



**BRITISH ICE SKATING**

# VOLUNTEER FACTSHEET

## About British Ice Skating

We are the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of Ice Skating including Figure Skating (Singles & Pairs and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating and Speed Skating (including Short Track). We serve as the Great Britain member of the International Skating Union (ISU).

Our mission is to promote, develop and support all ice skating disciplines, within a safe and constructive environment that provides participants the opportunity to fulfill their potential and personal goals, within a recreational, fitness or competitive framework.

## Our Volunteer Pathway

### *For the Love of Ice Skating*

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do, and we at British Ice Skating (BIS) depend on their dedication to ensure that our events, tests and other programmes are run smoothly, safely and meet the highest standard of professionalism at Club, National and International levels. The Board of Directors, Technical Advisory Committee members and Officials are all volunteers and work tirelessly to ensure BIS remains the benchmark for the sport of figure skating, synchronized skating and speed skating in the UK.

Serving as a volunteer for BIS can be an incredibly rewarding experience. You can develop your knowledge of the sport through training and education, have the privilege of seeing great skating, give back to the sport you love and make lifelong friends.

If you are interested in joining BIS as a volunteer, please take a look at the many opportunities available and hopefully you will find a role that is right for you!



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## *Join Our Community of Dedicated Volunteers*



### OFFICIALS

- Singles & Pairs
- Ice Dance
- Synchronized Skating
- Short Track Speed Skating

### TEST ORGANISER

As an ambassador for British Ice Skating, Test Organisers are given the authority to arrange Test Sessions for one or more local rinks. Applicants need to be highly organised, keep well maintained records and respond to enquiries in a timely manner.

### EVENTS TEAM – FIGURE SKATING

- Announcers
- Barrier Stewards
- Judges & Officials Stewards
- Music Technicians
- Registration Desk
- Sweepers
- Timekeepers
- Video Camera Operators

### EVENTS TEAM – SHORT TRACK

- Announcers
- Heat Box Stewards
- Lap Board & Bell
- Photo Finish
- Photocopy / Runner
- Registration Desk
- Timekeepers
- Track Maintenance
- Video Camera Operators

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

There are many opportunities to get involved with activities happening throughout the year at your local rink's Club including Club Competitions, IJS Competitions, Christmas shows, Fundraising and more.

### BRITISH ICE SKATING YOUNG AMBASSADOR

This scheme aims to inspire young people to be future leaders by promoting the positive values of sport. Opportunities exist to become involved with skating activities at a local rink which can satisfy the criterion for national award schemes and to enhance your CV.



## Officials

Officials are valued members of British Ice Skating who dedicate their time, knowledge and expertise of the sport to support the development of our skaters. Whether at the grassroots or the elite level, officials provide their expertise in various capacities within the organisation, including officiating at test sessions, competitions and providing education to fellow judges, coaches and skaters alike.

In Figure Skating there are several different types of officials, who fall into three main categories: Judges & Referees, Technical Panel Officials and Results Teams. In Speed Skating, officials include Referees, Starters and Competitors Stewards. Some are current or former skaters; some are parents of skaters and others are people who simply love the sport and want to be involved. Whichever pathway you choose, training and support will be provided along the way.



## JUDGES & REFEREES

Evaluate the quality of the elements and the performance of a skater/team in a competition or test.

- Singles & Pairs
- Ice Dance
- Synchronized Skating

## TECHNICAL PANEL OFFICIALS

Working as a team, they are responsible for the correct identification of elements and level of difficulty when attempted by skaters/teams in IJS (International Judging System) competitions.

- Technical Controller
- Technical Specialist
- Data Operator
- Video Replay Operator

## RESULTS TEAM

This essential role begins well in advance of an IJS competition. Results Teams, working with BIS, local clubs, and the Referee, are responsible for preparing the paperwork that communicates vital competition information for skaters, officials and the wider public.

Results Teams are also responsible for the setup and operation of the rink side computer equipment and software that ensures the marks awarded by the judges and technical panel are calculated correctly for the final result.





## SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING OFFICIALS

- Referees
- Starters
- Competitors Stewards
- Chief Finish Line Judges

### Main Responsibilities Include:

1. Arranging skaters into pairs for long track, or heats for short track.
2. Deciding if conditions on the ice are appropriate to hold the race.
3. Deciding when a race must be rerun, for reasons other than a false start.
4. Deciding if and when skaters should be disqualified.
5. Taking into consideration protests made by coaches, except in cases where the protest involves the start of the race.



To join our volunteering community who are passionate about Ice Skating contact us at:

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