

NISA Short Track Speed Skating Selection Criteria for European Youth Winter Olympic Festival – Sarajevo & East Sarajevo 2019

General information

European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) is a multi-sport festival with eight sports on the programme. Athletes will represent Team GB, testing themselves against Europe's finest youth winter athletes. The festival takes place in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is set to run for 8 days from the 9th to 16th February 2019.

Short Track Speed Skating will be one of the eight sports represented at the festival. The age group banding for the Short Track competition will be athletes aged 14 - 16 (athletes born between 01/01/2002 and 30/06/2004). With the age of the athletes attending the festival and it being their first experience of a multi-sport environment, this competition will be seen as a developmental opportunity with a greater emphasis being given to learning.

Quota Places

The number of places available to Great Britain in the EYOWF is determined by the host organizing committee. The number of quota places for the Short Track event are 2 males and 2 females. These athletes will compete over the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and Mixed-Gender Relay (under ISU rules).

EYOWF Selection Policy

A two-stage process will be followed to identify athletes deemed of the standard for selection to Represent Great Britain at the EYOWF in Sarajevo & East Sarajevo. Once athletes are identified, NISA will nominate them to the British Olympic Association for selection.

Stage 1: Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to represent Great Britain, athletes must:

- Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the EYOWF in 2019 and must, therefore, satisfy the eligibility requirements of the European Olympic Committee (EOC), the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the International Skating Union (ISU);
- Hold a valid, full British passport (passport will require a minimum of 6-month validation at the time of EYOWF);
- Be a member of the National Ice Skating Association (NISA);
- 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.

Stage 2: Minimum Performance Standards

For an athlete to fully engage with the development experience this competition offers, it is important that they are able to compete at a level to deliver a competitive performance. Therefore, minimum performance standards have been created. An athlete's performances are based on the personal best times achieved in the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons, up to 7th January 2019.

Women	500m	50.58
	1000m	1:48.60
	1500m	2:46.46
Men	500m	46.37
	1000m	1:38.40
	1500m	2:43.50

Athletes will be ranked and placed in the following tier system according to their personal best time, (Tier 1, highest ranked athletes etc.):

Tier 1

Athletes that have achieved minimum performance time in all three distances during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons.

Tier 2

Athletes that have achieved minimum performance time in 2 of the three distances during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons.

Tier 3

Athletes that have achieved minimum performance time in 1 of the three distances during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons.

Tier 4

Athletes that have not achieved minimum performance time in all three distances during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons*.

Tier 5

Athletes that have not achieved minimum performance time in all three distances and who have not competed in a domestic / international competition during the 2018/19 competitive season.

If there are two or more athletes in a tier, they will be ranked within the tier by the total time on their 500m and 1000m personal best combined. Athletes with the lowest time will therefore be the highest ranked in the tier.

**If there are unfilled places due to skaters not meeting the minimum standard, then the places will be filled with the highest ranked skater(s) within that gender from Tier 4. This will provide the opportunity for Great Britain to field a mixed relay team (2 boys and 2 girls).*

The top 2 ranked males and females (total: 4 athletes) in the tier system will be nominated by NISA to the British Olympic Association for selection.