

# ISU Short-Track Speed Skating Junior World Championships 2018 - 2019

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## NISA Selection Criteria Policy

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### General Information

The ISU Junior World Championships (JWC) selection policy is designed with a focus on Performance Delivery and Developmental Learning.

The rationale behind this positioning is based on the 'What It Takes To Win' (WITTW) model created by GB Short Track, which is now driving the programme delivery of the Speed Skating Performance Programme. Prediction of performance at future Olympic Games is captured in the WITTW model. This identifies key areas of a skater's performance that are deemed critical to delivering a medal winning performance in the future. The key areas from the WITTW model can be extrapolated to athletes further down the Pathway and used to highlight the areas for development.

The WITTW criteria will assess the athletes physically, psychologically and technically, under the areas of:

- The ability to skate fast
- Racing smart
- Delivering when it matters

The profiling process for pathway athletes against the WITTW model will consider current age and, where relevant, the length of time they have been skating (Training and Competitive age).

A two-stage process will be followed to identify athletes deemed of the standard for selection to represent Great Britain at the Junior World Championships.

## Stage 1: Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to represent Great Britain, athletes must:

- Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the Junior World Championships in 2019 and must, therefore, satisfy the eligibility requirements for the International Skating Union (ISU);
- 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

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.

<b>Women</b>	500m	46.75
	1000m	1:39.69
	1500m	2:36.91
<b>Men</b>	500m	44.24
	1000m	1:33.47
	1500m	2:23.89

\* If a skater can achieve one or more of the minimum performance standards they will have the ability to deliver a competitive performance at this season's Junior World Championship. A competitive performance is defined as competitively racing in the first round of a distance in order to achieve qualification through to the next round.

\*\* The deadline date for official time submissions for Junior World eligibility will be December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Selection to Compete at the Junior World Championships

In the 2018/2019 competitive season the Junior World Championships format will change to an 'Individual Distance Championship' focus. For the first season of the new format each country is allocated three individual spots in each distance. Each country is allowed to enter a total of four men and four women into the competition to field a relay team. The three individual spots in each distance can be comprised of various combinations of the four selected individuals.

- **Step One: Team Selection for the Junior World Championships**

Selection to compete at the Junior World Championships will be made from the list of eligible athletes that meet the criteria from the two-stage process above. The fastest cumulative recorded personal best times for the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m from 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons will be used to rank the athletes. The top four athletes ranked by overall combined times from the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m will be selected to represent Team Great Britain at the Junior World Championships in Montreal.

- **Step Two: Individual Distance Selection at the Junior World Championships**

Once the athletes are ranked from combined personal best times and the top four athletes are selected to the team, then individual distance selection will be made from the selected athletes. Athletes will be selected for each distance based on their personal bests for the respective distances. The fastest recorded personal best times from the 500m, 1000m, and 1500m from the 2017/18 and 2018/19 competitive seasons will be used to rank the selected athletes within each distance. The top three fastest times in each distance will determine which athletes are selected to skate individually. This can result in having a different combination of athletes racing the three different distances based off of their personal best times.