



Bolero Cup 2026

International Ice Dance Competition

Announcement

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1 GENERAL

Sheffield is a city in the English county of South Yorkshire. It is the home of John Wilson and MK Blades. Surrounded by the countryside of the Peak District National Park, characterised by moorland and the ridges of the distinctive Carboniferous Millstone Grit. In the city centre, the Millennium Gallery shows metalwork and art from Sheffield and around the world. It adjoins the Winter Garden, a large temperate glasshouse filled with plants. Kelham Island Museum chronicles the city's industrial heritage. We look forward to welcoming you to the second Bolero Cup for Ice Dance Couples in the categories of Advanced Novice, Junior and Senior.

Bolero Cup 2026 Ice Dance International will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution 2025, Competition & Event Regulations 2026, Sports Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2026, and the relevant ISU Communications. The Bolero Cup 2026 Ice Dance International is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member and qualify with regard to eligibility according to ISU Rule. 7 of the CER and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements Rule 8.1 and 8.2 of the CER 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 accreditation. In accordance with ISU Rule 8.3 of the CER, 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 is collected by the Organizing Committee (OC) and such data is 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, gender.

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 60 m x 30 m
Organiser:	British Ice Skating
Date of competition:	3 – 4 September, 2026
Categories:	Senior Ice Dance, Junior Ice Dance, Advanced Novice Ice Dance

2.1 CATEGORY DETAILS

2.1.1 Senior Ice Dance

- **Rhythm Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2795 and any subsequent updates.
 - Duration: 2 minutes 50 sections $\pm$ 10 seconds
- **Free Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 710. Required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2795 and any subsequent updates.
 - Duration: 4 minutes $\pm$ 10 seconds

2.1.2 Junior Ice Dance

- **Rhythm Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 709. Rhythms, required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2795 and any subsequent updates.
 - Duration: 2 minutes 50 sections $\pm$ 10 seconds
- **Free Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 710. Required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2795 and any subsequent updates.
 - Duration: 3 minutes 30 seconds $\pm$ 10 seconds

2.1.3 Advanced Novice Ice Dance

- **Rhythm Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 711. Patterns, music requirements, required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2794 and any subsequent updates. Pattern dances will be called with Key Points. The following pattern dances are to be skated for the 2026/27 season:
 - **Paso Doble Plus:** 2 sequences of Paso Doble and 1 Choreographic element, performed in any order, with a maximum duration of 1 minute 10 seconds.
 - **Blues:** 2 sequences
- **Free Dance:** in accordance with ISU Sports Rules 2026, Rule 710. Required elements and other guidelines are published in ISU Communication 2794 and any subsequent updates.
 - Duration: 3 minutes $\pm$ 10 seconds

3 ENTRIES

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.

Preliminary entries (by number) must be entered in the ORS not later than 10th August 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.

Entries by names must be made via the following channels not later than 17th August 2026, British Summer Time:

- ISU Online Registration System (ORS): <https://fskors.isu.swisstiming.com/>

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 17th August 2026 at 17:00, British Summer Time.

3.1 ENTRYFEE

Entry fee is £130.00 per team.

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.

3.1.1 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 AND PLANNED PROGRAMME CONTENT

4.1 MUSIC SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

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 17th August 2026, British Summer Time

Music files should be submitted via the following method:

- <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f48638ae579fba30dccab49346b2d>
- 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
 - e.g., Senior_Men_Free_John_Smith.mp3 / Senior_Women_Rhythm_Ann_Smith.mp3

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.

Descriptive information of the music to be skated to must be submitted through the ORS before the upload deadline. If music information is not complete and/or the music is not provided, accreditation will not be given.

4.2 PLANNED PROGRAMME CONTENT SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

The Planned Program Content must also be submitted through the ORS before 17th August 2026, British Summer Time. 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.

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 Organising Committee will cover the on-site board and lodging only for judges accepted on the panel and 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 must cover their own expenses (board and lodging). The confirmation of the list of judges will be announced in due time.

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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, presentations, and the on-site board & lodging only for Judges and Officials on duty.

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

Travel expenses will only be covered for invited Judges and Officials based on economy air fare.

7 ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will take place at the competition venue from 11:00 on Wednesday 2nd September.

8 ACCOMMODATION

The hotel for officials will be the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Sheffield

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

9 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE 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.

10 PRACTICES

Official 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. Unofficial practices may be released at an additional cost if they can be facilitated.

11 AWARDS

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

12 JUDGES' MEETINGS

The Initial Judges' Meeting will take place at 17:00  at the official hotel.

The Round Table Discussion will take place at the official hotel post the final event on the 4th of September 2026 - time will be communicated nearer the time.

13 LIABILITY

British Ice Skating assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury, or property damage incurred by Competitors and Officials. The Organizing Committee reserve the right to cancel the event without liability or refunds. Should the competition have to be cancelled for any reason the organiser accepts no liability for any arrangements made or expenses incurred by attending skaters, coaches or family members. Competitors/Officials must report any injuries to the reception desk or other BIS personnel.

In accordance with rule 17.3 of the CER, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the “Bolero 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 organiser will provide medical emergency first aid during the competition. Please do not attend if you are unwell or have tested positive for COVID or any other contagious disease. All Skaters with medical conditions are obliged to inform the Event Organiser of these underlying conditions in order that the medical team be fully informed.

Skaters and, if appropriate, their parents/guardians, carry all responsibility in ensuring the music they use is appropriately licensed and accept all liability.

Competitors, parents and coaches are reminded that the judges, officials and helpers are all volunteers, without whom this competition would not be possible. Failure to treat them, or any member of staff, with respect will result in the individual being expelled from the event.

14 MEDIA CAPTURE

At this event, British Ice Skating may reasonably wish to take general photos or videos. All attendees, but particularly children, young people and their parents should be aware this will be taking place, and we have asked for your consent to do so on the Competition Entry Form.

It is not reasonable, practical, proportionate or possible to preclude this type of photography. However, British Ice Skating will make every effort to ensure that, if consent has not been given, photos and videos are not taken, used in publications, or posted on social media or websites.

At this event British Ice Skating and others may reasonably wish to take general photos or videos. All entrants have been asked to give their consent for photographs and videos to be taken and used in line with this policy. Where consent has not been given, this information will be relayed to the Official Photographers and relevant event personnel who will make all reasonable attempts to exclude the individual, but it cannot be guaranteed.

Parents/Guardians should be aware that photographs and videos may be taken of children for promotional and publicity purposes and to celebrate ice skating activities by British Ice Skating.

Non-accredited individuals are anyone who has not received official approval from British Ice Skating to capture media at the event, including spectators, coaches, competitors and their families.

Non-accredited individuals should ensure they only capture images/videos where they have the subject/subjects' consent and, for those under 18, their parents/guardians' consent. **Non-accredited individuals are not permitted to capture images or videos of any on-ice activities during the event**, including warm-up and competition.

Accredited Photographers are professional photographers/videographers or those acting on behalf of British Ice Skating who have received official accreditation for capturing media at this event. Accredited Photographers are permitted to capture images and videos, including on-ice activities, at this event. British Ice Skating will ensure Accredited Photographers are clearly identifiable at all times.

15 MEDIA USAGE

Media captured by British Ice Skating during this event will be stored and used in line with GDPR requirements and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Media captured by Accredited Photographers may be used for publicity, promotional or celebratory purposes. Where children are featured, their names will typically not be included except in the case of medal winners, who may be named alongside their photo.

British Ice Skating will take all possible steps to ensure any media captured is used solely for the purposes intended. If you become aware of images/videos being used inappropriately you should inform the Events Team immediately at entries@iceskating.org.uk.

16 ENQUIRIES

The OC can be reached via the email addresses below for all event enquiries or specific requests as detailed in the announcement: andrew.smith@iceskating.org.uk

17 PROVISIONAL OUTLINE OF EVENT

Date	Events
2 nd September 2026	● Arrival of teams and officials ● Unofficial Practice Ice ● Draw - 12:00 in the competition venue ● Initial Judges' Meeting
3 rd September 2026	● Official Practice Ice

	● Competitions ○ Advanced Novice Pattern Dances ○ Junior Rhythm Dance ○ Senior Rhythm Dance
4 th September 2026	● Official Practice Ice ● Competitions: ○ Advanced Novice Free Dance ○ Junior Free Dance ○ Senior Free Dance ● Round table discussion
5 th September 2026	● Departure