



World Inclusive Skating Championships

ANNOUNCEMENT

London 2026

Figure Skating, Synchro and Dance

Lee Valley, London, United Kingdom
Classification required for entry
Closing Date for acceptance 8th September 2026
Event 26th to 30st October 2026
Official Website: www.inclusiveskating.org

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1. General

The Inclusive Skating World Championships 2026 will be held from Monday 26th October to Friday 30st October 2026. This event will be open to skaters classified with Inclusive Skating and priority is given to skaters who have a World Ranking with Inclusive Skating. Please note no tickets are sold for the event!

2. Location

Lee Valley Ice Centre, Lea Bridge Road, London E10 7QL, England, UK



Lee Valley Ice Centre re-opened in June 2023 and now hosts two Olympic sized pads (60mx 30m), state of the art gym and two dance studios. The performance pad has capacity for 485 seats for spectators including disabled seating and standing capacity of circa 150. The rink is located within close proximity to the Olympic Park in Stratford and is easily accessible from the M11 and M25 motorways and via public transport from Stratford International train station and Lea Bridge Road.

Lee Valley Ice Centre has a Customer Service Centre.

03000 030 624

To speak to someone locally visit the centre.

Accessible toilets, parking and lift access to the upper levels are available.

3. Eligibility for Entry

Entry is available to currently classified ice skaters. The entry will guarantee entry for one free skating event and additional solo events at the location will be subject to availability and priority will be determined according to current world ranking and participation in recent location events.

Priority Entry to the location event requires a current skater membership and a current classification and will be subject to availability, current world ranking and recent participation in location and virtual events.

A waiting list will operate as necessary.

Virtual video entry is available for:

- compulsory elements and pattern dances for all ice skaters (as these will not be available at the location event)
- skaters who seek classification for their additional needs
- skaters who are on the waiting list for participation at the location event will automatically be entered in the virtual event
- skaters on shoes (for off ice events) or wheels (in-line and quads)

Participants in the virtual events will be awarded an electronic certificate of achievement to accompany their results.

We welcome our roller and in line community to have the opportunity to participate and obtain classification of their

additional needs. If there is sufficient demand, we will provide future location events for our roller and in-line community.

Registration and payment of the entry fee and a current skater membership with Inclusive Skating through the Sport 80 platform is required for acceptance of the entry.

There are no test entry requirements and skaters should with the guidance of their coach choose the technical level of competition closest to their current ability. If the skater chooses a technical level that is significantly different from their current technical level, then the Technical Delegate may not include their results and /or elements at the level entered and may assign their result to a more appropriate technical level or disqualify as appropriate.

4. Technical Information

The [Technical Handbook 11th Edition \(2026\)](#) as amended on 11.06.2026 and the [Classification Handbook 6th Edition](#) as amended will apply.

The Inclusive Skating Championship with levels format will apply.

Please note that Cartwheels etc are not permitted at Inclusive skating events on safety grounds.

5. Event and Entry Fee Information

The entry fee is £70 + £15 for each event entered. All skaters will be invited to enter free skating events and additional entries are subject to availability. Priority will be given to international skaters, according to classification, world ranking, and recent participation in location events.

There is a separate team event entry for each team entering pairs, couples dance, synchro and/or or theatre. Each team

should make a separate entry for each team. One person makes the entry on behalf of all team members.

Official practice ice will be announced in the official timetable closer to the event. Additional practice ice may be available at Lee Valley Ice Centre prior to and during the competition with a Lee Valley coach and must be paid for by the competitors directly to Lee Valley Ice Centre.

Skaters are welcome to bring their coach to the event including official practice/ if a skater requires a coach these Lee Valley coaches have advised their availability and willingness to support inclusive skaters during the event:

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Provisional timetable:

Monday 26th October 2026 Official Practice, Figures Competition, Free Elements Competition 11.30 to 16:30.

Tuesday 27th October 2026 Official Practice, Free Elements Competition, Free Competition U18, Presentation Ceremony 11.30 to 16.30.

Wednesday 28th October 2026 Official Practice, Free Competition 11.30 to 16.30.

Thursday 29th October 2026 Official Practice, Rhythm Dance Competition, Synchro Duets/ Pairs Competition, Official Ceremony 11.30 to 18.00.

Friday 30st October 2026 Official Practice, Free Dance Competition, Presentation Ceremony 11.30 to 16.30.

6. Virtual Entry Information

Virtual entry is available during this event on the Sport 80 platform. Video entry is available for classification, ice, speed, in-line/ roller skating, off skate events and all skaters on the waiting list. Video entry is made by submission of a pre-recorded video sent using WeTransfer to event@inclusiveskating.org by Friday the 11th September 2026 and filling out the entry form in the usual way. Videos must be recorded during 2026. Skaters should provide a single performance and video for a program. Element and non-program events do not need to be a single performance, but a single video should be provided for each event. Videos for in-line, off-ice and ice events can be filmed at different times and can be sent as separate event recordings.

Virtual video entry for compulsory elements and pattern dances is available to skaters who are participating in the location event and generally for skaters who have additional needs and seek classification. Participants in the virtual events will be awarded an electronic certificate of achievement to accompany their results.

Virtual video entry is therefore available for:

- compulsory elements and pattern dances for all ice skaters (as these will not be available at the location event)
- skaters who seek classification for their additional needs
- skaters who are on the waiting list for participation at the location event will automatically be entered in the virtual event
- skaters on shoes (for off ice events) or wheels (in-line and quads)

7. Classification

The in person location event is only open to skaters with a current classification.

All skaters should complete a self-classification form on the Sport 80 platform and upload supporting evidence.

Skaters with any form of impairment may enter the virtual competition, including visual, hearing, biomechanical, intellectual or any impairment that functionally limits ice skating. The functioning of the skater for ice skating is assessed during classification. The classification process follows the Code of Classification and the Classification Handbook for Inclusive Skating.

Skaters who have been classified at previous Inclusive Skating Events do not require to be re-classified again unless there has been a material change in their functioning but are requested to complete the self-classification form that is now available on the membership platform.

Skaters who have no classification should enter the Virtual option on the World Championships 2026 entry system and provide pre-recorded video entry of their current compulsory elements performed on skates and their current free skating performances if possible. Skaters should complete the self-classification form on the membership platform and upload supporting evidence in English in a single pdf. Occasionally the classifiers may request a zoom call with the skater (and/or their parent/carers) for classification purposes. Classification will be undertaken primarily through online video conference call between the classifiers and will be subject to review at the event and for further period of time as required. This is usually a minimum of 2 years. All children are automatically kept under review until the age of 18.

8. Awards

Medals will be awarded for all entries and skaters at the in-person location event and will be presented at the presentation ceremonies.

Championship medals will be awarded for Gold, Silver, and Bronze

Level results will be awarded for Gold, Silver, and Bronze at the in-person location event and all other entries will receive a participation medal.

Electronic certificates will be awarded to all virtual entries.

9. PPC – planned program content sheets

Please complete the PPC and music upload form via this link:

<https://forms.gle/yqRkc3GyPUYz9Riu6>

10. Responsibility

All participants act on their own responsibility.

Inclusive Skating and the IS Skating Event Organising Committee accepts no liability or responsibility with respect to personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by competitors, facilitators or officials or other participants in any capacity in connection with the IS World Championships 2026 or any part of the event.

The organiser will seek to provide a system for medical emergency aid during competition. First Aid/Paramedic staff will be on duty rink side and on site at the venue

Competitors/officials must report any injuries incurred to the registration desk staff.

It is the sole obligation of each participant to provide their own medical and accident insurance. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means.

11. Publicity

Skaters and their facilitators, coaches, families, carers and guardians, volunteers and officials hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that skater's and event photos, information and results will be published, and parts of the event may be televised for showing on a worldwide basis and/or made

available on the Inclusive Skating website and social media channels. (Confidential medical information will not be disclosed.) Skaters, their parents/guardians and coaches hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitors have been fully cleared and authorised for public use and consent to use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio programme broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such programme, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the Organising Committee, Inclusive Skating, and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.

Videos are uploaded onto the Inclusive Skating YouTube Channel and are a public record of the event.

The taking of video and photography within the arena is prohibited unless the participants have provided written consent. An official photographer may be present at the event. In any event, if parents or guardians wish to video or photograph their own children then they may obtain a video/ photography permit, which will allow them to video/ photograph a named individual(s) from a designated area in the arena. Permission for this may be granted in advance of the event.

Test entry is available where the skaters' videos and test results are private. Skaters who choose test entry are not included in the Championship or competition results.

12. Cancellation

The entry costs are subsidised, and the entry fee paid by the skater will not be refunded under any circumstance as the entry fee reflects the costs of setting up the event and not the true cost of the event. The event will be subject to cancellation and there is no liability on the part of the organisers if this is necessary. If

for any reason the event is cancelled, then the organisers will seek to hold the event virtually and all entries will be automatically transferred. Inclusive Skating cannot be held responsible for events outside of their control, e.g. ice or power failure, covid lockdown/restrictions, etc. We will not be held responsible for expenses incurred by competitors should any unplanned event occur.

13. Anti-doping

Anti-doping control will not necessarily be carried out during the competition. However, Competitors are advised that they should always act in accordance with WADA and all anti-doping regulations.

14. Music Information

Please complete the PPC and music upload form via this link:

<https://forms.gle/yqRkc3GyPUYz9Riu6>

Music should be uploaded as an mp4 music file with the skater's name and event e.g. Joe Bloggs free or Joe Bloggs dance. Apple files .m4a should be converted into mp4 before upload. Music files have a default number which must be changed and replaced with the skaters name and event prior to upload.

All skaters are requested to bring a backup copy of the music to the event.

Skaters should comply with guidelines for music copyright.

Skaters are advised to use the ClicknClear system to obtain full copyright permission for the use of the music in advance of the event. <https://www.clicknclear.com>

The music form is replicated for your convenience. The music form should be completed when competing in this event (as it provides the license information should the event be broadcast on the BBC etc.)

This form must be completed by the closing date for the event.

A separate form should be completed for each event entered.

The music form must be sent to: LOC@inclusiveskating.org

- Skater's first name
- Skater's surname
- contact e-mail address
- Event
- Level

1. Track 1

- Name of Music as it is listed on the site that you purchased the track from
- Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Record Label / Publisher
- ISRC Code (The International term for PPL is ISRC) and represents the artist who sings the tracks. Please identify the track that you are using and provide the ISCR Code reference.

(available from

https://repsearch.ppluk.com/ars/faces/pages/audioSearch.jspx;jsessionid=5e489e2ceddff18bc9fd7583c3a2?_adf.ctrl-state=1cinp3cm37_9

- ISWC Code (The International term for PRS is ISWS and represents the people who created the track)). Please list all the creators and their unique reference Creator ID

(Available from <https://iswcnet.cisac.org/confirmLogin.do>)

2. Track 2

- Name of Music as it is listed on the site that you purchased the track from
- Artist
- Composer
- Record Label / Publisher
- ISRC Code (The International term for PPL is ISRC) and represents the artist who sings the tracks. Please identify the track that you are using and provide the ISCR reference.

(available from

https://repsearch.ppluk.com/ars/faces/pages/audioSearch.jspx;jsessionid=5e489e2ceddff18bc9fd7583c3a2?_adf.ctrl-state=1cinp3cm37_9

- ISWC Code (The International term for PRS is ISWS and represents the people who created the track), Please list all

the creators and their unique reference Creator ID
(available from

(Available from <https://iswcnet.cisac.org/confirmLogin.do>)

3. Please Repeat for any additional tracks

Guidance

Every ice rink will have a music licence a combined PRS / PPL licence which gives them the right to play or perform music in public. This licence covers skaters on patch, in competitions and shows to play music tracks. The overarching licence tolerates tracks that are not fully licenced.

These licences do not however cover broadcasts or making it available online.

The BBC and other broadcast broadcasters have a zero tolerance or non-compliant music tracks across their channels. This means that even though you can play out any track in the rink under the blanket music licence you may not be able to play it out online or via a streamed broadcast or a or on a specific TV show.

Inclusive Skating aims to increase broadcasting within events. However, copyright needs to be taken seriously for this progression to be feasible. For example, the BBC operates 100% MCPS licencing policy. This means that all tracks must be fully performing right society (PRS) and phonographic performance limited (PPL) licence or if they have parts unlicensed then the unlicensed artist label lyricist must have given Inclusive Skating written permission for the music to play on the BBC broadcast.

Other broadcasters have different policies so lesser compliance levels may enable music to be played on other channels as has been the case currently on YouTube.

However, in the event of a BBC highlight show they will opt to leave that programme with unlicensed music out of the show due to non-compliance with copyright. Tracks need to be purchased. If a track is purchased by iTunes this is an initial indicated that the artist and label have licenced their track with the relevant licencing agencies.

Here's some tips

- Use clicknclear to choose music with copyright permission prior to choreographing the program.
<https://www.clicknclear.com>
- Do not use a unique version of a track from YouTube unless you can also find on a music purchasing site too.
- Do your homework before you decide on the music you choose on sites such as www.discog.com

Ultimately the liability sits with the skater and all the parents of the skater and not the coach, Inclusive Skating, or the broadcaster.

Inclusive Skating may check the music when you enter an event. If your tracks are not compliant then the skater may be notified, and copyright authorisation will be required.

Without copyright in place your track will be muted across any live broadcasting platform and viewers will see you skate in silence. You may be edited out of any on demand features or highlights programmes.

For the BBC and similar channels, the music track must be licenced on multiple levels: the artist, the original artist if it is a cover version, the writers and the record companies.

Some tracks do not have these licences. They may only be licenced for YouTube or not for public performance or they may be totally unlicensed. If you choose one of these tracks, you must obtain permission from the rights holder to use their track on the broadcast. They may want you to pay for this or they may give permission free of charge.

15. Accommodation and Travel

The following accommodation is situated in close proximity to the ice rink:

Travelodge

London Walthamstow – 1.4 miles away

London Hackney – 1.5 miles away

London Stratford – 2.5 miles away

London Manor House – 2.5 miles away

London Snaresbrook – 2.8 miles away

Premier Inn

London Hackney – 1.5 miles away

London Stratford – 2.5 miles away

London Tottenham Hale – 3.2 miles away

Loughton/Buckhurst Hill – 5 miles away

Other alternatives

The Lion & Key hotel – 1.4 miles away

Holiday Inn Express Stratford – 2.5 miles away

Ibis London Stratford – 2.5 miles away

Holiday Inn Express North Circular (Chingford) – 2.8 miles away

Holiday Inn Express Docklands – 4 miles away

Lee Valley Ice Centre and local hotels are easily accessible but skaters who wish to park their car at the rink must provide the registration of the car in advance as parking at Lee Valley Ice Centre is strictly controlled.

Transport from hotel to the rink must be organised by the skater.

The Organising Committee does not pay travel or lodging expenses for the skaters.

All of our hotel recommendations are budget friendly options as we want the event to be as accessible as possible to all our participants and attendees. As the event is in London there are numerous hotels and accommodation options available to suit all requirements.

For those who have a car

Car parking available

155 total spaces available

16 disabled spaces available

Parking type: Paying

Users of Lee Valley Ice Centre can claim up to 4 hours free parking (Please provide details of car registration in advance to event organisers).

Charges will apply to all other car park users.

For those who are using public transport

Transport

Below we have listed train, bus and taxi information.

Train

Nearest train stations are: Lea Bridge and Clapton

Link to book trains in the UK: <https://www.thetrainline.com>

Bike

Bike storage available

Storage for 110 bikes available

Bus route

The bus service to Lee Valley Ice Centre is by taking the 55 or 56 buses.

Taxi

We recommend using reputable taxi services of which there are many available in London including the London Black Cab network.

16. Accreditation

Accreditation for Skaters, Carers, Family Members, Accredited Coaches, Volunteers and Officials will take place at the Lee Valley Ice Centre Reception Desk which will be accessible by the side door adjacent to the right side of the main entrance and will be open from 11:00 hours each day throughout the event.

17. Ceremonies and Raffle

We encourage all participants to join us for our ceremonies scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Please note that results will not be announced for events until the ceremonies take place.

We will be holding a fundraising raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be available throughout the week. We welcome any donations to the raffle.

18. Volunteers

Inclusive Skating welcomes volunteers to join us in the delivery of this championship event. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email LOC@inclusiveskating.org by September 1st.

19. Media Accreditation

Media accreditation may be applied for. Applicants will be asked to produce a DBS or in Scotland a PVG certificate and/or Press Credentials. Media Accreditation will allow photography but only from a designated area in the arena.

Local and national television and press will be invited.

To register interest in attaining media accreditation, please email LOC@inclusiveskating.org

20. Recreation

There is a wide range of activities for those of you who are visiting London beyond the event and want to make the most of your stay.

Please check out the <https://www.visitlondon.com> website for further information.

21. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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