

GBSA
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By GBSA Officials Commission



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3 INTRODUCTION

One of the primary objectives of GB Skate Artistic (GBSA) is to support and help grow the number of club level competitions across the UK, including in the disciplines of Dance, Figures, Free, pairs, quartets, show and precision. We recognise the importance of providing skaters with more opportunities to compete and gain experience, particularly at a grassroots level. Club competitions serve as an essential entry point into the competitive structure, giving newcomers a chance to develop their skills without the pressure of entering national events too early.

This document has been created to provide clear and consistent regulations for organising GBSA recognised club competitions. It is intended to support clubs in running events that are fair, safe, and in line with GBSA standards, while remaining accessible to skaters of all levels. By following these guidelines, clubs can ensure a positive experience for participants, officials, and spectators alike. If there are any issues with the regulations or exceptions are needed, please contact the teams, as the priority here is to ensure clubs have a smooth process for running their competitions.

4 CLASSIFICATIONS OF CLUB COMPETITIONS

GB Skate Artistic recognises two types of club-level competitions that affiliated clubs may organise: **Inter-Club Competitions** and **Club Competitions**.

An **Inter-Club Competition** is defined as an event involving the hosting club and only one additional club. These competitions are considered informal and do not require a GBSA competition permit. They are also not required to follow GBSA competition rules, offering flexibility in how the event is run.

A **Club Competition** refers to any event involving the hosting club and two or more additional clubs. These events are considered formal GBSA club level competitions and must follow the regulations outlined in this document. Club Competitions require a permit and are expected to align with GBSA standards for judging, structure, and safety.

Type One (1)
Inter-Club Competition

Type Two (2)
Club Competition

5 CLUB COMPETITION GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following general regulations apply to all GBSA recognised Club Competitions:

- **Participation:** Clubs may invite an unlimited number of clubs to take part in the event.
- **Application Process:** The organising club must complete and submit the official GBSA [online form](#) application prior to the event.
- **Judging Format:** All events must be judged using the White System only — the 0 to 10.0 scoring system.
- **Skater Eligibility:** All participating skaters must be current GBSA members. Skaters who are not members may take part by paying a guest fee (the fee can be found on the GBSA event [regulations document](#)) to GBSA.

- **Entry Closure:** Competition entries must close no later than **six (6) weeks** before the event.
- **Entry Submission:** The competition entry list must be submitted to the GBSA club competition team and commission no later than **four (4) weeks** before the start of the event. The list should include the name of the athletes, membership ID (if applicable), events the athlete is competing in and the club/academy the athlete is representing. Guest skaters must be clearly marked, and a summary of the total cost for guest skater fees must be included. This will be reviewed and audited by GBSA.
- **Fee:** A one-off fee (the fee can be found on the GBSA event [regulations document](#)) must be paid to GBSA for each Club Competition held.
- **Insurance:** Proof of valid insurance must be sent to the GBSA Club competition team **four (4) weeks** before the event start date.
- **Timing:** Club Competitions cannot be held on the same date as a GBSA event within the calendar year – unless approval is given by GBSA.
- **Running Order Approval:** The final running order must be submitted to the GBSA club competition team and officials commission at least **four (4) weeks** prior to the event for approval. Only after GBSA approval can the running order be published.
- **Results Format:** Published results will include final placements and will either display individual place marks or Judges involved, not both.
- **Judging Sheets:** Event organisers should work with the assign GBSA calculator to produce the judging sheets for the event. The event organiser is responsible for printing the required papers.
- **Judges Rota:** Organising committees should produce their own judge's rota; this must be sent to the official's commission at least **two (2) weeks** (as minimum) prior to the start date of the event. The officials commission must provide judging rota sign off before the rota can be published to the officials. If the organising committee needs assistance with the creation of the judge's rota, they can contact the official's commission. A judges rota template can be found [here](#).
- **GBSA Officials:** Organising committees can contact GBSA officials directly to officiate at their events. **Only GBSA officials on the [GBSA officials](#) list can be used.** The organising committee must make the GBSA commission aware of these GBSA officials no later than **four (4) weeks** prior to the event.
- **Guest Judges:** A full and final list of proposed guest judges must be submitted to GBSA club competition team and officials commission at least **four (4) weeks** before the event. This list should remain final and not be altered after submission. The guest judges VLE certificates should be included with this list.

6 CLUB COMPETITION OFFICIALS' REGULATIONS

All GBSA recognised Club Competitions must have a minimum of **two (2) GBSA Judges and one (1) GBSA Calculator present** – The commission strongly advises to organise your event with more than 2 GBSA officials for reliable, accurate and impartial event results.

GBSA officials can be contacted via the clubs, if assistance is needed in allocating GBSA officials, please contact the officials' commission.

In exceptional cases where two GBSA Judges and/or one GBSA Calculator are not available, the Officials Commission may grant permission for the event to proceed with only one judge and alternative calculator arrangements.

Other officials (Guest officials) required may be drawn from **Junior (17 & 18 years old) or Senior (19 and older) skaters, head coaches, coaching staff or ex-skaters** but this must be done following specific rules to ensure impartiality and fairness.

- Head coaches and coaches from either the hosting club or attending clubs must not be used in any judging role if skaters from their own club are competing in the event. One role must be picked for the event.
- Junior and Senior skaters from the hosting or attending clubs may only be used as officials if they are not judging any category that includes skaters, they personally coach. Junior and Senior skaters can compete in events they are not judging at the competition.
- All guest officials must have completed the guest officials' course on the VLE a minimum of **four (4) weeks** before the event.
- GBSA has the right to withdraw any guest official's accreditation, which would prevent them from acting as a guest official at club competitions.
- Full guest judge regulations can be found in section 5.6 of the [official's manual](#)

All GBSA appointed officials, including Judges and Calculators, remain subject to GBSA regulations, including those concerning conduct and **expenses – the GBSA [expense policy](#) must be followed** (unless agreement between the club and GBSA officials are made), this policy can be found on the GBSA website. Clubs are responsible for the management and oversight of any non-GBSA officials they invite, including the arrangement of reimbursements or support – the GBSA expense policy does not have to be followed for these officials.

The judge's rota created via the organising committee **must comply with all GBSA involvement rules**, if the rota does not comply, the commission will not approve the rota, and a new one will need producing via the organising committee. After rota sign off, it must be followed and must not be altered by the hosting club without permission from the GBSA Officials Commission (or agreement from the GBSA officials at the event).

7 CLUB COMPETITION TIMELINE FLOW

The following outlines the suggested process for organising and running a GBSA-recognised Club Competition. Clubs can follow each step in the order below to ensure their event is properly approved and supported by GBSA.

1. Club Application

The organising club must submit a Club Competition application via the official GBSA website.

2. Initial Confirmation

The GBSA Club Competition Team will contact the organising club to confirm receipt of the application, check proposed dates, and begin the event planning process.

3. Opening of Entries

Once the event is confirmed, the organising club may open competition entries to participating clubs.

4. Closing of Entries

Entries can then be closed.

5. Entry List Submission

The final entry list must be sent to the GBSA Club Competition Team and official's commission.

6. Running Order Submission

A running order must be created and submitted to both the GBSA Club Competition Team and the GBSA Officials Commission.

7. Guest Judges and GBSA Judges Submission

A full list of guest judges and GBSA judges must be submitted to the GBSA Club Competition Team and Officials Commission.

8. Judges Rota Sign off

The club must provide the Judges rota to the official's commission for sign off.

9. Payment of Event Fee

The club must pay the Club Competition event fee and guest skaters fee directly to GBSA. This must be completed prior to final event sign-off.

10. Final GBSA Approval

Once all the above steps are completed and verified, GBSA will provide final sign-off confirming that the competition may go ahead under GBSA recognition.

8 COMPLIANCE FAILURE

Failure to comply with the above regulations could result in the event not being approved by GBSA. If the event has already begun, GBSA might not provide approval for future events. It is the responsibility of the organising club to ensure all requirements are met in full and within the specified timeframes for the event to proceed under GBSA recognition.

9 CONTACT DETAILS

The following individuals are the primary points of contact for all GBSA recognised Club Competitions. GBSA strongly recommends that the organising club creates a single email chain for each competition event. This chain should include all listed GBSA contacts as well as the organising committee.

All communication between GBSA and the organising club regarding the event should take place within this email thread. This ensures that all correspondence is kept in one place, helping to avoid missed information and enabling a clear and consistent record of discussions, approvals, and updates.

Team	Contact address
Officials Commission	officials@gbskateartistic.co.uk
Club Competition Team	clubcomps@gbskateartistic.co.uk