



## British Figure Skating Championships 2026 Important Technical Information

October 2026

**Following [unforeseen circumstances at the October Qualifier](#) for Singles and Pairs, this document contains the updated information on technical requirements for qualification for the British Figure Skating Championships 2026 in relation to Women/Girls and Men/Boys for Singles Skating, and Couples for Pairs Skating and Ice Dance.**

**Additional information regarding the event will be included in the updated Announcement, to be published by 21st October 2026 and shared via the event's Sportity channel (Password: BIS\_FSC\_2026 )**

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British Ice Skating is hosting the British Championships, comprised of the categories outlined below. Qualifiers and Championships are held in line with the ISU Criteria. Skaters on the Performance Squads (Next Generation, Podium Potential and Podium) on the Performance Pathway for the seasons 2026/27 are automatically invited to compete at the Championships.

## SKATERS WILL BE INVITED TO ENTER THE CHAMPIONSHIPS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

### ICE DANCE:

Couples who competed at August Qualifier 2026, Bolero Cup 2026, or November Qualifier 2026.

### SINGLES & PAIRS:

**ALL** Singles and Pairs skaters who competed at the March or August Qualifier, **or** who were entered to compete and had not withdrawn before the first segment of their event at the October Qualifier.

In the following **Singles** categories with 2 competitive segments (Short Program and Free Skating), not all competitors who compete in the Short Program event will advance to the Free Skating. Qualification to the Free Skating will be based on the placement after the Short Program. Specifically:

**Advanced Novice Girls:** top **24** ranked skaters after the Short Program will qualify for the Free Skating.

**Junior Women:** top **18** ranked skaters after the Short Program will qualify for the Free Skating.

**Senior Women:** top **12** ranked skaters after the Short Program will qualify for the Free Skating.

**Senior Men:** top **12** ranked skaters after the Short Program will qualify for the Free Skating.

Due to eligible entry numbers, **Advanced Novice Boys** and **Junior Men** will compete in both Short Program and Free Skating.

Skaters who have qualified for more than one Championships category will only be allowed to compete in one category – the skater may select which but will be unable to change this after their entry is submitted.

In addition to the skaters outlined above, Performance Squad skaters are automatically invited to compete at the Championships.

**Please note:** there are additional eligibility requirements related to nationality/residency – these are outlined in detail in the event Announcement.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS PER DISCIPLINE

### SINGLES

| Category              | Competition Criteria to be Followed (ISU Rules) | Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> of July 2026 | Minimum Skills Test | Minimum National Technical | Minimum National Components |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Basic Novice Girls    | Basic Novice                                    | Not reached 14                      | 6                   | 4                          | 4                           |
| Basic Novice Boys     | Basic Novice                                    | Not reached 14                      | 6                   | 4                          | 4                           |
| Advanced Novice Girls | Advanced Novice Girls SP                        | Not reached 16                      | 7                   | 6                          | 6                           |
|                       | Advanced Novice Girls FP                        |                                     |                     |                            |                             |
| Advanced Novice Boys  | Advanced Novice Boys SP                         | Not reached 16                      | 7                   | 6                          | 6                           |
|                       | Advanced Novice Boys FP                         |                                     |                     |                            |                             |
| Junior Women          | Junior Women SP                                 | Not reached 19                      | 8                   | 7                          | 7                           |
|                       | Junior Women FP                                 |                                     |                     |                            |                             |
| Junior Men            | Junior Men SP                                   | Not reached 19                      | 8                   | 7                          | 7                           |
|                       | Junior Men FP                                   |                                     |                     |                            |                             |
| Senior Women          | Senior Women SP                                 | No age restrictions                 | 8                   | 8                          | 8                           |
|                       | Senior Women FP                                 |                                     |                     |                            |                             |
| Senior Men            | Senior Men SP                                   | No age restrictions                 | 8                   | 8                          | 8                           |
|                       | Senior Men FP                                   |                                     |                     |                            |                             |

## PAIRS

| Name of Category      | Competition Criteria to be Followed<br>(ISU Rules) | Minimum Skills Test<br>(Both Skaters) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Basic Novice Pairs    | Basic Novice Pairs FS                              | 4                                     |
| Advanced Novice Pairs | Advanced Novice Pairs SP                           | 6                                     |
|                       | Advanced Novice Pairs FS                           |                                       |
| Junior Pairs          | Junior Pairs SP                                    | 7                                     |
|                       | Junior Pairs FS                                    |                                       |
| Senior Pairs          | Senior Pairs SP                                    | 8                                     |
|                       | Senior Pairs FS                                    |                                       |

- **Age requirements** for the Championships will follow ISU Regulations. However, British Ice Skating and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reserve the right to apply a reasonable age allowance where appropriate for development and performance reasons.
- All eligible Pairs who have entered a minimum of one qualifying event for the Championships will be invited to enter to compete at the British Figure Skating Championships 2026.

## ICE DANCE

| Name of Category              | Competition Criteria to be followed (ISU Rules) | Minimum Skills Test (both skaters) | Minimum Test Requirements              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Basic Novice Ice Dance        | Basic Novice PD                                 | 4                                  | Basic Novice PD + FD + Skills 4        |
|                               | Basic Novice FD                                 |                                    |                                        |
| Intermediate Novice Ice Dance | Intermediate Novice PD                          | 5                                  | Intermediate Novice PD + FD + Skills 5 |
|                               | Intermediate Novice FD                          |                                    |                                        |
| Advanced Novice Ice Dance     | Advanced Novice PD                              | 6                                  | Advanced Novice PD + FD + Skills 6     |
|                               | Advanced Novice FD                              |                                    |                                        |
| Junior Ice Dance              | Junior RD                                       | 7                                  | Junior RD + FD + Skills 7              |
|                               | Junior FD                                       |                                    |                                        |
| Senior Ice Dance              | Senior RD                                       | 8                                  | Senior RD + FD + Skills 8              |
|                               | Senior FD                                       |                                    |                                        |

- Age Requirements are not applicable for British Ice Dance Championships\*, except for couples requesting to compete internationally who should consider the age limits set out in Rule 108 of the ISU General Regulations.
- All eligible Ice Dance couples who have entered a minimum of one qualifying event for the Championships will be invited to enter to compete at the British Figure Skating Championships 2026.
- Same-sex couples will now be permitted to compete in all events, including the Championships
- Novice Couples will be included at the British Figure Skating Championships 2026

*\*Age requirements for the Championships typically follow ISU Regulations, however, as in this case, British Ice Skating and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reserve the right to apply a reasonable age allowance where appropriate for development and performance reasons.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

***Due to the changes to the Championships format necessitated by the cancelled October Singles & Pairs Qualifier, the following operational compromises have been required to deliver the Championships this season:***

- Some practices will take place on Ice Sheffield's Pad 2. Details will be shown on the official timetable once published.
- Some practice ice groups will not be aligned with the competition warm up groups to ensure we can accommodate both.
- Basic Novice and Advanced Novice medal ceremonies will take place off-ice.
- Official practices will be scheduled for all Ice Dance and Pairs categories, and the following Singles categories: Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women, Senior Men. Unofficial practices (no program music played) will be available for Basic Novice and Advanced Novice Singles categories – on this occasion, these unofficial practices will be free of charge.
- There will be no official Championships printed programme or merchandise produced this year.

***We appreciate the community's understanding on these points, as they have enabled us to ensure no skater is disadvantaged by the cancelled qualifier.***