ANNOUNCEMENT

STEEL CITY TROPHY 2027

Saturday 6th March to Monday 8th March 2027

International

Synchronized Skating Competition

Senior, Junior & Advanced Novice

Sheffield, Great Britain

Preliminary Entry Date:	November 30th 2026
Final Closing Date for Entries:	**December 31st 2026**
Running order notified:	January 22nd 2027
Registration opens:	6am March 6th 2027
Event dates:	**March 6th to March 8th 2027**

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YOUR INVITATION

British Ice Skating, together with Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy, are delighted to invite ISU members to the **Steel City Trophy 2027** – an International Synchronized Skating Competition to be in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, Great Britain.

All members of the International Skating Union listed on ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2025 are invited to enter teams at the Steel City Trophy 2027.

THE COMPETITION

The International Steel City Trophy 2027 will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution, the ISU General Regulations 2025 and ISU Sports Rules – Synchronized Skating 2026, as well as all applicable ISU Communications.

All skaters must qualify with regard to eligibility according to Rule 102 and participation and citizenship requirements according to Rule 109, for all categories. The final results will be determined according to the ISU Sports Rules – Synchronized Skating 2026.

THE VENUE

iceSheffield Ice Arena
Coleridge Road
Sheffield S9 5DA
South Yorkshire
Great Britain

Tel: 0044 1142 223 3900





iceSheffield has a seating capacity of 1,500 for the competition, with teams competing on an Olympic-sized ice pad of 60m x 30m. Spectator tickets will be available to purchase online prior to the event, with allocated seating.

The venue is heated, with good changing facilities, a fully licensed bar and hot food on-site.

TRAVEL

- Car - On and off-site car parking.
- Coach parking nearby.
- Rail - nearest station Sheffield Meadowhall (main station Sheffield City Centre).
- Supertram - nearest stop Sheffield Arena.
- Air - nearest airports are East Midlands, Leeds Bradford or Manchester.

COMMUNICATION

Official website:	www.steelcitytrophy.co.uk
Facebook page:	Steel City Trophy *(look for our 2027 event)*
Instagram:	@Sheffield_Synchro_GB
Sportity App:	SCT_2027

Please use hashtag #SteelCityTrophy and tag us in your competition related posts!

We will once again be using the **Sportity App** to keep competitors up to date before, and during, the event. Stay tuned for when the site is live. The passcode will be **SCT_2027**.

The Steel City Trophy supports the worldwide One Team Movement – for more information visit https://oneteammvmt.com.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age: Teams must meet the age requirements as set out in the Technical Data in this document.

Coaches: A maximum of two licensed coaches per team may receive rink side accreditation.

CATEGORIES

The Steel City Trophy will include the following categories:

SENIOR	Short & Free Skating Programs
JUNIOR	Short & Free Skating Programs
ADVANCED NOVICE	Free Skating Program

Please see Club International Announcement for other categories

The composition of Teams is determined by ISU Rules from ISU Sports Rules – Synchronized Skating 2026.

No team may compete in more than one category.

Only skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate. Before an Alternate may be substituted into a team, written agreement must be received from the Organizer or Referee.

UK teams must adhere to the BIS Skills (Previously Field Moves) Requirements as set out in the BIS 2026/27 Synchro Criteria.

ENTRY DATES

Entries of Teams, nominated Judges, Team Leaders and Team Managers may only be made by the respective members through the ISU ORS by:

December 31st 2026

Please note: all entry forms for the international competition must be completed via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS)

ENTRY FORMS

This year, teams wishing to enter the Steel City Trophy will need to enter using the **ISU Online Registration System (ORS).** Entry is open to all teams of ISU members.

Access to the ISU ORS is through the ISU website or the link which will be provided outside of this announcement.

Once the entry is submitted, the entry will simultaneously be sent to the:

Steel City Trophy Organizing Committee

Email: entries@steelcitytrophy.co.uk

Entries are to be made no later than **23:59 GMT on the 31st December 2026**

The below online forms are to be used for music upload, and team biography and photo upload

Music & Program: https://form.jotform.com/262135209822352 Deadline: 29th January

Team Bio & Photo: https://form.jotform.com/262134617734356 Deadline: 29th January

ENTRY FEES

All entry fees are shown in GBP and do not include charges for additional practice ice.

Senior and Junior Teams (2 programs):	£600
Advanced Novice (1 program)	£545

All fees must be paid by the closing date above, by Direct Bank Transfer to the bank account as detailed below.

Account name: Steel City Trophy

Sort code: 56-00-09

Account Number: 31760902

IBAN: GB45NWBK56000931760902

BIC: NWBKGB2L

Reference: Team Name & Country (e.g. Steel City GB)

Commissions and any bank transaction fees will be at the cost of the Entrant and should be paid directly to the bank. Surcharges may apply at the event where this is not covered.

If a team withdraws after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded.

Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy reserves the right to accept late entries, and to limit the number of participating teams.

In the event of any queries please contact: SCTinfo@steelcitytrophy.co.uk

OFFICIAL PRACTICE

Official practices will commence at 06:00am on the morning of Saturday March 6th 2027, unless numbers dictate that practices need to commence the evening before (subject to change).

Practice Length

ISU Senior Free Program: 12 Minutes

ISU Junior Free Program: 11 Minutes

ISU Senior and Junior Short Program: 10 Minutes

ISU Advanced Novice: 10 Minutes

Practice times will be notified a few days before the competition commences.



UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

Requests for unofficial practice ice should be sent to entries@steelcitytrophy.co.uk

Ice is charged at £90 per 15-minute slot. Please included preferred days, time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) and number of slots. While we endeavor to accommodate requests, we cannot guarantee availability and ice will be assigned on a first come basis.

No extra practice ice will be permitted on days of competition as per ISU Sports Rules – Synchronized Skating 2026.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are very welcome at the Steel City Trophy and seated tickets for our 1,500-seat arena will be available to book securely online.

TECHNICAL DATA

For information on Factors please refer to ISU Communications.

The results will be determined according to the ISU Rules, and ISU regulations will be applied for team composition were published in ISU Sports Rules – Synchronized Skating 2026.

All ISU Categories are as per ISU Communications 2779 & 2791.

CATEGORIES

All ISU Categories are as per the applicable ISU Communications for the 2026/27 season.

No team may compete in more than one category within each of the two events.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration forms will be allowed to skate. Before an alternate may be substituted into a team the Organizer or Referee must be informed.

Category	Program Time	Require-ments	Min/Max no of skaters (+ alternates)	Ages before July 1st 2026
Senior	Short program: 2 mins 50 sec (max.) Free program: 4mins (+/- 10 secs)	Per ISU	12-16 (+4 alts)	Must have reached 17 years or over before July 1st 2026.
Junior	Short program: 2 mins 50 sec (max.) Free program: 3mins 30 secs (+/- 10 secs)	Per ISU	12-16 (+4 alts)	Must have reached 13 years but not 19 years before July 1st 2026.
Advanced Novice	Free program: 3mins (+/- 10 secs)	Per ISU	9-16 (+4 alts)	Must have reached 10 years but not 16 years before July 1st 2026.

NB: UK teams must adhere to the BIS Skills Requirements as set out in the BIS 2026/27 Synchronized Skating Criteria.

Please see Club International Announcement for other categories

UK ENTRIES ONLY

BIS licensed coaches wishing to enter skaters into IJS events must have attended the discipline specific IJS seminar at the Coaches Conference/online updates either in 2024, 2025 or 2026 to receive accreditation. Any coach who has not yet attended the Coaches Conference/online updates may not now be accredited. Any IJS seminars prior to 2024 have now expired. A skills seminar also must have been completed prior to the date of the competition.

If coaches named on the application form have not done so, the skater will be given the opportunity to name another coach or remove the coaches' name from their entry. All UK teams must be a paid-up BIS member at the closing date.

MUSIC

ISU Rules as released in 2026 shall apply. You must certify that your music has been fully cleared and authorized for public use and television in the UK as the competition will be streamed online.

The ISWC number and Creator ID reference numbers for each track must be provided on your entry form; you can find them here: http://bit.ly/ISWCSearch

You must also provide the PPL (ISCR) reference number for each track – you can check using this website: http://bit.ly/PPLSearchUK.

Note: if the track does not have these reference numbers, you must obtain permission from the rights holders to use their track on a broadcast. They may want you to pay for this or they may offer permission free of charge.

Disclaimer – The Steel City Trophy organizing committee, nor the Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy or its members will be held responsible for your music not being cleared for use online – if your music does not comply, you understand that it may be blocked via the live stream or afterwards.

Music **must** be submitted in MP3 format and uploaded to the below form.

Music & Program: https://form.jotform.com/262135209822352 Deadline: 29th January

Music files should be named with the team, name and category entered. Backup music files should be brought to the competition on USB with named tag attached and handed in at registration.

PROGRAM CONTENT

Your entry form should include Planned Program Content covering Short and Free Programs. Planned Program Content Sheets should be signed by a Coach or Team Representative. However, program content may be changed at the time of the Competition.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The Steel City Trophy will be judged under the IJS system.

The Panel of Judges for each competition will consist of:

1 Referee **Minimum 5 Judges**

1 Technical Controller **2 Technical Specialists**

The **Referees** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Referees and Judges for ISU International synchronized skating events.

The **Technical Controllers** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Referees and Judges for ISU International synchronized skating events.

The **Technical Specialists** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the current ISU list of Technical Specialists for ISU International synchronized skating events.

The **Data/Replay Operators** will be invited by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the current list of Data/Video Replay Operators for ISU International Synchronized Skating or BIS events.

The Organizing Committee will pay travel expenses for the invited Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers (2), Technical Specialists (4), and the Data/Replay Operators only and will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals throughout the event (from Lunch on Saturday 6th March until breakfast on the morning of departure) for the invited Referees/Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists/ Data-Replay Operators and nominated Judges.

Accommodation will be reserved for all Judges and officials at the nominated official hotel.

International Judges

Each participating ISU member has the right to nominate one (1) judge who has the qualification of “Judge for International Competitions”.

If, in the case of too many nominated judges, the organizing committee will conduct a draw to choose the panel. The result of this draw will be communicated to all concerned ISU members.

The entries for judges are to be made through the ISU ORS no later than the **31st December 2026.**

Travel and accommodation costs for international judges will be at the expense of the ISU member of the country from which they are nominated and not that of the SSSA, the organizing committee for the Steel City Trophy or BIS.

Judges / Referees / Technical Panel Meetings / Round Table Discussion
(All timings are subject to possible change once the final timetable is released)

Draw for ISU categories – Friday 5th March @ 17:00

Initial Judges Meeting – Saturday 6th March, morning prior to the commencement of the competition and at the discretion of the referee.

Round Table Meeting – Sunday 7th March after close of the ISU competition.

All meeting times and locations will be confirmed prior to the event, at the discretion of the Referee and Technical Controller, and will take into account travel arrangements. The Organizing Committee will communicate this information via email to Judges and Officials.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Registration and Accreditation for Referees, Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operators, Teams, Accredited Coaches, Team Leaders, Team Managers and Chaperones will take place **at the SSSA Desk in the iceSheffield Reception area.** This will be open from 6am Saturday March 6th 2027 and throughout the event.

A maximum of three chaperones/team manager per team will be accepted for the accreditation.

The National Passport or National Identity Card for each skater of the International Teams taking part in the Steel City Trophy 2027 will be checked during the Registration. Any skater who is not a National of the Country for which they are competing must have an ISU release certificate. Teams from Great Britain will be checked by the BIS Office.

OFFICIAL DRAW

The official draw will take place on Friday 5th March at 5pm. The draw will take place in accordance with rule 808 for the Junior & Senior Short Programs and the Advanced Novice Free Program.

The skating order for the Junior and Senior Free Programs will be the reverse order of the results after the short program.

The Results Team will post the skate order on the results link following the draw, and post on the concourse at iceSheffield Ice Arena.

The draw will be made by the Referee(s) in accordance with ISU regulations.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place at the iceSheffield Ice Arena at the beginning of the competition. Three skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony and must be available, ready, and warmed up at rink side 30 minutes before the Opening Ceremony is due to start on each day.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the team in first place for all categories.
Bespoke designed Steel City Trophy gold, silver and bronze medals will also be presented to all members of teams in first, second and third places respectively.

Presentations will be carried out at the end of each day of the competition, time permitting and dependent the day of the advanced novice category.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony will take place at the iceSheffield Ice Arena following the presentation of medals and trophies on each day of the competition, time permitting. All skaters from each team are invited to take part in the ceremony. Full details will be sent out to participating teams in due course.

ORGANISATION

The organization of the competition is the responsibility of British Ice Skating, together with the Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy. BIS, and the SSSA, reserves the right to take any measures, in agreement with the Referee and Technical Controller, necessary to ensure the smooth running of the event.

LIABILITY

According to ISU Rules and BIS, the Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy Organizing Committee accepts no liability or responsibility with respect to bodily or personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by Competitors or Officials in connection with the Steel City Trophy 2027 International Synchronized Skating Competition.

A medical first aid service will be on duty at the ice rink during the competition and at the Official Practices.

DOPING

Anti-doping control testing may be carried out during the competition in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Code (See ISU Rules and Regulations for 2026) and for the non-ISU events according to the regulation of UK Anti-Doping (UKAD).

ACCOMMODATION

Full details regarding nearby accommodation may be found at:

www.steelcitytrophy.co.uk

Please note: there are other events being held in the local area on the same dates so early hotel reservations are highly recommended. All travel and accommodation arrangements, and associated cost, are the sole responsibility of the individual team/club.

CATERING

We will communicate availability of food for teams closer to the event. Hot and cold food and a fully licensed bar will also be available at iceSheffield for skaters and spectators during the competition. There are also plenty of restaurants 10 minute walk away at Centertainment or a short tram journey away at Meadowhall Shopping Centre.

TEAM INFORMATION

The entry form requests a high-resolution team photograph and short biography (max 75 words) per team to be submitted with your entry for inclusion in the event program. If the photograph and/or bio are not submitted in time, the Steel City Trophy Organizing Committee reserves the right to omit the team's details from the program.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

Members, Teams and Competitors hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that Team Photos, Videos, Team Information and Results will be published on websites and social media platforms. In addition, sections or the whole of the Steel City Trophy 2027 competition may be televised or streamed for showing on a worldwide basis.

ORGANISERS

British Ice Skating and Sheffield Synchronized Skating Academy

Steel City Trophy (SCT) Event Director: Amanda Hembrow-Jones

Main event email address: SCTinfo@steelcitytrophy.co.uk

EVENT TIMETABLE

To be confirmed in due course. Please note that the event will run according to the published schedule, but teams must be prepared to be ready up to 30 minutes ahead of the published time should the event be running early for any reason.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sheffield, Great Britain!