



International Selection Policy for Speed Skating (Long-track) 2021-22

Purpose of the Selection Policy

The events covered by this policy are those for which British Ice Skating ('BIS') is responsible for determining the entries and at which skaters represent GBR in the eyes of the International Skating Union ('ISU').

For Speed Skating (Long-track), they are as follows:

- GB Performance Squad
- ISU World Cups
- ISU Junior World Cups
- ISU Major Championships

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:
 1. The Board representative for Speed Skating (Long-track);
 2. A UK Long-track official nominated by the BIS CEO; and
 3. BIS Performance and talent Manager (Chair)

Non Voting members:

1. Note taker
2. At least one independent observer

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. The individual 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 CEO or representative of the CEO.



Eligibility

To be considered for selection to ISU events in the 2021-22 season, 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 Eligibility Rules, published on www.iceskating.org.uk.
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.

2021-22 Competition Schedule

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

	Event Date
ISU World Cup Tomaszow Mazowiecki, Poland	November 12 th – 14 th 2021
ISU World Cup Stavanger, Norway	November 19 th – 21 st 2021
ISU World Cup Salt Lake City, USA	December 3 rd – 5 th 2021
ISU World Cup, Calgary, Canada	December 10 th – 12 th 2021
ISU European Championships	7 th January – 9 th 2022 (Provisional allotment)
ISU World Junior Championships	28 th January -30 th 2022 (Provisional allotment)
ISU World Championships	3 rd March - 6 th 2022 (Provisional allotment)

Timeline

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

	Date
Selection Panel Meeting #1 decisions and communication for World Cups 1,2,3 and 4.	6 th October 2021
Deadline for confirmation and Appeals from meeting #1.	14 th October 2021
Selection Panel Meeting #2 decisions and communication for European Championships,	15 th December 2021



World Junior Championships and World Championships.	
Deadline for Confirmation of places and Appeals from meeting #2	23 rd December 2021

*If an athlete achieves the qualification time after Selection Meeting 1 and notifies British Ice Skating (Performance@iceskating.org.uk), the selection panel can call a meeting to add additional athletes to enter World Cup Competitions (if a quota place is available).

Selection Criteria

Qualification and Selection to the GB Performance Squad for Speed Skating (Long-track)

Qualification for the squad is based on the following requirements:

1. Meeting the specific minimum time standard set by the ISU for Junior and Senior World Cups for the current season at an individual distance, not including the Mass Start. (below).

Skaters can gain accession to the GB Performance Squad at any time they meet all these Eligibility requirements.

ISU Qualifying Times

The ISU will release updated times for 2021-22 season. When these announcements are made this document will be amended appropriately and will also be available on the ISU's website.



Selection for GB Team for ISU Events:

All athletes who hold the qualification time for a distance at the events covered by this policy will be considered for selection. As per ISU communications, these need to have been achieved since 1st July of the previous season (in this instance, since 1st July 2020).

- To be considered for selection athletes must have met the eligibility criteria above and be selected onto the British Ice Skating squad for the 21/22 season.
- Personal best of the skater at the same distance achieved during the qualification timescale
- The number of distances the skater has qualified for at the event
- Times achieved by the skaters in other distances during the qualification period

Qualification for the *Mass Start* at ISU events is through times achieved in the 1,500m that are lower than the requirements for the 1,500m as an individual distance. Where GBR has more skaters meeting the qualification eligibility for the Mass Start than spaces available, the following criteria will be observed in sequence:

1. Skaters meeting the requirements to skate individual distances at the event will gain selection
2. Where multiple skaters meet the requirements to skate individual distances, the skater with the best 1,500m time achieved during the qualification period will be selected

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, elements of the 2021-22 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.