, performance services and a culture of excellence, accountability, integrity and athlete wellbeing.

## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear and transparent framework for the selection and allocation of British Ice Skating athletes to international Speed Skating competitions and Championships during the 2026/27 season.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. BIS will only consider athletes for selection who satisfy the eligibility requirements outlined within this policy:
  - Current BIS membership;
  - British passport or Clearance Certificate to skate for GBR;
  - Signing the 2026/27 BIS Performance Programme (BISPP) Athlete Agreement;
  - Adherence to [BIS Articles of Association, BIS Rules and Policies](#);
  - Adherence to applicable [International Skating Union Rules and Regulations](#);
  - Correct age and standard (where applicable) for the event as per the official announcement and related ISU Communications and
  - Not currently serving any suspension for an anti-doping, disciplinary or integrity offence.

## 3. SELECTION PANEL

- 3.1. The Selection 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:
  - BIS Performance Director (Chair and Voting Member);
  - BIS Lead Speed Skating Coach, or nominated Speed Skating Coach (Voting Member);
  - BIS Board Director responsible for Speed Skating (Voting Member);
  - Independent member from an outside sporting body (Non-Voting Member);
  - Note-takers etc. as required (Non-Voting Member).
- 3.3. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that:
  - all relevant evidence is considered;
  - all discussions remain objective and evidence based;
  - conflicts of interest are managed appropriately;
  - decisions are recorded appropriately; and
  - the selection process is conducted in accordance with this policy.
- 3.4. The Selection Panel may request advice from additional individuals where specialist expertise is required. Such individuals may include:
  - Speed Skating coaches;

- technical experts;
- performance support practitioners;
- medical practitioners;

### 3.5. Substitute Panel Members

Where a member of the Selection Panel is unavailable, unable to participate or is required to withdraw because of a conflict of interest, BIS may appoint an appropriately qualified substitute member for the relevant meeting or selection decision. Any substitute voting member will have the same voting rights as the member they are replacing. Where the Board Director responsible for Speed Skating is unavailable or has a conflict of interest, BIS shall appoint another BIS Board Director as a substitute voting member.

### 3.6. Quorum

The quorum for a Selection Panel decision shall be three voting members. Substitute members appointed in accordance with Section 3.5 shall count towards the quorum. The attendance of non-voting members is not required for the Panel to be quorate.

### 3.7. Conflicts of Interest

Any person who sits on the Selection Panel shall declare any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest arising from their role on the Panel. Where a material conflict exists, the individual shall not participate in the discussion or decision relating to the affected athlete. Where necessary, a substitute member may be appointed in accordance with Section 3.5. All declared conflicts and the action taken to manage them shall be recorded.

### 3.8. Decision Making

The Selection Panel will normally seek to reach decisions by consensus. Where consensus cannot be achieved, the decision shall be determined by a simple majority of the voting members. In the event of an equal vote, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

## 4. 2026-27 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The tables below detail the ISU events which are applicable to this selection policy [ISU calendar](#)

### Senior Competitions

| Event                                                    | Event Date          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 1 Beijing, CHN               | 13–15 November 2026 |
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 2 Obihiro, JPN               | 20–22 November 2026 |
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 3 Heerenveen, NED            | 4–6 December 2026   |
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 4 Stavanger, NOR             | 11–13 December 2026 |
| ISU European Speed Skating Championships Heerenveen, NED | 8–10 January 2027   |
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 5 Salt Lake City, USA        | 29–31 January 2027  |
| ISU Speed Skating World Cup 6 Calgary, CAN               | 5–7 February 2027   |
| ISU World Speed Skating Championships Beijing, CHN       | 25–28 February 2027 |

### Junior / Neo-Senior Competitions

| Event                                                             | Event Date          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ISU Junior World Cup 1 Quebec, CAN                                | 28–29 November 2026 |
| ISU Junior World Cup 2 Quebec, CAN                                | 5–6 December 2026   |
| ISU Junior World Cup 3 Baselga di Piné, ITA                       | 6–7 February 2027   |
| ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships Baselga di Piné, ITA | 12–14 February 2027 |

## 5. ISU QUALIFYING STANDARDS

- 5.1. To be eligible for selection to an ISU World Cup, Junior World Cup or Neo-Senior competition, athletes must achieve the applicable ISU qualifying time for the relevant distance within the qualifying period set by the ISU.

### Senior World Cup Qualifying Times – [ISU Communication No.2823](#)

| Distance | Women            | Men              |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| 500m     | 40.0             | 36.20            |
| 1000m    | 1:20.00          | 1:12.00          |
| 1500m    | 2:02.00          | 1:50.50          |
| 3000m    | 4:22.00          | N/A              |
| 5000m    | 4:22.00 at 3000m | 6:42.00          |
| 10000m   | N/A              | 6:42.00 at 5000m |

For Mass Start and Team Events, achievement of any applicable individual-distance qualifying time is sufficient under the ISU requirements.

### Junior World Cup Qualifying Times – [ISU Communication No. 2822](#)

| Distance | Women   | Men     |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 500m     | 45.0    | 41.0    |
| 1000m    | 1:30.00 | 1:22.00 |
| 1500m    | 2:20.00 | 2:07.00 |
| 3000m    | 5:00.00 | 4:25.00 |

### Neo-senior World Cup Qualifying Times – [ISU Communication No. 2822](#)

| Distance | Women   | Men     |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 500m     | 42.50   | 38.50   |
| 1000m    | 1:25.00 | 1:16.00 |
| 1500m    | 2:12.00 | 1:58.00 |
| 3000m    | 4:45.00 | 4:05.00 |

For Junior and Neo-Senior Elimination Mass Start and Team Events, any of the applicable distance qualifying times may be used.

Qualifying requirements for the 2027 ISU European Championships, ISU World Junior Championships and ISU World Championships are set out in ISU Communication No. 2824 and are referenced within Sections 10–12 of this policy

- 5.2. Qualifying times must be achieved within the period recognised by the ISU for the relevant competition. For the 2026/27 season, qualifying times may be achieved from 1 July 2025 up to the entry deadline for the relevant competition.

## 6. SELECTION TIMELINES

- 6.1. Indicative selection timelines are provided below and may be subject to change. All selection outcomes will be communicated to athletes by email.

| Event and Selection Panel Meeting Date | Selection Meeting            | Communication of Selection   |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Senior World Cups Team                 | By Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> 2026 | By Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> 2026 |
| Junior / Neo-Senior World Cups Team    | By Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> 2026 | By Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> 2026 |

|                                |                              |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ISU European Championships     | By Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 2026 | By Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 2026 |
| ISU World Junior Championships | By Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> 2027 | By Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> 2027 |
| ISU World Championships        | By Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> 2027  | Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 2027     |

- 6.2. Athletes who are not selected to the relevant World Cup team at the start of the season may be added during the season where they subsequently achieve the applicable ISU qualifying standard and a quota place remains available.
- 6.3. Any addition to the Senior World Cup Team or Junior / Neo-Senior World Cup Team during the season must be approved by the Selection Panel in accordance with this policy.

## 7. GB SPEED SKATING PERFORMANCE TEAM

- 7.1. The Athletes may qualify for the GB Speed Skating Performance Team by achieving the applicable ISU qualifying time for either:
- the Senior World Cup; or
  - the Junior World Cup, including the Junior and Neo-Senior divisions.
- 7.2. Athletes may be added to the GB Speed Skating Performance Team at any point during the season once they achieve the applicable qualifying standard and satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2 of this policy.
- 7.3. All athletes selected to the GB Speed Skating Performance Team are required to sign the applicable BIS Performance Programme Athlete Agreement.
- 7.4. Qualification to the Performance Team does not automatically guarantee selection to an ISU competition. Selection to Senior World Cups, Junior World Cups and Neo-Senior competitions will be made in accordance with the relevant criteria set out in this policy and subject to available ISU quota places.
- 7.5. For the 2026/27 season, the Junior division is open to skaters born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2011, and the Neo-Senior division is open to skaters born between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2007.

## 8. SENIOR WORLD CUP SELECTION

### 8.1. Eligibility for Selection

To be considered for selection to the Senior World Cup Team, athletes must:

- satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2;
- have achieved the applicable ISU Senior World Cup qualifying time set out in Section 5; and
- be eligible for entry in accordance with the applicable ISU rules and available quota places.

### 8.2. Individual Distance Selection

Athletes will be ranked for each individual distance, with selection made up to the number of quota places available to Great Britain. The following criteria will be applied in order:

- 1) the athlete's fastest eligible time in the relevant distance achieved during the current and previous season;
- 2) where athletes cannot be separated, the current-season ISU World Cup ranking, where available; and
- 3) where athletes remain tied, the previous-season ISU World Cup ranking.

### 8.3. Mass Start Selection

Initial selection to the Senior World Cup Team for Mass Start will be based on:

- 1) the athlete's final ISU World Cup Mass Start ranking from the previous season; and
- 2) where athletes cannot be separated, the athlete's fastest eligible 3000m time for Women or 5000m time for Men achieved during the current or previous season.

Once the World Cup season has commenced, BIS may also consider current-season World Cup Mass Start performances and rankings when determining which selected athletes are entered into individual Mass Start races.

A maximum of two athletes per gender may be entered in the Senior World Cup Mass Start, subject to the applicable ISU qualifying requirements.

#### 8.4. Team Events

Selection for Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay will be determined by the Selection Panel, taking into consideration:

- the athletes available;
- individual performance level;
- suitability for the relevant team event; and
- the performance objectives of the competition.

#### 8.5. Race Allocation

Selection to the Senior World Cup Team does not guarantee entry into every distance or team event at every World Cup. Individual race entries may be determined by BIS in accordance with athlete performance, available quota places and the programme of each World Cup.

#### 8.6. Addition of Athletes During the Season

Athletes may be added to the Senior World Cup Team during the season in accordance with Section 6 where they subsequently achieve the applicable qualifying standard, a quota place is available and the addition is approved by the Selection Panel.

## 9. JUNIOR AND NEO-SENIOR WORLD CUP SELECTION

#### 9.1. Eligibility for Selection

To be considered for selection to the Junior or Neo-Senior World Cup Team, athletes must:

- 1) satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2;
- 2) fall within the applicable Junior or Neo-Senior age category;
- 3) have achieved the applicable ISU Junior or Neo-Senior World Cup qualifying time set out in Section 5; and
- 4) be eligible for entry in accordance with the applicable ISU rules and available quota places.

For the 2026/27 season, Juniors are skaters born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2011, while Neo-Seniors are skaters born between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2007.

#### 9.2. Individual Distance Selection

Athletes will be ranked within their respective Junior or Neo-Senior category for each individual distance, with selection made up to the number of quota places available to Great Britain. The following criteria will be applied in order:

- 1) the athlete's fastest eligible time in the relevant distance achieved during the current and previous season;
- 2) where athletes cannot be separated, the current-season ISU Junior World Cup ranking, where available; and

- 3) where athletes remain tied, the previous-season ISU Junior World Cup ranking, where applicable.

#### 9.3. Mass Start Selection

Initial selection for the Junior and Neo-Senior Mass Start will be based on:

- 1) the athlete's relevant Junior World Cup Mass Start ranking from the previous season, where available; and
- 2) where athletes cannot be separated, the athlete's fastest eligible 1500m time achieved during the current or previous season.

Once the Junior World Cup season has commenced, BIS may also consider current-season Junior World Cup Mass Start performances and rankings when determining individual race entries.

The ISU permits up to two athletes per gender, in each age category, for the Elimination Mass Start.

#### 9.4. Team Events

Selection for Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay will be determined by the Selection Panel, taking into consideration:

- the athletes available;
- individual performance level;
- suitability for the relevant team event; and
- the performance and development objectives of the competition.

#### 9.5. Race Allocation

Selection to the Junior / Neo-Senior World Cup Team does not guarantee entry into every distance or team event at every Junior World Cup. Individual race entries may be determined by BIS in accordance with athlete performance, available quota places and the programme of each competition.

#### 9.6. Junior World Cup Final

Entry to Junior World Cup 3 is subject to the additional ISU eligibility requirements for the Junior World Cup Final. For Junior athletes, this includes athletes who have scored Junior World Cup points during the 2026/27 season or who have been entered for the 2027 ISU Junior World Championships and achieved the applicable qualifying times.

#### 9.7. Addition of Athletes During the Season

Athletes may be added to the Junior / Neo-Senior World Cup Team during the season in accordance with Section 6 where they subsequently achieve the applicable qualifying standard, a quota place is available and the addition is approved by the Selection Panel.

## 10. ISU EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION – [ISU Communication No. 2824](#)

#### 10.1. Eligibility for Selection

To be considered for selection to the ISU European Speed Skating Championships, athletes must:

- satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2;
- meet the applicable ISU qualification requirements for the Championship; and
- be eligible for entry within any quota place secured by Great Britain.

#### 10.2. Qualification of Quota Places

Great Britain's quota places for the European Championships will be determined through the ISU Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL), based on performances at World Cups 1–4.

For the Sprint Combination, the SQRL is based on combined results in the 500m and 1000m.

For the Allround Combination, the SQRL is based on combined results in:

- Women: 1500m and 3000m; and
- Men: 1500m and 5000m.

A maximum of the three best qualifying results will count towards the relevant SQRL.

#### 10.3. Athlete Selection

Where Great Britain secures a quota place, the Selection Panel will select the athlete(s) best placed to represent Great Britain in the relevant Sprint or Allround competition.

In making its decision, the Selection Panel may consider:

- the athlete's contribution to securing the relevant quota place;
- performances in the relevant distances during World Cups 1–4;
- current form and performance trajectory;
- consistency across the required Sprint or Allround distances; and
- any other relevant performance evidence available to the Selection Panel.

10.4. Qualification of a quota place by an athlete does not automatically guarantee that the same athlete will be selected to compete at the European Championships.

### 11. ISU WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION – [ISU Communication No. 2824](#)

#### 11.1. Eligibility for Selection

To be considered for selection to the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, athletes must:

- satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2;
- fall within the applicable ISU Junior age category;
- have achieved the applicable ISU qualifying time for the relevant distance or competition; and
- be eligible for entry in accordance with the applicable ISU rules and available quota places.

#### 11.2. Individual Distance Selection

Where the number of eligible athletes exceeds the available quota places in a distance, athletes will be ranked using:

- 1) the athlete's fastest eligible time in the relevant distance achieved during the current and previous season;
- 2) where athletes cannot be separated, the current-season ISU Junior World Cup ranking in the relevant distance; and
- 3) where athletes remain tied, the previous-season ISU Junior World Cup ranking, where applicable.

#### 11.3. Allround Competition

Athletes entered in all four individual distances who have achieved the applicable qualifying time for each distance may also be eligible for the Junior Allround competition in accordance with ISU requirements.

#### 11.4. Mass Start Selection

Selection for the Mass Start will consider:

- current-season Junior World Cup Mass Start performances and ranking;

- performances in the 1500m and other relevant endurance distances; and
- the athlete's demonstrated readiness and suitability for Mass Start competition.

#### 11.5. Team Events

Selection for Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Mixed Relay will be determined by the Selection Panel, taking into consideration the athletes selected to the Championship team, individual performance level, suitability for the relevant team event and the performance objectives of the Championship.

11.6. Selection for an individual distance does not automatically guarantee selection for any other distance or team competition at the Championships.

## 12. ISU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION – [ISU Communication No. 2824](#)

### 12.1. Eligibility for Selection

To be considered for selection to the ISU World Speed Skating Championships, athletes must:

- satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2;
- have achieved the applicable ISU qualifying time for the relevant distance or competition; and
- be eligible for entry within a quota place secured by Great Britain.

### 12.2. Qualification of Quota Places

Great Britain's quota places for the World Championships will be determined through the ISU Special Qualification Ranking List (SQRL), based on performances and rankings achieved across the designated World Cup qualifying events.

For the 2026/27 season, World Cups 1–6 are the qualifying events for the ISU World Speed Skating Championships.

### 12.3. Individual Distance Selection

Where Great Britain secures a quota place in an individual distance, the Selection Panel will select the athlete(s) best placed to represent Great Britain.

In making its decision, the Selection Panel may consider:

- the athlete's contribution to securing the relevant quota place;
- current-season World Cup performances and ranking in the relevant distance;
- season-best and recent performances;
- current form and performance trajectory; and
- any other relevant performance evidence available to the Selection Panel.

### 12.4. Mass Start Selection

Where Great Britain secures a Mass Start quota place, selection will be based primarily on current-season World Cup Mass Start performances and ranking, together with any other relevant evidence of the athlete's readiness and suitability for the event.

### 12.5. Team Events

Where Great Britain qualifies for Team Pursuit, Team Sprint or Mixed Relay, the Selection Panel will determine the athletes selected, taking into consideration:

- the athletes available;
- individual and team-event performances during the season;
- suitability for the relevant team event; and
- the performance objectives of the World Championships.

- 12.6. Qualification of a quota place by an individual athlete or team does not automatically guarantee selection to the World Championships.

### 13. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 13.1. Where an athlete is unable to participate fully in the selection process, or their performance is materially affected, due to illness, injury or other exceptional mitigating circumstances, the Selection Panel may consider the athlete for selection based on the available evidence.
- 13.2. Athletes must notify British Ice Skating of any mitigating circumstances as soon as reasonably practicable and provide appropriate supporting evidence where requested. This may include medical evidence from an appropriately qualified medical practitioner.
- 13.3. In considering any such circumstances, the Selection Panel may take into account all information it reasonably considers relevant, including:
- previous competition performances;
  - recent form;
  - training and performance data;
  - relevant race or ranking information;
  - video or other performance evidence; and
  - relevant medical or performance support information.
- 13.4. The existence of mitigating circumstances does not guarantee selection. Any decision will be made by the Selection Panel in accordance with the principles and criteria set out within this policy.

### 14. APPEALS PROCESS

- 14.1. Athletes may appeal a selection decision only on the grounds that BIS has failed to follow the procedures outlined within this Policy.
- 14.2. Appeals will not be considered on any other basis, including:
- disagreement with the BIS Selection Panel's judgement;
  - comparison with another athlete's selection;
  - the athlete's personal expectations, previous performances or past achievements.
- 14.3. Appeal Fee
- To submit an appeal, the athlete must pay an appeal fee of **£150** to BIS.
  - Once a written appeal is received by BIS, the athlete will be provided a payment link for the appeal fee to be paid within 1 working day.
  - The appeal fee must be received by BIS before the appeal will be accepted and considered.
  - Failure to pay the appeal fee within the required timescale will result in the appeal being deemed withdrawn and no further action being taken by BIS.
  - Where the Appeals Panel upholds the appeal and directs the BIS Selection Panel to repeat or reconsider the selection process in accordance with this Policy, the **£150 appeal fee will be refunded in full** to the Appellant.
  - Where an appeal is dismissed, withdrawn by the Appellant, or found not to meet the grounds for appeal set out within this Policy, the appeal fee will be retained by BIS to contribute towards the administrative costs of the appeals process.

#### 14.4. Appeals timeline and Procedure

| Step                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Deadline                                                                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Notification</b>    | BIS informs athletes of selection outcomes by email.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Day 0                                                                    |
| <b>2. Appeal Lodged</b>   | Athlete must submit a written appeal to <a href="mailto:performance@iceskating.org.uk">performance@iceskating.org.uk</a> , clearly outlining the alleged procedural error and any supporting evidence                                                                                              | Within <b>48 hours</b> of selection decision                             |
| <b>3. Acknowledgement</b> | BIS acknowledges receipt of the appeal and issues the athlete with a secure payment link for the £150 appeal fee. The appeal fee must be paid within one (1) working day of the payment link being issued. Once payment has been received, BIS will confirm the next steps in the appeals process. | Within <b>1 working day</b>                                              |
| <b>4. Panel Convened</b>  | An <b>independent Appeals Panel</b> is appointed by BIS, consisting of at least one legally qualified Chair and two other individuals. Panel members may be drawn from within or outside BIS but must not have been involved in the original selection decision.                                   | Within 3 working days of receipt of the completed appeal and appeal fee. |
| <b>5. Panel Review</b>    | The Appeals Panel will review the appeal and all relevant selection documentation. Hearings will be conducted in writing unless the Appeals Panel determines that an oral hearing is necessary.                                                                                                    | Within <b>5 working days</b> of panel appointment                        |
| <b>6. Decision Issued</b> | The Appeals Panel will issue its written decision, together with the reasons supporting that decision, to both the Appellant and BIS.                                                                                                                                                              | Within <b>3 working days</b> of the panel's final review                 |

14.5. The Appeals Panel may:

- dismiss the appeal and uphold the original selection decision; or
- uphold the appeal and direct the BIS Selection Panel to repeat or reconsider the selection process in accordance with this Policy.

14.6. The Appeals Panel shall not substitute its own selection decision for that of the BIS Selection Panel.

14.7. The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding within the BIS appeals process. Where an appeal is upheld, BIS will refund the appeal fee within 10 working days of the Appeals Panel issuing its decision. No further appeal or challenge to BIS will be permitted. Athletes are expected to respect the integrity, independence and confidentiality of the Appeals Process.

## **15. DE-SELECTION**

- 15.1. Selection remains conditional on the athlete continuing to meet the eligibility requirements in Section 2 and remaining medically, physically and otherwise available to compete.
- 15.2. After selection, an athlete may be de-selected or withdrawn only in accordance with the BIS Medical De-selection Policy and/or the applicable provisions of the BIS Performance Programme Athlete Agreement. If an athlete becomes unavailable after selection and a place becomes vacant, any replacement will be considered in accordance with this policy.
- 15.3. For clarity, illness, injury or exceptional circumstances arising before a selection decision will be considered under Section 13. Circumstances arising after selection may be considered under this Section and the relevant BIS Medical De-selection Policy or BIS Performance Programme Athlete Agreement.

## **16. AMENDMENTS**

- 16.1. BIS may amend this Selection Policy where reasonably necessary, including to reflect changes to ISU rules, competition formats, qualification requirements, event schedules or other circumstances outside BIS control. Any material amendment will be approved through the appropriate BIS governance process and the amended version, including the date of amendment, will be made publicly available at [www.iceskating.org.uk](http://www.iceskating.org.uk). BIS will communicate material amendments to affected athletes as soon as reasonably practicable.