



National Ice Skating Association of UK

2018/2019 SEASON

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION MANUAL

This manual is for use by athletes seeking qualification and selection to NISA squads in the Singles, Pair, Ice Dance and Synchronised Skating events for the 2019 ISU Figure Skating Championships

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1. Introduction

Qualification and Selection to the NISA Squads, ISU Championships and ISU International Events 2018/19

The NISA Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), acting on delegated authority from the NISA Board, have overall and final responsibility for all selection criteria and individual selection decisions in accordance with the NISA Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the TAC Terms of Reference. They will also be responsible for the production, management and publication of the International Selection Manual.

Until the composition of the TACs is finalised, and they have first met to agree on internal processes, the above responsibilities remain with the relevant NISA sub-groups, with whom the responsibilities have previously sat, and they will be supported by the NISA Executive arm in the manner which the TACs will also be once established.

Any selection decisions made by any NISA sub-group or Technical Advisory Committee Member under any delegated powers must be signed off and agreed by the NISA sub-group or Technical Advisory Committee as a whole before any decisions are communicated to the athlete and published in any other media.

The NISA Technical Advisory Committees and sub-groups will determine the selections taking into account exceptional circumstances, such as, but not limited to, a skater returning to competition after injury, ongoing behavioural issues and adherence to the NISA Athlete Agreement (published separately).

The TACs and sub-groups will liaise to ensure that all skaters are considered within the overall NISA Talent Pathway.

The decision of the selection groups with regard to international competitions and Junior Grand Prix allocations is final. **There is no right of appeal by the athlete.**

In an Olympic Season, selection standards and procedures for selection of athletes will be agreed between NISA and the BOA for each individual Olympic Games. ISU criteria will be considered but the final decision remains between the BOA and NISA.

Upon selection to ISU Championships, skaters will be notified by e-mail and issued with a timeline for the individual's appeal process relating to the ISU Championship.

Appeals against non-selection for ISU Championships will only normally be considered on the clear and specific grounds that the selection criteria and/or process have not been fairly applied.

GB Performance Squad skaters will at all times abide by the terms and conditions of the Athlete Agreement.

NISA reserves the right to de-select or change skaters named to an event up to the draw of such event for reasons of, but not limited to, loss of form, injury, breach of the Athlete Agreement.

Eligibility is the responsibility of the individual skater not NISA.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NISA office with regard to any queries.

NISA BOARD

July 2018

2a. Qualification and Selection to the GB Performance Squad 2018-19

GB Performance Squad Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance	Age Category	ISU Junior	Singles to have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 19 before 1st July 2018	
			Pairs/Ice Dance Ladies to have reached the age of 13 but not the age 19 before 1st July 2018	
			Pairs/Ice Dance Men to have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 21 before 1st July 2018	
		ISU Senior	Must have reached the age of 15 before 1st July 2018	
	Qualification Requirement	Junior	To have achieved ISU World Junior TES 2017/18 from any of the ISU events listed on ISU Communication 2092 OR to have achieved ISU World Junior TES 2018/19 from any of the events listed on ISU Communication 2161 or at IJS Sheffield 2018	
		Senior	To have achieved ISU European TES 2017/18 from any of the ISU events listed on ISU Communication 2092 OR to have achieved ISU European TES 2018/19 from any of the events listed on ISU Communication 2161 or at IJS Sheffield 2018	
GB Performance Squad Synchro	Age Category	ISU Junior	The age of the team comprises skaters all of whom must have reached the age of 13 but not the age of 19 before 1st July 2018	
		ISU Senior	The age of the team comprises skaters all of whom must have reached the age of 15 before 1st July 2018	
	Qualification Requirement	Junior	To have achieved ISU World Junior TES 2017/18 from any of the ISU events listed on ISU Communication 2092 OR to have achieved ISU World Junior TES 2018/19 from any of the events listed on ISU Communication 2161	
		Senior	To have achieved ISU World TES 2017/18 from any of the ISU events listed on ISU Communication 2092 OR to have achieved ISU World TES 2018/19 from any of the events listed on ISU Communication 2161	
FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES				
<p>After 1st July 2018 skaters wishing to qualify for the GB Performance Squad will need to have achieved the appropriate TES score as set by the ISU for the 2018/19 season</p> <p>There will be an application window immediately following the British Championships in December 2018 (figure) and January 2019 (Synchro)</p> <p>Qualification requirements for the GB Performance Squad for the 2019/20 season will be communicated in the second half of the 2018/19 season</p>				
IN ALL CASES BOTH SHORT AND FREE PROGRAMME/DANCE MUST BE ACHIEVED FOR QUALIFICATION, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AT THE SAME EVENT				

MINIMUM TECHNICAL ELEMENT SCORES FOR SEASON 2018-2019 ARE DUE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE ISU IN OCTOBER, AND WILL BE ADDED TO THIS DOCUMENT AT THE POINT OF PUBLICATION

	MEN	LADIES	PAIRS	DANCE	SYNCHRO
JUNIOR WORLDS					
EUROPEANS					
WORLD					

2b. Selection to ISU Championships

Worlds

The following process will be followed only on the condition that the skater/couple has achieved the minimum total technical score as set by the ISU for the 2018/19 season. Dates of selection meetings will be advertised on the Timeline.

Each GB Performance Squad skater/couple/synchronized team will have their current season's best score taken from any ISU listed Senior International event, where entered by NISA, or Senior Grand Prix, allocated by invitation, totalled with twice the season's British Senior Championship score. All scores obtained before the selection meeting date will be considered. In normal circumstances, the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score will usually be considered for selection. All scores are relevant whether achieved as a GB Performance Squad member or not, and lower-squad level skater(s)/team(s) will also be considered on this basis. However, NISA reserves the right to consider for selection other skater(s)/team(s) in lieu of the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score in any circumstances where:

- 1 NISA considers the other skater(s)/team(s) that are likely, in NISA's opinion, to produce a better performance at this event, but failed to achieve the highest score for a valid reason including, but not limited to, non-attendance at or withdrawal from or disappointing performance at any ISU listed Senior International event, Senior Grand Prix, or British Senior championship, whether due to injury or otherwise; or
- 2 NISA considers the other skater(s)/team(s) that are likely in NISA's opinion, to produce a better performance at this event due to subsequent injury or loss of form of any skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score: or
- 3 The skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score has/have breached the Athlete Agreement.

Europeans

The following process will be followed only on the condition that the skater/couple has achieved the minimum total technical score as set by the ISU for the 2018/19 season.

Each GB Performance skater/couple/synchronized team will have their current season's best score taken from any ISU listed Senior International event, where entered by NISA, or Senior Grand Prix, allocated by invitation, totalled with twice the season's British Senior Championship score. All scores obtained before the selection meeting date will be considered. In normal circumstances, the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score will usually be considered for selection. All scores are relevant whether achieved as a GB Performance Squad member or not, and lower-squad level skater(s)/team(s) will also be considered on this basis. However, NISA reserves the right to consider for selection other skater(s)/team(s) in lieu of the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score in any circumstances where:

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- 2 NISA considers the other skater(s)/team(s) that are likely in NISA's opinion, to produce a better performance at this event due to subsequent injury or loss of form of any skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score: or
- 3 The skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score has/have breached the Athlete Agreement.

Junior Worlds and Junior World Championship

The following process will be followed only on the condition that the skater/couple has achieved the minimum total technical score as set by the ISU for the 2018/19 season.

Each GB Performance Squad skater/couple/synchronized team will have their current season's best score taken from any ISU listed Junior International event, where entered by NISA, or Junior Grand Prix, totalled with twice the season's Junior British Championship score. All scores obtained before the selection meeting date will be considered. In normal circumstances, the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score will usually be considered for selection. In normal circumstances, the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score will usually be considered for selection. All scores are relevant whether achieved as a GB Performance Squad member or not, and lower-squad level skater(s)/team(s) will also be considered on this basis. However, NISA reserves the right to consider for selection other skater(s)/team(s) in lieu of the skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score in any circumstances where:

- 1 NISA considers the other skater(s)/team(s) that are likely, in NISA's opinion, to produce a better performance at this event, but failed to achieve the highest score for a valid reason including, but not limited to, non-attendance at or withdrawal from or disappointing performance at any ISU listed Junior International event, Junior Grand Prix, or Junior British Championship, whether due to injury, illness or otherwise; or
- 2 NISA considers the other skater(s)/team(s) that are likely in NISA's opinion, to produce a better performance at this event due to subsequent injury, illness or loss of form of any skater(s)/team(s) with the highest total score: or
- 3 The skater(s)/team(s) with the highest score has/have breached the Athlete Agreement.

GB Performance Squad skaters who have only an international score will also be considered within the calculations for the relevant category.

Calendar of Events 2018-19

Please see ISU Communication 2161 for a full list of ISU Internationals for the 2018-19 season.

2c. Selection to Grand Prix and Other International Events

For all events, GB Performance Squad skaters will take priority over lower squad level skaters in the allocation of events. However, NISA also reserves the right to include National Rankings in the allocation process and will consider exceptional circumstances such as, but not limited to, injury absences, form and recent performances when making selection decisions.

Senior Grand Prix	Senior Grand Prix are by invitation from the ISU or host country only.
Junior Grand Prix	<p>The season's top ranked skaters from the NISA Junior ranking lists (including GB Performance Squad, National Team, and UK Talent Potential) who have attained the pass score for the complete Junior test in the current/previous season and have achieved any specified additional announced and published technical criteria may be offered a Junior Grand Prix(s) and consulted in order of ranking.</p> <p>Any additional available entry places may be offered to lower ranked skaters who have achieved the qualifying scores for the UK National Team or UK Talent Squad in the Short Programme (Singles and Pairs) or the Short Dance later in the current season or skaters who have passed the relevant NISA Junior Test in the current season.</p>
Youth Olympics and other similar international events	Selection will be taken from the NISA ranking lists (GB Performance Squad, National Team, and UK Talent Potential skaters) and may be offered to the highest placed eligible skater/couple. N.B. this age is not always ISU compatible and restricted entry criteria may apply.
ISU International Competitions	Upon application Senior, Junior and Novice skaters/teams (GB Performance Squad, National Team, UK Talent Potential and Regional Development) in the top-10 from the respective NISA ranking lists who hold complete competitive tests at the relevant level may be allocated one or more ISU International events from the ISU calendar list (in addition to Grand Prix events).
Club International Competitions	Will not be allocated. Skaters may enter these events through personal/club application on the proviso that they register their application with NISA in order to retain their Eligible status.

N.B.

Where Ranking Lists are used, the most recent complete set of Rankings will usually be consulted, which may mean the previous season's Rankings for events allocated at the beginning of the following season

3. NISA Appeals Process for ISU Championships

- 1 The Parties agree exclusively to submit any dispute concerning any matter connected with or arising out of this Selection Policy and procedure to binding arbitration to be conducted by an Appeals Panel appointed by Sport Resolutions UK. The Appeals Panel will comprise a legally qualified Chair and two wing members, all appointed by Sports Resolutions UK. The Chair and a wing member will be selected by Sport Resolutions UK from its panels. The other wing member will be selected by Sport Resolutions UK from a list of ice skating experts supplied by NISA. The dispute will be determined pursuant to any rules as to the conduct of the arbitration laid down by Sport Resolutions UK and/or the Appeals Panel so appointed.
- 2 The Parties agree that they will not commence, continue or maintain any legal challenge to any matter falling under the jurisdiction of this Procedure to any court of law or any other dispute resolution procedure. The outcome of the Sport Resolutions UK arbitration shall be final and binding.
- 3 A detailed Timeline (“the Timeline”) will be published for each specific ISU Championship, and is to be treated as being specifically incorporated into this Appeals Process.
- 4 Any appeal against the decision(s) made by the NISA Selection Panel must be submitted to Sport Resolutions UK not later than the date and time published in the Timeline for the specific event. The process to be followed is outlined below.
- 5 Appeals may only be made where an athlete asserts that the selection criteria and/or process have not been fairly applied.
- 6 An athlete (“the Appellant”) may appeal against the decision of the NISA Selection Panel to Sport Resolutions UK c/o the Dispute Resolution Manager/Solicitor, Sport Resolutions UK, 1 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE.
- 7 The Appellant shall lodge an appeal in writing (“Notice of Appeal”) to Sport Resolutions UK not later than the date and time published in the Timeline for the specific event. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by all relevant documentation which the Appellant wishes to rely on in support of the Appeal.
- 8 A deposit of £750 paid to NISA is required when lodging a Notice of Appeal for Written Hearing, of which £500 is non-refundable. A deposit of £1,000 to NISA is required when lodging a Notice of Appeal for Oral Hearing, of which £750 is non-refundable. This payment covers administration costs and is to be held on account pending the outcome of the Appeal.
- 9 A copy of the Notice of Appeal and supporting documents must be sent at the same time to Sport Resolutions UK at the address provided in paragraph 6 above, together with payment by cheque made payable to Sport Resolutions UK or by bank transfer (details available on request) to cover administration and appeal costs (set out at paragraph 18 below).
- 10 Sport Resolutions UK shall appoint the Appeals Panel in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

- 11 Sport Resolutions UK shall notify NISA and the Appellant in writing of the identities of the Appeals Panel members within two working days of receiving the Notice of Appeal. A party may challenge the appointment of any member(s) of the Appeals Panel where there are justifiable doubts as to an individual's impartiality or independence or where the party raises a material objection. Such challenge must be made in writing to Sport Resolutions UK within two working days of the party being notified of the Appeals Panel's appointment. Unless the Appeals Panel member(s) elects to withdraw, Sport Resolutions UK shall decide on the validity of the challenge within one working day of receipt. The decision of Sport Resolutions UK shall be final. A replacement Appeals Panel member(s) shall be appointed by Sport Resolutions UK as appropriate, not later than one working day later.
- 12 NISA (and affected athlete(s), if applicable) shall have one working week from the date of notification of the appeal to make its written response to the Notice of Appeal ("the Response").
- 13 The Appeal shall be heard by way of written submissions, unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing at the time of giving Notice of Appeal, or the Appeals Panel so directs. Such hearing shall take place on a date and at a place to be determined by the Appeals Panel and not later than the date and time published in the Timeline for the specific event.
- 14 The Appeals Panel may give such directions as it deems appropriate regarding the arrangements for, and the conduct of, the Appeal.
- 15 Where the Appeal is considered by way of written submissions the Appeals Panel shall give its written decision with three working days of NISA's and/or affected athlete's Response being received, whichever is the later date.
- 16 Where the Appeal is considered by way of oral hearing, the Appeals Panel shall give its written decision within three working days of the hearing, and not later than the date time published in the Timeline for the specific event.
- 17 The hearing shall be held in private. Sport Resolutions UK may publish the written decision after it has been received by the Parties.
- 18 The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding on the Parties.

19 Costs

The costs of Appeal are as follows:

Written Submission:	
Successful Appeal	£ 500.00
Unsuccessful Appeal	£ 750.00
Oral Hearing:	
Successful Appeal	£ 750.00
Unsuccessful Appeal	£ 1000.00

- In the event of a successful appeal, NISA will reimburse the Appellant for the difference between the costs of a successful appeal and an unsuccessful appeal as set out in paragraph 19 above. Sports Resolutions UK will retain in full the payment made by the Appellant set out at paragraph 19 above.
- Where an Appeal has been heard by way of oral hearing at the direction of the Appeals Panel then the costs ultimately payable by the Appellant shall be the same as if the Appeal had been dealt with by way of written submissions.
- If an Appeal is withdrawn before being finally determined by the Appeals Panel, costs will be payable by the Appellant to Sport Resolutions UK as if the Appeal had proceeded as requested by the Appellant and had been unsuccessful, save that these costs will not be reimbursed by NISA to the Appellant. In those circumstances, the deposit paid by the Appellant to NISA will be paid to Sports Resolutions UK.
- Each party will be responsible for its own costs, including travel and representation.
- Venue hire charges and travel and subsistence expenses of the Appeals Panel/Sport Resolutions UK may be incurred in addition, in which case they will be added to the costs set out above and shall be the responsibility of the Appellant.
- All charges are subject to VAT unless indicated to the contrary.

20 The Appeal shall otherwise be governed by the Sport Resolutions UK Arbitration Rules.

Note 1: ISU Championships comprise Junior World Championships, European Championships and World Championships.

Note 2: Sport Resolution UK's Arbitration Rules may be found on the Sport Resolutions UK website at www.sportresolutions.co.uk

4. Timelines

ISU JUNIOR AND SENIOR FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SEASON 2018-2019

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 4-10 March 2019 Zagreb, CROATIA		SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 21-27 January 2019 Minsk, BELARUS		SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 18 -24 March 2019 Saitama City, JAPAN	
11.12.18	NISA Performance & Talent TAC to determine the nominated athlete(s) for Junior World Championships 2019 Santa Claus Cup 2018	03.12.18	NISA Performance & Talent TAC to determine the nominated athlete(s) for European Championships 2019 Open d'Andorra 2018	23.01.19	NISA Performance & Talent TAC to determine the nominated athlete(s) for ISU Senior World Championships 2019 European Championships 2019
12.12.18	Announcement of athlete(s) selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU Junior World Championship All selected and non-selected athletes on the GB Performance Squad to be advised of selection	04.12.18	Announcement of athlete(s) selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU European Championship All selected and non-selected athletes on the GB Performance Squad to be advised of selection	24.01.19	Announcement of athlete(s) selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU Senior World Championship All selected and non-selected athletes on the GB Performance Squad to be advised of selection
17.12.18	Final day (by 5:00pm) for NISA to accept appeals under NISA Skaters Appeals process (Section 6) regarding the nominations of NISA athletes for ISU Championships	10.12.18	Final day (by 5:00pm) for NISA to accept appeals under NISA Skaters Appeals process (Section 6) regarding the nominations of NISA athletes for ISU Championships	28.01.19	Final day (by 5:00pm) for NISA to accept appeals under NISA Skaters Appeals process (Section 6) regarding the nominations of NISA athletes for ISU Championships
09.01.19	Appeals panel to deliver verdict	19.12.18	Appeals panel to deliver verdict	04.02.19	Appeals panel to deliver verdict
11.01.19	Selection panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU	21.12.18	Selection panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU	06.02.19	Selection panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU
11.02.19	Closing date for entry of NISA short listed athlete(s) for Championship	31.12.18	Closing date for entry of NISA short listed athlete(s) for Championship	25.02.19	Closing date for entry of NISA short listed athlete(s) for Championship
04.03.19	ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championship 2018	21.01.19	ISU European Figure Skating Championship 2018	18.03.19	ISU World Figure Skating Championship 2018

Last international competitions to be included in the selection process

- Dates to be confirmed

ISU JUNIOR AND SENIOR SYNCHRONISED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SEASON 2018-2019

ISU WORLD JUNIOR SYNCHRONISED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 15 – 16 MARCH 2018 Neuchâtel, Switzerland		ISU WORLD SYNCHRONISED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 12 - 14 APRIL 2019 Helsinki, Finland	
28.01.19	NISA Performance & Talent TAC to determine the nominated Team(s) for World Junior Synchro Championships 2019 Leon Lurje Trophy 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden	11.02.19	NISA Performance & Talent TAC to determine the nominated Team(s) for World Championships 2019 Trophy D'Ecosse 2019, Dumfries, Great Britain
29.01.19	Announcement of short-listed Team(s) selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU World Junior Synchro Championships 2019	12.02.19	Announcement of short-listed Team(s) selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU World Synchro Championships 2019
04.02.19	Final day (by 5:00pm) for NISA to accept appeals under the NISA Skaters Appeals process (Section 10) regarding the nominations of NISA athletes for ISU Championships	18.02.19	Final day (by 5:00pm) for NISA to accept appeals under the NISA Skaters Appeals process (Section 10) regarding the nominations of NISA athletes for ISU Championships
11.02.19	Appeals panel to deliver verdict	25.02.19	Appeals panel to deliver verdict
13.02.19	Selection Panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU	27.02.19	Selection Panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU
20.02.19	Closing date for entry of NISA short-listed Teams for Championship	13.03.19	Closing date for entry of NISA short listed Teams for Championship
16.03.19	ISU World Junior Synchronised Skating Championship 2018 Neuchâtel, Switzerland	06.04.19	ISU World Synchronised Skating Championships 2019 Helsinki, Finland

Last international competitions to be included in the selection process.

[Dates still to be confirmed](#)

5. Eligibility Rules

These must be read in conjunction with current ISU Regulations, which may be updated from time to time.

Full rules regarding Eligibility can currently be found in the ISU Regulations Rule 102 and 103 <http://static.isu.org/media/1017/constitution-and-general-regulations-2016.pdf>

The following is an excerpt of Rule 102 Section 1, followed by the titles of the remaining parts of that rule, as well as that of Rule 103 regarding Reinstatement

1 Eligibility Status

- a) The eligibility Rules of the ISU are based upon the principles that:
 - i. a person has the privilege to take part in the activities and competitions under the jurisdiction of the ISU only if such person respects the principles and policies of the ISU as expressed in the ISU Statutes and fulfils those obligations on the basis of which the ISU functions and governs all its activities;
 - ii. the condition of eligibility is made for adequate protection of the ethical values, jurisdiction objectives and other legitimate respective interests of the ISU, which uses its financial revenues for the administration and development of the ISU sport disciplines and for the support and benefits of the ISU Members and their Skaters.
- b) An eligible person is one who elects to take part only in International Competitions which are:
 - i. sanctioned by the ISU;
 - ii. conducted by ISU recognized and approved Officials, including Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Starters, Competitors Stewards and others; and
 - iii. conducted under ISU Regulations.
- c) Participation of Skaters and Officials in national competitions and in non-competitive events, e.g. appearances, endorsements, exhibitions, shows and other events with a recreational or show type character are subject to respective rules and conditions of their ISU Members only. Such rules and conditions are not part of the ISU eligibility rules under this Rule 102. However, ISU Members may not unduly restrict their Skaters to participate in non-competitive events. They may share payments received by their Skaters for participation in such non-competitive events in consideration of past and present support of such Skaters, but with no more than 10%.
ISU Members shall monitor their Skaters to ensure that they do not participate in competitions that would render them ineligible.

2 Definition of an ineligible person

3 Participation of eligible persons

4 Restricted eligibility

5 Payments

6 Trademarks

7 Loss of eligibility

8 Matters concerning eligibility not otherwise foreseen in the ISU Rules shall be considered by the ISU Member concerned in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the ISU Rules

Rule 103 – Reinstatement as an eligible person

NISA-SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. (Full) Eligible Persons/Skaters

- a) Persons who may skate/compete/judge/participate only in Sanctioned (permitted) events who do not receive remuneration or benefit in kind from any form of participation in skating events etc. i.e. only participating in events run under ISU/NISA regulations using only ISU/NISA officials.
- b) NISA will comply with International Skating Union Rules including eligibility rules
- c) Persons who receive sponsorship/grants/bursaries WITHOUT any commitment i.e. do not participate/perform/endorse in reciprocation for such funding.

2. Ineligible Persons/Skaters

- a) Persons who receive remuneration/benefit in kind from skating, coaching, wearing trademarks etc. without prior permission from NISA.
- b) Persons who have participated in an unsanctioned (non-permitted) event with or without receiving remuneration/benefit in kind e.g. skaters taking part in international club competitions/competitions of other federations without NISA permission or in an unsanctioned event such as 'Dancing On Ice'.

3. (Retained) Eligible Persons/Skaters

All persons who receive remuneration/benefit in kind from skating/participating in sanctioned events, coaching etc. towards financing their current or future International competitive skating career with prior permission from NISA and receive payment through NISA (GB Performance Squad) or full disclosure to NISA (non-GB Performance Squad). Note: all funds must be used towards such training and must be kept in a separate bank account from any other funds e.g. athletes training towards International success at all levels from club events through to ISU Championships.

Without due care Eligible persons may immediately lose their Eligible status. They then become **Ineligible persons/skaters**. There is no registration of this change in status – it occurs immediately.

In order to retain Eligible status, whilst at the same time receiving remuneration/benefit in kind a person/skater must apply to NISA (**in advance of receiving remuneration/benefit in kind**) for authorisation and registration as **"Retained Eligible"**.

This cannot be done as a retrospective procedure and should be done through NISA not ISU. Financial returns must be submitted annually to NISA.

All GB Performance Squad skaters must submit a separate sanctioned form each time they participate in a Sanctioned (permitted) event, exhibition, gala, show, endorsement whether or not they receive remuneration/benefits in kind/expenses. This GB Performance Squad form is called an ESRA – Eligible Skater's Remuneration Agreement.

All non-GB Performance Squad skaters must submit a separate application form each time they receive remuneration/benefit in kind for participation in a Sanctioned (permitted) event, exhibition, show, gala, endorsement etc. This form is called a **NISA Skater (Retained) Eligibility Participation in**

Sanctioned Activities application form. The application is not required if only travel expenses are received. <http://www.iceskating.org.uk/index.cfm/events/eligibility-forms/>

Skaters who are also coaches (including assistants and trainees) must submit an annual application form which should be submitted with the coach revalidation application (if appropriate). This form is called a **NISA Coach Annual (Retained) Eligibility application form**. <http://www.iceskating.org.uk/index.cfm/events/eligibility-forms/>

All of the above three categories of skaters must submit annual financial returns summarising all remuneration/benefit in kind etc. to the NISA offices. This is done by 28th February. This form is called a **NISA Retained Eligibility Annual Financial Report Form** <http://www.iceskating.org.uk/index.cfm/events/eligibility-forms/nisa-retained-eligibility-5-form/>

Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Events

It is the responsibility of the skaters and their coaches/parents to ensure that the intended activity has the correct Sanction (permit) before commitment and participation. Skaters/persons should not participate in any event, exhibition, show, gala, endorsement etc. without having sight of the Sanction (permit) from the relevant authority. It is the responsibility of individual skaters at all times to protect their Eligible status (Full or Retained).

Definitions

Events, exhibitions, shows, galas, endorsements etc. that take place in the UK, which involve either all eligible skaters or a mix of eligible and non-eligible skaters **but** do not involve any form of judging **may** be sanctioned (permitted) by NISA e.g. club/rink shows/galas.

Events, exhibitions, shows, galas, endorsements etc. that take place in the UK, which involve a mix of eligible and non-eligible skaters **but** also include any form of judging **cannot** be sanctioned (permitted) by NISA. These events require the sanction of the ISU. This also applies to any such event held anywhere around the world e.g. 'Dancing On Ice'.

Events, exhibitions, shows, endorsements etc. that take place outside the UK which involve either all eligible skaters or a mix of eligible and non-eligible **but** do not involve any form of judging, **must** be permitted by the ISU member in the country concerned e.g. 'Art On Ice' show.

Reinstatement of Eligible Status

Reinstatement of Eligible Status may only be granted once.

Any involvement in any unsanctioned event precludes any person from regaining eligible status from the ISU although national reinstatement by NISA may be possible in order to compete or judge nationally.

An Ineligible person/skater wishing to regain their full eligible status in the UK in order to judge or compete in the UK **must** apply to NISA for reinstatement as an eligible person.

In order for this to be valid to judge or compete internationally an application should also be submitted to the ISU via NISA.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? – Examples

1. A person/skater (Eligible) wishing to judge or compete either nationally or internationally:
*No action necessary as they have original **Full Eligible** status*
2. A person/coach/show skater (Ineligible) wishing to coach, participate in shows etc., own/manage shows etc. for remuneration/benefit in kind
*No action necessary as already have **Ineligible** status*
3. Any GB Performance Squad member (Eligible/Retained Eligible) wishing to participate in a Sanctioned event whether or not receiving remuneration/benefits in kind or expenses towards funding their current or future International competitive skating career.

*Applies to NISA to change from **Eligible to Retained Eligible status or to remain Retained Eligible**. Applies for authorisation for each individual event and submits financial returns to the NISA offices on an annual basis due 28th February. (Note no action is required if no remuneration/benefit in kind is received or if only travel expenses are paid.)*

4. Any non-GB Performance Squad skater (Eligible) wishing to receive remuneration/benefit in kind from participation in Sanctioned events towards funding their current or future international competitive skating career.
*Applies to NISA to change from **Eligible to Retained Eligible** status or to remain **Retained Eligible**. Applies for authorisation for each individual event and submits financial returns on an annual basis due 28th February. (Note no action is required if no remuneration/benefit in kind is received or if only travel expenses are paid.)*

5. Any person/skater (Eligible) wishing to receive remuneration/benefit in kind from coaching towards financing their current or future international competitive skating career.
*Applies to NISA to change from **Eligible** to **Retained Eligible** status. Applies for authorisation and submits financial returns on an annual basis due 28th February.*

6. A person/coach/show skater (Ineligible) wishing to compete or judge only in UK.
*Ceases to coach/perform etc. and then applies to NISA for reinstatement from **Ineligible** to **Full Eligible** status. Note must be made whether they have participated in any unsanctioned events.*

7. As above but wishing to compete or judge internationally.
*On possible acceptance of reinstatement of **Full Eligible** status from NISA requests reinstatement from ISU (through NISA) if appropriate.*

8. A person/coach/show skater etc. (Ineligible) who has not participated in an unsanctioned event, wishing to compete internationally and also wishing to receive remuneration/benefit in kind towards funding their current or future international competitive skating career.
*Ceases to coach/perform etc. and applies to NISA for reinstatement from **Ineligible** to **Full Eligible** status. On possible acceptance of reinstatement to **Full Eligible** status from NISA requests reinstatement from ISU (through NISA). Please note there is no guarantee that the ISU will provide reinstatement. On possible acceptance of reinstatement from ISU applies to NISA, prior to commencement of coaching or participation in an event for which remuneration/benefit in kind is to be received, to change from **Full Eligible** to **Retained Eligible** status. Only then may continue to receive remuneration/benefit in kind.*