



Great Britain Short Track Speed Skating

2021-22 International Selection Manual

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS SELECTION POLICY

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which British Ice Skating (“**BIS**”) will select teams to represent Great Britain in identified International Skating Union (“**ISU**”) Short Track Speed Skating events. In the 2021-22 season these events will be:

- ISU Short Track Speed Skating World Championships (WCH)
- ISU European Short Track Speed Skating Championships (EC)
- ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Events (WC)

2. SELECTION PANEL

a) The STSS selection panel (the “**Panel**”) acts on delegated authority of the BIS Board and is responsible for implementing the selection policy agreed by the Board.

b) The Panel shall comprise:

- (a) Short Track Technical Advisory Committee Chair (Voting Member);
- (b) British Ice Skating Honorary Short Track Head Coach (Voting Member);
- (c) British Ice Skating Performance and Talent Manager (Voting Member);
- (d) Independent member from an outside sporting body (non-Voting Member);
- (e) Note-takers etc. as required (non-Voting Member).

c) Conflicts of Interest

Any person who sits on the selection panel shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest in the capacity on which they are a part of the panel. The individual shall refrain from participation in the discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a material conflict of interest. If a person has any queries in this area, they should consult the BIS CEO or representative of the CEO.

d) Lead Coach

References to the ‘Lead Coach’ shall be the coach nominated by British Ice Skating to fulfil this role in accordance with agreement made between all key stakeholders:

- British Ice Skating, as the recognised National Governing Body and the ISU Member Federation;
- The English Institute of Sport, as the body responsible for the Medal Support Plan (‘MSP’) of Elise Christie; and

- The National Ice Centre ('NIC') as the host and programme manager of the Speed Skating Performance Programme ('SSPP').

3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent Great Britain in an ISU competition short track athletes must meet the following primary requirements:

1. Current BIS membership;
2. British passport or Clearance Certificate to skate for GBR;
3. All skaters must be born before July 1st, 2006 to be eligible to compete in the BIS Performance Selection;
4. Hold Full Eligible status as per BIS Eligibility rules, published on www.iceskating.org.uk;
5. Adherence to BIS General Rules, Codes of Conduct and any Athlete Agreement applicable to the individual; and
6. Not be serving any suspension relating to Anti-Doping or disciplinary offences.

4. 2021-22 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The table below details the ISU events which are applicable to this selection document.

ISU Championships

	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>World Cup 1</i> <i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>21st October – 24th October 2021</i>
<i>World Cup 2</i> <i>Nagoya, Japan</i>	<i>28th October – 31st October 2021</i>
<i>World Cup 3</i> <i>Debrecen, Hungary</i>	<i>18th November – 21st November 2021</i>
<i>World Cup 4</i> <i>Dordrecht, Netherlands</i>	<i>25th November – 28th November 2021</i>
<i>European Championships</i> <i>Dresden, Germany</i>	<i>14th January – 16th January 2022</i>
<i>ISU World Championships</i> <i>Montreal, Canada</i>	<i>18th March – 20th March 2022</i>

5. QUOTA PLACES

The number of places available to Great Britain in each event is determined by the ISU. The number of quota places for 2021/22 is:

	Women		Men	
	Relay	Individual	Relay	Individual
World Championships*	5	1	5	1
European Championships*	5	1	5	1
World Cup - Olympic Qualification event **	6	3	6	3

* These quota places may be amended by the ISU communication

** Each nation is given 6 places, but GBR will only be sending 5 athletes per gender to limit skaters attending a competition and not participating in any events.

6. TIMELINE

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

	Date
BIS Squad selection event	16 th August – 25 th August
Selection Panel meeting #1 decisions and communication – BIS Performance Team, Individual and Relay positions for Olympic Qualification Events	26 th August - AM
Deadline for confirmation and appeals for Olympic Qualification Events	1 st September
Selection Panel meeting #2 – European and World Championships	14 th December
Deadline for confirmation and appeals for European and World Championships	21 st December

7. MINIMUM STANDARDS

BIS Performance Selection

Star Class Junior B qualification times from the 2019 / 2020 Junior Challenge Memorandum. The submitted times need to be skated from the last full competitive season (2019 / 2020 season) and onwards.

Times are below (ISU communication in Appendix):

500m

Men – 49.00

Women – 52.00

8. BRITISH ICE SKATING – PERFORMANCE SQUAD SELECTION

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the eligibility criteria in section 3 above. They must meet the minimum standards laid out in section 7 and declared interest to British Ice Skating by the deadline of the 8th August.
- b. Qualification for the BIS Performance Squad will be comprised of the following in priority order:
 - i. The overall winner of each individual distance ranking in the men and women categories.
 - ii. The remaining places are made up of the overall ranking over the four days of competition in the BIS Performance Selection.
 - iii. The 6th place (non-traveling reserve) is taken from the next highest ranked individual of the overall ranking over the four days of competition in the BIS Performance Selection
- c. Refer to Appendix 1: BIS Performance Selection for format of the competition

9. SELECTION: WORLD CUP – OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION EVENTS (OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TEAM)

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the eligibility criteria in section 3 above and be selected onto the British Ice Skating squad for the 21/22 season by the selection event section 8.
- b. The Olympic Qualification Team will be comprised of five men and five women from the BIS Performance Squad using the criteria in Section 8.b. The sixth-place athlete will be the reserve placement (non-traveling).
- c. Selection of individual events will be selected pursuant to the process set out below:
 - i. The overall winner of each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.
 - ii. The second overall place finish in each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.
 - iii. The third quota place per distance will be a discretionary place that can be used in accordance to Section 12, otherwise the third place will be given to the third overall place finish in each individual distance ranking.
- d. The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the World Cup - Olympic Qualification Events based on their impact on medal-winning potential in relay teams, including:
 - a) Individual distance performances.

- b) Top speed within racing on current competition day.
- c) Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

10. SELECTION: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) To be considered for selection athletes must have met the eligibility criteria in section 3 above and be selected onto the British Ice Skating squad for the 21/22 season by the selection event section 8.
- b) The European Championship Team will be comprised of five men and five women from the BIS Performance Squad using the criteria in Section 8.b subject to qualification of the relay teams. The sixth place athlete will be the reserve placement.
- c) Selection of athletes for the European Championships will be comprised of up to three male and three female athletes, these will be selected by the process set out (up to number of quota places). Selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - i. Highest world ranking after the Olympic Qualification Events in any individual distance within the 500m, 1000m or 1500m events in this current season.
 - ii. Any tie would be broken by the best individual placement in the distance that the athlete has the highest world ranking By way of example:

Athlete A - 500m - 8th Overall

Athlete B - 1000m - 8th Overall

Athlete A Results - 3rd, 12th, 21st

Athlete B Results - 10th, 7th, 12th

In this example, Athlete A would be the selected athlete because of the 3rd placement
- d) In the event of no GBR relay qualification the reserve athlete will be the highest non-selected athlete in accordance with Section 10.c.
- e) The athletes to race each relay event will be selected by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the European Championships based on their impact on medal-winning potential in relay teams, including:
 - 1. Individual distance performances.
 - 2. Top speed within racing on current competition day.

3. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

11. SELECTION: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. To be considered for selection athletes must have met the eligibility criteria in section 3 above and be selected onto the British Ice Skating squad for the 21/22 season by the selection event section 8.
- b. The World Championship Team will be comprised of five men and five women from the BIS Performance Squad using the criteria in Section 8.b subject to qualification of the relay teams. The sixth place athlete will be the reserve placement.
- c. Selection of athletes for the World Championships will be comprised of up to three male and three female athletes, they will be selected by the process set out (up to number of quota places). Selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - i. Highest world ranking after the Olympic Qualification Events in any individual distance within the 500m, 1000m or 1500m events in this current season.
 - ii. Any tie would be broken by the best individual placement in the distance that the athlete has the highest world ranking By way of example:

Athlete A - 500m - 8th Overall

Athlete B - 1000m - 8th Overall

Athlete A Results - 3rd, 12th, 21st

Athlete B Results - 10th, 7th, 12th

In this example, Athlete A would be the selected athlete because of the 3rd placement
- d. In the event of no GBR relay qualification the reserve athlete will be the highest non-selected athlete in accordance with Section 11.c.
- e. The athletes to race each relay event will be selected by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the World Championships based on their impact on medal-winning potential in relay teams, including:

1. Individual distance performances.
2. Top speed within racing on current competition day.
3. Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

12. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, the 2021-22 selection process the Panel may, at its absolute discretion, provide an opportunity for such an athlete to compete and challenge for selection where evidence of illness (preferably certified by a Doctor), or any other mitigating circumstance, is presented to the Panel prior to the commencement of the selection procedure. In such circumstances, full details of all evidence relied upon must be provided to the Panel no later than 24 hours prior to the selection procedure. The Panel 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 BIS.

The Panel's decision in respect of any such application is final.

13. DE-SELECTION

Selection to a Great Britain Team is to specific events in accordance with the prevailing selection policy.

The Panel has the right to withdraw athletes from identified race(s) on the basis of injury / illness. Such decisions will only be taken following consultation with appropriate coaches and/or medical reports.

14. AMENDMENTS

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.

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

15. CONFIDENTIALITY

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

16. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

All team members must comply with ISU and BIS competition and training kit regulations whilst competing for Great Britain.

All team members are expected to abide by the media protocols of the BIS. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own personal performances.

17. APPEALS PROCESS

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.

- 17.1 The appeals panel will comprise of 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Appeals may only be made where an athlete asserts that the selection criteria and/or process have not been fairly applied.
- 17.4 An athlete ("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.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 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: -
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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
 - iii. 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
 - iv. 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.

- 17.7 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.
- 17.8 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.
- 17.9 British Ice Skating (and any affected athlete(s), if applicable) shall have 7 days from the date of notification of the appeal to make its written response to the Notice of Appeal ("the Response").
- 17.10 The Appeal shall be heard by way of written submissions, unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing at the time of giving the 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.
- 17.11 The appeals panel may give such directions as it deems appropriate regarding the arrangements for, and the conduct of, the Appeal.
- 17.12 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.
- 17.13 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 and time published in the Timeline for the specific event.
- 17.14 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.
- 17.15 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.
- 17.16 Each party shall be responsible for its own costs, including travel and representation.
- 17.17 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.
- 17.18 All charges are subject to VAT unless indicated to the contrary.

- 17.19 The hearing shall be held in private, however, Sport Resolutions UK may publish the written decision after it has been received by the Parties.
- 17.20 The Appeal shall otherwise be governed by the Sport Resolutions UK Arbitration Rules^[1].
- 17.21 The outcome of the Sport Resolutions UK arbitration shall be final and binding and no party shall have any further recourse thereafter.

APPENDIX 1 – BIS Short Track Speed Skating Performance Selection Event

The purpose of the BIS Short Track Speed Skating (STSS) Performance Event is to select the BIS STSS Performance squad for the 2021/22 season.

The BIS STSS Performance Event is to be held at the National Ice Centre on an ice surface 30 x 60 meters. The BIS racing rules are in force, with the competition to be run over 4 days (on August 16th, 19th, 22nd and 25th). Day 1 will see skaters take part in the 'What it Takes to Win' (WITTW) Testing and on days 2, 3 and 4 compete over 1500m, 500m and 1000m (each distance will be raced 3 times – once per day).

As stated, in the Great Britain STSS 2021-22 International Selection Manual any skater who meets the eligibility criteria (clause 3) and the minimum standard (clause 7), is invited to compete at the BIS STSS Performance Event and therefore would be available for selection for the GB STSS Team.

In the case that more than 20 skaters in each gender enter the event, only the top 20 skaters per gender after the WITTW Testing will be entered into the racing on Day 2, 3 and 4.

Day 1: What it Take to Win Testing

All skaters will skate a 7 lap time trial (rolling start), 1 lap flying and 1.5 lap standing start. The pre-start list will be drawn in order of 500m personal bests, fastest first with the Ladies skating before the Men.

The testing will be overseen by the head referee and times will be taken using electronic timing, with 3 stopwatches as back up.

7 lap Time Trial:

Skaters will skate 7 laps on their own and are able to cross the start line to begin their 7 laps as quick as they feel necessary. If a skater falls during their test, they can request a re-run (one re-run only) by notifying the referee before leaving the ice (must not leave the ice before requesting re-run). A minimum of 15 minutes rest must be given before the re-run.

If a skater does not record a time after their re-run, they will be given no time and reward last place. The ice will be clean after every 10 skaters and the track will be change before each skater.

Flying Lap:

Skaters will skate one 1 lap on their own and are able to cross the start line to begin their 1 lap at full speed. There will be no re-runs allowed. If a skater falls, they will be given no time and reward last place.

The ice will be clean every 15 skaters and the track will be change after every 3 skaters (subject to track damage).

1.5 Lap Start:

Skaters will skate 1.5 laps on their own from standing start under normal racing starting procedure. There will be no re-runs allowed. If a skater falls or false starts twice, they will be given no time and awarded last place.

The ice will be clean every 15 skaters and the track will be change after every 3 skaters (subject to track damage).

WITTW Points

Performance across the three tests will contribute to the skater's overall WITTW ranking. Skaters will receive one point in accordance with their ranking in that particular test (see table 1), for example a skater who finishes first in every test will receive 3 points and skaters who finish 3rd, 2nd, and 4th will receive 9 points. The skater with the lowest points will be the highest ranked in the WITTW Testing. The Test points will then produce the WITTW ranking and overall point are awarded accordingly (see table 2).

Table 1. Test Points

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	1	11	11
2	2	12	12
3	3	13	13
4	4	14	14
5	5	15	15
6	6	16	16
7	7	17	17
8	8	18	18
9	9	19	19
10	10	20	20

Table 2. Points scoring system (Overall WITTW and Distance Result)

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	10000	11	1074
2	8000	12	859
3	6400	13	687
4	5120	14	550
5	4096	15	440
6	3277	16	
7	2621	17	
8	2097	18	
9	1678	19	
10	1342	20	

Day 2, 3, & 4: Racing

Skaters will compete in 1500m, 500m and 1000m (in that order) and the racing will be an all finals event. Each distance will be skated once per day (each distance will be raced 3 times).

The first round of racing in each distance will be drawn using the ranking from individual WITTW tests. The 1500m and 1000m will use the ranking for the 7 lap time trial and the 500m will use the flying lap ranking. For days 3 and 4 the first-round draw will be done on the ranking for that distance.

Racing format and progression of rounds will be announced once all entries are in and skater numbers are known.

Points

Skaters will score points according to their finishing place in each distance (See table 2).

Table 2. Points scoring system (Overall WITTW and Distance Result)

Distance Ranking

The distance ranking will be calculated using the skater's TWO best results out of THREE to determine the overall ranking in the individual distances. In a case of a points tie, the best individual result for that distance would be used, in the first instance and then if needed the result of the WITTW overall ranking would be used to break the tie.

Overall Ranking

Overall ranking will be taken from the combined points scored from each distance (best 2 from 3) and the WITTW overall ranking. If there is tie, this would be broken by using the result of the WITTW overall ranking.

APPENDIX 2

Short Track Speed Skating European Competition Series Memorandum

Table 1. 2019 / 2020 Junior Challenge:

Category	Series	Star Class	
		500m	1000m
Ladies	Junior Challenge Series	0.51.00	1.47.00
Ladies Junior A		0.51.00	1.47.00
Ladies Junior B		0.52.00	1.48.00
Men		0.48.00	1.41.00
Men Junior A		0.48.00	1.41.00
Men Junior B		0.49.00	1.43.00