



ANNOUNCEMENT

British Open Inclusive Skating Championships 2026



**Incorporating
Special Olympics GB National Competitions 2026**

**Held in Partnership with
Planet Ice UK**



**Milton Keynes Ice Rink, England
Closing Date for Entries 27th March 2026
Main Event 14th to 16th April 2026
Official Website: www.inclusiveskating.org**

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1. General

The British Open Inclusive Skating Championships 2026 is an international event and will incorporate the Special Olympics GB National competitions and may include the Sport Excel National Competitions (subject to permit)

Our thanks go to Planet Ice for hosting this event in collaboration with Inclusive Skating

Good luck and Good Skating!

2. Location

Milton Keynes Planet Ice Rink, 1 S Row, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1DL, Buckinghamshire , United Kingdom.

The rink is a standard international ice rink with hockey markings.

The rink is wheelchair accessible and has a wheelchair accessible toilet.

Skaters can purchase water and refreshments at the rink.

3. Provisional Timetable

Tuesday 14th April - Practice ice 12 noon to 3pm (booking and payment directly with Planet Ice Milton Keynes).

Wednesday 15th April - 9.30 am to 4.30pm (Practice ice commences at 9.30 and booking and payment directly with Planet Ice Milton Keynes)

followed by Free Skating and Rhythm Dance. Precise timetable will depend on the number of entries

Thursday 16th April - 9.30 am to 6.00pm (Practice ice commences at 9.30 and booking and payment directly with Planet Ice Milton Keynes)

followed by Free Dance and synchro events followed by presentations and the Official Ceremony. Precise timetable will depend on the number of entries

All practice ice is subject to an additional fee payable directly to Planet Ice

The provisional draft timetable detailing the skaters and practice slots will be made available after the closing date.

Please note that the practice ice has been divided taking into account safety considerations. Skaters should select the practice time allocated to them

4. Entry

Entry is through the Sport 80 platform and requires a current skater membership and inclusive skating classification.

All entries will be subject to availability, and the organisers will prioritise entry based on classification, ranking and international participation.

Entry to the separate synchro team must be made by an adult skater member on behalf of the team. If there's any difficulty please contact event@inclusiveskating.org

All Athletes entering the Special Olympics GB 2026 National Competition must:-

- Be at least 8 years old on the start date of the competition.
- Have a current and active SAM registration.
- Have trained for a minimum of 8 weeks in their respective sport(s) to be competition ready.
- Be technically capable of competing at the level of competition they are entering in.
- Abide by the Athletes Code of Conduct at all times.

For further assistance with entries please contact
event@inclusiveskating.org

The event is scheduled to appear on the ISU Calendar and international entries are welcome to enter and participate!

Entry is available to skaters directly through the Sport 80 platform. Registration and a skater membership with Inclusive Skating is required for entry. Here are the links

<https://inclusiveskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37977>



Skaters with any form of impairment may enter the 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. Expect classification to take a minimum of 2 years and to be adjusted incrementally as the permanent functional impact is identified.

Classification is the process of assessing the functional impact of the additional needs of the skater on their skating.

An expression of interest event and a Classification event is also available separately to access additional information and/or classification prior to entering the event here.

<https://inclusiveskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37975>



Each skater is individually assessed during classification by the Classification Panel and has an assessment of the whole person impairment percentage that reflects their impairment.

The whole person impairment percentage is then used to calculate the impairment compensation to be added to the skater's skating score.

Skaters who have been classified at previous Inclusive Skating Events do not require to be classified again unless there has been a material change in their functioning.

There are no test entry requirements and skaters should with the guidance of their coach choose the technical elements closest to their current ability.

Further permits are in process and additional classification and eligibility requirements may apply.

4. Technical Information

The Technical Handbook 10th Edition (2025) as amended on 1.1.2025 and the Classification Handbook 6th Edition as amended will apply. Please download the latest version from the website. Some minor amendments to accommodate VIRTUS / Sport Excel eligibility processes are planned.

Skaters may perform their current program based on level requirements and there are no deductions if skaters cannot comply with the rules. Each element will be evaluated and credit

given through the grade of execution for the element and/ or the program component scores.

We seek to minimise changes that the skaters make to their current programmes and invite skaters to communicate with us for assistance as necessary.

5. Event and Entry Fee Information

The full range of skating events specified on the Sport 80 platform are available for entry. The entry fee is £50 for each solo competitor with an additional £15 fee for each event entered.

There is a separate team event entry for each team entering synchro. Each team should make a separate entry for each team. One person makes the entry on behalf of all team members. The fee depends on the size of the team.

£25 for duets, £35 trios and £45 quartets

£70 for groups of 5 to 9

£100 for teams of 10 to 16

Skaters must use ice skates to take part in the event at Milton Keynes.

If skaters wish to participate on skating wheels please use the expression of interest event and separate arrangements may be made available if there is sufficient interest.

6. Video Entry Information

Video entry is permitted only on specific application and as approved and as necessary under the skater's classification. Where permitted video is available for all figure skating events that are available during the main event and results will be included in the Virtual results only. Skaters permitted to provide

a video should fill 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. Results for the virtual events will be posted after the location event.

7. Classification and Eligibility

Skaters who require classification should

1. Enter the expression of interest for classification event. Here's the link:

<https://inclusiveskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37975>



2. provide pre-recorded video entry of their current compulsory elements performed on skates prior to the closing date.

Classification may include online video conference call 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 and in all cases relating to children until adulthood.

Skaters previously classified should enter the day that they are filling in the entry form as a date needs to be provided in the form. Inclusive Skating records skater's current classification information in the current World Rankings so the precise date of classification is not important.

Skaters wishing to be included in the Special Olympics and/or Sport Excel results must obtain the respective eligibility.

8. Medals

Medals will be awarded, and skaters will be invited to be presented at the presentation ceremony.

Skaters will participate in levels but Medals will be awarded for Championship results according to age categories. Medals will be awarded for additional level results only where skaters have not received a Championship medal.

Additional medals and results will be awarded for the Special Olympics GB National competitions based on level results.

Additional medals and results will be awarded for Sport Excel National Competitions based on Championship results. Sport Excel is the UK body that supports intellectually challenged athletes transition to Paralympic programmes and is a member of VIRTUS, the global body recognised by the International Paralympic committee (IPC) that promotes elite sport for athletes with an intellectual impairment.

9. PPC – planned program content sheets and Music

The planned program content sheets and Music are requested in a google doc form which will be e-mailed to all participants.

As a guide the Free PPC are available on the website and this [link](#)

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.

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, Special Olympics GB 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.

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.

Skaters are invited to use the insurance option available on the entry platform to cover the cost of cancellation and their refunds. This is, in the view of the LOC, the most cost effective method for covering the risk of non-participation.

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.

13. Anti-doping

Anti-doping control is a requirement for VIRTUS / Sport Excel events so anti-doping compliance will operate during the event. Competitors are advised that they should always act in accordance with WADA and all anti-doping regulations even when not participating in the event.

14. Music Information

Skaters should comply with guidelines for music copyright.

Please upload your PPC and music via a google link that will be circulated in advance of the event. When uploading please use a standard MP3 file format, select the skater's sex and then upload the file into the correct event level. Please name the file with the skater's name and event level. All skaters are requested to bring a backup copy of the music to the event.

The music form for the purposes of copyright 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.

- 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=1c1np3cm37_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=1c1np3cm37_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

- 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

Milton Keynes Ice Rink and local hotels are easily accessible by foot or by taxi from the train station.

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

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

There are several hotels, including major hotel chains, in and around Milton Keynes and participants are advised to book

directly through the internet. Some of the hotels are within walking distance of the rink.

All travel, accommodation, food and care is the responsibility of the participants and their carers.

Transport

Below we have listed train, bus and taxi information. Detailing bus and train routes to the event via London for those who will be travelling to Milton Keynes.

Use google maps to provide specific up to date information where possible.

The rink is a short walk from Milton Keynes Central Train Station. A fast direct train service operates frequently between London Euston and Milton Keynes (approximately 40 minutes).

Milton Keynes Ice Rink is close to the M1 and easily accessible from all airports and major roads across the UK.

Limited car parking is available in the vicinity and participants are urged to consider use of long stay and short stay car parking facilities to avoid any parking fines.

Train

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

Free Assisted Travel Helpline: 0800 046 1634

Assisted Travel Textphone: 18001 0800 046 1634 (for deaf and customers who are hard of hearing)

Bus route

There is a direct bus from Luton airport to Milton Keynes central railway station which is very close to the ice rink.

16. Accreditation

Accreditation for Skaters, Carers, Family Members, Accredited Coaches, Volunteers and Officials will take place at the Ice Rink Reception and will be open throughout the event.

Spectators are permitted if they have been accredited by Inclusive Skating.

All family members and carers of a skater are accredited. Please provide names of all family members and carers who wish to attend when making your application. No additional charge is required for accreditation of family members and carers.

17. 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.

18. Recreation

A mini Duke of Edinburgh Residential Camp will operate alongside the event and DofE participants will be invited to participate in additional activities throughout the event.

19. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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