



CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

Friday 5th January 2024 at 5:00pm

BLACKBURN ARENA LOWER AUDLEY STREET, BLACKBURN BB2 3DY

General Enquiries to: competitions@wonderice.co.uk



BLACKBURN OPENS 2024
COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

Competition held under BIS permit and regulations.

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All entry forms are to be submitted electronically via: <https://britishiceskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/207>

- Entry and payment must be received in FULL by 5:00pm on Friday 5th January 2024.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

1. The organisers of the competition will:
 - a) Retain the right to refuse entry without reason assigned.
 - b) Retain the right of decision on all matters, their decision being final.

All events will be judged using the International Judging System (IJS), following the 2023-24 British Ice Skating Generic Criteria for single. Please check the criteria available on the British Ice Skating official website for further information or click on the link [2023-24 Generic Criteria](#).

2. The draw for order of skating will be an electronic random draw and the results of the draw will be posted on our Facebook page, Wonder Ice Academy website, BIS website and our **Sportity App (WIA_24)**
3. Test requirements are as at the closing date for entries – 5th January 2024. If the skater's test standard changes on or before the closing date, an immediate notification is required for the skater to be considered for a higher level category. Otherwise, the skater will be considered for the category initially entered on their form(s). Tests passed after the closing date WILL NOT allow entry to be transferred to another level under any circumstances. It is the responsibility of the skater and/or their parent/guardian to ensure prompt notification of such to the competition secretary at competitions@wonderice.co.uk
4. Competitions with only one competitor may require to skate to standard to receive the trophy and this will be at the discretion of the Referee. Skaters in this situation will be informed and given opportunity to withdraw at closing date.
5. The competitions will be held under permit from British Ice Skating and it is a requirement of this competition that all skaters are members of BIS. Skaters who have not paid their BIS membership at the time of the draw will not be entered into the draw and will be considered withdrawn.
6. All skaters must be eligible to compete as defined by the BIS rules and may skate in the category / level for which they qualify by age and standard.
7. A copy of the Skate U.K. passport must be submitted together with the entry form for all Beginner level skaters. This can also be emailed separate to the entry form to email address: competitions@wonderice.co.uk
8. All competitors must be ready to skate at least 30 minutes prior to the time stated on the timetable, throughout the day of their competition(s). Any updates and/or changes to the timetable will be communicated via our Facebook page and BIS Website



9. All entries will be considered on a *first come first served* basis, with a limit to entries in each category / level determined by the Referee according to the timetable.

All applicants will be informed shortly after the closing date whether they have been offered a place in the category / level they have submitted entry form(s) for. Reserve lists will operate until the time of the draw for entries to oversubscribed categories / levels on first come first served basis.

10. All skaters MUST fill in the programme content sheet included within the entry form. This should be filled in using the ISU standard element abbreviations, with timings of each element. **This section of the form CANNOT be left blank. If programme content sheet is not complete, the entry form will not be taken into consideration.**

11. Music(s) for programme(s) should be uploaded together with the entry form(s). Skaters are strongly advised to have a spare copy of their music(s) on CD, available at rink side. The music files should be saved with the skater's full name, BIS number and skating level prior to upload. **Please note that music uploads CANNOT be altered after the closing date.**

12. Entry Fees: -

- **£85 per single category entered.**
- **£125 if entering both short and free programmes at the same level – please select short & free category – no discount code is required.**
- **If not entering the short and free in the same level/category then you must complete this form before entries open to receive the discount code (making the total £125) in time for entries opening 06th December 2023 at 4pm <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b75aa711f0754dc4a6ec726307278597>**

13. **Withdrawals: Entry fees will only be refunded in full for oversubscribed categories / levels. Withdrawals prior to closing will incur a £15 admin fee. Any withdrawals after the closing date will not automatically be entitled to a refund but may be considered if accompanied by an official doctor's note. The refund decision will be at the Organisers' discretion. Please use this withdrawal form <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fa4a2f868b48479db82f8775fa46705c>**

14. All entry forms submitted will receive an automatic receipt notice. Organisers will aim to have competitor lists available as soon after the closing date as possible.

15. Use of media – Personal photography / video recording is **NOT** permitted at this event. There will be an Official Photographer attending the event, and photos will be available to purchase at the event and afterwards.

To comply with the BIS Child Protection Policy, all skaters must consent to being photographed and recorded on video and agree to be included in the official photographs / videos of the event. By entering the event, there is deemed automatic acceptance that the skater may be photographed / recorded on video and any of their images / recordings may be used by BIS and/or Wonder Ice Skating Academy

16. This competition may be subject to doping control under ISU and/or BIS rules.

17. Presentations will take place, on ice or off ice, at suitable points throughout the day. Winners will be able to get their photos with the competition trophy during the presentation.

18. Practice Ice –Blackburn Ice Arena will provide limited practice ice spaces for this event; details will be posted on our Facebook page nearer the time of the event.



19. **Liabilities-** According to ISU Rules, British Ice Skating and the Wonder Ice Skating Academy 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 Blackburn Open 2024. There will be a first aider on site at all times during the competition.

20. By entering the competition, you agree to abide by all the rules and regulations laid out in this document.

21. The timetable of events will be published as soon as possible after the closing date and it will NOT BE POSSIBLE to confirm exactly which events will take place on which day prior to this, as Wonder Ice Academy will work with officials to ensure as many skaters as possible can enter the event and this may influence the days.

22. **Accreditation**

The official accreditation will be available at the ice rink upon arrival.

23. **Suggested hotels nearby:**

Premier Inn Blackburn Town Centre hotel

One Cathedral Square, Blackburn BB1 1EP

Hampton by Hilton Blackburn

2 Frontier Ave, Blackburn BB1 3AL

All entry forms are to be submitted electronically via Google Form.

In the event of the competition having to be cancelled due circumstances beyond our control a £10 deposit will be kept per category segment to help cover overheads.

COVID REGULATIONS- Any public health regulations at the time of the competition will be adhered to. In the event of a local outbreak or any restrictions being put in place which may cause the competition to be cancelled, this will be detailed as soon as possible to all competitors. As above a £10 deposit will be kept per category segment to help cover cancellation costs.

PPC Form - <https://forms.gle/C8c3hcaPUBDTBarC6>

Music Upload: <https://forms.gle/Cu6g4u1n8KkFg5yF7>

**Please see ISU Communication 2489
Singles and Pairs Guidelines for International Novice Competitions 2023/24**

