

GBSA Free Skating International Selection Policy

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Section 1 - Policy objective

The Free Skating selection policy has been created to establish a selection process that is as simple and precise as possible to ensure our athletes are evaluated in a uniform and fair manner.

Selection will be through a two-step process

1. Objective assessment
2. Subjective assessment

An athlete/group of the athletes meeting the requirements of the objective assessment for an event, described within section 2, will go forward to be considered under further criteria, described in section 3.

Section 2 - Objective assessment

Performance objective

1. To use objective, data-driven criteria based on official RollArt scores to provide clear targets for athletes and coaches for the season ahead.
2. Increase the number of athletes who gain access to specialist squad training to develop athletes for the future.
3. To select the most suitable athletes for international events based on their ability and expected standards in their age category at those international events.

Eligibility criteria

1. Tot and Mini scores from Spring Nationals (previous season), Championships (previous season), Autumn Nationals (previous season), **international events (previous season)**, Spring Nationals (current season), Championships (current season), Autumn Nationals (current season) and **international events (current season)**, will be taken into consideration.
2. Espoir, Cadet, Youth, Junior, and Senior scores from Championships 2023 **international events (2023)**, Spring Nationals (current season), Championships (current season), and **international events (current season)**, will be taken into consideration.
3. The number of international places available each year may vary. For this reason, places will be allocated to the highest-scoring athletes who meet the criteria first.

Selection criteria

1. Scores from the current and last season will be considered against selection criteria.
2. To be considered for the GB Squad or International selection, athletes may use their highest score from the current season, or their highest score from their previous season, even if they have moved up age categories in between.
3. If more than one person in an age category has met the criteria for an international event, the athlete with the highest score will be offered the international place first. This will be followed by the next highest score until all places are filled.
4. If an athlete declines their place at an international event, they may be offered an alternative from the next equal or lower international event should one exist.
5. All athletes who achieve the minimum requirements for the squad will be invited to squad training.
6. Athletes who achieve the minimum requirements for international events are not guaranteed a place at that event due to potential restrictions on the number of available places. However, we will endeavour to offer international opportunities to as many athletes as possible.
7. The selection criteria will be reviewed each year based on World Skate rules, plus domestic and international standards, and a new set of criteria issued at the end of each year. Places in the GB Squad will reset each year and be re-evaluated at the start of the season based on new criteria.



8. Athletes may be removed from GB Squad or participate in international events in exceptional circumstances such as injury or inappropriate conduct.

Score criteria

Below are the score criteria that will progress the athlete(s) to the subjective assessment.

Age	Gender	Squad	Interland	CoE	World International Series	European Championships	World Championships
Tots	Ladies	5	8		12		
Tots	Men	5	8		12		
Mini	Ladies	8	11	15	15		
Mini	Men	8	11	15	15		
Espoir	Ladies	12	20	25	30		
Espoir	Men	12	20	25	30		
Cadet	Ladies	25	30	35	40	45	
Cadet	Men	25	30	40	45	50	
Youth	Ladies	25	40	45	50	55	
Youth	Men	25	50	60	65	70	
Junior	Ladies	30	40	45	50	55	60
Junior	Men	40	55	65	70	75	80
Senior	Ladies	45	50	55	60	70	75
Senior	Men	50	65	70	75	80	85

Section 3 - Subjective assessment

Subjective assessments will take into consideration all aspects of the athlete and the event and include:

1. Is the athlete's skating ability appropriately balanced – jumps, spins, and components?
2. Does the athlete achieve the mandatory elements for that category?
3. Do they have the correct attitude/approach?
4. Are they fit/healthy, both physically and mentally?
5. Will sending them to this event likely have a positive outcome on their progression?

Section 4 - Exceptional circumstances

In the case of injury, illness or any legitimate unexpected reason that results in an athlete being unable to obtain a score or meet the score criteria in the objective assessment stage, there is a possibility that exceptional circumstances may be put forward by the figure and free team for consideration.

Section 5 - International schedule

International Events			
Event	Location	From	To
Interland		TBC October/November	
Cup of Europe	Switzerland	05-Oct-24	13-Oct-24
World International Series	Italy	20-May-24	26-May-24
European Championships	Portugal	22-Jul-24	31-Jul-24
World Championships	Italy	02-Sep-24	15-Sep-24

Section 6 - General rules

1. GBSA reserves the right to amend the selection criteria to cover any unforeseen circumstances.
2. Athletes are not required to attend all national events but doing so will increase their opportunity to attain a higher score.
3. Athletes will be informed of selections to GB Squad and/or international events by way of a letter sent to their registered coach.
4. All selection-related enquiries should be sent to hoff@gbskateartistic.co.uk.