



Great Britain Speed Skating

2025-26 International Selection Policy

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OVERVIEW

Great Britain's Long Track Olympic strategy for Milan-Cortina 2026

Vision: To deliver a world class British programme to support and nurture our skaters to reach their potential on the world stage

2026 Mission: To create a world leading training environment that best prepares skaters to deliver speed skating Olympic medals in Milan

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.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS SELECTION POLICY

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which British Ice Skating (“**BIS**”) will select teams to represent Great Britain in identified senior and junior International Skating Union (“**ISU**”) Speed Skating (“**SS**”) events. In the 2025-26 season these events will be:

- ISU World Speed Skating Allround & Sprint Championships (WCH)
- ISU European Speed Skating Championships (EC)
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating Events (WC)
- ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships (JWCH)
- ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Events (JWC).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- a. The LTSS selection panel (the “**Panel**”) acts on delegated authority of the BIS Board and is responsible for implementing the selection policy agreed by the Board.
- b. The Panel shall comprise:
 - a. British Ice Skating Long Track Head Coach (Voting Member);
 - b. British Ice Skating Performance Director (Voting Member);
 - c. The Board representative for Long Track Speed Skating (Voting Member);
 - d. Note-takers etc. as required (non-Voting Member).
- c. 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. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent Great Britain in an ISU competition 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.

4. 2025-26 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The tables below detail the events which are applicable to this selection document.

ISU Championships

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>European Championships Tomaszow, POL</i>	<i>09-11 Jan 2026</i>
<i>World Junior Championships Inzell, GER</i>	<i>27 Feb - 01 Mar 2026</i>
<i>World Championships Heerenveen, NED</i>	<i>05-08 Mar 2026</i>

ISU World Cup Series

	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>World Cup 1 Salt Lake City, USA</i>	<i>14-16 Nov 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 2 Calgary, CAN</i>	<i>21-23 Nov 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 3 Heerenveen, NED</i>	<i>05-07 Dec 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 4 Hamar, NOR</i>	<i>12-14 Dec 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 5 Inzell, GER</i>	<i>23-25 Jan 2026</i>

ISU Junior World Cup Series

	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>World Cup 1 Milan, ITA</i>	<i>29-30 Nov 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 2 Collalbo, ITA</i>	<i>06-07 Dec 2025</i>

5. 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 ISU Qualifying Times, see communications:

- ISU Communication No. 2728 – ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2025/26
- ISU Communication No. 2729 – ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2025/26 including International Competitions for "Neo-seniors".

Qualifying times - ***attained during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons***

	Tier 3 'Junior Development'		Tier 2 'Neo Development'		Tier 1 'Performance'	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
500m	45.0	41.0	42.50	38.50	40.0	36.20
1000m	1.30.0	1.22.0	1.25.0	1.16.0	1.20.0	1.12.0
1500m	2.20.0	2.07.0	2.12.0	1.58.0	2.02.0	1.50.50
3000m	5.00.0	4.42.0	4.45.0	4.05.0	4.22.0	N/A
5000m	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A*	6.42.0
10000m	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A*

*Women require 3000 time to enter 5000m and Men require 5000m time to enter 1000m

6. TIMELINE

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

	Date
Selection Panel meeting/Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cups • Jnr World Cups Communication of selections	1 st November 2025
Selection Panel meeting/Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Championships Communication of selection	22 nd December 2025
Selection Panel /Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Championships Communication of selections	1 st February 2026

7. BRITISH ICE SKATING – TEAM SELECTION

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria in section 5 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
 - i. Senior Performance Team Tier 1
 - ii. Senior/Neo Development Team Tier 2
 - iii. Junior Development Team Tier 3
- b. Athletes can gain selection to these teams at any time they meet all these eligibility requirements.

8. SELECTION PROCESS FOR ISU EVENTS

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria in section 5 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above*.

Individual Distance Selection

- b. Athletes will be ranked in each distance following the process set out below and the highest ranked athletes will be selected (up to number of quota places per distance);
 - i. Personal best of athletes during the current and previous season (2024-25 and 2025-26)
 - ii. If there is a tie, the ISU World Cup Rankings from the current season (2025-26)
 - iii. If there is still a tie, the ISU World Cup Rankings from the previous season (2024-25).

Mass Start Selection

- c. Athletes will be ranked in the Mass Start following the process set out below and the highest ranked athletes will be selected (up to number of quota places per distance);
- i. ISU World Cup Mass Start Rankings from the current season (2025-26)
 - ii. If there is a tie, the ISU World Cup Mass Start Rankings from the previous season (2024-25)
 - iii. If there is still a tie, athlete's personal best in 3000m (Women) or 5000m (Men) during the current and previous season (2024-25 and 2025-26).

*If an athlete achieves the qualification time after the team is selected and the event entry is still open, the selection panel can add **additional** athletes (but not replace selected athletes) to the team for an event (if a quota place is available).

9. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, elements of the 2025-26 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 absolute discretion to invoke this clause if required and any decision is final.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 BIS. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own personal performances.

14. APPEALS PROCESS

Athletes may appeal a selection decision **only on the grounds that British Ice Skating (BIS) has failed to follow the procedures outlined in this Selection Policy.**

Appeals will not be considered on any other basis, including:

- a. Disagreement with the selection panel's judgment;
- b. Comparison with another athlete's selection;
- c. The athlete's personal expectations or past achievements.

Appeals Timeline and Procedure

Step	Description	Deadline
1. Notification	BIS informs athletes of selection outcomes by email.	Day 0
2. Appeal Lodged	Athlete must submit a written appeal to performance@iceskating.org.uk , clearly outlining the alleged procedural error and any supporting evidence.	Within 48 hours of selection decision
3. Acknowledgement	BIS acknowledges receipt of the appeal and confirms next steps.	Within 1 working day
4. Panel Convened	An independent appeals panel is appointed by BIS, consisting of at least one legally trained Chair and two individuals not involved in the original decision.	Within 3 working days of receiving the appeal
5. Panel Review	The panel reviews the appeal and the original selection documentation. A written hearing is the default format.	Within 5 working days of panel appointment

Step	Description	Deadline
6. Decision Issued	The panel issues its decision and rationale to the appellant and BIS.	Within 3 working days of the panel's final review

The appeals panel may:

- a. **Dismiss** the appeal and uphold the original decision;
- b. **Uphold** the appeal and direct the Selection Panel to repeat or reconsider the process in line with the policy.

The panel cannot substitute its own selection decision.

The panel's decision is **final and binding**. No further appeal or challenge will be permitted within BIS. Athletes are expected to respect the integrity and confidentiality of the process.