

# GBSA Figure & 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. 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 **Spring Nationals (previous season), Championships (previous season) international events (previous season)**, 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. **Anyone in the free skating squad will be considered for international events such as Interland, Dijon and other similar non World Skate international events (informally known as C level international competitions).**
  7. 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.
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8. 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 **or the end of autumn nationals** based on new criteria.
9. **If the squad resets at the end of the autumn nationals, exceptions may be given to Mini skaters who do not meet the Espoir score (due to Minis having one program) and are moving to the Espoir category for the next season.**
10. 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 (C-competitions)	Cup of Europe	World International Series	European Championships	World Championships
Tots	Ladies	10		20		
Tots	Men	10		20		
Mini	Ladies	14	20	25		
Mini	Men	14	20	25		
Espoir	Ladies	25	40	32*		
Espoir	Men	25	40	32*		
Cadet	Ladies	35	40	50	55	
Cadet	Men	45	50	55	65	
Youth	Ladies	40	50	60	65	
Youth	Men	55	60	65	75	
Junior	Ladies	55	60	65	70	75
Junior	Men	60	65	75	80	85
Senior	Ladies	60	65	70	75	80
Senior	Men	70	85	90	95	100

The \* seen in the international series scores for Espoir indicates that this score is based on the Free program only. This is because Minis moving up to Espoir from the previous season will only have a score from the Free program. Additionally, the Espoir category at the World Series only runs the Free program and not the short program.

## 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 - Figure selection and figure squad

Due to figures remaining under the white system, it is more difficult for the team to set out a prescriptive selection criteria for international events. However, the team will be looking for athletes to consistently be achieving marks of 5.0 (considered Fair under the white system) or higher to be considered for international events. The team will also be looking for consistency across all figures i.e. no disparity between big figures and loops.

Athletes will obtain a place on figure squad based on their highest average figure mark from Spring Nationals (previous season) British 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). Tots and mini athletes require a minimum average score of 3.0 and Espoir and above athletes require a minimum average score of 3.5.

## Section 7 - 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](mailto:hoff@gbskateartistic.co.uk).