Great Britain

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British Ice Skating Figure Skating Performance Strategy (2030 Olympic Cycle)

British Ice Skating (BIS) is committed to creating a world-class, athlete-centred Figure Skating performance environment that enables athletes to achieve sustained international success. Our ambition is to develop athletes capable of competing 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 BIS athletes to international figure skating competitions and Championships during the 2026/2027 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 Performance Pathway Manager (Voting Member);
- BIS Performance TAC Chair (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:

- technical experts;
- discipline-specific coaches;

- 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.

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 table below details the events which are applicable to this selection policy (ISU calendar)

Event	Event Date
ISU Junior Grand Prix Series	August – October 2026
ISU European Championships, Lausanne, SUI	27-31 Jan 2027
European Youth Olympic Festival, Brașov, ROM	14-21 Feb 2027
ISU World Junior Championships, Sofia, BUL	24–28 Feb 2027
ISU World Championships, Tampere, FIN	17–21 Mar 2027

5. QUOTA PLACES

The number of places available to Great Britain in each event is determined by the ISU.
The number of quota places for 2026-27 are:

Event	Women	Men	Pairs	Dance
ISU Junior Grand Prix Series	4* **1 spot in 4 events*	4* **1 spot in 4 events*	4* **1 spot in 4 events*	5* **1 spot in 5 events*
ISU European Championships, Lausanne, SUI	1	1	2	2
European Youth Olympic Festival, Brașov, ROM	1	1	N/A	N/A
ISU World Junior Championships, Sofia, BUL	1	1	1	1
ISU World Championships, Tampere, FIN	1	1	1	2

6. TIMELINE

Indicative timelines are provided below and may be subject to change; all communications will be delivered by email.

Event and Selection Panel Meeting Date	Communication of Selection	Closing Date of Entry
European Youth Olympic Festival **Meeting: By Dec 7th 2026***	By Dec 14th 2026*	TBC
ISU European Championships **Meeting: By Dec 16th 2026**	By Dec 16th 2026	Dec 29th 2026
ISU World Junior Championships **Meeting: By Jan 25th 2027**	By Jan 25th 2027	Jan 27th 2027
ISU World Championships **Meeting: By Feb 3rd 2027**	By Feb 3rd 2027	Feb 16th 2027

**BIS nominate athletes to the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the BOA will communicate selection*

7. GB PERFORMANCE SQUAD

7.1. The criteria for selection and qualification are detailed in Performance Pathway Information Ice Dance and Singles & Pairs. BIS will be responsible for the announcement of scores required for qualification to the Performance squad, usually based on the published ISU Minimum CTES for the current season.

7.2. Skaters achieving the required CTES and fulfilling the necessary criteria will be accepted onto the Performance Squad as soon as they achieve the score, even if this is achieved mid-season.

Pathway Scores (CTES)	Women	Men	Pairs	Dance
Next Generation (Junior) *World Junior Championships*	72	80	63	71
Podium Potential (Senior) *European Championships*	75	86	75	85
Podium (Senior) *World Championships*	88	109	91	98

7.3. British Ice Skating may use designated screening events, programme assessments and/or video footage, moderated or reviewed by appropriately qualified judges, officials or technical experts, to assess athletes who are not currently members of the GB Performance Squad. Where an athlete demonstrates an appropriate level of performance and international readiness through this assessment process, BIS may consider that athlete for selection to an international competition.

8. JUNIOR GRAND PRIX SELECTION

8.1. To be eligible for selection to the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series, athletes will normally be members of the BIS Performance Pathway at either **Future Generation** or **Next Generation** level and satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Section 2 of this policy.

Where there is insufficient athlete depth within a discipline, the BIS Performance Team may, at its discretion, invite athletes who are not currently at Future Generation or Next Generation level to participate in the Junior Grand Prix selection process, where they are considered to demonstrate an appropriate level of performance, development and potential for Junior Grand Prix competition.

8.2. Junior Grand Prix selection will be based on a holistic assessment of the athlete's readiness to compete internationally. The Selection Panel may consider:

- results and performances from the preceding and current season;
- performances at international and ISU competitions;
- progress, development, training standards, commitment and professionalism;
- the quality, stability and consistency of required technical elements; and
- performances and observations from BIS Performance and Academy camps, programme screenings and other designated assessment opportunities.

8.3. BIS will normally conduct a programme screening or equivalent performance assessment as part of the Junior Grand Prix selection process. Where a camp or assessment is designated as mandatory, athletes must attend unless exceptional circumstances are accepted by BIS.

8.4. Selection is not guaranteed by achievement of any individual score, result or screening performance. The Selection Panel will consider the totality of the available evidence when selecting athletes and allocating the available Junior Grand Prix places.

9. EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

9.1. The following process will apply to nomination for the European Youth Olympic Festival, provided the athlete(s) meet the eligibility requirements for the event and are current members of the Next Generation, Junior Future Generation and Junior Development Squad. The nominations to the BOA for selection shall be made by taking into consideration performances from the current and previous season (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons) at any ISU-recognised international Junior competitions, including:

a) Any ISU-recognised Junior international event
b) The British Figure Skating Championships 2026.

9.2. The skaters' highest scores at any event listed in a) in the current or previous season will be added to their score at the British Figure Skating Championships 2026 (b) to produce a total score, which will be compiled into a ranking i.e. **highest ISU-recognised Junior international event and British Figure Skating Championships 2026 = total score.**

9.3. The Selection Panel may depart from the published formula or ranking where it determines that exceptional circumstances have materially affected the outcome of the selection process and that strict application of the formula or ranking would not result in the selection of the athlete(s) best placed to represent Great Britain.
In reaching such a decision, the Selection Panel may consider all relevant evidence, including illness, injury, previous and current season performances, recent form, training and performance data, and any other information it reasonably considers relevant.

10. ISU WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.1. The following process will be followed for the ISU World Junior Championship event subject to the skater(s) achieving the minimum Combined Technical Element Score as set by the ISU for the relevant season (by the applicable ISU deadline). Dates of selection meetings are stated in section 6 (Timeline). The selection shall be made by taking into consideration performances from the current and previous season (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons) at ISU-recognised international Junior competitions, including:

a) Any two (2) ISU-recognised Junior international competitions, **one (1) of which MUST be from current season**
b) The British Figure Skating Championships 2026.

10.2. The two international competition scores will be added to the athlete's British Championships score to produce a total score and ranking**.**

10.3. If a skater eligible to skate in the ISU Junior World Championships is also competing at Senior level domestically and is entering the Senior British Championships, they can opt to have their Senior performance considered by the selection panel and will not be required to skate in both Championships. This must be requested by the skater(s) via email to the BIS Performance Team before the British Championships closing date.

10.4. The Selection Panel may depart from the published formula or ranking where it determines that exceptional circumstances have materially affected the outcome of the selection process and that strict application of the formula or ranking would not result in the selection of the athlete(s) best placed to represent Great Britain. Mitigating circumstances will be considered in accordance with Section 12.

10.5. With regards to the nominations for Pairs and Ice Dance, the Selection Panel shall only nominate athletes who have achieved the relevant minimum CTES as a pair/couple and shall not be entitled to 'mix and match' between athletes who have achieved the CTES with other partners.

10.6. Skaters may be selected for Championships using the process outlined in 10.1 pending the ISU CTES. The minimum Technical Elements Score must be reached 28 (twenty-eight) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned.

10.7. All athletes considered for selection will be notified by email of the selection outcome, whether successful or unsuccessful.

11. ISU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

11.1. The following process will be followed for the ISU Senior Championship event subject to the skater(s) achieving the minimum Combined Technical Element Score as set by the ISU for the relevant season (by the applicable ISU deadline). Dates of selection meetings are stated in section 6 (Timeline). The selection shall be made by taking into consideration performances from the current and previous season (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons) at ISU-recognised international Senior competitions, including:

a) Any two (2) ISU-recognised Senior international competitions, **one (1) of which MUST be from current season**
b) The British Figure Skating Championships 2026.

11.2. The two international competition scores will be added to the athlete's British Championships score to produce a total score and ranking**.**

11.3. The Selection Panel may depart from the published formula or ranking where it determines that exceptional circumstances have materially affected the outcome of the selection process and that strict application of the formula or ranking would not result in the selection of the athlete(s) best placed to represent Great Britain. Mitigating circumstances will be considered in accordance with Section 12.

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11.6. All athletes considered for selection will be notified by email of the selection outcome, whether successful or unsuccessful.

12. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

12.3. 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, programme screenings or assessments, video evidence, and relevant medical or performance support information.

12.4. 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.

13. APPEALS PROCESS

13.1. Athletes may appeal a selection decision only on the grounds that BIS has failed to follow the procedures outlined within this Policy.

13.2. 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.

13.3. 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.

13.4. 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 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 **1 working day**
4. Panel Convened	An **independent Appeals Panel** 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.
5. Panel Review	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 **5 working days** of panel appointment
6. Decision Issued	The Appeals Panel will issue its written decision, together with the reasons supporting that decision, to both the Appellant and BIS.	Within **3 working days** of the panel's final review

13.5. 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.

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

13.7. 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.

14. DE-SELECTION

14.1. Selection remains conditional on the athlete continuing to meet the eligibility requirements in Section 2 and remaining medically, physically and otherwise available to compete.

14.2. 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.

14.3. For clarity, illness, injury or exceptional circumstances arising before a selection decision will be considered under Section 12. Circumstances arising after selection may be considered under this Section and the relevant BIS Medical De-selection Policy or BIS Performance Programme Athlete Agreement.

15. AMENDMENTS

15.1. 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. BIS will communicate material amendments to affected athletes as soon as reasonably practicable.

16. APPENDIX

International Competition Allocation Framework

This framework reflects British Ice Skating's philosophy for the allocation of international competition opportunities. Our approach is to provide appropriate competitive opportunities based on athlete performance, development, readiness and the needs of the performance pathway, while ensuring allocations remain fair, transparent and aligned to the purpose and level of each event.

ISU Senior Grand Prix	Senior Grand Prix are by invitation from the ISU to specific individuals only. Should GBR be a host country, selection will follow the International Selection Policy formula at time of selection.
ISU Junior Grand Prix	Athletes will normally be considered for ISU Junior Grand Prix selection through the BIS Junior Grand Prix selection process set out in Section 8 of this policy. This will include athletes on the Future Generation and Next Generation pathway, together with any additional athletes invited by the BIS Performance Team to take part in the selection process where appropriate. Junior Grand Prix allocations will be based on the holistic assessment process outlined in Section 8 and will remain subject to the number of places available to Great Britain.
ISU Challenger Series	The season's top ranked skaters from the GB Performance Squad lists may be offered a Challenger event and consulted in order of ranking. New teams in Ice Dance and Pair skating, and Junior skaters who are transitioning to the Senior category who have attained the pass score for the complete Senior Test in the current or previous season without the appropriate ranking may also be identified via official BIS monitoring sessions and offered allocations.
ISU International Competitions	Senior and Junior skaters who had their squad status confirmed by July 15th 2026 (for the first half of the competitive season) and 5th December 2026 (for the second half of the competitive season) and who are eligible for International Competitions will be sent the International Allocations request form by BIS. The allocations are subject to Performance TAC review. Skaters who achieve squad status throughout the season and miss the dates above must email the Performance Team to request an International Competition which will be subject to competition availability and review by the Performance TAC. Additionally, skaters transitioning category and new teams without the appropriate ranking may be identified through official monitoring sessions and offered allocations.
Club International Competitions	Will not be allocated by BIS. Skaters may enter these events through personal/club application.