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3 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – GENERAL

All Championship events (or events that hold championship categories) run under the World Skate age categories and will be governed by World Skate regulations. The World Skate regulations (2025) can be found [here](#).

The events that are considered championship events are – Spring Nationals, British Championships, and Autumn Nationals.

3.1 Age Categories

Championships - World Skate Age Categories	
Category	Age
Primary (Mini – Basic)	7 years old and under
Tots	8 and 9 years old
Mini	10 and 11 years old
Espoir	12 and 13 years old
Cadet	14 and 15 years old
Youth	16 years old
Junior	17 and 18 years old
Senior	19 years old and over

3.2 The minimum total score needed to be awarded the British Title

There is no minimum mark to achieve the British title. If an athlete wins the championship event, they are crowned British champion for that year.

3.3 Championship Entry Requirements

There's no entry requirement for the championship events. However, championship events run under World Skate age categories, and coaches are expected to consider whether an athlete is appropriate for that event.

If GBSA feels that coaches are entering athletes into inappropriate categories GBSA has the power to remove the coach's accreditation and/or athlete from the category.

3.4 Figure Clarifications

- Championship events will skate three circuits unless the figure specifies 2 circuits as per World Skate rules.
- Championships skaters (excluding Primary) will have the foot and figure group draw before the event.
- Championship events will be judged using the open white system.
- Championship categories will run events for Men and Ladies.
- Any figure circles within the athlete's competition half (Rink A or Rink B) can be used.

3.5 Free Skating Clarifications

- Events will be judged using the full Rollart system.
- There will be an event warmup time before the start of the event group. Warm-up time is based upon the program length plus two minutes.
- For additional floor time, clubs must contact the venue directly (additional floor time cannot be requested after the first event of the competition has started).
- Championship categories will run events for Men and Ladies.

3.6 Short Program Skating Order for Championships

The skating order for the short program at the championships will follow a seeded approach based on the final results of the Spring Nationals. The athlete who placed 1st at the Spring Nationals will skate last in the short program order at the championships, while the 2nd-place athlete will skate second to last, and so on.

For athletes who did not compete in the Spring Nationals, their placement in the skating order will be determined randomly among others who also did not participate. These athletes will skate within the first group of skaters in the short program at the championships.

4 PROMOTIONAL EVENTS – GENERAL

4.1 General

GBSA promotional events will be governed by the World Skate basic promotional regulations. Please note that all World Skate rules apart from age regulations or explicitly mentioned rule changes in GBSA documentation will be followed for promotional events. Please view the World Skate (2025) promotions rules [here](#).

If athletes are not competing within championship categories, GB promotional levels that are aligned to the World Skate basic levels are used. GBSA promotional events will run these categories under ability rather than age.

Each category will be judged under World Skate rules for basic Mini to Senior for free skating and pairs. For figure events, the figures will be mapped to the corresponding World Skate figure group.

4.2 Promotional category entry requirements

There are no minimum entry requirements for promotional events. Once an athlete has been entered to compete at a promotional level, they must compete at that level for all GBSA promotional events within that season. If an athlete places **first, second or third** in any of the GBSA promotional events (with more than **five 5** competitors), then the athlete must compete at a higher level in the following season.

If any athlete wins the highest promotional category the coach is advised to start looking at moving the athlete into the championships categories although this is not required, and they are permitted to compete in the highest promotional level during the next season, but the athlete is not permitted to move to a lower category.

4.3 Promotional free skating categories

GB Promotional Categories - Free skating		
Category	Max Elements	World Skate Rules
Level 1a	1W, 1T, 1S, U	Mini - Basic
Level 1b	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Th, U	Mini - Basic
Level 1c	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Lz, 1Lo, 1Th, U	Mini - Basic
Level 2	N/A	Cadet - Basic
Level 3	N/A	Youth, Junior & Senior – Basic

- Age & Ability: Please note that the events listed above are organised by ability category and not by age. Skaters of any age may enter any category providing they comply with the category rules. GBSA strongly recommends that the skater's ability accurately match the program regulations.
- A combination spin is not required for level 1a, and the solo spin can be repeated.
- Level one categories have max element requirements, which means the athlete is only able to perform the elements listed in their program. If an element is performed outside of this requirement a deduction of 1.0 will be made for an illegal element.
- The N/A in the max element column represents that there are no element restrictions outside of the World Skate rules, it should be noted that the World Skate rules on element restrictions still apply. For example, only one rotation jumps, and Axel's are permitted in level 2 (Cadet Basic).

4.4 Promotional figure skating categories

For promotional figure events, there will be up to seven different events. Figures from the corresponding World Skate categories will be picked for that event.

Promotional Categories - Figure skating	
Category	Figures picked from a World Skate category
Level 1	Primary
Level 2	Tot
Level 3	Mini
Level 4	Mini
Level 5	Espoir
Level 6	Cadet
Level 7	Youth

4.5 Promotional pairs categories

Promotional Categories - Pairs skating	
Category	World Skate Rules
Level 1	Mini Basic
Level 2	Cadet Basic
Level 3	Youth Basic

4.6 International selection for promotional athletes

Where available, GBSA will endeavour to send promotional athletes to international promotional events. As GBSA operates under a level-based system compared to World Skate who run under an age based system, specific criteria must be met for these selections to occur.

If a coach is considering making their athletes available for selection, the athletes must be entered in the correct age category according to the grid below:

Free Skating Level	Selection Rule Set	Selection Age Requirement
Level 1A	No selection available	-
Level 1B	No selection available	-
Level 1C	Mini Basic	10 & 11
Level 2	Cadet & Espoir Basic	12 to 15
Level 3	Youth, Junior and Senior Basic	16 and over

For example, if an athlete is 10 years old and seeks to be considered for promotional selection for international events, they must be competing in Level 1C for selection to be available. Similarly, if an athlete is 13, they must be competing in Level 2 for a selection to be available, and so on. If an athlete is 12 or 13 and is competing in the Level 2 category at GBSA events, they will be following Cadet rules. However, it should be noted that if selected for international events, they will compete under Espoir Basic rules. Therefore, coaches must adapt their programmes to meet these requirements. This does not apply to Level 3, as the Youth, Junior, and Senior Basic rules are identical.

Note: If the rule regarding first, second, and third-placed athletes from the previous season having to move up to the next level causes an athlete to become ineligible for selection, please

contact the director of Free at the start of the season. If deemed appropriate, an exception to the "moving up" rule may be granted.

4.7 Promotional figure clarifications

- All promotional events will skate two circuits. Apart from loops which will compete three circuits.
- Where relevant the foot will be drawn before the event.
- Events will be judged using the closed white system.
- Promotional categories will run events with Men and Ladies combined.
- Any figure circles within the athlete's competition half (Rink A or Rink B) can be used.

4.8 Promotional free skating clarifications

- Promotional free events will be judged using the full Rollart system.
- There will be an event warmup time before the start of the event group. Warm-up time is based upon the program length plus two minutes.
- For additional floor time, clubs must contact the venue directly (additional floor time cannot be requested after the first event of the competition has started).

4.9 Promotional pairs clarifications

- Promotional pairs events will be judged using the RollArt system.
- Athletes that compete in championship free skating events can compete in the promotional pairs event (but not the promotional free skating events)

4.10 Roller Cup Final Invited athletes

4.10.1 Free skating

Only promotional finalists will receive invitations to the Roller Cup Finals. To become a finalist, an athlete must secure a placement within the top 8 of their respective categories in the Roller Cup Rankings. In free skating, some events may be split by age, depending on entry numbers. If this is the case, the age categories will be combined into one category at the final. This means there will be one ranking per level; for example, one ranking for Level 1A, Level 1B, Level 1C, Level 2, and Level 3. If the category is seen to be too large, then the F&F team may split by age during the final.

The ranking will be determined by the highest total score being considered. For example, if an athlete scores 10 points at the Spring Roller Cup and 12 points at the Summer Roller Cup, their highest score would be 12 points and this score will determine the athlete's ranking for that season, the top 8 athletes will be invited to the final.

4.10.2 Figures & Pairs

Only promotional finalists will be invited to the Roller Cup Finals. To become a finalist, an athlete must place within the top 8 of their categories in the Roller Cup Rankings. Some categories may be split by age, depending on entry numbers. If this occurs, the remaining figure Roller Cup events for that year will be split into the same categories. Each of these categories will then have an event held at the Roller Cup finals. For example, if Level 1A is split into "1A 12 and under" and "1A 13 and over," the same split will be applied at all the Roller Cup events that year, and both categories will be run at the Roller Cup final.

Points will be earned based on placements at the Roller Cup events. Each placement will be allocated points, the athlete's highest placement within that season will be used to determine

the athlete's points. The top 8 ranking athletes after the Summer Roller Cup will be invited to the Roller Cup finals. For example, if an athlete places 5th at the Spring Roller Cup event (380 points) and 3rd at the Summer Roller Cup event (390 points), their ranking points would be 390. In the event of a tie for 8th place, both 8th and 9th place will be invited to the final.

Placement	Points
1	400
2	395
3	390
4	385
5	380
6	375
7	370
8	365
9	360
10	355
11	350
12	345
13	340
14	335
15	330
16	325
17	320
18	315
19	310
20	305
21	300
22	295

Placement	Points
23	290
24	285
25	280
26	275
27	270
28	265
29	260
30	255
31	250
32	245
33	240
34	235
35	230
36	225
37	220
38	215
39	210
40	205

4.11 Seeded skating order for the roller cup final

For the Roller Cup final, the skating orders will be based on the Roller Cup rankings. The athlete ranked 8th will be the first to skate their program, while the athlete ranked 1st will be the last.

In cases where athletes are tied in ranking positions, such as two athletes in 1st place, their placement in the skating order will be randomly determined between the last and second-last positions. This seeding method will apply across Free, Figure, and Fair disciplines for the final.

5 F&F SPRING ROLLER CUP

5.1 Spring roller cup figures and categories

F&F Spring Roller Cup - Promotional Figures		
Category	Figure	WS alignment
Level One	1a FO Eights 2b FI Eights	Aligned to Primary
Level Two	3a BO edges 4b BI edges	Aligned to Tot
Level Three	8a FO three turns 9b FI three turns	Aligned to Mini
Level Four	10a FO double three 14a FO loop	Aligned to Mini
Level Five	19a/b FI bracket 14a FO loop	Aligned to Espoir
Level Six	23a/b FI counter 30a/b FOI change loop 28a/b FOI change double three	Aligned to Cadet
Level Seven	20a/b FO rocker 16a BO loop 32a/b FOI change bracket	Aligned to Youth

5.2 Spring roller cup free skating categories

F&F Spring Roller Cup - Promotional Free Skating		
Category	Max Elements	World Skate Rules
Level 1a	1W, 1T, 1S, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1b	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1c	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Lz, 1Lo, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 2	N/A	Cadet – Basic
Level 3	N/A	Youth, Junior & Senior – Basic

5.3 Spring roller cup promotional pairs categories

F&F Spring Roller Cup - Promotional Pairs	
Category	World Skate Rules
Level 1	Mini Basic
Level 2	Cadet Basic
Level 3	Youth Basic

6 F&F SPRING NATIONALS

6.1 Spring nationals' figure categories

F&F Spring Nationals – Figure Categories	
Category	Figure
Primary	1a FO Eights 2a FI Eights
Tot	Group 1 – 2
Mini	Group 1 – 2
Espoir	Group 1 – 3
Cadet	Group 1 – 4
Youth	Group 1 – 4
Junior	Group 1 – 4
Senior	Group 1 – 4

6.2 Spring nationals' free skating categories and program(s) required

F&F Spring Nationals – Free Skating Categories	
Category	Program
Primary	Promotional 1a rules
Tots	Free Program
Mini	Free Program
Espoir	Short Program & Free Program
Cadet	Short Program & Free Program
Youth	Short Program & Free Program
Junior	Short Program & Free Program
Senior	Short Program & Free Program

7 F&F SUMMER ROLLER CUP

7.1 Summer roller cup figure categories

F&F Summer Roller Cup - Promotional Figures		
Category	Figure	WS alignment
Level One	1b FO Eights 2a FI Eights	Aligned to Primary
Level Two	3b BO edges 4a BI edges	Aligned to Tot
Level Three	8b FO three turns 9a FI three turns	Aligned to Mini
Level Four	11a FI double three 14a FO loop	Aligned to Mini
Level Five	18a/b FO bracket 15 FI loop	Aligned to Espoir
Level Six	22a/b FO counter 16a BO loop 13a BI double three	Aligned to Cadet
Level Seven	21a/b FI rocker 17a BI loop 32a/b FOI change bracket	Aligned to Youth

7.2 Summer roller cup free skating categories

GB Promotional Categories at Spring Roller Cup - Free Skating		
Category	Max Elements	World Skate Rules
Level 1a	1W, 1T, 1S, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1b	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1c	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Lz, 1Lo, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 2	N/A	Cadet – Basic
Level 3	N/A	Youth, Junior & Senior – Basic

7.3 Summer roller cup promotional pairs categories

F&F Spring Roller Cup - Promotional Pairs	
Category	World Skate Rules
Level 1	Mini Basic
Level 2	Cadet Basic
Level 3	Youth Basic

8 F&F BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

8.1 British Championships figure categories

British Championships – Figures Categories	
Category	Figure
Primary	1a FO Eights 2a FI Eights
Tot	Group 1 – 2
Mini	Group 1 – 2
Espoir	Group 1 – 3
Cadet	Group 1 – 4
Youth	Group 1 – 4
Junior	Group 1 – 4
Senior	Group 1 – 4

8.2 British Championships free skating categories

British Championships – Free skating Categories	
Category	Program
Primary	Promotional 1a rules
Tots	Free Program
Mini	Free Program
Espoir	Short Program & Free Program
Cadet	Short Program & Free Program
Youth	Short Program & Free Program
Junior	Short Program & Free Program
Senior	Short Program & Free Program

9 F&F AUTUMN NATIONALS

9.1 Autumn nationals figure categories

Autumn Nationals – Figure Categories		
Category	Figure selections	Notes
Primary	1a FO Eights 2a FI Eights	
Tot	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 2)	Two big figures chosen
Mini	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 2)	One loop and one big figure chosen
Espoir	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 3)	One loop and one big figure chosen
Cadet	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 4)	One loop and one big figure chosen
Youth	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 4)	One loop and one big figure chosen
Junior	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 4)	One loop and one big figure chosen
Senior	2 figures from 1 group (Group 1 – 4)	One loop and one big figure chosen

9.2 Autumn nationals free skating categories

Autumn Nationals – Free Skating Categories	
Category	Program
Primary	Promotional 1a rules
Tots	Free Program
Mini	Free Program
Espoir	Free Program
Cadet	Free Program
Youth	Free Program
Junior	Free Program
Senior	Free Program

10 F&F ROLLER CUP FINALS

10.1 Roller cup finals figure categories

Roller Cup Finals - Figures		
Category	Figure – Group one (Spring)	Figure – Group two (summer)
Level One	1a FO Eights 2b FI Eights	1b FO Eights 2a FI Eights
Level Two	3a BO edges 4b BI edges	3b BO edges 4a BI edges
Level Three	8a FO three turns 9b FI three turns	8b FO three turns 9a FI three turns
Level Four	10a FO double three 14a FO loop	11a FI double three 14a FO loop
Level Five	19a/b FI bracket 14a FO loop	18a/b FO bracket 15 FI loop
Level Six	23a/b FI counter 30a/b FOI change loop	22a/b FO counter 16a BO loop
Level Seven	20a/b FO rocker 16a BO loop	21a/b FI rocker 17a BI loop

10.2 Roller cup final free skating categories

Roller Cup Finals - Free Skating		
Category	Max Elements	World Skate Rules
Level 1a	1W, 1T, 1S, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1b	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 1c	1W, 1T, 1S, 1F, 1Lz, 1Lo, 1Th, U	Mini – Basic
Level 2	N/A	Cadet – Basic
Level 3	N/A	Youth, Junior & Senior – Basic

10.3 Roller cup final pairs categories

F&F Spring Roller Cup - Promotional Pairs	
Category	World Skate Rules
Level 1	Mini Basic
Level 2	Cadet Basic
Level 3	Youth Basic