



Oxford Open

Announcement

Free Skating Competition

19th 20th 21st 22nd June 2023

Categories to be skated:

Beginner to National 8 Singles

International Judging System

Venue

Oxford Ice Rink

Oxpens Road

Oxford OX1 1RQ

Please read this document before attempting to complete entry.

Applications open on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 (1900hrs)

Applications close on Tuesday 9th May 2023 (1700hrs)

Competitors, Parents/Guardians/Coaches are reminded that the organisers, judges, and officials are all volunteers, without whom this competition would not be possible. Please treat them with the respect and politeness they deserve.

Accreditation

The official accreditation for this competition will be available at the ice rink upon arrival. Located at the registration desk.

Judging

This competition will be judged using the International Judging system.

COVID Requirements

Please be mindful that the Competition Committee must abide by guidelines set by the venue, BIS, and the Government. 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.

In the best interest of skaters, officials, and other volunteers, the Competition Committee reserve the right to cancel the event without liability if the current COVID 19 situation, or if extraneous circumstances prevail.

General Regulations

Competitors and coaches are requested to read the Technical Requirements for the events carefully.

- Generic Criteria for Singles 1st January 2023 – 30th June 2023 (V12 Updated 17/03/2023) as published on the BIS website. Please ensure that you regularly check the BIS website for updates.
- ISU communications 2474, 2475, 2489 and 2494 and any updates in relation to singles.

Test passes for UK skaters will only be considered after the event when all checks by BIS have been made.

How to Enter

- Entries must be made through the official entry form which will be published at **1900hrs on Wednesday 3rd May**. The closing date will be **1700hrs on Tuesday 9th May (or before if entries are oversubscribed)**.
- The link for the entry form will be available during the day on Wednesday 3rd May via the BIS website, our Facebook pages and on Sportity. **Please note that the entry form will not go live until 1900hrs.**
- All entries must include:
 - A **fully** completed Entry Form (**only the Entry Form submission time will count but failure to complete this accurately will result in an invalid entry**)
 - Full payment via BACS (**to be completed within 24 hours of the opening date/time**)
 - A completed Programme Content Sheet (**to be completed within 24 hours of the opening date/time**)
 - A completed Music Upload Form (**to be completed within 24 hours of the opening date/time**)
 - A copy (photo or scan) of the skater's Skate UK Passport if this their first competition and they have not passed any Skills tests. Please email this to: ofisccomps@gmail.com
 - **Please take your time filling in the Programme Content Sheet and the Music Upload Form as this will **not** affect your entry time. Forms that are not completed accurately will not be accepted and your entry will be invalid.**
 - **The time of entry will be based on your Entry Form only.**
- The Competition Committee, in consultation with the competition Referee, reserve the right to limit the number of skaters in any oversubscribed categories and have the right to refuse entry without reason.
- If any of the categories are oversubscribed, they may be divided by age.
- **Not everyone is guaranteed a place in this competition.**
- Skaters should apply for the category they wish to skate in and must hold the minimum test requirements for the category being entered at the closing date.
- Skaters must have an up-to-date BIS membership from date of application to the event.
- For Beginners to National 3, the age is calculated as at the closing date. For the ISU categories, age is calculated as at the previous 1st of July.
- Skaters will be allowed to skate in **ONE** category **only** for their free programme.

Payment Details

Payment must be made upon entry via BACs. Details will be provided on the entry form. **Please add your BIS membership number as a reference. Any payments not received within 24 hours of entry will make your entry invalid.**

Refunds will be issued for unsuccessful applications after the closing date once the competitor lists have been published.

Please note that following the closing date **NO refunds will be issued for any other reason other than unsuccessful entry due to limitation of numbers.**

Entry Fees

Single segment entry - £84:00

Short & free programme segments combined entry - £135:00

Music

A link will be available for music uploads once entries are open. **Please complete within 24 hours of entry. If you have entered short and free categories, please complete a separate Music Upload Form for each category, ensuring that all details are accurate.**

All competitors shall furnish music of excellent quality in MP3. Please name your music file with the name of the skater and category (inc. short/free) e.g., Jane Torvill National 6 Short. **Note that we will only accept music files containing a single track.**

Please bring 2 copies of your music to the competition on a CD disc and a digital copy if possible (mobile phone etc.) **Once your music has been sent, we will not accept any change or substitution of music files under any circumstances.**

Programme Content Sheet

A link will be available to upload Programme Components once entries are open. **Please complete within 24 hours of entry. If you have entered short and free categories, please complete a separate Programme Component Form for each category, ensuring that all details are accurate.**

Please do not send multiple versions to Oxford Open email addresses – they will not be accepted.

It is mandatory that the Planned Programme Content Sheet is filled in precisely for each skater in English using the correct terminology for the elements listed in respective ISU communications.

List of Competitors and Timetable

All times will be subject to change.

A provisional timetable will be emailed to successful competitors as soon as possible and will also be available on the Sportity app. All subsequent changes to the timetable can be accessed via the Sportity app. Please do not contact us with regards to this.

<https://www.sportity.com/app> Password: OXF_2023

All competitors must be ready to skate at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time.

Draws

All Draws will take place prior to the event

Presentations

The first three best-placed competitors in each event will be announced and honoured with a medal/trophy.

Photography

All skaters will be filmed for IJS.

This event will be attended by an official photographer. All competitors will be photographed whilst competing as is the accepted practice during competition. If you do not wish to be photographed, please approach the photography desk, and advise the staff of your wishes.

Details of Photography Company

www.digitalphotoevents.co.uk

All staff are DBS checked. Full child protection policy available to view on the Company website.

Please note the following: Apart from members of the official photography team, **no** other photography or videography is permitted on or off the ice during competitions. No Facetime or similar video of the competition will be allowed under any circumstances. Anyone breaking this regulation will be asked to leave the rink complex and will not be permitted to return.

Liability

In accordance with ISU Rule 119 the organiser accepts no liability for injury or damages incurred by competitors or officials. The organiser will provide medical emergency first aid during the competition.

Competitors/officials must report any injuries incurred to the registration desk staff.

The Competition Committee cannot be held responsible for events outside of their control, e.g., ice or power failure, covid lockdown/restrictions, etc. 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. Entry fees will not be refunded.

Liability International

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Oxford Open, 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 include the return to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The organiser will provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms, and meals for participating accepted Judges and invited Officials. The organiser will not provide and cover the expenses for travel, rooms and meals for accepted competitors, or their coaches.

Entry is conditional upon acceptance of these general rules and regulations.