



British Ice Skating Selection Policy – Beijing 2022
Winter Olympic Games – Figure Skating

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OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which the National Ice Skating Association of UK Ltd trading as British Ice Skating (“**BIS**”) will determine its nominations for Team GB at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (the “**Games**”) for Figure Skating,. In all cases, selection by BIS represents a nomination to the British Olympic Association (“**BOA**”) for their ratification and will be conditional on skaters signing the BOA Team Members’ Agreement (“**TMA**”) as well as all other requirements set out in this policy. The final decision regarding selection for the Games lies with the BOA.

BIS’s strategic aim is to maximise the team’s potential to win medals at both Beijing and future Olympic Games. The policy has therefore been structured to nominate a team with this aim in mind.

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements that apply to all skaters seeking nomination to the BOA and then details the discipline specific selection requirements.

PART A: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The below principles apply to all BIS disciplines (Long Track, Short Track, Figure Skating).

1. Eligibility

To be considered for nomination to the BOA, skaters must:

- 1.1. Meet the BOA’s, ISU’s and the International Olympic Committee’s eligibility requirements to compete for Team GB at the Games (including holding a full British passport valid for at least 6 months after the Games);
- 1.2. Be a member of British Ice Skating (BIS);
- 1.3. Not be serving a ban from competition as a result of being found guilty of a doping offence or other breach of ethical conduct, nor be in receipt of a lifetime funding ban from UK Sport;
- 1.4. Have signed or be prepared to sign the BOA’s Team Member’s Agreement;
- 1.5. Have signed the BIS GB Performance Squad Athlete Agreement;
- 1.6. Have reached the minimum Senior age for international competitions;
- 1.7. Have achieved the qualification standards for their discipline as referred to in Schedule 1, which refer both to the IOC/ISU qualification standards for the Games as well as the enhanced BOA standards for the Games; and
- 1.8. Fulfil any discipline specific eligibility requirements outlined by Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating and Speed Skating.

2. Objective of Policy

- 2.1. Unless stated otherwise in the discipline-specific section of this policy, all selection decisions made pursuant to this policy shall be taken with a view to maximising the prospects of securing medals at the Games. In the event that the relevant Selection Panel considers that there is no reasonable prospect of an athlete(s) competing for a medal at the Games, it shall be entitled to consider such athlete's developmental opportunities with regards to the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

3. Selection Panels, Criteria and Process

Selection Panel

- 3.1. The composition of the Selection Panels shall be as set out in Part B for each discipline. Each Panel shall ensure that it has at least one independent observer in attendance, who shall be responsible for ensuring due process is followed.

De-selection

- 3.2. The BOA will make formal entries with the Beijing Organising Committee at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) in advance of the Sport Entries deadline of 24 January 2022. Prior to the date of the DRM, BIS retains the right to deselect an athlete pursuant to this policy, in the event that (a) such athlete(s) is in breach or has failed to adhere to all provisions within this policy or any agreement referred to in this policy (i.e. the BOA Team Member's Agreement or the BIS GB Performance Squad Athlete Agreement); or (b) the athlete(s) suffers an injury or illness which leads the Selection Panel to conclude in their reasonable opinion that such athlete(s) will not be able to perform to the best of their ability at the Games.
- 3.3. Skater(s) must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the Games, as determined by their Coach and approved by the relevant BIS TAC. If for any reason a skater(s) is unable or unwilling to fulfil this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- 3.4. Team members are expected to attend all programmed activities in preparation camps on a full-time basis. Failure to attend could result in non-selection or withdrawal from the team following consultation with the BOA. Skater(s) are not permitted to undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the preparation camp, this includes external media, sponsorship or social activities, without the permission of BIS.
- 3.5. Skater(s) may not take holidays or breaks from training between October 2021 and the Olympic Games 2022 without written approval from BIS.
- 3.6. The nomination of a replacement athlete must also conform to the selection policy and must be an individual who has been named on the long list.
- 3.7. After the DRM has been completed, de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy (or any revised or amended IOC policy dealing with athlete replacement). This primarily provides for but is not limited to replacement in the case of injury and/or illness.

- 3.8. A breach of the BIS GB Performance Squad Athlete Agreement or BOA Team Member's Agreement may result in de-selection from the team.

4. Appeals

- 4.1. Prior to DRM, any athletes may appeal their non-nomination or de-selection under this Selection Policy after being notified of any selection decision according to the procedure laid out in the "BIS Selection Appeals Policy". Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at www.britishathletes.org.
- 4.2. In the event that the BOA refuses to ratify a nomination by the Panel, the athlete may appeal this decision in accordance with any relevant BOA's Appeals Policy which can be provided upon request.

5. Amendments

- 5.1. 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
- 5.2. The criteria outlined in this document may be amended by the BIS in the event that COVID-19 materially impacts the qualification timeline or pathway in any respect

6. Confidentiality

- 6.1. Athletes and officials must not disclose any information regarding any selection decisions or appeals until such information is publicly announced or disclosed by the BOA or BIS.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 7.1. All skater(s) and coaches are expected to complete a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm that they will be available to participate in the Olympic Games 2022, by the prescribed deadline. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by BIS.
- 7.2. All team members must comply with ISU, IOC and BOA competition and training kit regulations whilst competing at the Olympic Games 2022.
- 7.3. All team members are expected to abide by the media protocols of the BOA. Skater(s) must only speak to the media about their own personal performances.
- 7.4.

PART B: DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

FIGURE SKATING

1. Specific Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for nomination by BIS to the BOA for selection, Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance skaters must:

- 1.1. Fulfil the Olympic Qualification Requirements for Singles, Pairs and Dance in accordance with Schedule 1 outlined below;
- 1.2. Have achieved the enhanced standard established by the BOA from the 2021 World Championships in accordance with Schedule 1, in an ISU recognised international competition between July 2019 and 5th December 2021.
- 1.3. Quota places secured at the 2021 World Championships and/or the 2021 Olympic Qualifying Event, Nebelhorn Trophy are assigned to the NOC and not to the individual/pair/couple that secured the quota place. The process for nomination is listed in 2.1
- 1.4. Skaters selected through official screening will be offered the opportunity to compete in a maximum of 4 events between August 2021 and 5th December 2021 to achieve (if they have not already done so) the enhanced standard established by the BOA. Skaters not achieving the score cannot be considered eligible for inclusion in the BIS Selection process for nomination to the BOA to take the quota place.
- 1.5. The 4 events must be advised on the initial allocation request.
- 1.6. Should any skater request an extra event for other reasons (such as but not limited to testing new programmes or to enhance fitness) this may be provided on application but will not count towards their BOA enhanced standard eligibility.

Table 1. BOA Enhanced Standards.

Discipline	Score*
Women	169.01
Men	204.78
Pairs	157.87
Ice Dance	173.55

*Scores taken from the 2021 World Championship: 20th in the Singles, 14th in the Pairs and 16th in Ice Dance

2. Selection Meetings and Process

2.1. The BIS discipline-specific Selection Panels shall meet to convene a selection meeting after the British Championships (5th December 2021).

2.2. The BIS Selection panel will include:

Voting Members:

- a. Chair of the BIS Performance TAC
- b. Ice Dance representative from the BIS Performance TAC
- c. Pairs representative from the BIS Performance TAC
- d. Singles representative from the BIS Performance TAC
- e. BIS Performance and Talent Manager

Non-voting members

- f. At least one independent observer (British Athletes Commission, British Olympic Association, other sports)
- g. Note-taker etc. as required

2.3. In the event of a tie in terms of voting, the Chair of the Performance TAC shall have the casting vote.

3. Selection Criteria

The skaters will be selected for nomination by the BIS Selection Panel as follows:

3.1. Qualification of a quota place shall not mean automatic nomination for selection.

3.2. The nominations for selection shall be made by taking into consideration performances during the 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021-2022 seasons (which, subject to clause 3.10, have taken place prior to 5th December 2021) at ISU Senior Internationally recognised competitions, including:

3.2.1. ISU Senior Grand Prix 2021/22 season or ISU Challenger Series 2021/22 season and:

3.2.2. any of the ISU recognised Senior International Events during 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons; and

3.2.3. The British Figure Skating Championships 2021.

3.3. The skaters' highest scores at any event listed in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 will be added to their score at the British Figure Skating Championships (3.2.3) to produce a total score, which will be compiled into a ranking i.e. (1 x Highest Grand Prix / Challenger Series Score + 1 x ISU recognised Senior International Event and 1 x British Figure Skating Championships 2021) = total score.

3.3.1. If a skater(s) is invited to more than one Grand Prix and/or Challenger Series event these scores (if higher) would supersede the ISU recognised Senior International Events score i.e. (1x Highest Grand Prix/ Challenger Series event + 1x Highest Grand

Prix/ Challenger Series event and 1 x British Figure Skating Championships 2021) = total score.

- 3.4. Subject to clause 3.5, the highest ranked skater(s) from 3.3 will be automatically nominated by the BIS Selection Panel to fill the corresponding number of quota places which have been secured.
- 3.5. The Selection Panel shall have the absolute discretion to depart from using the formula/ ranking list referred to in clause 3.4 in the event that exceptional circumstances have arisen which, in the Selection Panel's opinion, justify such a departure on the grounds that the best possible skater(s) have not been nominated. Such grounds may include (non-exhaustively) where illness, injury or scheduling conflicts have prevented a skater(s) from competing at the 2021 British Championships.
- 3.6. If an equal placing occurs following the compilation of the ranking, then the result of the British Championship (or the result from the Grand Prix Final – see clause 3.7) of the skater(s) will be used for selection purposes.
- 3.7. Where skater(s) qualify for the Grand Prix Final (due to clash with British Figure Skating Championships 2021), the score at this event will replace the British Figure Skating Championships score, as referred to in clause 3.3.
- 3.8. With regards to the nominations for pairs and dance, the Selection Panel shall only nominate athletes who have achieved the relevant TTES as a pair and shall not be entitled to 'mix and match' between athletes who have achieved the TTES with other individuals.
- 3.9. For the avoidance of doubt, nominations for individual, pairs and dance skaters shall be prioritised over nominations for any team entry. In the event that a team quota place is available to BIS (pursuant to all the requirements set out in this policy and the OQS in Schedule 1), then all athletes who have been nominated for individuals, pairs and dance pursuant to the above process and who are eligible for nomination to the team event shall be automatically nominated for selection to the team.
 - 3.9.1. In the event that more than one skater(s) qualifies in the same discipline the place in Team Event will be taken by the highest ranked skater(s) from clause 3.3
- 3.10. In the event that an athlete who is nominated is de-selected pursuant to this selection policy, then the Selection Panel – in considering the nomination of a replacement athlete – shall consider the factors set out pursuant to clauses 3.2-3.9 above. However, for the purposes of clause 3.2, the panel shall be entitled to consider performances at ISU international competitions which have taken place after 6 December 2021.
- 3.11. The criteria outlined in this document may be amended by the BIS in the event that COVID-19 materially impacts the qualification timeline or pathway in any respect.

4. Timeline

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

Deadline	Step
6 Dec 2021	BIS Selection panel to select athletes to be nominated to the BOA for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games
7 Dec 2021	All selected and non-selected athletes to be notified of nomination decision,
12 Dec 2021	Final day (by 5:00pm) for athletes to lodge appeals regarding the nominations of athletes for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games
13 Dec 2021	If no appeals are received, BIS to nominate athletes to BOA. If an appeal is received, the steps in the BIS Selection Appeals Policy shall be followed.
Within one working day of Appeals Panel decision	Selection Panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nominations to BOA
Dec/ Jan 2022	BOA to ratify the BIS nomination and confirm athletes selected to represent Team GB, and Team Announcement to take place on agreed date
TBD* Jan 2022	Delegation Registration Meeting

SCHEDULE 1

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, BEIJING 2022

FIGURE SKATING

1. The maximum number of athletes per NOC is limited to three entries in each of the men's and women's singles event, and three entries in the pairs and ice dance events.
2. The quota places are assigned to the NOC and not to the individual/pair/couple that won the quota place.
3. Qualification is based on an accumulation of points at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021, 20-28th March, Stockholm, Sweden (the "**2021 World Championships**") or by placement at the designated ISU Senior International Qualification Competition (the "**Qualification Competition**").
4. Twenty four (24) qualification places for men and women each in the Singles events, sixteen (16) qualification places in the Pairs' event and nineteen (19) qualification places in Ice Dance will be determined after the 2021 World Championships in accordance with the IOC-ISU Qualification System document for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games ("**Beijing 2021**"). The ISU will confirm to NOCs the number of quota places allocated through the 2021 World Championships after the event.
5. The BOA will consider a quota place for the individual event if the skater(s) have achieved a placing at the 2021 World Championships which secures an ISU quota spot in the following events:

Singles	Top 20
Pairs	Top 14
Ice Dance	Top 16
6. Where a quota place is secured at the 2021 World Championships, between 21st and 24th in the Singles, 15th and 16th in the Pairs or 17th and 19th in Ice Dance, skater(s) are required to achieve the following enhanced standard at an ISU listed event during seasons 2019/20 or 2020/21:

A score which is equal to or higher than the skater(s) who placed 20th in the Singles, 14th in the Pairs or 16th in Ice Dance at the 2021 World Championships, as listed in the table below:

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7. Where no quota spot for a discipline has been secured at the 2021 World Championships, skater(s) may be entered to the Olympic Qualifying Competition. The BOA will accept a quota place if the skater(s) achieve both of the following:

a) Olympic qualification at the event as per the ISU's final event placings:

Singles	Top 6* Women and Top 7* Men
Pairs	Top 3*
Ice Dance	Top 4*

*Places are subject to change by the ISU

b) a score which is equal to or higher than the skater(s) who placed in the following positions at the 2021 World Championships (see table 1):

Singles	20 th
Pairs	14 th
Ice Dance	16 th

8. Figure Skating Team Event

The BOA will accept a quota place for the Team Event if GBR have secured a top 10 team quota place, and have athletes qualified in all 4 events. In order to be eligible for selection to the Team Event, all skaters will have to meet the IOC-ISU minimum qualification standard. Participation in the Team Event does not automatically enable participation in an individual event, the BOA will only enter individual events where the enhanced benchmark has been met.

If GBR does not have an athlete qualified in all 4 events, but ISU offer the BOA a team quota place, then an exceptional circumstance request can be made for consideration.

9. BOA will not accept as qualification for Beijing 2022 any previously unallocated quota places, unless in exceptional circumstances as outlined in the BOA's OQS policy 2018-2022.
10. The criteria outlined in this document may be amended by the BOA in the event that COVID-19 materially impacts the qualification timeline or pathway in any respect.
11. The BOA will consider eligible for selection individual athletes who have met the requirements outlined above and have been nominated under the BIS Selection Policy for Beijing 2022, by the agreed deadline of 12th December 2021.