



**World Inclusive Para Skating
Championships 2026**

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VIRTUS World Inclusive Skating Championships 2026

**East Kilbride Ice Rink, Scotland
Closing Date for Entries 1st May 2026
Main Event 22nd to 24th June 2026**

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1. General

The Inclusive Skating World Championships 2026 will be held from Monday 22nd June to Wednesday 24th June 2026 during the Glasgow 2026 Festival in the lead up to the for the Commonwealth Games which are held from 23 July to 2nd August. Additional social and cultural activities are in active planning for Thursday 25th June and local activities are planned for Sunday 21st June.

2. Location

East Kilbride Ice Rink, Olympia Shopping Centre, 300 Cornwall St, East Kilbride, Glasgow G74 1PG, Scotland, UK

The rink is on the outskirts of the city of Glasgow, just a stone's throw from East Kilbride Shopping Centre and Calderglen Country Park. The rink is less than half an hour's drive from Glasgow Airport, and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park can be reached in an hour.

East Kilbride is an Ice Rink and has limited seating capacity at rink side and in the coffee area adjacent to the rink. The ice surface is Approx 50m x 25m. The facility is heated and is fully covered. The rink is in the Olympia shopping Centre and has excellent parking available (for a small fee) and a wide range of shops including food and coffee outlets nearby within the shopping mall.



3. Entry

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/37972>



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.

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. The Inclusivepara rules will apply and no level results will be awarded

A permit to include a VIRTUS athletes is in place and additional eligibility requirements with VIRTUS will apply for the VIRTUS events. Decisions in relation to VIRTUS eligibility are decided by VIRTUS. If skaters are not eligible to compete as a VIRTUS athlete then they will still be eligible to compete under their Inclusive skating classification.

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 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 £10 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.

£30 for duets, trios and quartets

£40 for groups of 5 to 9

£50 for teams of 10 to 16

Skaters must use ice skates to take part in the event at East Kilbride.

If skates 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 will be undertaken primarily through 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 VIRTUS results must obtain VIRTUS international eligibility.

Additional international and national eligibility and results may be provided. TBC

8. Medals

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

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.

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.

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 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 VIRTUS event.

14. Music Information

Skaters should comply with guidelines for music copyright.

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.

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

Music must be uploaded in the google doc form that will be e-mailed to the participants.

- 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

- 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

East Kilbride and local hotels are easily accessible by taxi from Glasgow Airport.

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. We are happy to help you investigate alternative options if required.

All prices below are a guide as they likely to increase during 2026 and participants should check before they book.

For those who are using public transport

[Ramada East Kilbride A726](#)

Address, Olympia Shopping Centre, Plaza Tower, G74 1LW
The Ramada East Kilbride A726 hotel is located in the Olympia Shopping Mall adjacent to the rink.

For guests arriving on foot, please enter via the ground floor of Plaza Tower, G74 1LW, and utilise the lifts to reach the 12th floor.

For vehicles under 1.8m, enter Car Park 2 of the Shopping Centre, accessible from Cornwall Street, G74 1NX. Proceed to the top level of the car park and use the Ramada entrance, then take the lifts to the 12th floor.

Email: EastKilbride.Hotel@WelcomeBreak.co.uk

Tel: [01355 209425](tel:01355 209425)

For business or group rates, please get in touch with [our Sales team](#).

Cost around £90 per night.

[Premier Inn East Kilbride Central Hotel](#)

Address: Brunel Way, The Murray, East Kilbride, G75 0JY. Sat Nav Directions: G75 0LD

Distance: This hotel is a 19 minute walk and 4 minute drive to the event.

Cost: £42.50- £59 per night

For those who have a car

Premier Inn Hamilton

Address: Townhead St, Hamilton, Motherwell, Glasgow, ML3 7BQ.

Distance: This hotel is a 18 minute drive to the event

Cost: £46- £61 per night

Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre (St Enoch Square) Hotel

Address: St Enoch Square, Glasgow, G1 4AZ

Distance: 5 minute walk to Glasgow Central station and 15 minute walk to Buchanan Bus Station and 27 minute drive to rink.

Cost: £63.5- £76 per night

Travelodge Glasgow Queen Street

Address: 78 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3DN, United Kingdom

Distance: 10 minute walk to Buchanan Bus Station and 5 minute walk to Glasgow Central Station and total around 1 hour 10 minutes to rink. 31 minute drive to rink.

Cost: £40-£103 per night

Accessibility: this hotel offers wheelchair accessible rooms.

easy Hotel Glasgow City Centre

Address: 1 Hill St, Glasgow G3 6RN

Distance: 12 minute walk to Glasgow Central Train Station and a 7 minute walk to Buchanan Street Bus Station and total around 1 hour 15 minutes to rink. 29 minute drive to rink.

Cost: £31.50- £40 per night

Accessibility: this hotel offers wheelchair accessible rooms.

Transport

Below we have listed train, bus and taxi information. Detailing bus and train routes to the event via Glasgow for those who will be staying in the city. Additionally, we have provided taxi information for companies within Glasgow and East Kilbride. Please reach out to us if you would like any assistance exploring routes to the event via other areas in Scotland.

Train

The journey between East Kilbride and Glasgow Central is 30 minutes. There is currently no planned industrial action within ScotRail on the date of the event however this is something we will be regularly monitoring and will send out any updated information if necessary. The walking distance from East Kilbride train station to the event is around 20 minutes. Below we have listed the contact numbers and website link to the accessible travel via ScotRail for those who require assistance while traveling.

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

Link for ScotRail accessibility page:

<https://www.scotrail.co.uk/plan-your-journey/accessible-travel>

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

The bus service between East Kilbride and Glasgow has a few options with changes and there's also an 18A direct service from Sauchiehall Lane in Central Glasgow to East Kilbride. Use google maps to provide specific information where possible.

Taxi

We recommend using either East Kilbride Taxi Owners Association in East Kilbride or Wellman cars or Bridge Cars in the Hamilton area and GlasGO Taxis in Glasgow and surrounding areas.

East Kilbride Taxi Owners Association

01355 266666

This firm will also take bookings for Airport pick up and drop off at a reasonable price.

Wellman Cars

Address: Argyle Cres, Hillhouse Industrial Estate, Hamilton ML3 9BH.

Contact Number: 01698 891313

Accessibility: Wellman Cars has 2 wheelchair accessible taxis and requires at least 1 week notice to book these cars for the event.

Bridge Cars

Address: Cadzow Industrial Estate, 3, Low Waters Rd, Hamilton ML3 7QU

Contact Number: 01698 422288

Accessibility: Bridge cars has 1 wheelchair accessible taxi and requires at least 1 week notice to book this car for the event.

GlasGO Taxis

Address: 15 Rosyth Road, Glasgow G5 0YD

Contact Number: 0141 429 1122

Accessibility: This is an extremely large taxi service with a high volume of wheelchair accessible cars.

16. Accreditation

Accreditation for Skaters, Carers, Family Members, Accredited Coaches, Volunteers and Officials will take place at the East

Kilbride Ice Rink Reception and will be open from 11:00 hours on Monday 22nd June 2026 and throughout the event.

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

The LOC are in the process of arranging additional activities out with the competition for Thursday 25th June and further details will follow.

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

Here is a list of activities with links for those of you who are visiting Scotland beyond the event and want to make the most of your stay.

Family friendly

[M&Ds](#)- Scotland's theme park

[Free Wheel North](#) - Free Wheel North is an inclusive race track which aims to make cycling accessible.

[Glasgow Science Centre](#)

[Rollerstop](#)- A roller disco in Glasgow City

18 plus

NQ64- Retro arcade bar in Glasgow City

Golf Fang- Crazy Golf bar

Ashton lane- Ashton Lane is a cobbled backstreet in the West End of Glasgow and is noted for its bars, restaurants and licensed cinema.

19. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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