

ROBIN COUSINS CUP INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 21 & 22 AUGUST 2025



1. General

Sheffield is a vibrant city in the English county of South Yorkshire; home of John Wilson and MK Blades, it has a rich figure skating history. Surrounded by the countryside of the Peak District National Park, characterised by moorland and rocky ridges, it is known as one of the greenest cities in the UK. In the city centre, the Millennium Gallery shows metalwork and art from Sheffield and around the world, adjoined by the Winter Garden, the largest urban glasshouse in Europe. The nearby Kelham Island Museum covers the city's industrial heritage. We look forward to welcoming you to the first Robin Cousins Cup for junior and senior women and men as well as advanced novice, junior and senior pairs.

The Robin Cousins Cup will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2024, the Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Singles & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024, as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. Participation in the competition is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108 paragraph 3. b) where applicable, and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 2526 or any update of this Communication.

Passports of all skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation of the event for verification. In accordance with ISU Rule 109 and ISU Communication 2526, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

All participants accept that personal data are collected by the Organizing Committee (OC) and such data are stored and used by the OC, and when necessary, third parties, for the purposes only of, and to the extent necessary only in relation to facilitate their participation in the competition; personal data may include but will not be limited to full legal name as per national identity documents, address, date of birth, nationality, sex.

2. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Place of competition:	Bauer Arena, Ice Sheffield Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA
Venue details:	An indoor ice rink, air-conditioned and heated with an ice surface of 60mx30m
Organiser:	British Ice Skating
Date of Competition	21-22 August 2025
Categories:	Senior/Junior Women and Men Advanced Novice/Junior/Senior Pair Skating



Senior Categories

MEN

Short Programme

In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced programme" and the element value.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

WOMEN

Short Programme In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced programme" and the element value.

Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.

PAIRS Short Programme In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 620. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612 and the respective ISU Communications. Duration: 4 min., +/- 10 sec.



Junior Categories

MEN

Short Programme

In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 612. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced programme" and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

WOMEN

Short Programme

In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. +/-10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 611. Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced programme" and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

PAIRS

Short Programme In accordance with the Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 620. Duration: 2 min., 40 sec. , +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules for Singles & Pairs 2024, Rule 621.Special attention should be paid to the "well balanced programme" and the element value. Duration: 3 min., 30 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Advanced Novice Categories

PAIRS Short Programme In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2699. Duration: 2 min., 20 sec., +/- 10 sec.

Free Skating In accordance with ISU Communication No. 2699. Duration: 3 min., +/- 10 sec.



3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Each ISU Member may enter up to 3 competitors in each category. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of entries per category
- 3.2 Preliminary entries (by number) must be entered in the ORS not later than 18 July 2025 at 17:00, British Summer Time. Please note all skaters will need to exist in the ISU ORS and have completed their declaration to be entered by their federation.
- 3.3 Entries by names must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <u>https://fsk-ors.isu.swisstiming.com/</u>, and must be submitted simultaneously to the: Organizing Committee: <u>RobinCousinsCup@iceskating.org.uk</u> not later than 25 July 2025 at 17:00, British Summer Time.
- 3.4 Entries of Team Members Official entries of Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff, Member Press Officer and Coaches will be accepted. Accreditation will be provided to those who are officially entered in ORS and accepted by the Organizing Committee. Please be advised that only one Coach per Skater/Couple will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the Organizing Committee requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. The Members must guarantee that the requested accreditation of Team members will correspond to their function within the team. The names of all team members must be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) and must reach the Organizing Committee and the ISU Secretariat not later than 25 July 2025 at 17:00, British Summer Time.

Entry Fee

£126.00 per Pairs Team, £86 for Women or Men. British Ice Skating will invoice members after close of entries. Payment should be made via bank transfer or credit card within 7 days.

Payments made after 7 days will be considered late entries and be charged £150.00 per team.

For any entry fee enquiries, please contact: RobinCousinsCup@iceskating.org.uk

Cancellation

In the event of withdrawal after the closing date or in case of no show, full entry fee will be payable with no refund being given.

4. MUSIC / PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

In accordance with Rule 343 in the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, the following method to submit the Competitor's music to the Organizing Committee must be followed:

- Music must be uploaded to the below link as an MP3 music file no later than DATE at TIME; please read the music guidance below before uploading your files.
- Music Upload Link: <u>https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0197ab9e2eb57273bf52f8d6fae83288</u>



- The skater is responsible for submitting their music electronically and ensuring they hold all appropriate music licences.
- The music files will be kept until the end of the competition. CDs will not be accepted by the OC. Each Competitor must have their own back-up drive (USB stick) for each program, in the format of an MP3 file, at the side of the rink for immediate use should it be necessary. Any other format will not be accepted.
- The uploaded music file must be labelled with the following:
 - Skater's event & category
 - Program (if relevant Short/Free)
 - Skaters full name
- eg. Senior Men_Free_John Smith / Senior Women_Short_Ann Smith

In case of issues with submitted music files the Organizing Committee may request at the time of registration a secondary copy of the music files. In case the music files have not been submitted in time to the Organizing Committee, the skater(s) must present their music latest at the time of registration. Please note: CDs will not be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

The titles, composers and orchestras of the music to be used for the Short Program and Free Skating Program for Single. If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

The Planned Program Content must also be entered by the ISU Member or the Skater(s) on the dedicated ISU platform. It is mandatory that the Program Content information be filled in precisely by each Skater/team in English using the terminology for the elements listed in the respective ISU Communication. This must be completed no later than the 4th August 2025 at 17:00 British Summer Time.

5. ENTRIES OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) Judge for the event in which the Member has Competitor(s) entered. Only ISU Championship and International Judges will be accepted. The OC decides on the composition of the panel of judges. The OC reserves the right to limit the number of judges. The Organizing Committee will cover the on-site board and lodging only for judges accepted on the panel only for the period from the dinner before the day of their activity until breakfast on the day following the event. Please be aware that judges not involved in the panel have to cover their own expenses (board and lodging). The confirmation of the list of judges will be announced in due time.

The nomination of judges must be made via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) not later than the deadline below

Deadline: 25 July 2025, 1700 British Summer Time.



6. EXPENSES

The organizer will not cover any expenses of competitors, coaches or additional federation officials.

The organiser will cover the expenses of competition organisation, awards, presents, and the on-site board & lodging only for judges on duty.

Travel expenses to and from Sheffield will not be covered by the organiser.

Travel expenses will be paid only to Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Referees and Data Replay Operators based on economy air fare.

7. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will be at the Ice Rink starting from 20 August 2025.

9. ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Sheffield

Competitors and coaches should arrange their own accommodation. Sheffield has a variety of hotels, bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals.

9. LIABILITY

The Organiser accept no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by any Competitors or any kind of Officials or any other persons. In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the "Robin Cousin Cup", to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials and all other members of the Member's team. 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.

The Organizer assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage in connection incurred by Competitors and Officials during the event. The Organizer provides professional First Aid Service on site. The Organizer ensures that personnel of the First Aid Service are experienced and on duty throughout the whole event period. By entering you agree you are medically permitted to compete. You must not attend if you are unwell or have tested positive for any contagious disease such as COVID.

By entering this event competitors consent to be photographed, the images may be used for reporting and event marketing purposes. They also consent to being recorded on video for judging purposes, live-streaming and video recording. The skater is responsible for submitting their music electronically and ensuring they hold all appropriate music licences.

10. PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND STARTING TIMES

Please, be informed that only the daily starting times are fixed. Following the morning start time, the time schedule of the event is flexible, which means that in case of cancellations certain categories may start some time earlier than in the schedule. Please be informed that all changes in entries and schedule can be followed on the 'Sportity' channel RCC_25,



Preliminary Schedule

21 August 2025 – Short Program – All Categories
22 August 2025 – Free Program – All Categories
The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of competition!

11. DRAWS

The initial draws will be conducted on the 20th of August 2025 with the exact time to be confirmed. A Draw Schedule will be published along with the Official Time Schedule. In accordance with Rule 512, the start order of the Free starting is the reverse order of the result after the Short Program.

12. ARRIVAL OF JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

Judges and officials taking part in the Competition are requested to announce the flight/train numbers, dates and times of arrival and departure or any other information concerning transportation to the Organising Committee as soon as possible but no later than 1st August 2025.

13. ARRIVALS OF TEAMS

The competitors, coaches and additional federation officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the airport and their accommodations in Sheffield.

15. PRACTICES

Practices will be available during the event. The detailed practice schedule will be made available as soon as possible following the closing date for entries.

16. CALCULATION OF RESULTS

The marking system (ISU Judging System) as described in ISU Technical Rule Single and Pairs Skating, Rule 352, 353, and 843 or subsequent communications. The results and any further information will be posted on the following website: <u>https://bisresults.co.uk</u> and the 'Sportity' channel 'BC2025'.

17. AWARDS

The best 3 skaters in each event will be announced and honoured. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place skaters will receive a medal.

18. JUDGES MEETINGS

A full-time schedule for off-ice activities will be made available as soon as possible before the event.

19. ENQUIRIES

The OC can be reached via the email addresses below for all event enquiries or specific requests as detailed in the Announcement: <u>RobinCousinsCup@iceskating.org.uk</u>