



Great Britain Short Track Speed Skating

2025-26 International Selection Manual

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OVERVIEW

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

Vision: Develop and enhance world-level athletes with an aligned performance identity

2026 Mission: Deliver competitive performances and become consistent finalists across all levels to enable qualification to the Milan Cortina Olympic Games

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**”) Short Track Speed Skating events. In the 2025-26 season these events will be:

- ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Championships (WCH)
- ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (EC)
- ISU World Tour Short Track Speed Skating Events (WT)
- ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships (JWCH)
- ISU Junior World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Events (JWC)

2. SELECTION PANEL

2.1 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.

2.2 The Panel shall comprise:

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

2.3 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. 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.

4. 2025-26 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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

BIS Selection Event

<i>Event</i>	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>Selection Event Nottingham, GBR</i>	<i>27-29 Aug 2025</i>
<i>BIS British Junior ST Championships</i>	<i>3-4 Jan 2026</i>

ISU Championships and Multi Sport Events

<i>Event</i>	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>European Championships Tilburg, NED</i>	<i>16-19 Jan 2026</i>
<i>World Junior Championships Salt Lake City, USA</i>	<i>29 Jan - 1 Feb 2026</i>
<i>World Championships Montreal, CAN</i>	<i>13-15 Mar 2026</i>

ISU World Tour

	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>World Tour 1 Montreal, CAN</i>	<i>09-12 Oct 2025</i>
<i>World Tour 2 Montreal, CAN</i>	<i>16-19 Oct 2025</i>
<i>World Tour 3 Gdansk, POL</i>	<i>20-23 Nov 2025</i>
<i>World Tour 4 Dordrecht, NED</i>	<i>27-30 Nov 2025</i>

ISU Junior World Cup Series

	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>World Cup 1 Astana, KAZ</i>	<i>7-09 Nov 2025</i>
<i>World Cup 2 Astana, KAZ</i>	<i>13-15 Nov 2025</i>

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 2025-26 is:

Events	Women				Men			
	Relay	Individual			Relay	Individual		
World Championships	5*	500 2	1000 2	1500 1	5*	500 2	1000 2	1500 2
European Championships	5*	500 2	1000 2	1500 2	5*	500 2	1000 3	1500 3
World Junior Championships	4	500 2	1000 2	1500 2	4	500 3	1000 3	1500 3
World Tour	6	3			6	3		
Junior World Cups	5	5			5	5		

* Subject to 2025/26 international (ISU) qualification

6. TIMELINE

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

	Date
Selection Panel meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Tour Jnr World Cups Communication of selections	4/5 th September 2025
Selection Panel meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Championships World Championships Communication of selection	3 rd /4 th December 2025
Selection Panel meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Junior Championships Communication of selections	5 th January 2026

7. 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 - **attained during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons, unless stated.**

Tier 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 finish in an individual event at the Olympic Games, World Championship or World Tour or; • Top 3 finish in an individual event at the European Championships 												
Tier 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify for 'Main Event' at the World Championships or; • Qualify for 2 'Main Events' at the World Tour: in the same distance and same season or; • Qualify for 1500m B-Final or 500m/1000m Semi-Final at the European Championships or; • Top 10 finish in an individual event at the World Junior Championships. 												
Tier 3 Performance Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve one of the minimum performance standards, times detailed below: <table border="1" data-bbox="603 860 1433 1003"> <thead> <tr> <th>Distance</th> <th>Women's</th> <th>Men's</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>500m</td> <td>43.90</td> <td>41.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1000m</td> <td>1.31.12</td> <td>1.25.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1500m</td> <td>2.22.42</td> <td>2.15.62</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>These times are the 6% of the World Record (as of July 1st 2025)</p>	Distance	Women's	Men's	500m	43.90	41.88	1000m	1.31.12	1.25.73	1500m	2.22.42	2.15.62
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8. BRITISH ICE SKATING – TEAM SELECTION

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1-5 in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
 - i. Senior Performance Team Tier 3 and above
 - ii. Senior Development Team Tier 4
 - iii. Junior Development Team Tier 5

9. WORLD TOUR – 1, 2, 3, 4

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1, 2, or 3 in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
- b. The World Tour Team will be comprised of up to 6 women and 6 men from the BIS Performance Team using the criteria in Section 8.
- c. Qualification for the World Tour Team will take place at the BIS Selection Events and via the Tier system (section 7), on an individual distance basis, the Team will be selected pursuant to the process set out below:
 - i. 1st place in a distance at the Performance Selection Event
 - ii. Tier 1 athletes (only in the distance/s they are in Tier 1)
 - iii. 2nd place in a distance at the Performance Selection Event*
 - iv. 3rd place in each distance at the Performance Selection Event*

*Process will not be used if the Performance Team is fully selected, where there is a tie in the selection process, the athletes will be ranked using the tier system of each distance (for example if there is only one spot on the team remaining, but more than one athlete who has achieved a 2nd and/ or 3rd place result across the distances, not yet selected). The athlete in the highest tier will determine the order the athletes will be selected.

- d. Developmental spot(s) which support the team's participation in the mixed relay may be allocated at the Panel's absolute discretion

Relay

- e. Where team spots (up to 6) are not filled (9.c) the remaining spots will be selected pursuant to the process set out below:
 - i. Athletes will complete Relay Tests (the test consists of 7 x 1.5 laps (men) or 4 x 1.5 laps (women), starting each 1.5 laps every 60 seconds). Three relay tests will be held with the total time of each athlete's best two tests counted in the final ranking
 - ii. From these rankings, the highest ranked skater(s) will be selected for

the remaining spot(s) as part of the relay squad*

*Athletes selected for the relay squad will need to be tier 4 and above (Section 7). These athletes will be able to skate in individual events when spots are available

- f. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the World Tour, based on their impact on performance potential in relay teams, including:
- i. Individual distance performances.
 - ii. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
 - iii. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

10. SELECTION: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. To be considered for selection for the individual Championships, athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1-2, and for the relay Championships athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 3 in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
- b. Selection of athletes for the individual championships will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out below (up to number of quota places):
- i. Athletes ranked from the minimum standards tiered table in section 7 above according to each distance.
 - ii. If athletes are tied within tier 1, or 2, then the highest ISU world ranked athlete (in the distance the tie occurs) will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If an athlete does not compete at World Tour 1-4, they will be placed at the bottom of their respective tier.
- c. Provided GBR has achieved qualification for the relevant relay event at the Championships, the remaining relay places (after the individual skaters have been selected) will be selected
- i. Athletes will complete Relay Tests (the test consists of 7 x 1.5 laps (men) or 4 x 1.5 laps (women), starting each 1.5 laps every 60 seconds). Three relay tests will be held with the total time of each athlete's best two tests counted in the final ranking
 - ii. From these rankings, the highest ranked skater(s) will be selected for the remaining spot(s) as part of the relay squad
- d. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the Championships based on their impact on performance potential in relay teams, including:
- i. Individual distance performances.
 - ii. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
 - iii. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

11. SELECTION: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. To be considered for selection for the individual Championships, athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 1-2, and for the relay Championships athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 3 in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
- b. Selection of athletes for the individual Championships will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out below (up to number of quota places);
 - i. Athletes ranked from the minimum standards tiered table in section 7 above according to each distance.
 - ii. If athletes are tied within tier 1, or 2, then the highest ISU world ranked athlete (in the distance the tie occurs) will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If an athlete does not compete at World Tour 1-4, they will be placed at the bottom of their respective tier.
- c. Provided GBR has achieved qualification for the relevant relay event at the Championships, the remaining relay places (after the individual skaters have been selected) will be selected
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 - ii. From these rankings, the highest ranked skater(s) will be selected for the remaining spot(s) as part of the relay squad
- d. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the Championships based on their impact on performance potential in relay teams, including:
 - i. Individual distance performances.
 - ii. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
 - iii. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

12. SELECTION: JUNIOR WORLD CUPS 1, 2

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 5 and above in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
- b. The Junior World Cup Team will be comprised of up to 5 women and 5 men
- c. Selection of individual events will be selected pursuant to the process set out

below:

- i. Athletes will be ranked from the minimum standards tiered table in section 7 above.
 - ii. If athletes are tied within tier 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, then the highest ranked athlete in an individual distance at the Performance Selection Event will determine the top athlete of each tier. If that is still level, then an accumulation of the 2 highest individual distances at the Performance Selection Event will be used. If that is still level, then an accumulation of the 3 individual distances at the Performance Selection Event will be used.
 - iii. If an athlete does not compete in the Selection Event they will be placed at the bottom of their respective tier.
 - iv. The top ranked athlete gets the first choice of any one distance, this is then followed by the next ranked athlete until the skaters all have one distance. At this point, the top ranked athlete will get first choice of a second distance, followed by the next ranked athlete until all quota places are filled
 - v. 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
- d. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the World Cup, based on their impact on performance potential in relay teams, including:
- i. Individual distance performances.
 - ii. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
 - iii. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

13. SELECTION: JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the minimum performance criteria at Tier 5 and above in section 7 above and meet all the eligibility criteria in section 3 above.
- b. The World Junior Championships Team will be comprised of up to 4 women and 4 men from the BIS Junior Development Team using the criteria in Section 8.
- c. Selection of athletes for the individual Championships will be prioritised over selection for relay teams. Athletes will be selected pursuant to the process set out below (up to number of quota places);
 - i. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table in section 7 above.
 - ii. If athletes are tied within tier 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, then individual distance results at the 2026 British Junior Championships (in the distance the tie occurs) will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If an athlete does not compete at British Championships, they will be placed at the bottom of their respective tier.
- d. The remaining relay places (after the individual skaters have been selected) will be

selected pursuant to the process set out below:

- i. Athlete ranking from the minimum standards tiered table (tier 1-5) in section 7 above.
 - iii. If athletes are tied within tier 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 then individual distance results at the 2026 British Junior Championships (in the distance the tie occurs) will be used to determine the top athlete of each tier. If an athlete does not compete at British Championships, they will be placed at the bottom of their respective tier.
- d. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Head Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the Championships based on their impact on performance potential in relay teams, including:
- i. Individual distance performances.
 - ii. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
 - iii. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

14. 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

15. 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.

16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

APPENDIX 1

Performance Selection Event 2025-26:

The purpose of the BIS Short Track Speed Skating Performance Selection Event will be to select the Great Britain Team to compete at the World Tour and Junior World Cups for the 2025/26 season.

The Event will take place on the following dates:

August 27th – 29th 2025 at the National Ice Centre (3-day event)

The Performance Event is to be held at the National Ice Centre on an ice surface 30 x 60 meters. The BIS racing rules are in force. Skaters will compete in 1500m, 500m and 1000m and the racing will be an all-finals event. The first round of racing in each distance will be drawn using personal best times. Racing format and progression of rounds will be announced once all entries are in, and skater numbers are known.

To enter these events skaters must be born before July 1st, 2011 (top year Junior C and above) and meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 3 (BIS International Selection Manual) and the event minimum entry standard below:

Minimum Entry Standard*:

Distance	Women's	Men's
500m	49.79	46.67

*Skaters will only need to have achieved one of these times in the 2024/25 or current season

Racing Details:

This will be a 3-day event with each distance (1500m, 1000m, 500m) being raced three times. Each distance will be ranked individually (using the ISU STWT points system).

Distances will be ranked by taking the skater's two best results in each individual distance. Where there is a tie in the rankings, it will be decided by the highest individual result and then fastest time skated in that distance at the event. The first-round draw for each distance on day 1 will be drawn according to skaters' personal best in that distance. The second day of racing will be drawn according to day 1 results and day 3 will be drawn according to ranking from day 1 and 2.

APPENDIX 2

Relay Selection Events 2025-26:

The purpose of the BIS Short Track Speed Skating Relay Selection Events will be to select:

Where team spots are not filled (for the team competing at the World Tour 1-4 and Senior Championships), the remaining spots will be selected from Relay Tests.

The Events will take place on the following dates:

September 4th – 5th 2025 at the National Ice Centre (World Tour team)

December 2025 (Date to be confirmed) at the National Ice Centre (Senior Championship team)

Relay Selection Events are to be held at the National Ice Centre on an ice surface 30 x 60 meters. Skaters will complete in Relay Tests; the test consists of:

- 7 x 1.5 laps (men) or;
- 4 x 1.5 laps (women);
- Starting each 1.5 laps every 60 seconds)
- Total time of the test will be the accumulation of the 7 or 4 times 1.5 laps

Three relay tests will be held with the total time of each athlete's best two tests counted in the final ranking