



Great Britain Synchronized Skating

2024-25 International Selection Criteria

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1. PURPOSE

This policy is for use by British Ice Skating skaters/teams who are seeking qualification for the GB Performance squad for Synchronized Skating during the 2024/2025 season, and selection to the 2024/2025 ISU events and Championships.

2. TEAM SCREENING

- 3.1 Must contact BIS to arrange a screening.
- 3.2 Must be screened a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the competition or 1 week before the closing date of the event (whichever is sooner).
- 3.3 The team must be made up of the skaters who are on the entry form and approved list by BIS.
- 3.4 The screening will be done by 2 ISU synchro officials from within BIS.

3. EVENTS

3.1 Tier 3 – ISU International Events

- i All Skaters must be members of British Ice Skating
- ii All skaters must hold a British Passport or a release letter from the ISU member federation of their citizenship
- iii Full Eligible Competitor list submitted to BIS 4 weeks before the event or 1 week before the closing deadline whichever is sooner
- iv No suspensions or bans served to any skaters through BIS, the ISU, UKAD or any other relevant authorising body
- v Appropriate level of team support personnel

3.2 Tier 2 – ISU Challenger Series Events

- i All criteria for Tier 1 must be met with a few amendments below
- ii Full Eligible competitor list must be submitted to BIS 1 week prior to the preliminary entry of the competition
- iii The team must have achieved the GB performance squad requirements in the current season or The Team must be screened by a minimum of 2 BIS ISU synchro officials

3.3 Tier 1 – ISU Championship Level

- i Must meet all of Tier 1 and 2 criteria
- ii Selections are made by Technical advisory committee and BIS

Selection is based on event results and rankings over the previous and current season

4. MINIMUM STANDARDS

Crossover Rule

A maximum of 50% of the skaters actually performing the program are permitted to cross over into another team. This includes all categories, whether it is an ISU or a non-ISU category. For example, if you have a team of 16 skaters in a team, but only 14 skating the program, then only 7 are permitted to crossover into another team.

Skills requirements:

For the 2024-2025 season, the minimum skills test requirements must be met by the entire team. The recommended level of skills test will become the required level for the 2026-2027 season with the minimum level increasing each season until then. The TAC committee will be continuing to review these levels each season. See Appendix 1 for more detail.

5. SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION

World and Junior World Synchronized Skating Championship representation:

- 5.1 The following process will be followed for any ISU Championship event on the condition that the team have achieved the minimum total technical score as set by the ISU for the relevant season. Dates of selection meetings will be advertised as set out on Timeline – Appendix 2
- 5.2 Each GB Performance Squad team will have their best score taken from any 2 x ISU-listed Internationals in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 season (only one international score may be used from the 2023/24 season) where entered by British Ice Skating, totalled with their score achieved at the British Championship (Britannia Cup) in the 2024/25 season.

6. TEAM SCREENING AND QUALIFICATIONS

All ISU Senior & Junior teams will be required to compete at one of the below events in order to qualify for the Britannia Cup (British Championships) on the 10th to 12th January 2025. Any teams wishing to compete at any ISU events on the 2024/25 calendar will also be required to compete at one of these events.

London Synchro Open (15th to 17th November 2024)

Trophy D'Ecosse (6th to 7th December 2024)

All teams who wish to compete internationally must meet the criteria below:

1. Compete at either of the above events to attain a score

OR

Request a screening through the BIS office*

2. ISU Senior & ISU Junior Teams must have scored a minimum of the development squad score to compete at any ISU Challenger Series events
3. All skaters must have valid BIS memberships at the time of entry to any event
4. A list of skaters must be sent to the BIS office for approval prior to sending entry forms to the International Event organiser.

**This is only acceptable in the case that the closing date for the international event is before this event.*

All teams who wish to compete in the ISU Senior or ISU Junior category at Britannia Cup must have achieved the development scores listed in Appendix 1.

7. DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE SCORES

To achieve the development or performance scores, the competition attended must meet the following requirements

- 7.1 *BIS permitted and approved Open competitions, Qualifiers and Championships using the current Generic Criteria, some restrictions on rink sizes below 56 m x 26 m will apply,*
- 7.2 *A minimum panel of 5 Judges. The majority of both the Technical and Judging panel are of the relevant level from the BIS / ISU Officials List.*
- 7.3 The Teams must meet the following requirements:
 - i *Must hold the required skills tests on the entry closing date of any event*
 - ii *Must be valid members of BIS*
 - iii *Must meet the correct age criteria, as set out on the BIS Synchro Criteria 2024/25*

8. DE-SELECTION

- 8.1 British Ice Skating reserves the right to de-select or change skaters/teams selected for an event, at any time up to the draw of such event, for reasons which may include, but not be limited to, a skater's loss of form, injury, or any breach of the Athlete Agreement.

9. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 9.1 Should a Team miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, the selection process the BIS TAC may, at its absolute discretion, provide an opportunity for such a skater(s) to compete and challenge for selection where evidence of illness (certified by a Doctor), or any other mitigating circumstance, is presented prior to the commencement of the selection procedure in such circumstances. Full details of all evidence relied upon must be provided to British Ice Skating no later than 24 hours prior to the selection procedure. The Performance TAC may have regard, in such circumstances, to all information it reasonably regards as relevant, including past performances, training data and any medical evidence obtained by British Ice Skating.
- 9.2 The Panel's decision in respect of any such application is final.

10. APPEAL PROCESS

- 10.1 The Parties shall exclusively submit any dispute concerning any matter, connected with or arising out of British Ice Skating's selection policy and procedure in relation to ISU Championship events to binding arbitration, conducted by an appeals panel appointed by Sport Resolutions UK.
- 10.2 The appeals panel will comprise a legally qualified chair and two wing members, appointed by Sports Resolutions UK. The chair and one 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 British Ice Skating. 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 appointed.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 Appeals may only be made where a skater asserts that the selection criteria and/or process have not been fairly applied.
- 10.5 A skater ("the Appellant") may appeal against the decision of the British Ice Skating selection panel to Sport Resolutions UK c/o the Dispute Resolution Manager/Solicitor, Sport Resolutions UK, 1 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE.
- 10.6 The Appellant shall lodge an appeal in writing ("Notice of Appeal") to Sport Resolutions UK no 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 upon in support of the Appeal.
- 10.7 In lodging the Appeal, the Appellant shall be liable for a fee, both to British Ice Skating and to Sport Resolutions UK, specific to the hearing requested. The fee shall be payable directly to each party as appropriate, in order to cover administration costs and hearing costs. The relevant fees are as follows: -
 - 10.7.1 a fee of £750, of which £500 is a non-refundable deposit, shall be paid directly to British Ice Skating, when lodging a Notice of Appeal in respect of a written hearing; and
 - 10.7.2 a fee of £750, which is non-refundable, shall be paid directly to Sports Resolutions UK, when lodging a Notice of Appeal in respect of a written hearing; or
 - 10.7.3 a fee of £1,000, of which £750 is a non-refundable deposit, shall be paid directly to British Ice Skating, when lodging a Notice of Appeal in respect of an oral hearing; and
 - 10.7.4 a fee of £1,000, which is non-refundable, shall be paid directly to Sports Resolutions UK, when lodging a Notice of Appeal in respect of an oral hearing.
- 10.8 Payments to both British Ice Skating and Sport Resolutions UK shall be payable by either cheque or bank transfer (details available on request) immediately on the submission of the Notice of Appeal. In the event of either payment not being made, or later being

declined, the Appeal shall be dismissed, however the Appellant may remain liable for the fees to both parties.

- 10.9 Sport Resolutions UK shall appoint the appeals panel and notify the Appellant and British Ice Skating of the identities of such within two working days of receiving the Notice of Appeal. Either 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. Any replacement appeals panel member shall be appointed by Sport Resolutions UK no later than one working day later.
- 10.10 British Ice Skating (and any affected skater(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").
- 10.11 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.
- 10.12 The appeals panel may give such directions as it deems appropriate regarding the arrangements for, and the conduct of, the Appeal.
- 10.13 Where the Appeal is considered by way of written submissions the appeals panel shall give its written decision within three working days of the relevant Response(s) being received, whichever is the later date.
- 10.14 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.
- 10.15 In the event of a successful appeal, British Ice Skating will reimburse the Appellant the fee (minus the non-refundable element) which was paid to British Ice Skating. No refund will be payable in respect of the fee paid to Sports Resolutions UK, irrespective of the hearing outcome.
- 10.16 If an Appeal is withdrawn before being finally determined by the appeals panel, no refund shall be payable to the Appellant by either British Ice Skating or Sport Resolutions UK.
- 10.17 Each party shall be responsible for its own costs, including travel and representation.
- 10.18 Venue hire charges and travel and subsistence expenses of the appeals panel and 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.
- 10.19 All charges are subject to VAT unless indicated to the contrary.

10.20 The hearing shall be held in private, however, Sport Resolutions UK may publish the written decision after it has been received by the Parties.

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

10.22 The outcome of the Sport Resolutions UK arbitration shall be final and binding and no party shall have any further recourse thereafter.

11.AMENDMENTS

- British Ice Skating reserves the right to amend this International 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
- The criteria outlined in this document may be amended by BIS in the event that Worldwide issues, pandemics or similar materially impacts the qualification timeline or pathway in any respect.

APPENDIX 1

BIS SQUAD REQUIREMENTS/SCORES 2024/25

SYNCHRONIZED TEAM CATEGORY	NATIONAL TEAM (PERFORMANCE SQUAD)		DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY		ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
	FREE TES	CTES*	FREE TES	CTES*	
SENIOR & SENIOR ELITE 12		79		62	Must have reached at least the age of 17 before July 1 st preceding the competition. Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Skills 4
JUNIOR		59		45	Must have met criteria for Junior Development Pathway and must have reached the age of 13, but not have reached the age of 19 before July 1 st preceding the competition. Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Skills 3
ADVANCED NOVICE	28		24		Must have reached the age of 10 but not have reached the age of 16 by 1 st July preceding the competition. Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Skills 2
SENIOR 'B'			44		Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Skills 3
JUNIOR 'B'			28		Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Skills 2
BASIC NOVICE			20		Minimum test requirement for all skaters: Completed passport

* Combined Total Elements Score (SP TES + FS TES)

See the [ISU results page](#) for detail on scores from previous seasons at both the ISU Junior and Senior Synchronized Skating Championships.

APPENDIX 2

ISU JUNIOR AND SENIOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SEASON 2024-2025

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Gothenburg, SWEDEN 7 th to 8 th March 2025		SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Helsinki, FINLAND 4 th to 5 th April 2025	
3.02.25	BIS to determine the nominated team for Junior World Championships 2025 All events with published results from the current or previous season by the 3.02.2025 will be considered.	19.02.25	BIS to determine the nominated team for ISU Senior World Championships 2025 All events with published results from the current or previous season by the 19.02.2025 will be considered.
3.02.25	Announcement of team selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU Junior World Championships 2025 All selected and non-selected skaters on the GB Performance Squad to be advised of selection	20.02.25	Announcement of team selected to be nominated to ISU for inclusion in the ISU Senior World Championships 2025 All selected and non-selected skater on the GB Performance Squad to be advised of selection
4.02.25	Final day (by 5:00pm) for BIS to accept appeals under BIS Skaters Appeals process (Section 10) regarding the nominations of BIS skaters for ISU Championships	24.02.25	Final day (by 5:00pm) for BIS to accept appeals under BIS Skaters Appeals process (Section 10) regarding the nominations of BIS skaters for ISU Championships
5.02.25	Appeals panel to deliver verdict	3.03.25	Appeals panel to deliver verdict
5.02.25	Selection panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU	5.03.25	Selection panel to reconvene (if necessary) and make revised (if any) nomination to ISU
6.02.25	BIS announce result of final challenge to selection decision (if necessary)	6.03.25	BIS announce result of final challenge to selection decision (if necessary)
6.02.25	Closing date for entry of BIS team for Championship	6.03.25	Closing date for entry of BIS team for Championship
7.03.25	ISU Junior World Synchronized Skating Championship 2025	4.04.25	ISU World Synchronized Skating Championship 2025