



ANNOUNCEMENT

Inclusive Skating World Championships

Hamilton 2023

Figure Skating, Synchro, Dance & Speed

Incorporating

**Special Olympics GB National
Figure Skating National Competitions 2023 (tbc)**

Hamilton (Lanarkshire Curling Ice Rink), Scotland – Main Event
Time Capsule, Coatbridge – Harness Event if required
Virtual – Speed Skating
Virtual - Classification

Closing Date for Entries 1st March 2023
Main Event 3rd to 7th April 2023
Official Website: www.inclusiveskating.org

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1. General

The Inclusive Skating World Championships 2023 will be held from Monday 3rd April to Friday 7th December. The 2023 World Championships will be held in memory of Walter Stewart and we welcome the whole of the World Ice Skating community to our event and to celebrate the life of Walter Stewart who dedicated so much to Inclusive Skating!

2. Location

Hamilton Ice Rink, 91 Mote Hill, Lanarkshire, ML3 6EL, Scotland, UK

Hamilton is a Curling Ice Rink and has limited seating capacity at rink side with comfortable seating in the bar area above the rink. The ice surface is a 7 lane standard curling rink. Approx 110 x 150 feet. The facility is heated and is fully covered.

The Harness Event will take place at the Time Capsule Coatbridge if required and the Speed event will take place using virtual entry only.

3. Entry

Entry is available to skaters directly through the Sport 80 platform. Registration and a skater membership with Inclusive Skating is required for entry. [Link](https://inclusiveskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37954/home)
<https://inclusiveskating.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/37954/home>

Skaters with any form of impairment may enter the competition, including visual, hearing, biomechanical, intellectual or any impairment that functionally limits ice skating. The functioning of the skater for ice skating is assessed during classification. The classification process follows the Code of Classification and the Classification Handbook for Inclusive Skating.

Each skater is individually assessed during classification by the Classification Panel and has an assessment of the whole person impairment percentage that reflects their impairment.

The whole person impairment percentage is then used to calculate the impairment compensation to be added to the skater's skating score.

Skaters who have been classified at previous Inclusive Skating Events do not require to be classified again unless there has been a material change in their functioning.

There are no test entry requirements and skaters should with the guidance of their coach choose the technical level of competition closest to their current ability. If the skater chooses a technical level that is significantly different from their current technical level then the Technical Delegate may not include their results at the level entered and may assign their result to a more appropriate technical level or disqualify as appropriate.

This Event includes (tbc) the 9th Special Olympics GB National Competitions in Figure and Speed Skating. The Special Olympics participation is open to those athletes registered with Special Olympics GB by the time of the final closing date.

4. Technical Information

The Technical Handbook 7th Edition (2022) as amended on 17.1.2023 and the Classification Handbook 5th Edition as amended will apply. Please download the latest version from the website. Some minor amendments to accommodate "Ice theatre" are planned.

5. Event and Entry Fee Information

The full range of skating events specified on the Sport 80 platform are available for entry. The entry fee is £50 for each solo competitor with an additional £10 fee for each event entered.

There is a separate team event entry for each team entering synchro or theatre. Each team should make a separate entry for each team. One person makes the entry on behalf of all team members. The fee depends on the size of the team.

£30 for duets, trios and quartets

£40 for groups of 5 to 9

£50 for teams of 10 to 16

Skaters may use ice skates, in-line skates, roller skates, training footwear and participate at different levels in ice skating, in-line / roller and off ice / off skates' events. Off ice/ off skates' events may use spinners and balance devices as appropriate.

6. Video Entry Information

Video entry is optional for all figure skating events that are available during the main event. Video entry is compulsory for speed, in-line/ roller skating and off skate events. Video entry is made by submission of a pre-recorded video sent using WeTransfer to event@inclusiveskating.org by the closing date and filling out the entry form in the usual way. Videos must be recorded during 2023. Skaters should provide a single performance and video for a program. Element and non-program events do not need to be a single performance, but a single video should be provided for each event. Videos for in-line, off-ice and ice events can be filmed at different times and can be sent as separate event recordings.

7. Classification

Skaters who require classification should provide pre-recorded video entry of their current compulsory elements performed on

skates prior to the closing date. Classification will be undertaken primarily through online video conference call and will be subject to review at the event and for further period of time as required. This is usually a minimum of 2 years.

Skaters previously classified should enter the day that they are filling in the entry form as a date needs to be provided in the form. Inclusive Skating records skater's current classification information in the current World Rankings so the precise date of classification is not important.

8. Medals

Medals will be awarded for all entries and skaters will be invited to be presented at the presentation ceremony.

9. PPC – planned program content sheets

The planned program content sheets are requested in the entry form, but it is not compulsory to e-mail them until the closing date. The planned program content sheets are available in the event information. It is helpful to upload / provide this information with your video entry for programs (if you have not provided it at the time of entry).

The program content sheets should be sent by e-mail to the event co-ordinator to event@inclusiveskating.org before the closing date.

10. Responsibility

All participants act on their own responsibility. Inclusive Skating and the IS Skating Event Organising Committee accepts no liability or responsibility with respect to personal injury or for property loss or damage incurred by competitors, facilitators or officials or other participants in any

capacity in connection with the IS World Championships 2023 or any part of the event.

The organiser will seek to provide a system for medical emergency aid during competition.

It is the sole obligation of each participant to provide their own medical and accident insurance. 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.

11. Publicity

Skaters and their facilitators, coaches, families, carers and guardians, volunteers and officials hereby acknowledge and consent to the fact that skater's and event photos, information and results will be published, and parts of the event may be televised for showing on a worldwide basis and/or made available on the Inclusive Skating website and social media channels. (Confidential medical information will not be disclosed.) Skaters, their parents/guardians and coaches hereby certify and warrant that the music and choreography presented and used by the Competitors have been fully cleared and authorised for public use and consent to use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio programme broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world, motion picture, print media or the advertising and publicising of such programme, without further clearance or payments of any kind on the side of the Organising Committee, Inclusive Skating, Special Olympics GB and the relevant television network or broadcasters being required.

Videos are uploaded onto the Inclusive Skating YouTube Channel and are a public record of the event.

The taking of video and photography within the arena is prohibited unless the participants have provided written consent.

An official photographer may be present at the event. In any event, if parents or guardians wish to video or photograph their own children then they may obtain a video/ photography permit, which will allow them to video/ photograph a named individual(s) from a designated area in the arena. Permission for this may be granted in advance of the event.

Test entry is available where the skaters' videos and test results are private. Skaters who choose test entry are not included in the Championship or competition results.

12. Cancellation

The entry costs are subsidised, and the entry fee paid by the skater will not be refunded under any circumstance as the entry fee reflects the costs of setting up the event and not the true cost of the event. The event will be subject to cancellation and there is no liability on the part of the organisers if this is necessary. If for any reason the event is cancelled, then the organisers will seek to hold the event virtually and all entries will be automatically transferred.

13. Anti-doping

Anti-doping control will not necessarily be carried out during the competition. However, Competitors are advised that they should always act in accordance with WADA and all anti-doping regulations.

14. Music Information

Skaters should comply with guidelines for music copyright.

The music form is replicated for your convenience. The music form should be completed when competing in this event (as it

provides the license information should the event be broadcast on the BBC etc.)

This form must be completed by the closing date for the event.

A separate form should be completed for each event entered.

All skaters are requested to bring a backup copy of the music to the event.

Music must be uploaded in MP3 format and sent with the music information form by WeTransfer to event@inclusiveskating.org

- Skater's first name
- Skater's surname
- contact e-mail address
- Event
- Level

1. Track 1

- Name of Music as it is listed on the site that you purchased the track from
- Artist(s)
- Composer(s)
- Record Label / Publisher
- ISRC Code (The International term for PPL is ISRC) and represents the artist who sings the tracks. Please identify

the track that you are using and provide the ISCR Code reference.

(available from

https://repsearch.ppluk.com/ars/faces/pages/audioSearch.jspx;jsessionid=5e489e2ceddff18bc9fd7583c3a2?_adf.ctrl-state=1cinp3cm37_9

- ISWC Code (The International term for PRS is ISWS and represents the people who created the track)). Please list all the creators and their unique reference Creator ID

(Available from <https://iswcnet.cisac.org/confirmLogin.do>)

2. Track 2

- Name of Music as it is listed on the site that you purchased the track from
- Artist
- Composer
- Record Label / Publisher
- ISRC Code (The International term for PPL is ISRC) and represents the artist who sings the tracks. Please identify the track that you are using and provide the ISCR reference.

(available from

https://repsearch.ppluk.com/ars/faces/pages/audioSearch.jspx;jsessionid=5e489e2ceddff18bc9fd7583c3a2?_adf.ctrl-state=1cinp3cm37_9

- ISWC Code (The International term for PRS is ISWS and represents the people who created the track), Please list all the creators and their unique reference Creator ID (available from

(Available from <https://iswcnet.cisac.org/confirmLogin.do>)

3. Please Repeat for any additional tracks

Guidance

Every ice rink will have a music licence a combined PRS / PPL licence which gives them the right to play or perform music in public. This licence covers skaters on patch, in competitions and shows to play music tracks. The overarching licence tolerates tracks that are not fully licenced.

These licences do not however cover broadcasts or making it available online.

The BBC and other broadcast broadcasters have a zero tolerance or non-compliant music tracks across their channels. This means that even though you can play out any track in the rink under the blanket music licence you may not be able to play it out online or via a streamed broadcast or a or on a specific TV show.

Inclusive Skating aims to increase broadcasting within events. However, copyright needs to be taken seriously for this progression to be feasible. For example, the BBC operates 100% MCPS licencing policy. This means that all tracks must be fully performing right society (PRS) and phonographic performance limited (PPL) licence or if they have parts unlicensed then the unlicensed artist label lyricist must have given Inclusive Skating written permission for the music to play on the BBC broadcast.

Other broadcasters have different policies so lesser compliance levels may enable music to be played on other channels as has been the case currently on YouTube.

However, in the event of a BBC highlight show they will opt to leave that programme with unlicensed music out of the show due to non-compliance with copyright. Tracks need to be purchased. If a track is purchased by iTunes this is an initial indicated that the artist and label have licenced their track with the relevant licencing agencies.

Here's some tips

- Do not use a unique version of a track from YouTube unless you can also find on a music purchasing site too.
- Do your homework before you decide on the music you choose on sites such as www.discog.com

Ultimately the liability sits with the skater and all the parents of the skater and not the coach, Inclusive Skating, or the broadcaster.

Inclusive Skating may check the music when you enter an event. If your tracks are not compliant then the skater may be notified, and copyright authorisation will be required.

Without copyright in place your track will be muted across any live broadcasting platform and viewers will see you skate in silence. You may be edited out of any on demand features or highlights programmes.

For the BBC and similar channels, the music track must be licenced on multiple levels: the artist, the original artist if it is a cover version, the writers and the record companies.

Some tracks do not have these licences. They may only be licenced for YouTube or not for public performance or they may be totally unlicensed. If you choose one of these tracks, you must

obtain permission from the rights holder to use their track on the broadcast. They may want you to pay for this or they may give permission free of charge.

15. Accommodation and Travel

Hamilton and local hotels are easily accessible by taxi from Glasgow Airport.

Transport from hotel to the rink has to be organised by the skater.

The Organising Committee does not pay travel or lodging expenses for the skaters.

All of our hotel recommendations are budget friendly options as we want the event to be as accessible as possible to all our participants and attendees. We are happy to help you investigate alternative options if required.

For those who have a car

[Premier Inn East Kilbride Central Hotel](#)

Address: Brunel Way, The Murray, East Kilbride, G75 0JY. Sat Nav Directions: G75 0LD
Distance: This hotel is a 15 minute drive to the event.
Cost: £42.50- £59 per night

[Premier Inn Hamilton](#)

Address: Townhead St, Hamilton, Motherwell, Glasgow, ML3 7BQ. Sat Nav Directions: ML3 7BQ
Distance: This hotel is a 3 minute drive to the event and a 10- 15 minute walk
Cost: £46- £61 per night

For those who are using public transport

[Premier Inn Hamilton](#)

Address: Townhead St, Hamilton, Motherwell, Glasgow, ML3 7BQ.

Distance: This hotel is a 3 minute drive to the event and a 10- 15 minute walk

Cost: £46- £61 per night

[Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre \(St Enoch Square\) Hotel](#)

Address: St Enoch Square, Glasgow, G1 4AZ

Distance: 5 minute walk to Glasgow Central station and 15 minute walk to Buchanan Bus Station.

Cost: £63.5- £76 per night

[Travelodge Glasgow Queen Street](#)

Address: 78 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3DN, United Kingdom

Distance: 10 minute walk to Buchanan Bus Station and 5 minute walk to Glasgow Central Station

Cost: £40-£103 per night

Accessibility: this hotel offers wheelchair accessible rooms.

[easy Hotel Glasgow City Centre](#)

Address: 1 Hill St, Glasgow G3 6RN

Distance: 12 minute walk to Glasgow Central Train Station and a 7 minute walk to Buchanan Street Bus Station

Cost: £31.50- £40 per night

Accessibility: this hotel offers wheelchair accessible rooms.

Transport

Below we have listed train, bus and taxi information. Detailing bus and train routes to the event via Glasgow for those who will be staying in the city. Additionally, we have provided taxi information for companies within Glasgow and Hamilton. Please

reach out to us if you would like any assistance exploring routes to the event via other areas in Scotland.

Train

The journey between Hamilton Central and Glasgow Central is 30 minutes. There is currently no planned industrial action within ScotRail on the date of the event however this is something we will be regularly monitoring and will send out any updated information if necessary. The walking distance from Hamilton Central train station to the event is around 20 minutes. Below we have listed the contact numbers and website link to the accessible travel via ScotRail for those who require assistance while traveling.

Link to book trains: <https://www.thetrainline.com>

Link for ScotRail accessibility page:

<https://www.scotrail.co.uk/plan-your-journey/accessible-travel>

Free Assisted Travel Helpline: 0800 046 1634

Assisted Travel Textphone: 18001 0800 046 1634 (for deaf and customers who are hard of hearing)

Bus route

The bus service between Hamilton bus station and Buchanan bus station in Glasgow is 205 firstbus. This bus service is hourly and the journey between the Buchanan bus station and Hamilton bus station is 30 minutes. The bus station is a 15-20 minute walk to the event.

Link to timetable-

https://www.firstbus.co.uk/uploads/node_images/Ser%20263.pdf

Taxi

We recommend using either Wellman cars or Bridge Cars in the Hamilton area and GlasGO Taxis in Glasgow and surrounding areas.

Wellman Cars

Address: Argyle Cres, Hillhouse Industrial Estate, Hamilton ML3 9BH.

Contact Number: 01698 891313

Accessibility: Wellman Cars has 2 wheelchair accessible taxis and requires at least 1 week notice to book these cars for the event.

Bridge Cars

Address: Cadzow Industrial Estate, 3, Low Waters Rd, Hamilton ML3 7QU

Contact Number: 01698 422288

Accessibility: Bridge cars has 1 wheelchair accessible taxi and requires at least 1 week notice to book this car for the event.

GlasGO Taxis

Address: 15 Rosyth Road, Glasgow G5 0YD

Contact Number: 0141 429 1122

Accessibility: This is an extremely large taxi service with a high volume of wheelchair accessible cars.

16. Accreditation

Accreditation for Skaters, Carers, Family Members, Accredited Coaches, Volunteers and Officials will take place at the Hamilton Ice Rink Reception and will be open from 11:00 hours on Monday 3rd April 2023 and throughout the event.

17. Media Accreditation

Media accreditation may be applied for. Applicants will be asked to produce a DBS or in Scotland a PVG certificate and/or Press Credentials. Media Accreditation will allow photography but only from a designated area in the arena.

Local and national television and press will be invited.

18. Recreation

Here is a list of activities with links for those of you who are visiting Scotland beyond the event and want to make the most of your stay.

Family friendly

[M&Ds](#)- Scotlands theme park

[Free Wheel North](#) - Free Wheel North is an inclusive race track which aims to make cycling accessible.

[Glasgow Science Centre](#)

[Rollerstop](#)- A roller disco in Glasgow City

18 plus

[NQ64](#)- Retro arcade bar in Glasgow City

[Golf Fang](#)- Crazy Golf bar

[Ashton lane](#)- Ashton Lane is a cobbled backstreet in the West End of Glasgow and is noted for its bars, restaurants and licensed cinema.

19. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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