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## **PART "A" - COMPETITION RULES**

### **Art.1 - Race course**

1. A racecourse may be either a "track" or "road" course. A road racecourse may be either an "open" or "closed" circuit.
2. Both on the track and on the road, the racecourse is measured at the inner edge.
3. On road courses with both left and right bends, measuring is to be taken along an imaginary line from the extreme ends of the bends themselves.

### **Art. 2 - Tracks**

1. A "track" is defined as a racecourse within an outdoor or indoor facility provided with two straightaways of the same length and with two symmetrical bends having the same diameter or dimensions. In the case of indoors, tracks may have bends using the diamond formation.
2. The total length of a track cannot be less than 75 metres or longer than 400 metres. The minimum width must be at least 6 metres.
3. The track surface may be made of any material, provided it is perfectly smooth and not slippery, so that it does not compromise adhesion. The Referee shall determine these properties.
4. Tracks may be perfectly level or with banking at the bends.
5. Tracks with a banking at the bends are to be not less than 125 metres long and not more than 250 metres. Bankings are to be gradual and uniformly rising from the inside to the outside of the course. Straightaways may have a banking in order to allow the introduction of bend banking. However, straightaways are to be perfectly level longitudinally, to a minimum of 33% of their total length.
6. The finish line must be marked with a white line, 5 centimetres wide.
7. The starting line must not be on a bend, except for the cases when it is impossible to do otherwise.
8. Any external fencing directly bordering the track edge must be protected through suitable materials in order to avoid dangers due to its presence.

### **Art. 3 - Road course**

1. In "open road" competitions, starting and finishing lines do not coincide.
2. A "closed circuit road" race course is a road course consisting of an asymmetrical closed circuit which competitors are to cover one or more times according to the distance of the event.
3. A "closed circuit road" racecourse must not be shorter than 400 metres.
4. The road course cannot be less than 5 metres wide in any point of the course.
5. The road surface must be uniformly and sufficiently smooth without hollows and fissures. The cross-fall of the course shall never exceed 3% of its width.
6. In "open courses" gradients shall never exceed 5%. Exceptions to this rule shall never exceed 25% of the whole course.
7. Starting and finishing lines must be marked with a line 5 centimetres wide. The starting line must not be placed on a bend except when it is impossible to do otherwise. The finishing line shall be placed at not less than 50 metres after the bend leading to the finish line.

#### **Art. 4 - Suitability for practice of a racecourse**

1. Any decision regarding the suitability for practice of a racecourse is up to the Referee before the start of the competition itself.
2. When the ground or weather conditions hinder the normal performance of a competition or the continuation of the same, the Referee can interrupt the competition for a given period of time or he can cancel it. In the case of preliminary heats, the competition shall start or continue once the ground condition is suitable for safe skating, provided that it ends within 24 hours of its interruption.
3. When the competition which was interrupted starts again, only the athletes who were competing at the moment of the interruption shall participate again. Competitors who withdrew or were disqualified continue to be excluded.
4. When the track or road is slippery it is up to the Referee to decide about the application of an anti-slippery coat on the whole course or part of it.

#### **Art. 5 - Direction of the race**

For track or closed road circuit competitions, competitors are placed so that their left hands are located facing the inside edge of the track or road. The direction of the race shall be counter clockwise, unless it is deemed unsafe by the referee to run the race in this direction.

#### **Art. 6 - Age limit**

Inline Speed events may be run in the following age groups with maximum distances as shown:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Maximum Distance (metres)</b>
Mini	5,000
Pupil	10,000
Cadet	15,000
Youth	30,000
Junior	Unlimited
Senior	Unlimited
Masters	Unlimited

Age groups are determined by the age of the skater at the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of the competition. They will be known as the following groups:

#### **YEAR OF BIRTH (FOR 2022 RACE SEASON)**

Mini	2013 to 2016
Pupil	2010, 2011, 2012
Cadet	2008, 2009
Youth	2006, 2007
Junior	2004 - 2005
Seniors	2003 or before
Masters	1992 or before*



\*Masters may be further subdivided into distinctive age categories should the numbers allow and it be deemed appropriate to do so at the discretion of the referee and Committee, as follows:

U40: Under 40 years of age (30 - 39 years old)

U50: Under 50 (40 - 49 years of age)

U60: Under 60 (50 - 59 Years of age)

U70: Under 70 (60 - 69 years of age)

O70: Over 70 (70 years of age or more)

A minor skater may enter his/her first event provided he/she has attained the age of 6 years on or before the date of the event concerned. Two consecutive age groups can run together in which case the maximum distance for the lower age group will apply. Any skater wishing to move into a higher age group may apply to do so only with consent of their parents. All applications of this nature must be put in writing to the FISS Secretary at least 30 days before the event takes place, and having moved into a higher age group, a skater is no longer eligible to compete in a lower age group in that year of membership.

No racer in a FISS sanctioned open/Novice event may exceed the maximum distance for his or her age group. The maximum distance for a Novice racer under 6 years old is 1600m/1 mile.

#### **Art. 7 - Official distances of the course**

Both for track and road courses, official distances are the following:

- (a) 100m
- (b) 200m
- (c) 300m
- (d) 500m
- (e) 800m
- (f) 1,000m
- (g) 1,500m
- (h) 2,000m
- (i) 3,000m
- (j) 5,000m
- (k) 8,000m
- (l) 10,000m
- (m) 15,000m
- (n) 20,000m
- (o) 30,000m
- (p) 50,000 metres

In road races, half marathon (21km), marathon (42km) and double marathon (84km) are to be included.

**Art. 8 - Official distances for British Championships and FISS awards 2021 only**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Indoor Championships</b>	<b>Outdoor Championships</b>	<b>Marathon Championships</b>
<b>Mini</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres Time Trial (TT)	Mini-Marathon (3,000 metres)
	200 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	500 Metres	1,000 metres	
		1,500 metres	
<b>Pupil</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres TT	Midi-Marathon 5,000/8,000 metres
	300 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,000 metres	1,000 metres	
	2,000 metres relay	2,000 metres points	
		3,000 metres relay	
<b>Cadet</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres TT	15,000 metres (15km)
	500 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,000 metres	1,000 metres	
	2,000 metres relay	3,000 metres points *(2,000 metres alternative)	
		3,000 metres elimination	
		3,000 metres relay	
<b>Youth</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres TT	Half Marathon 21km/30km
	500 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,500 metres	1,000 metres	
	3,000 metres relay	3,000 metres points	
		5,000 metres elimination	
		3,000 metres relay	
<b>Junior</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres Time Trial (TT)	Marathon (42km)
	500 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,500 metres	1,000 metres	
	3,000 metres relay	5,000 metres points *(3,000 metres alternative)	
		10,000 metres elimination *(5,000 metres & 3,000m alternative)	
		3,000 metres relay	

	<b>Indoor Championships</b>	<b>Outdoor Championships</b>	<b>Marathon Championships</b>
<b>Senior</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres Time Trial (TT)	Marathon (42km)
	500 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,500 metres	1,000 metres	
	3,000 metres relay	5,000 metres elimination *(3,000m alternatives)	
		10,000 metres elimination *(5,000 metres & 3,000m alternatives)	
		3,000 metres relay	
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<b>Masters</b>	1 Lap Dobbin Sprint	200 metres Time Trial (TT)	Marathon (42km)
	500 metres	500 metres	100 metres
	1,500 metres	1,000 metres	
	3,000 metres relay	5,000 metres *(3,000 metres alternative)	
		8,000 metres points *(5,000metres alternative)	
		3,000 metres relay	

Alternative distances named above to be used at the discretion of FISS and/or the Referee in instances where there are lone skaters/low numbers in accordance with Article 9.

Awards are also annually given by FISS and its members for the following:

- FISS will determine which male skater shall be awarded the **George Lord Memorial Trophy. (Most outstanding male skater)**
- FISS will determine which female skater shall be awarded the **Coggins Memorial Trophy. (Most improved female skater)**
- FISS will determine which male skater shall be awarded the **Aspley Struggles Cup. (Most improved male skater)**
- FISS will determine which female shall be awarded the **Gwen Wordsworth Trophy. (Most outstanding female skater)**
- FISS will determine which male/female skater shall be awarded the **M&T Eason Award** between the ages of 6 and 12 years who showed the most promise from the performances in that year's Championships.
- FISS will determine which male/female skater shall be awarded the **Pat & Leo Eason Trophy** for the most outstanding effort from their performances in that year's Championships.
- The FISS membership will determine by vote which skater, male or female, shall hold the award as being recognised as speed skater of the Year for the previous season. The winner shall hold the **Speed Skater of the Year Trophy.**

#### **Art. 9 - Alternative championship distances**

The longer distances will be raced, however, alternative shorter distances may be used as shown in Art. 8 under race distance for championship distances. This will be at the discretion of FISS once final entries have been placed due to the numbers of skaters competing in these events. FISS or the Referee may decrease the distance on the day of contest due to weather conditions or facility constraints.

#### **Art. 10 - Types of competitions**

- (a) Individual Dobbin Sprints
- (b) Individual Time Trial
- (c) Team Time Trial
- (d) Elimination races
- (e) Mass start races
- (f) Endurance races
- (g) Points races
- (h) Relay races
- (i) Stage races
- (j) Pursuit races
- (k) Elimination & points races
- (l) Knockouts (one-on-one)

##### **(a) Individual Dobbin Sprints.**

Races against time may take place either on a track or on the road. In such competitions there is a certain number of skaters who cover a circuit while their times are taken by means of a timekeeper. These trials will be skated individually according to the order decided by the draw of competitors by FISS prior to the distribution of the Official Race Programme

##### **(b) Individual Time Trial**

Races against time may take place either on a track or on the road. In such competitions there is a certain number of skaters who cover a circuit while their times are taken by means of a timekeeper. These trials will be skated individually according to the order by the draw of competitors by FISS prior to the distribution of the official programme.

##### **(c) Team Time Trials**

Team races against time may take place either on a track or on the road. Teams of three competitors who cover a circuit while their times are taken by means of a timekeeper run these races. Only one team skates and starts together on the track or on the road at one time. The time will be registered when the second skater crosses the finish line.

##### **(d) Elimination races**

Elimination races may take place on both the track and the road. This competition is carried out through direct elimination of one or more competitors on one or more fixed points of the course. The Referee communicates the rules of elimination before starting the competition. Four skaters will usually be left on to contest the finish. Where there are less than five competitors this shall be reduced to two.

In the case of heats, usually only two heats are skated. Whenever possible, the heats should have the same number of skaters and the heats will cover the official distance of the event. The draw will be done by FISS prior to the event. Entries on the day will be appointed heats by the Referee. The

elimination system will be determined by the number of skaters, in the heats as well as the final, keeping in mind the length of the track.

The heats will be planned in such a way that the number of athletes remaining after the last elimination will coincide with the number of skaters that will advance to the final.

One lap before each sprint, at the passing of the finish line by the lead skater, the bell will sound. Whenever possible, no elimination sprint should take place during the first lap, especially on small tracks. Whenever an athlete leaves the competition in which the heat or the final is taking place, be it because of a fall or fatigue, this retirement will count as the corresponding elimination or eliminations. Also, if during an elimination sprint an athlete violates any rule, the Referee may eliminate him in replacement for the skater who crossed the finish line last. The determination of who is the last athlete is based on the last point of the last skate to cross the finish line.

(e) **Mass start races.**

Such races can be carried out both on the track or on the road. In these races an unlimited number of competitors can participate at the same time. When the number of registered athletes is too high in relation of the size of the track or the road, preliminary heats may take place, followed by a final event. Eliminated athletes can be ranked according to the time registered by each one of them.

***Specifically for the 100 metres, 500 metres and the 1000 metres British Championships the following rules apply:***

***100m road race***

It is a race on a 100 m road straight, with the final being run between 2 or 3 skaters. The qualification table is built according to the width of the race course with heats of 2 or 3 skaters. The initial heats will be auto generated using the timing system.

During the first round, only best times qualify. The following rounds are built according to the best times of the winners. The other skaters are qualified according to the best times in the heats. The heats are done respecting the following protocol:

3 times	1/4 Final		1/2 Final	
Engaged	Heats	Qualified	Heats	Qualified
9 Skaters			3 x 3	3 winners in final
10 to 12	4 x 2 - 3	9 best times		
13 to 15	5 x 2 - 3			
16 to 18	6 x 2 - 3			
19 to 21	7 x 2 - 3			
22 to 24	8 x 2 - 3			
25 to 27	9 x 2 - 3			

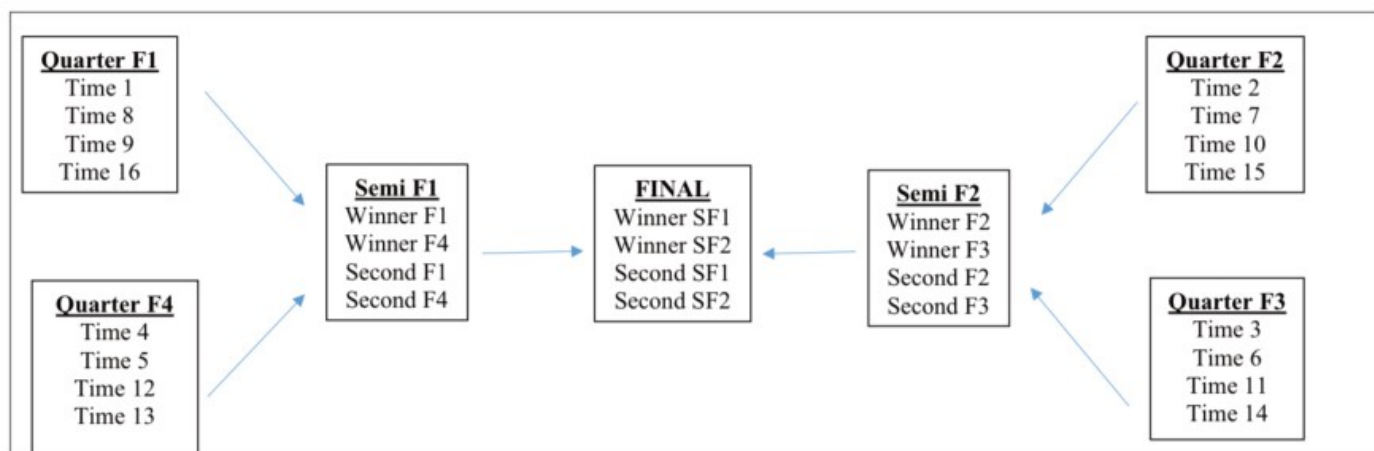
***500m or 500m+D (+distance)***

It is a sprint tournament. The initial heats will be auto generated using the timing system. In each qualification heat, only the winner and the second proceed to the following round; except in the first round where the 16 best times are qualified. The final is run by 4 skaters.

On a 200m per lap track, the distance of race is 2.5 laps (500m) plus the distance resulting to the middle of the straightaway, thus the start line will be in the middle of the straightway. On tracks of lap size other than 200m, a distance of 500m shall be raced with the start position determined by the referee.

Organisation:

The first round qualification of the best 16 times.



The quarter final, semi final and final are organised according to the following table:

<b>Starting line Ranking Quarter final</b>	<b>Heat 1</b>	<b>Heat 2</b>	<b>Heat 3</b>	<b>Heat 4</b>
<i>Called in first</i>	Best time	2	3	4
<i>Called in second</i>	8	7	6	5
<i>Called in third</i>	9	10	11	12
<i>Called in fourth</i>	16	15	14	13
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### 1000m sprint

It is a middle distance tournament with a maximum of three rounds. The initial heats will be auto-generated using the timing system. Only the winners of the heat progress to the next round. The other skaters are qualified according to the best times in the heats. The final is run by the winner of each semi final and the best runners up times, for a total of eight skaters.

Round composition and qualification table:

<b>Engage d</b>	<b>Quarter Final</b>				<b>Semi Final</b>			<b>Final</b>
	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Skaters Qualified</b>	<b>Heats</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Skaters Qualified</b>
8 skaters								
9 to 16					2 x 4-8	1	6	
17 to 24					3 x 5-8	1	5	
25 to 32	4 x 6-8	1	12	16	2 x 8	1	6	
33 to 40	5 x 6-8	1	11	16	2 x 8	1	6	

Heats are to be constructed according to the results of the precedent round using the same serpentine system.

<b>Starting line</b>	<b>Heat 1</b>	<b>Heat 2</b>	<b>Heat 3</b>
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<i>Called in first</i>	Winner Time1	WT2	WT3
<i>Called in second</i>	WT6	WT5	WT4
<i>Called in third</i>	WT7	WT8	Qualified Time 1
<i>Called in fourth</i>	QT4	QT3	QT2

### **Marathons**

This race is organised as a final without heats, preferably in open road with the required width and security. Companion vehicles are not allowed. The only authorised vehicles are one guide car, one car with enough capacity for the withdrawal skaters, in which there must be a Judge, and is located behind the last contestant, one or more ambulances and the number of motor-cycles required by FISS and the Judges for the best control of the race.

The skaters should use preferably the right side of the road. FISS will determine and communicate prior to the event the number of places where drinks will be supplied to the skaters, their location, and the system of distribution.

If the races are organised on closed circuits, the circuit must be at least 1.5 km in length. It is up to the Referee to decide whether a lapped skater can or cannot continue the race.

There must be adequate notification, announcing the proximity of the finish line (1km, 500 metres. and arrival).

#### **(f) Endurance races**

Such races may take place both on the track and on the road. For these races a time limit is fixed and athletes are ranked according to the order they achieved at the expiration of the time allowed, taking into account the course already covered.

#### **(g) Points races**

Point's races may take place on both the track and the road. This competition awards a score for each competitor after each fixed point of the course. At the completion of the distance a greater score will be awarded. The competitor totalling the highest number of points wins the race. The Referee will communicate to the athletes the point's rules before the start of the event. Points shall be awarded in all cases as 2 points to the first athlete to cross the line on a points scoring lap and 1 point to the second athlete to cross the line, except the finish which shall be 3-2-1 for the first three skaters.

If a skater does not finish the race, that athlete will lose the points earned for this race. If there is a tie in points among two or more skaters, their final positions will be decided by who was the first of them at the finish line in the last lap. This person shall be awarded the higher placing.

If in the opinion of Referee an athlete commits a fault on any point sprint, the Referee may change the order of the arrival and the assignment of points.

#### **(h) Relay races**

Such competition can take place both on track and on road. Teams comprised of two or more competitors, but not more than the specified maximum team size, who are to cover a fixed distance and can arrange relays in a given area run these races. According to the size of the track, FISS will determine whether heats will take place, and if so, they will indicate how many teams of each heat will go on to the final. FISS will determine the draw for heats, unless there are entries on the day when this will be done by the Referee.

The relay will be completed by pushing with both hands from the arriving skater on the hips of the

starting skater. Touch and pull relay is not permitted and it is sanctioned by the disqualification of the team

On outdoor tracks, the relay zone will be assigned on the straightaway that contains the finishing line and a waiting zone is also assigned for the relaying skaters. The relay zone may be extended further than the arrival line as far as the end of the straight line. On track, the relay zone starts in the middle of the corner prior to the finish straight and finishes at the end of the finish straight. The lines signalling the relay zone must be marked with a white line, two (2) centimetres in width. For indoor races the relay zone is between cones 4 and 1. The relay must start and be completed inside the relay zone, if not, the team is disqualified. In the case a relaying skater enters the relay zone but is not relayed by the team mate, the team is disqualified. During the last lap and up to the moment in which the last skater crosses the finish line, only the finishing skater per team is allowed to enter in the relay zone. The skater is considered as entered in the relay zone when the last part of his second skate has totally passed the first line signalling the beginning of the relay zone. The skater is considered as taken out of the relay zone when the first part of his first skate crosses the line signalling the end of the relay zone.

The Referee will advise how the athletes who are relayed should return and the path they must use, done in such a way that it does not interfere with development of the race. If an athlete commits a disqualifying act, the whole team is disqualified.

During relay races only Judges and athletes are allowed to stay on the course.

The competitors of a team should wear identical uniforms. In case the uniforms of two teams are sufficiently similar, the Referee can order the modification of one of them by draw.

**(i) Stage races**

Stage races can take place only on a regular road course. They are a combination of middle distance, long- distance, and against-time races, combined and arranged together according to specific regulations. The final ranking results from the total of the different times or points obtained by each competitor after covering the fixed distances, which are called "stages".

For each stage some bonus, such as point or time allowance, can be granted to the athlete or athletes according to their placements. This bonus must be included in the program.

If several athletes get the same time, the final ranking is to be made according to the best result attained for each stage.

The competition can take place on one day or on several consecutive days according to the number and length of the stages. Some rest days may be included.

**(j) Pursuit race**

This competition is carried out both on track and closed road circuits in the form of preliminary heats by two competitors or by two teams that start from two points equidistant from each other and that covers a fixed distance. When a competitor or team passes the opponent, the preliminary heat is over. Teams shall be composed of three or four athletes. As far as pursuit races by teams are concerned, the penultimate athlete is the one who establishes the ranking or the elimination.

**(k) Elimination + points races**

This competition is carried out through direct elimination of one or more competitors on a fixed point on the course. A single point score will be assigned to the leading competitor on the same lap. At the completion of the last lap a score of 3-2-1 will be awarded to the first three athletes. Points awards and eliminations will take place on the same lap. The skater who is eliminated will lose the points obtained up to that moment.

The Referee will communicate to the athletes the points rules before the start of the event. There will be 5 skaters left to contest the final lap unless the number of entries is less than 10, then there will only be 3 skaters left to contest the final lap. The competitor, still in the competition, totalling the highest number of points, wins the race. Where there is only one entry the skater will complete the distance without being awarded any points during the event.



If there is no elimination because of withdrawal or fall of one or more skaters points continue to be awarded.

**(l) Knockout (one-on-one)**

Knockout competitions are conducted by drawing pairs of competitors who will race each other over a specified distance. The winner of each race will progress into the next round until there are just two skaters left to compete in a final round.

In the event that an odd number of athletes are entered into the competition, at the first round stage some athletes may be given a “bye” into the next round in order that the final round will consist of just two skaters.

***General Note***

For all competitions (usually age group), with the exception of mini, midi, half or full marathon distances, where there is only one athlete, a series of time standards shall be set to determine if the athlete shall receive an award and what that award should be - i.e. gold, silver, bronze or no award at all. These time standards shall take into account the technicalities of the track or road and shall be determined by an appointed assessor. The assessor shall be appointed by the Referee on the day of competition.

**Art. 11 - The start**

1. For every competition, only starts without fixed supports on the surface are permitted. The starting signal is to be given either through the blowing of a whistle or other loud sound. The 1 Lap Dobbin Sprint is started with a pre- determined warm up distance.
2. In any competition, in the case of a false start, the Starter shall call back competitors to the starting line. Athletes resume their positions and the start is repeated.
3. If a competitor does not answer the starting Judge after being called twice, at one-minute interval from each other, he is eliminated. In Championship Events the competitors for the Dobbin Sprint will be given a pre- determined running order. If they are not available to start in their allocated position they will be automatically eliminated.

**Art. 12 - Starting conditions**

1. The starting signal is given when the athletes are standing behind the starting line at 50 centimetres from each other. In mass start events the initial starting positions are determined by the random draw of Lots. In the case of preliminary heats, these will be seeded by FISS and communicated to the athletes by the Referee.
2. For mass starts, the rows of competitors are to be approximately 50 centimetres from each other (except in the case of distances of 1000m or less where the athletes shall be a minimum of 1 metre apart). Athletes are to stand behind the starting line. The Starter gives the start through two signals. They first say the word "ATTENTION", then sounds the starting signal.
3. ***Time trial starting conditions:***
  - (a) The skater must have at least one skate on the racing surface within the 2 lines (50cm).
  - (b) During the initiation of the start the skate cannot leave the surface. The skate can roll but is not allowed to cut out of the back line. The oscillation of the skater's body is allowed.
  - (c) The Starter authorises the skater to go. The skater has 15 seconds to initiate the competition and if they do not do so, a false start will be declared and the skater will receive (1) warning.
  - (d) On the Referee's order the start may be repeated when the skater does not respect clause **b** of this article and moves his/her skate before the start. A false start will be declared and the skater will received (1) warning.

- (e) A yellow card will be shown to the skater for (1) warning. A red card will be shown for a second violation and the skater disqualified.
- (f) For team time trial the start will be with all the 3 athletes and the Starter will say the word "ATTENTION", then sounds the starting signal.
- (g) The photocell for the start of the race must be between 20 cm and 25 cm distance from the surface of the course.

***For 500m and 1000m.***

- (a) A line 50 cm back from the start line will be drawn and an area of around 1 metre for each skater will be marked out.
- (b) The skaters are called one by one to the starting line by the starting judge in order of ranking. The skater chooses a vacant place on the starting line, their choice is definitive.
- (c) If there are less than 6 skaters the first box near the inner edge is vacant.
- (d) When all the skaters have been called, the starter judge gives them the authorisation to take their place on the starting line by saying "IN POSITION". The skaters have up to five (5) seconds to take their spot at the start line:

- (i) Standing up

- (ii) His or her first skate must be in the box, not touching any line: front, laterals nor back line

- (iii) The second skate can be in or out of the box.

At the command "SET" the skaters assumes his position and must remain immobile, Then, under the decision of the starter, the starting signal is sounded.

- (e) If a skater has any problem after the first signal "SET", he or she has the right to signal this problem to the starter judge by lifting a hand. This possibility is allowed only one time for each skater. In this case, the starter stops the starting procedure and asks all the skaters to leave the starting zone and he then resumes the starting procedure.
- (f) On the Referee's order the start may be repeated when:
  - (i) if there is an involuntary obstruction between 2 or more skaters which provokes a fall;
  - (ii) a fault occurs at the start (heats, semi-finals and finals) that may influence the outcome of the race in the opinion of the starting judge or Chief Referee.

**Art. 13 - Restarting the race**

The start may only be repeated under the following circumstances and only by the Referee (except circumstances where the Starter may declare a false start):

- (a) In races against time, when an athlete falls down because of a mechanical defect or any other reason for which he/she is not responsible. If the starter judge notices a failure of the automatic timekeeping during the race, this skater will resume the start in last position or after a period of satisfactory rest is observed. Under no other circumstances will a restart be granted;
- (b) In mass starts, when the falling down of one athlete causes the falling of several others, within 100 metres from the starting line;
- (c) When an athlete starts before the signal is given, the start is cancelled and the athlete involved is penalised; after two violations, he is eliminated (for the first violation a yellow card will be shown and for the second violation and disqualification a red card will be shown).
- (d) When a serious fault occurs at the start of any 500 metre heat, semi-final or final that may influence the outcome of the race in the opinion of the Referee.

#### **Art. 14 - Neutralisation of the race**

When a small part of the race circuit becomes unsuitable as a consequence of a minor external problem, fall of a skater or a small group of skaters, or a minor injury to a skater, the Chief Referee can neutralise the race.

The neutralisation of the race is signalled to the skaters by:

1. The race Referee goes inside the race circuit and indicates by blowing a whistle that the skaters must slow down and keep their position in the pack. It is allowed for the skaters who are some distance from the leaders to join the lead pack.
2. The lapboard is not neutralised but in the case of elimination or points races the elimination and assignment of points are neutralised with the official announcer communicating 'no elimination or no points'.
3. The judges have to come onto the race circuit and protect the injured skater or signal the unstable area of the circuit.
4. The race restarts when the Chief Referee asks his judges to return to the inside of the race circuit.
5. In the case of neutralisation of the race being due to a fall of skater(s), the fallen skater(s) cannot continue the race when the race restarts.
6. No neutralisation is allowed in the last 1,000 metres of the race.
7. Neutralisation of the race cannot be longer than 2 minutes.
8. Only one neutralisation per race is allowed. If a second incident happens the race must be stopped (**Art. 15 -Stop the race**)

#### **Art. 15 - Stop the race**

The Chief Referee can stop the race in the following cases.

1. When the ground or weather conditions hinder the normal performance of a race. The Chief Referee can stop the race for a given period of time.
2. The fall of an important group of skaters.
3. A serious injury of one of the skaters which needs the intervention of first aid or the evacuation of at least one skater.

#### **Art. 16 - Resuming the race**

1. When the race is stopped for the reasons given in **Art. 15 (Stop the race)** it is the responsibility of the Chief Referee to decide, with the help of the organisers and his officials, whether the programme allows for the resumption of the race.
2. If a time trial race with ranking qualification by time is stopped, all the skaters registered or qualified (round or final) shall participate again.
3. If a long distance race is stopped in the first half of the race, and if the restart can be planned before 15 minutes after the stop, the race will restart with the same situation as the moment of the stop.
  - (a) only the skaters competing at the moment of the stop shall participate again
  - (b) with the number of laps remaining to run
  - (c) without any modification of the assignation of the points (points race) or elimination
  - (d) if a skater or group of skaters leads the race with an advance or breakaway this advantage is restored to the skater(s). The pack starts on the starting line

- (e) the number of points obtained in the first part of the race are conserved by the skaters.

#### **Art. 17 - Restarting the race**

1. If the race is stopped in the last half of the race, or if the race is stopped without the possibility to restart within 15 minutes, the race must be postponed and re-raced totally with all the skaters who took the initial start.
2. Disqualified skaters during the initial race cannot re-start.

#### **Art. 18 - Cancellation of a race**

The cancellation of a race is the responsibility of the Chief Referee with the agreement of the organisers.

#### **Art. 19 - Facilities, equipment and miscellaneous services**

The racecourse is to be provided with facilities, equipment and miscellaneous services according to the type of event.

##### **1. For closed circuit road or track competitions:**

- (a) loudspeakers;
- (b) A scoreboard indicating the number of laps to be still covered;
- (c) A bell or any other device indicating the last lap;
- (d) First-aid centre, duly equipped;
- (e) Refreshments for Officials;
- (f) A separate place to stand provided with table and chairs for Timekeepers and Finishing Judges;
- (g) Sufficient lighting equipment in the case of night events;
- (h) Electronic timing in the case of time-trial events;
- (i) Marker tubs (where required);
- (j) Whistle;
- (k) Official recorder sheets;
- (l) Stop watches (3 x minimum accurate to 1/100th second)

##### **2. For open road courses competitions:**

- (a) A canvas stripe reading "FINISH LINE" to be placed above the finishing line. If there are preceding finishing lines, it will be written on the ground;
- (b) A signal indicating the last 500 metres of the course;
- (c) Signals indicating possible obstacles and road signs for the competitors;
- (d) A refreshment stand (for competition exceeding 20 kilometres). It shall be placed approximately at the middle of the course;
- (e) Transportation means: (cars and motorbikes with drivers) provided with a special identification mark enabling the Referee to follow the competition;
- (f) Some cars for the transportation of injured athletes or of those who withdraw from the competition. Such vans shall include everything necessary for first-aid assistance, and an Official

who will write down all the athletes withdrawn, keeping account of their withdrawn order so as to prepare their final placement;

- (g) Safety devices such as hay bales to be installed in the points which the Referee may consider as dangerous;
- (h) Loudspeakers;
- (i) First-aid centre, duly equipped;
- (j) Refreshments for Officials;
- (k) A separate place to stand provided with table and chairs for Finishing Judges;
- (l) Sufficient lighting equipment in the case of night events;
- (m) Starting signal/equipment;
- (n) Failure to supply any of the equipment as listed which results in the cancellation of an event will render the organising club to disciplinary measures, as decided by FISS, which may include a fine up to a maximum of €.

#### **Art. 20 - Finish line in the different types of competition**

1. In mass start (elimination, point, relay and so on), preliminary heats, team time trial and races against time, the ranking position of the athletes is determined according to the time at which his/her front tip of the skate crosses the finishing line. At the finishing line, the leading skate must be in contact with the track or road surface. If the first skate is not in contact with the ground then the front tip of his/her second skate decides the placement.
2. In the elimination race, the elimination will be established on the last part of the last skate crossing the finishing line.
3. In endurance races, the finish line is represented by the exact point where the athlete is at the expiration of the fixed time.
4. If used the photocell for the finish of the race must be maximum 10 cm high from the surface of the course.

#### **Art. 21 - Placement of lapped athletes**

In mass start races on track or on closed road courses, the athletes who have been lapped or who are about to be lapped, and who may hinder the competition, may be eliminated. Athletes who have been lapped and eliminated or withdrawn will be placed in the order opposite to their elimination.

All (remaining) athletes must cover the distance of the competition, except in the case of races on closed road circuits greater than 500m where the maximum time limit allocated to run the race has been exceeded. The bell, signifying the final lap, rings only for the first athlete.

#### **Art. 22 - Ex-aequo placement in mass start competitions**

In mass start competitions, when a group of athletes crosses the finish line all together, and thus it is not possible to determine their exact finishing order, all of these athletes involved will be awarded the same placement position and will be listed in alphabetical order.

#### **Art. 23 - Tiebreak trial and races against time**

In order to determine the first-placed skater in races against time, when two or more athletes obtain the same time, the trial shall be repeated in order to establish the placement order.

The time obtained by each competitor in individual competitions must be immediately communicated after arriving at the finish.

#### **Art. 24 - Order at the finish line**

1. The athlete leading the race on the last straightaway of the course shall not obstruct the runner-up and must continue in a straight path. Athletes violating this rule will be reduced in rank and placed after the skater obstructed.
2. At the end of each competition, the Referee shall verbally communicate the official order at the finish line. Any protests against the order at the finish line may be allowed. Any protest against the order at the finish shall be submitted in writing to the Referee within 15 minutes from the official announcement of the order at the finish line, along with the corresponding fee of £20.00. In British Championship events a further appeal with a further appeal fee of £20.00 to FISS may be made on the Referee's decision. The decision of FISS will be final. The presentation ceremony will be held only after the official announcement of the order at the finish line.

#### **Art. 25 - Maximum time in road competitions**

Maximum time in road competitions is determined by the available time allocated to run the event or individual race. Therefore, if the allocated track time available for the event or individual race is three hours, then competitors will have a three hour time limit in which to complete the distance. Skaters shall be given the opportunity to complete the distance wherever possible.

#### **Art. 26 - Competition uniform**

1. Competitors are to wear uniforms depicting Club colours and to a design agreed by FISS. Independent competitors racing on day license may race in colours not being used by any other competitor on that day. Those who are not properly equipped may be excluded from the competition at the discretion of the referee.
2. The competition uniform is the following:
  - (a) all skaters of the same Club in the same event must wear the same uniform with long or short sleeves, with the registered Club colours
  - (b) Integral hard headgear, without protuberances.
  - (c) wrist guards (strongly recommended for under 13 years of age)
3. Sponsorship advertisements are free. Nevertheless those advertisements must never hinder the easy identification of the official colours of the Club. Athletes must wear their official uniforms during the award presentations. There will be no wearing of hats or caps, and in the case of tracksuits only those showing official Club colours shall be worn. Deviations from this shall only be at the discretion of the Referee.

#### **Art. 27 - Skates**

1. Skates with two pairs of wheels fastened parallel to each other or skates having a maximum of six wheels fastened in line are permitted. The skate must not exceed 50cm. in length. Skates must be firmly attached to the boot and axles are not to protrude from the wheels or frames. Brakes are forbidden. Clap skates are allowed without propulsive gear. Frames must contain a complete set of wheels on departure from the start in a race.
2. **Wheel size**
  - (a) For mini and pupil age groups, wheel size must not exceed **90mm**. For the cadet age group the wheel size must not exceed **100mm**.
  - (b) For youth, juniors, seniors and masters the wheel size must not exceed **110mm**. **For Junior, Senior and Masters age groups** in the **marathon distance** where the maximum wheel size of **125mm** is permitted.

#### **Art. 28 - Race numbers**

Athletes are identified by means of two numbers. They are applied to the hip facing the Finishing Judges and on the back (unless instructed by the Chief Referee). If a third number is supplied, it is placed on the opposing hip. Numbers are to be clearly visible. Each skater is responsible for the number allocated to them in any one racing season. In the event of lost numbers, additional numbers can be purchased from FISS at a cost of £10.00 per set. In the event of forgotten numbers, a different set of numbers may be borrowed for a returnable fee of £10.00.

#### **Art. 29 - Doping**

Concerning the anti-doping control, World Skate Medical Regulations will be observed.

#### **Art. 30 - General rules**

1. Competitors are strictly forbidden to accept any sort of physical help.
2. Two way communication devices or headsets of any kind may not be used between athletes or athletes and coaches in any open competitions.
3. Competitors are to reach the finish line along the shortest imaginary line, without loops or lateral deviations.
4. In no case, shall the passing of other athletes cause difficulty to other competitors.
5. In no case can athletes push other competitors or cut in front of them. It is also forbidden to let oneself be taken in tow, to push, obstruct or help any competitor.
6. In road or track closed circuit competitions, athletes who are lapped shall not obstruct or help another competitor.
7. Athletes are not allowed to touch with their skate the ground outside the lines determining the course, or skate inside of, intentionally touch, knock down or straddle a corner marker. Straddling a corner marker is defined as occurring when a skater has one skate on the floor outside of the corner marker and one or more wheels of the other skate touching the floor inside of the corner marker.
8. Athletes can repair a damaged skate, being careful not to obstruct the race. They can only receive from a third party the new skate or tools to repair them.
9. In the case of a fall, competitors who are still able to continue the race must stand up without any help from a third party. Otherwise, they shall be excluded from that competition.
10. Athletes violating the above mentioned rules might be excluded from that competition.
11. All the athletes must take part in races fairly.
12. In mass start races on open circuit roads, athletes must comply also with the above-mentioned rules, always keep to their right and in no case can they overcome the centre of the road. Furthermore, athletes must strictly observe instructions given by the organiser.
13. Athletes who withdraw from the race should go to the finishing line and inform a Finishing Judge, so that they will be ranked according to their position.
14. In events where transponders are issued they must be worn around the ankle. Any athlete entering the race without their transponder will be disqualified from that event.

**PART “B” - BASIC REGULATIONS**  
**(General Rules as references in the FISS Articles of Association)**

**Art. 1 - Constitution**

The Federation of In-Line Speed Skating (FISS) is a technical body of the British Roller Sports Federation (BRSF). The FISS Head Office is located at the residence of the current Secretary.

**Art. 2 - Tasks**

FISS are committed to the Memorandum of Association which is in addition to (and in some cases includes) the following tasks:

1. To organise, develop, encourage and promote roller speed-skating activities throughout the UK and prepare and administer the relative regulations;
2. To establish and maintain close relationships with other National Federations and organisations affiliated with World Skate and World Skate Europe;
3. To make sure that it's members and all the affiliated Clubs and their members comply with FISS Regulations which include the FISS Child Protection and Procedures Handbook;
4. To amend FISS Regulations whenever necessary;
5. To make sure that all Club and national competitions have FISS approval when FISS Regulations demand it;
6. To make sure that the behaviour of competitors, accompanying people and skaters comply with the rules established by FISS;
7. To make sure that any doping control takes place according to FIRS Medical Regulations;
8. To decide on the second appeal on the protests submitted by the affiliated Clubs and rejected by the Referee, (Judge of the first appeal) in all British Championships;
9. To disqualify, by establishing the period of time, the athletes who resulted positive on any anti-doping control in accordance to World Skate Medical Regulations.

**Art. 3 - Duties of FISS Committee Members**

1. The Chairman presides over the Annual General Meeting and FISS Committee meetings and is responsible for any administrative and financial matter regarding the Committee. He/she has the casting vote and represents FISS in every official circumstance.
2. The Vice Chairman assists him and when necessary takes his place, if invited to do so. He is responsible for the measures to be taken according to the World Skate Medical Regulations.
3. The other members carry out individual functions assigned to them during the first FISS meeting after the AGM, and are the following:
  - (a) To assist the Chairman in any sport matter, especially in the organisation of British Championships
  - (b) To assist the Chairman in any administrative matter and in the improvement of the Regulations according to the needs coming from development. Among these, public relations for the British Championships, liaison with the press (press conferences) and the television
  - (c) The FISS Chairman shall take care of and co-ordinate matters concerning international Referees and Judges.

**Art. 4 - The Secretary and Finance Officer of the Committee**



The Chairman appoints a Secretary and a Finance Officer who shall be confirmed by FISS. The Secretary tasks include all secretarial work and the drawing up of the minutes of the meetings. The Finance Officer looks after the financial matters of the committee, for which he/she also works as a treasurer.

#### **Art. 5 - The Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting takes place according to paragraph 8, General Meetings of Articles of Association of the Federation of In-line Speed Skating Limited. The agenda shall include the following items:

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Appointment of scrutinisers
3. Reading of the previous AGM minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Financial Report
6. Approval of the Financial Report
7. Elections, when necessary or required
8. Proposals to FISS to change Sport Regulations
9. Details of major international competitions and domestic events for the following year
10. Any other business.

#### **Art. 6 - Dismissals**

FISS Committee members who are absent for three consecutive times at the meetings, without any valid justification, or hindering the Committee with their negligent or inadequate behaviour, will be invited to resign before the end of their office.

#### **Art. 7 - Nationality and age requirements**

1. There are no nationalities restrictions on athletes wishing to take part in FISS sanctioned domestic Club events, including British Championships, as long as they are affiliated to a recognised Club by a recognised national federation or are recognised FISS members. Athletes taking part in British Championships and competing for an affiliated Club must prove that they have a UK passport or proof that they have resided in the UK for a period of no less than 2 years at the time of the start of the competition. Non-British athletes will be invited to compete in British Championships but will not be eligible for any of the awards regardless of their final placement in any particular event.
2. In instances where three eligible skaters do not progress to the final, any remaining British Championship positions will be determined by a race off between the remaining eligible skaters - table of examples to follow.
3. The minimum age to compete in a FISS sanctioned event is 6 years at the time of or prior to the event. All limits of age established in these rules are to be considered at January 1st of the concerned year. Presenting a copy of a passport or official document to FISS proves age and nationality;
4. FISS does not require a laboratory gender verification documentation. However, in conformity with IOC guidelines, FISS is entitled to conduct some tests on specific occasions. This would mean laboratory tests could be done if there is a suspicion than an athlete is competing in the wrong category.

#### **Art. 8 - Revenue and expenditures**

1. FISS revenues consist of:
  - (a) Fees from individual membership;

- (b) Fees from affiliated Clubs membership;
- (c) Permit fees from domestic events
- (d) Fees for refused appeals;
- (e) Sponsorships;
- (f) Fees from entries to FISS organised events.

2. FISS expenditures are:

- (a) Common administrative expenditure;
- (b) Insurance premiums;
- (c) BRSF, Wolrd Skate Europe and World Skate affiliation fees
- (d) Costs for FISS organised events

3. Every financial transaction is registered on separate accounts. The accounts are administered in accordance with paragraph 16 of the Articles of Association of the Federation of In-line Speed skating.

**Art. 9 - Complaints**

1. Any Member may refer a complaint to the Secretary of the FISS at any time.
2. The complaint shall be in writing and shall specify
  - (a) The person(s) against whom the complaint is made and
  - (b) The grounds of the complaint
3. If the Chairman of FISS is of the opinion that the written complaint does not sufficiently specify the matters referred to in (2) above, he shall request the complainant to give particulars in writing and if such particulars are not supplied within a reasonable time, he must refer the complaint to the FISS Committee who shall decide whether to dismiss or further consider the complaint.
4. Upon receipt of a written complaint and the further particulars thereof (if any), the Chairman shall refer the matter to the FISS Committee at its next meeting.
5. Unless the FISS Committee is satisfied that the complaint does not raise any matter involving a breach of the Constitution or of the Rules or any other matter fairly deserving of investigation the FISS Committee shall appoint a Complaints Committee consisting of not less than 3 and not more than 5 Members to consider the Complaint.
6. No Member having any particular interest in the subject matter of the complaint shall be eligible to serve on the Complaints Committee, but the eligibility of any member to serve is in the absolute discretion of the FISS Committee.
7. Following the appointment of a Complaints Committee, the Chairman shall notify by writing to each persons against whom the complaint is, the grounds of the complaint against him/her, sending a copy of each such notification to the complainant.
8. The hearing or (as the case may be) first hearing of the complaint shall take place not less than three weeks following the date on which the last notification referred to in **Clause 7** above was posted.
9. The Chairman will not send to any of the persons against whom complaint is made the complainant's letter of complaint or further particulars or any copy thereof. Provided that, in exceptional circumstances, the Chairman may, in his absolute discretion, decide to disclose the said documents to the person or persons against whom complaint is made, if it appears to him that the said person or persons cannot fairly be expected to meet the allegations made against them without seeing the said documents.

10. Where in accordance with the proviso to **Point (a)** above, the person or persons against whom the complaint is made, has received a copy of any of the said documents he/she (or they) shall keep the contents thereof confidential. It is to be used for the purposes of the hearing of the complaint for any appeal and for no other purpose whatsoever. All copies returned thereof to the Chairman following the conclusion of the hearing or appeal. Provided that, this paragraph, shall not prevent any person(s) from disclosing such documents to his/her solicitors or Counsel for the purpose only of receiving advice, relating to the complaint.
11. If at any time it appears to the FISS Committee that the Chairman has any particular interest in the subject matter of a complaint, it shall appoint another person to act in his place for the purpose of such complaint.
12. On the hearing of the complaint, the Complaints Committee shall hear the complainant and the persons against whom the complaint's made and any other persons whom any party wishes the Complaints Committee to hear as witnesses.
13. On the hearing of the complaint, no party will be entitled to raise any matter which in the opinion of the Complaints Committee is not fairly related to the grounds of the complaint as set out in the Chairman's written notification referred to in **Clause 7** above.
14. Following the conclusion of the hearing the Complaints Committee shall notify by writing each party of its decision and of any disciplinary action, it may have decided to take. The Complaints Committee shall report its findings to the FISS Committee.
15. Within three weeks following the receipt of the notification referred to in **Clause 14** above, any party may by writing to the Secretary indicate his intention to appeal to the FISS Committee. The Chairman shall report the matter to the FISS Committee at its next meeting and require the Complaints Committee to make a full report of its findings and decision in writing to the FISS Committee.
16. Each party to the complaint shall be entitled to receive a copy of the report of the Complaints Committee and heard on the appeal, but otherwise the conduct of the appeal shall be in the entire discretion of the FISS Committee.
17. In the opinion of the other Members of the FISS Committee present and voting, no Member of the FISS Committee, who has any particular interest in the subject matter of the complaint/appeal shall be entitled to be present as a member of the FISS Committee. This includes the hearing of appeal or on the Chairman's reference of a complaint to the FISS Committee under **Clause 4** or **Clause 5** above.
18. No party to a complaint or appeal will be allowed to be legally represented on the hearing of the complaint or appeal unless the Complaints Committee or, in the case of an appeal, the FISS Committee, in its entire discretion decided to allow legal representation, all parties shall be allowed it.

#### **Art. 10 - Agreements with other bodies and film, radio and television events**

1. FISS shall have power on behalf of its members to enter into agreements with the Governing Bodies of other sports with reference to Competitions.
2. FISS may enter into agreements to accept sponsorship from any source.
3. FISS may enter into agreement to assign the Film, Radio or Television rights of any of its events or participation by skaters, subject to such conditions that may be thought fit.
4. Any approach to Film, Radio, Television or other Media Authorities for coverage of any event held under the jurisdiction of FISS must be approved by FISS who will normally acquire all resultant fees and rights. No sponsor or sponsor's agent shall make contact or negotiate fees on behalf of FISS with the above-mentioned media unless specifically requested to do so by FISS.
5. The provisions of permits for competitions do not include the film, radio, television or other media rights.

#### **Art. 11 - Club affiliation**

1. All affiliated Club Secretaries shall forward within one month after the beginning of the new season, a list of its members, along with the names and addresses of its members wishing to be recognised as Race Officials for that year.
2. Each affiliated Club must identify the following officers as a minimum requirement:
  - (a) Chairman;
  - (b) Secretary;
  - (c) Treasurer;
  - (d) Child Protection Officer.

The Club Secretary must be a member of FISS. Any one person can be responsible for each, some or all of the above positions.

3. When registering the Club Child Protection Officer with FISS the Club Secretary must submit an original authentic Person Record document obtained from the National Identification Service via a local constabulary. Once verified by FISS Head Office, this original document shall be returned to the person named on the Person Record.
4. The Club Child Protection Officer will follow the guidelines as identified in the supplement “FISS Child Protection and Practices Handbook”. When an updated Child Protection Policy becomes available from the BRSF, this will immediately supersede the “FISS Child Protection and Practices Handbook” and the Club Child Protection Officer must then immediately follow the new policy.

#### **Art. 12 - Other business**

1. All FISS correspondence and copies of administrative documents or any other document shall be kept by the Secretary. Such documents shall be given to his/her successor.
2. Matters, which are not included in these regulations will be settled by FISS, whose decisions shall be ratified during the following Annual General Meeting.

## PART “C” - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### Chapter A - Competitions in general

#### Art. 1 - Eligibility to organise events

Only FISS and Clubs associated with FISS can organise official competitions. No Club, which in some way is part of the FISS structure, may participate as a Club in any privately organised domestic or international event, or in any event organised by groups not belonging to FISS, World Skate Europe or World Skate..

#### Art. 2 - Eligibility to compete

Open events are those which may be entered by an amateur who is either:

- (a) A member of an affiliated Club and a member of a recognised National Federation;
- (b) A direct member of the Federation (unless *Art. 9 Clause 1* applies)

#### Art. 3 - Single club events

Any Club event, in which only members of that Club can participate, does not need FISS approval.

#### Art. 4 - Race permits for open competitions (see also Art.12)

1. A Race Permit shall be necessary for all open speed skating events except those held by the Federation
2. Where a Race Permit is granted, a Federation appointed Referee should be in control of the meeting. He/she shall have control of and the right to alter any appointed officials at the meeting.
3. All applications must be made in writing to the FISS Secretary. A permit fee of £1.25 per entrant will be deducted from the entry fees paid to FISS before the remainder of the entry fees is forwarded to the club hosting the event.
4. All applications for Race Permits shall be made so as to reach the Secretary of the FISS Committee at least 21 days prior to the event. Full particulars of the event must be given which must include
  - (a) Place, opening date and duration;
  - (b) Whether the tracks are indoor or outdoor, condition of the track (material and dimensions), facility capacity;
  - (c) Entry fee for participant;
  - (d) Possibility of training on the track;
  - (e) Number of Clubs invited;
  - (f) Any prize money to be awarded;
  - (g) Specification of First Aid facilities;
  - (h) List of awards.
5. All Race Permits shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the FISS, who shall report to the Committee from time to time particulars of permits granted and refused.
6. For all events for which a Race Permit has been granted a copy of the programme with the results and times marked thereon must be forwarded by the promoting body within 7 days to the Records Officer of the FISS Committee.

7. The organiser shall be responsible for ensuring that the Race Permit is displayed at the place of the event on all days when the Race Permit applies, and that a statement appears in all advertisements, entry forms, programmes and other media that the competition is held under FISS regulations
8. Representatives of FISS must be given free admission to the event

#### **Art. 5 - Travelling abroad with unaccompanied minors**

1. Clubs taking minors (under 18 years old), not accompanied by a parent/legal guardian, to race abroad must inform the FISS Secretary a minimum of 7 days before travelling, including the dates and venue of the race meeting, and include one copy each of the FISS Parent/Guardian Permission to travel abroad form and the FISS Medical Details form.
2. The main copies of these documents should be carried by the person consenting to act as guardian as defined by the Parental/Guardian Permission to travel abroad form at all times from the time when they take responsibility of the minor until they hand them back to their parent/guardian.

#### **Art. 6 - Insurance**

FISS annually insures itself and its members against public liability and third party claims up to 5 million pounds for events sanctioned by FISS and held within the British Isles.

Public liability covers legal liability for accidental bodily injury to any third party (including fatal accident) and accidental loss or damage to third party's property (not in your custody or control).

Members are liable for any acts of negligence. The policy provides an indemnity for any officer or member of the insured club in their respective capacities as such as though each such party was individually named as the insured.

For international open events and competitions (including major International Championships) of any kind every member, individual or Club, are advised to ensure that they have travel insurance and personal medical insurance cover to include third party and accidents whilst skating. In the event of FISS Members being selected for a international competition or Championship, and travelling by road as an Official FISS party, the driver, or drivers if more than one, must be willing to undergo, if requested, an examination by the FISS Honorary Medical Advisor to indicate whether they are fit and capable of undertaking such duties.

Where FISS Members participate in an event held abroad, notification must be given to the FISS Secretary, either by the individual, their parents or guardians, or by the Club, for the purposes of insurance.

#### **Art. 7 - Entries to open competitions**

All open competitions held or sanctioned by FISS shall comply with the following:

- (a) Entries shall close not later than 14 days before an event and no entry received after the closing date shall be considered with the exception of on the day entries to non-Championship events. (Exceptions to this regulation may be made at the discretion of the FISS Committee).
- (b) No entry shall be made or accepted unless the FISS official entry process has been fully completed.
- (c) No entry, unless accompanied by the entrance fee, shall be tendered or accepted
- (d) Every entry to be made in the real name of the competitor. Pseudonyms are not permitted.
- (e) The promoting body shall have the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.
- (f) For team events, entry forms shall be signed by the Hon. Secretary of the Club or his/her duly appointed deputy.
- (g) All entry details to be sent directly to the organising club within a timely manner from when the entries closed. In the case of National Championships, all entries should be sent to FISS race secretary before the closing date.

- (h) A member of the FISS Committee will ensure that all entry details are made available to the Referee on the day of the competition.
- (i) Entries accepted on the day must be from athletes registered with a national federation and will incur an administration fee of £10.00 in addition to the standard fee(s) for the event - except for new members who have registered with FISS after the closing date for race entries.
- (j) A skater may skate for only one Club in any one season, unless permission to change clubs is granted by the FISS Committee. A letter from both Club Secretaries must be sent to the FISS Committee requesting and agreeing to the change, but this will not guarantee permission being granted. This will be at the discretion of the FISS committee.
- (k) Applications for new FISS membership will not be processed on the day of an event but may be submitted to the Membership Secretary in sealed envelopes for processing after the event. If a non-member of FISS wishes to take part in an event, they may apply at registration on the day of the event for a day-licence to participate.

#### **Art. 8 - Unattached competitors**

1. Should a competitor be in his/her first season of open racing and not wish to be a member of an affiliated Club, he/she may, for the remainder of that season, race in neutral colours or race in colours approved by the Referee of the day, as an unattached competitor but must become a direct member of FISS.
2. Under exceptional circumstances skaters may be allowed to race unattached in subsequent seasons. Skaters should apply to FISS in the first instance, stating the reasons why they need to skate unattached. Rules for skin suits/informing FISS still apply. The member should apply to FISS each year upon renewing membership.

#### **Art. 9 - Competitors who are not FISS members**

1. Only skaters who are members of recognised national federations may compete in FISS sanctioned events. In the period where the skater is not a FISS member, he/she must have, and show upon request, written permission from a recognised national federation before he/she is permitted to compete.
2. Skaters registered with national federations other than FISS may compete in Club or FISS open competitions a maximum number of 3 times in any one season without becoming a member of FISS, but must adhere to the entry regulations of that event regarding entry fees. If they wish to compete more than this a day-licence must be obtained for each event. Alternatively, the skater can join FISS under the current rules of membership (see **Art. 16**). All entry fees are to be paid to FISS or the Club holding the event.

#### **Art. 10 - Post event club requirements**

Clubs holding events shall send to FISS:

- (a) The list of results

#### **Art. 11 - Competitions - general**

Races on road or track can be organised by all the different affiliated Clubs for all the recognised FISS categories.

#### **Art. 12 - Event date applications**

All domestic competitions must be authorised by FISS. Clubs must submit their requests for an event to FISS at least 30 days prior to the beginning date. Approved events already on the calendar will have priority.

#### **Art. 13 - Communication of event details**

Details of participating Officials for each competition must be expressly communicated to FISS by the organiser no later than 14 days before the start of the event.

#### **Art. 14 - Race programmes**

1. Clubs must have their race programmes approved by FISS before sending notification of the events out to other affiliated Clubs.
2. A minimum of 15 minutes should be set aside for officials' breaks in each hour of racing events, i.e. if there is two hours racing, a minimum break of 30 minutes should be allowed.
3. Each Club shall be responsible for the provision of first aid helpers/a medical facility on the day of the event or request FISS to supply this service, with a fee for supplies and service.
4. Passes should be issued where necessary, by the organising Club or FISS in the case of FISS organised events to all Club Secretaries in respect of their members competing in the event concerned.
5. All programmes for International events in the UK shall be agreed by the FISS.

#### **Art. 15 - Event postponements and cancellations**

Should it be necessary to postpone a competition, the organiser shall promptly notify the new date to each Club Secretary. FISS must also be informed. Entries that have been already submitted remain valid unless otherwise notified. In the case of a cancellation FISS may fine a club at its discretion up to a maximum of £20.00 if within 14 days of the event.

#### **Art. 16 - Membership and registration**

FISS membership is open to any person of any nationality or ethnicity, regardless of religion, age or gender. Any British subject / citizen (with the exception of dual nationals) who is a member of FISS and another recognised National Federation other than FISS, must first recognise FISS rules and regulations before any other rules and regulations pertaining to that other National Federation, for the period until their FISS membership expires. Failure to do so will render that person liable to disciplinary measures being taken in accordance with these FISS rules and regulations.

Registration shall close at 30 minutes before the start of the first event. Late registrations shall only be considered as acceptable by the Referee.

Membership covers the period 1st January to 31st December inclusive and fees must be paid before skaters or officials can take part in FISS sanctioned events. All Judges must be members of FISS. No person will be allowed to take part in any open event unless he/she has paid his or her subscription fees. Members will be informed by post or e-mail one month before fees are due, payment and amount of fees will be acknowledged under the current rules of membership regarding fee payment.

#### **Art. 17 - Handicapping**

1. No person other than the recognised FISS appointed handicapper shall at any time alter any handicap mark or allowance allotted by the handicapper, unless such alteration is required to correct a clerical or print error.
2. No person shall be entitled to compete in any heat other than that in which his/her name is printed on the programme, unless authorised by the Referee where appointed.
3. On tracks measuring 150 metres or over for each lap the system of handicapping by time is permitted. This requires that each competitor skates the full distance of the event but is started from the start line a given number of seconds or minutes before the scratch person.

#### **Art. 18 - Sponsorship**

1. A competitor may wear the name of a sponsor on his/her race uniform. The design or logo must be approved and registered with FISS.



2. A competitor may wear clothing showing a sponsor's name in any open events
3. No sponsor can advertise at British Championship events without the express permission of FISS. Applications must be made to FISS in writing prior to the event. Upon granting permission FISS may apply an appropriate fee which must be received before any sponsor material can be displayed. Verbal agreements must be confirmed in writing before any action is taken.

#### **Art. 19 - Prizes**

1. A prize awarded to a successful competitor shall be deemed and taken to be so awarded, subject that such competitor is being eligible to compete and to the statements in his/her entry form being strictly accurate. Should it be subsequently shown that he/she was not eligible to compete or that any of the statements in his/her entry form were inaccurate, the competitor who received a prize to which he/she was not entitled shall be required to return it forthwith.
2. FISS shall have power to provide prizes for such of the competitions as are held by them but no Federation die medals shall be given by them except for British Championship events.

#### **Art. 20 - Liabilities**

Neither FISS or FISS Sub-Committees shall be liable for accidents or damage however caused to all members, affiliated clubs and their members, competitors, candidates for tests or officials appointed by FISS or FISS Sub-Committees, arising out of or in connection with the activities of FISS on outdoor or indoor surfaces.

### **Chapter B - British and International Championships**

#### **Art. 21 - Frequency of competition**

British Championships will be organised only once a year. The winners of each competition are the official holders of the title until the following competition of the same kind.

#### **Art. 22 - Entries - general**

Championships held by FISS must be in accordance with these regulations. The Committee is entitled to refuse any entry without a reason assigned, or to limit the entry.

#### **Art. 23 - Eligibility to compete**

1. British Championships are open to all members of FISS who have paid their membership fees, who are British nationals (or have resided in Great Britain for a period of 2 years or more at the time of the competition) and have given confirmation of their participation according to the terms established by FISS.
2. Non British nationals are invited to take part in British Championship events according to their age group, and providing that they are members of a recognised National Federation and affiliated to a recognised Club, (and can produce a race permit from their National Federation upon request), or have declared themselves to be skating "unattached" (**Part C - Art. 8**). However, their placing will not be recognised in determining the National Champion.
3. The FISS Chairman appoints in writing at least thirty (30) days before the beginning of a Championship the Officials for that event.
4. The British Championships will be held each year on either track or road.
5. The age of a skater will be determined by their age on the 31st of December of the same year. Skaters wishing to compete in a higher age group shall make their request in writing no later than 30 days before the start of the competition. A skater having participated in a higher age group Championship shall not participate in any lower age group Championship from that day forward (with the exception of the Veteran category).

6. Those wishing to compete in the British Championships and who are eligible for Veteran and Senior events are not restricted to which category they choose but may not compete in both British Championship categories in any one year.

#### **Art. 24 - Equipment for ascertaining British Records**

Where feasible FISS must put at disposal all necessary equipment for the verification of British records

#### **Art. 25 - Delegation of British Championship organisation**

FISS can delegate one of its affiliated Clubs to organise the Championships. Nonetheless, FISS will still be completely responsible, without exceptions, should any unexpected incidents arise. The organising Club is always responsible towards FISS.

#### **Art. 26 - Suspended athletes**

Athletes who are suspended or disqualified by FISS cannot take part in any British Championship events.

#### **Art. 27 - Elimination of events**

The course lengths valid for the British Championships are established in **Part A** of the FISS Regulations. Should the need arise to reduce the number of races during the Championships, as a result of circumstances beyond control, FISS Committee Members are then to decide which races to eliminate.

#### **Art. 28 - Anti-doping**

Where anti-doping control is used, FISS will provide and pay for the use. A minimum of all winners and preferably one random athlete from each event will be tested.

#### **Art. 29 - Overall British Champions**

1. For Overall British Champion for the Outdoor and Indoor Championships the rankings per athlete are calculated by adding the points obtained in each individual race at the event. Athletes placed first in each race will receive **10 points**; athletes placed second will receive **8 points**; athletes placed third will receive **6 points**. Non-British nationals do not receive any score. For athletes on equal points the overall champion will be the athlete with the greater number of 1st place finishes. Where necessary 2nd and 3rd place finishes will be taken into account.
2. For Absolute British Champions, the rankings per athlete are calculated by adding together the points obtained in each individual race at the Outdoor, Indoor and Marathon Championships as per the points system detailed in clause (1) above.

#### **Art. 30 - British Championship awards - general**

1. The winner of each Championship competition is named Champion of that speciality and holds the title until the following Championship.
2. The first, second and third place winners of each Championship competition receive gold, silver and bronze medals, supplied by FISS.

#### **Art. 31 - Trophies**

1. The winner (or winners) of any Championship or competition to which a challenge trophy is attached shall be entitled on his/her (their) giving security for the return of the same in such a manner, except where **Art. 31 Clause 2** applies. Also to such amount as may be required by FISS, to hold possession of the challenge trophy so long as he/she/they retain(s) the title, or until requested for its return, but no challenge trophy may be won outright, nor may any trophy be taken out of the United Kingdom.
2. Any person failing to return a trophy in the allotted time or in a clean and presentable condition (determined by the Trophy Officer) shall be liable to pay the costs associated with either the repair or replacement of the trophy, whichever is applicable. In instances where this occurs FISS reserves the right to retain any future trophies earned by the individual in question if it is deemed that there is a high risk of a repeat offence/occurrence.

3. For certain trophies of high value, FISS reserves the right to retain the trophy for insurance purposes. These trophies shall be communicated before the start of the event.

#### **Art. 32 - Training times**

FISS will establish and communicate the schedule of training times

#### **Art. 33 - Communication of dates and programme**

The dates and programme for each Championship are determined and communicated by FISS to all Club Secretaries not less than 60 days prior to the event

#### **Art. 34 - Protests and appeals**

Each participating Club has the right to make a protest during the British Championships concerning only the order of arrival. The reasons behind the protest must be described in writing and signed by the Club Secretary or recognised appointed delegate, and given to the Referee within 15 minutes of the end of the event or after the announcement of the result, along with a fee of £20.00. The Referee will examine the protest in the first instance. If rejected, the complaining Club can, within 15 minutes from the official announcement of the decision of the Referee, submit an appeal to FISS Committee Members, along with the payment of another fee of £20.00. The decision of appeal taken by FISS Committee Members is final. The decisions of the first and second appeals shall be verbally communicated to the Club Secretary or recognised nominated delegate of the complaining Club, and then made official.

Should the appeal be accepted at any stage, the fees shall be returned. The fees of non-accepted protests will be confiscated by FISS.

#### **Art. 35 - Selection for International Championships and competitions**

For International Championships and competitions, the National Team Manager may at his/her absolute discretion, select skaters and invites them to compete in these competitions irrespective of their order or placing in any section of a National Championship. Reserves, who are nominated, will be invited to compete if thought fit. All selected representatives will be ratified by the FISS Committee prior to the selection announcement to any one individual.

#### **Art. 36 - National Team pre-selective bond**

All skaters and accompanying management, who wish to be considered to represent Great Britain at World and European Championships, may be required to pay a pre-selective bond. This bond shall be used by FISS to ensure all travel and accommodation arrangements for selected athletes and accompanying management can be met without disruption and with maximum efficiency. The bond will form part of the overall costs and shall be determined as follows:

- 100% Travel costs
- 20% Accommodation Costs

For athletes, the overall cost will also include individual entry fees into the Championship events as determined by CEC/CIC.

The remainder of the costs will be paid to FISS no later than two weeks prior to the departure date . Failure to do so may result in FISS ceasing to carry out any further arrangements and the forfeiting of the individual's right to attend the event as a Great Britain team representative.

Where the travel and accommodation costs are not known, the initial bond value will be determined by FISS. The amount shall be communicated in writing to all eligible athletes and accompanying management no less than 26 weeks before the due date. The due date shall be set by FISS and communicated to all athletes at the earliest opportunity.

To be considered for selection the bond (if required) must be paid in FULL either on or before the due date by cheque, postal order, bankers draft and made payable to Federation of Inline Speed Skating Ltd or by

bank transfer or PayPal transfer to the FISS accounts. Any athlete who is not selected to represent Great Britain shall have his / her bond refunded in full.

Any athlete or accompanying manager wanting to withdraw his / her wish to be considered for selection or representation should inform FISS as soon as possible. Where a bond has been paid, this will be refunded in full if notification is received prior to the due date. Where notification was received after the due date, only monies not paid to third parties will be refunded. The bond value and due dates for World and European Championships shall be set separately. Any single bond paid shall be clearly identified for which event it is intended.

Payment of bonds will be seen as authority for FISS to use in the arrangement of travel and accommodation only. Use of all bonds will only take place after the due date. No prior consultation with athletes or accompanying management is required after the due date. In the unlikely event that any monies need to be paid to third parties prior to the due date, it shall only be done so after consultation with all athletes and management concerned.

All monies paid to FISS shall be acknowledged by receipt. Details of actual travel and accommodation costs will only be made available to individuals who have paid bonds. These details will only be made available after written request.

## **Chapter C - Records and FISS speed tests**

### **Art. 37 - Eligibility**

A British record can only be achieved in the following circumstances:

3. Events sanctioned by FISS or a bona fide international federation or governing body
4. An individual race against time on the recommendation of an affiliated Club or member of FISS that the individual has a reasonable chance of success (and for which at least 14 days' notice must be given to FISS)
5. A time recorded during a FISS speed test may be recognised as a record
6. The individual(s) claiming a record will be affiliated to a Club or a member of FISS
7. The record distance to be claimed is only accepted for the distanced raced (no part distances allowed)

### **Art. 38 - Circuit ratification**

The length of track must be measured and certified by a surveyor or experienced member of FISS, but no restriction shall be made on the width of track

### **Art. 39 - Timing equipment**

All times recorded for distances of 500 metres or less for determining British records shall be done so using electronic timing equipment. For times recorded for distances greater than 500 metres, electronic timing or hand held timing shall be permitted.

### **Art. 40 - Hand timing**

In the event of hand timing the time must be taken by at least three competent time keepers appointed or approved by FISS or international federations or governing bodies, and the regulations for determining times (found in **Part D Art. 14**) must apply. The watches used must be proved to be accurate to within at least 1/100th second.

### **Art. 41 - Disclosure of recorded times**

Timekeepers must exhibit their watches to the Referee if called upon immediately each race is completed.

### **Art. 42 - Application for record attempts**

Any member of FISS who is afforded the facility at attempting new a new British record on any one day for which the special attendance of the necessary officials is required shall pay a fee of £30.00 to FISS and meet the travel expenses of those Officials attending. In the case of records requiring the approval of World Skate or World Skate Europe details will be supplied upon application.

#### **Art. 43 - Claiming of a British Record**

All claims for a British Record should be submitted using the appropriate form and submitted to the FISS Records Officer within 28 days of the event.

- (a) Where the event is sanctioned by FISS it shall be the responsibility of the FISS Records Officer to advise if a British record is valid. Where a skater is representing FISS as part of a Great Britain squad or National Team, the responsibility is for the Team Manager to submit the record. The new record holder(s) will be notified by FISS after 28 days of the record being achieved.
- (b) In the case of an international Club competition it shall be the responsibility of the affiliated Club secretary to submit a claim in writing or e-mail to FISS Records Officer within 28 days of the time being achieved. The claim must be supported with the appropriate FISS form and by original documented evidence of the individual's name, time achieved, date of achievement, distance and age group. If sanctioned the new record holder will be notified of his/her achievement by FISS through his/her affiliated Club secretary after 28 days of the record being achieved.

#### **Art. 44 - Sanction of a British Record**

No British record claim will be recognised by FISS unless it is fully supported and sanctioned by the appointed FISS Records Officer. Any submission of a record to FISS Records Officer will be deemed as a submission to claim a record. If a record is submitted and evidence supports anyone knowingly submitting a false claim, FISS reserve the right to bring sanctions on the club, skater or Team Manager who submitted the record.

In relation to article **43 Point (b)** the organising body will be contacted for validation of the record if the results do not clearly show competitors that have not completed the race distance. This excludes time trial competitions and events for which a time can only be achieved by the completion of the distance. On confirmation from the organising body a record may then be ratified.

#### **Art. 45 - Appeals against non-sanctioning**

In the event of an appeal for the non-recognition by the FISS Records Officer of a British record the following shall apply:

- (a) Where the event is sanctioned by FISS or an international competition where the skater is representing FISS, if an individual believes he/she to have achieved a British record but has not had notification from FISS after 28 days of the event, then the affiliated Club Secretary shall make a written claim (either by post or by email) to FISS Head Office within 7 days of this date stating the individual's name, time achieved, date of achievement, distance, age group, any supporting documentation thought necessary to support the claim and a corresponding appeal fee of £20.00. The FISS Committee will consider the claim and notify the affiliated Club Secretary of the decision.
- (b) In the case of an international Club competition the affiliated Club Secretary shall submit in writing or e-mail to FISS Head Office their case for appeal within 14 days of receiving notification of "non-sanctioning" correspondence along with a corresponding appeal fee of £20.00. The FISS Committee will consider the appeal and notify the affiliated Club Secretary of their decision.
- (c) Any decision made by the FISS Committee following an appeal shall be final and no further correspondence shall be entered into. Should an appeal be upheld the fees shall be returned, otherwise these fees shall be confiscated by FISS.

#### **Art. 46 - British Record distances**

Only the following individual distances for the specified age groups, track and road, shall be recognised by FISS for British record achievement:

<b>Mini</b>	<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Cadet</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior/Master</b>
100m	100m	100m	100m	100m	100m
200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m
300m	300m	300m	300m	300m	300m
500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m
800m	800m	800m	800m	1,000m	1,000m
1,000m	1,000m	1,000m	1,000m	1,500m	1,500m
1,500m	1,500m	1,500m	1,500m	2,000m	2,000m
2,000m	2,000m	2,000m	2,000m	3,000m	3,000m
3,000m	3,000m	3,000m	3,000m	5,000m	5,000m
5,000m	5,000m	5,000m	5,000m	10,000m	10,000m
	8,000m	8,000m	8,000m	8,000m	8,000m
	10,000m	10,000m	10,000m	15,000m	15,000m
		15,000m	15,000m	20,000m	20,000m
		20,000m	20,000m	21,000m (road)	21,000m (road )
		21,000m (road)	21,000m (road)	30,000m	30,000m
		30,000m	30,000m	42,000m (road)	42,000m (road)
				50,000m	50,000m
					84,000m (road)

Only the following team distances for the specified age groups, track and road, shall be recognised by FISS for British record achievement:

#### **Mini**

1,000m team time trial or pursuit  
2,000m relay

#### **Pupil**

1,500m team time trial or pursuit  
3,000m relay

#### **Cadet**

1,500m team time trial or pursuit  
3,000m relay

#### **Youth**

1,500m team time trial or pursuit  
3,000m relay  
5,000m relay

#### **Junior**

1,500m team time trial or pursuit  
3,000m relay  
5,000m relay  
10,000m relay

#### **Senior**

1500m team time trial or pursuit

3000m relay  
5000m relay  
10000m relay

Times obtained by teams where there are mixed age categories in a particular team will only be used for British record determination for the age group of the oldest skater and above.

#### **Art. 47 - Skating tests and test fees**

1. The standard times for tests in Speed Skating shall be fixed by the FISS Committee. Such times will depend upon the shape, construction and conditions existing at each track and the standard times fixed will be communicated to test candidates at least 14 days before the date of the test.
2. All Speed Skating tests shall be skated at a venue in Great Britain before a duly appointed Judge and at least two duly appointed timekeepers.
3. No test candidate shall touch the tubs or track markers at a turn and no pace making shall be permitted in tests.
4. The starter shall stand behind and out of sight of the candidate.
5. Test Fees:
  - (a) Each candidate for a Speed Skating Test shall pay a fee of £10.00 for each attempt at such test.
  - (b) Where a candidate has failed in a Speed Skating Test and wishes to make a second attempt, this may be allowed at the discretion of the officials concerned and without additional payment of the test fee, as follows:
    - i) When time permits;
    - ii) That the second attempt to be taken following the first attempt if, in the opinion of the officials concerned, the candidate has a reasonable chance of passing his/her declared test.

#### **Chapter D - Ranking Regulations**

##### **Art. 48 - Ranking regulations**

1. Ranking points for affiliated Club members or members of the FISS shall only be appointed to individuals who take part in Category races held within the UK and that are fully sanctioned by the FISS. No points will be awarded for age group racing.
2. The number of skaters taking part shall determine the number of points awarded. Thus, the lowest placed skater in the lowest Category shall receive one point, and the highest placed skater in the top Category (1) shall receive points equal to the number of competitors across all Categories.
3. In the event of heats in a particular Category for certain distances, those that do not qualify for the next round shall be placed in that Category according to their time.
4. Points will only be awarded where all Categories have an equal number of events. Should any particular Categories have an additional event, which results in an unequal number of events per Category being raced, those Categories having the additional event shall not get points awarded for the longer distance. In the event that Categories are grouped for certain events, as long as each Category has the same number of races, each grouping will be taken as one Category.
5. The points awarded will reflect the overall national ranking of skaters who are members of FISS and that have taken part in race events during that year.
6. At the end of each racing season, each skater will be placed in an age group determined by his/her age on 1st January that year. His/her points obtained in the overall national rankings shall be used to determine his/her final position in the age group ranking.

7. The appointed Race Programmes Officer by the FISS will be responsible for ensuring that all skaters are categorized correctly before each event according to their abilities and based upon the calibre and number of entrants for a specific event prior to the issuing of the race programme.
8. Changes to the race programme prior to an event in terms of moving skaters between Categories can only be done at the request of an affiliated Club secretary. Any requests must be made in writing to FISS a minimum of 7 days before the event. In the case of an athlete in his/her first race the FISS Race Director will determine the category on the day.
9. In the event that additional entries on the day might result in changes to the race programme, these shall be done so at the discretion of the Referee after prior consultation with other race officials or Race Programmes Officer.



## **PART “D” - REFEREEING REGULATIONS**

### **Chapter A - General Regulations**

#### **Art. 1 - Composition and tasks**

The FISS Chairman must agree all Officials annually and verify their activity. The FISS Chairman will use the co-operation of suitable and necessary people in order to carry out such work.

#### **Art. 2 - FISS powers**

1. To guarantee the uniform interpretation and application of Technical Regulations and any other directions issued by FISS for domestic competitions and the British Championships.
2. To appoint from time to time collaborators who shall examine future domestic Judges.
3. FISS will appoint the Judges and Referee for all domestic and national speed events.

#### **Art. 3 - Classification**

Officials are classified in the following categories:

- (a) Referees
- (b) Judges.

Referees are those who have been for at least two years Judges and who, in the opinion of FISS, have already demonstrated in previous domestic events to be able to carry out perfectly all the tasks included as an official (curve Judge, starting Judge, finishing Judge, course Judge).

#### **Art. 4 - Restrictions**

Judges having relatives participating in the British Championships or who are trainers or managers of participating athletes must be excluded if possible from the list of officials.

When appointed, Judges in such a situation must explain this to the Referee who will consider their position in the assignment of tasks.

The Referee may not referee at an event hosted by the club to which they are affiliated unless specifically requested to do so by FISS. If a Referee's affiliation to a club is in question, the FISS Committee will determine which club they are deemed affiliated to.

#### **Art. 5 - Duties of Judges**

Judges appointed to competitions must respect and strictly enforce all regulations and other rules issued by FISS without any reference to their own Club. The infringement of this rule is a severe disciplinary violation.

#### **Art. 6 - Disciplinary measures**

FISS can punish a Judge for violating the present regulations or any other legitimate international regulations. This can be done by means of warning, suspensions of one year or a final removal from the Roster.

Disciplinary measures taken against Judges by FISS are definitely recognised as valid and applicable also by CEC and CIC.

#### **Art. 7 - Officials**

1. Each competition is directed by Officials. The Referee is the President of Officials and he is responsible for the proper conduct of the competitions. The Referee vouches directly for his own actions to FISS. On the occasion of competitions, FISS itself appoints the Referee by selecting him among the regularly registered Judges.

2. For competitions, the minimum composition of Officials shall be the following:

- (a) One Referee;
- (b) Three finishing Judges;
- (c) Up to three time-keepers (if possible);
- (d) One starting Judge;
- (e) One Judge appointed as a lap-scorer.

Some Officials may, at the discretion of the Referee, take up more than one position. No event shall take place with less than 3 Officials.

#### **Art. 8 - Sport uniform**

In competitions, the uniform of Judges consists of white top and/or jersey and dark bottoms.

#### **Art. 9 - Tasks of the Referee**

1. Besides the specific tasks provided in the various articles of these sport regulations, the Referee is in charge of the technical and disciplinary control of the competition. Therefore, he shall:

- (a) Guarantee that all competitors enforce the regulations and decide about any technical problems that might arise during a competition, even when not covered in these regulations;
- (b) Assign to each member of the Officials his/her particular task;
- (c) Direct the work of the Judges, co-ordinate, and control and decide in case of discrepancy. He shall also prepare a report on the work of the Officials and submit it to FISS;
- (d) Exert his disciplinary power towards competitors, trainers and FISS members, when their behavior on the course site requires the adoption of sanctions, provided in these regulations;
- (e) Direct the repetition of any event, when in his opinion any of them has been carried out in an irregular way. This applies also to time trials, in the case of mechanical failure or in the other cases included in the regulations;
- (f) Check that the Judges are in the right place and that timekeepers are ready before ordering the Starter to give the starting signal;
- (g) In case of immediate disqualification, check that it is announced and that the disqualified athlete immediately leaves the track;
- (h) Immediately disqualify those athletes who do not comply with Judges warnings;
- (i) Warn the athletes who have been reprimanded by the Judges for minor irregularities;
- (j) Remove or replace those Judges who, in his opinion, do not completely carry out their duties;
- (k) Make changes to the race programme as required which must be communicated no less than 10 minutes before the start of the event;
- (l) Provide a written summary report to FISS within 14 days of the completion of the event, which must include details of any disqualifications and/or declassifications;
- (m) He shall decide in the first instance on the protests, about the order of arrival, submitted by the Clubs of the athletes participating in the competitions.

## **Art. 10 - The Starter**

The tasks of the Starter are the following:

1. Before the beginning of each event he or she should gather the competitors and give them the last directions. Checking their uniform and competition number. Those not properly attired will be excluded from the event. Athletes who are not found at the starting line at the moment of the starting signal are excluded from the event;
2. Checking that all the skates of all competitors are behind the starting line;
3. Gives the starting signal only after the Referee's consent;
4. Ensuring that they are standing behind the skaters so as to be out of sight, he or she says the word "ATTENTION", then "IN POSITION", then there is a pause and soon after this they sound the starting equipment;
5. In case of a false start, they sound the starter again in order to call back the competitors and warns the skaters who, in his or her opinion, have caused the false start;
6. In a handicap race where two or more competitors start from the same handicap mark, the Starter (or an Official) shall ask the competitors to draw for their positions on the start line, the start positions to count from the inside of the track

## **Art. 11 - Course Judges**

1. The tasks of the course Judges are the following:
  - (a) To supervise the progress of the event for the portion of track for which they are responsible
  - (b) To immediately inform the Referee about any irregularities which took place during the events
  - (c) To take note of lapped competitors, and of those athletes who withdrew and inform the Referee.
2. According to their respective positions along the track, course Judges are called in the following ways:
  - (a) Straight Judges
  - (b) Corner Judges
  - (c) Relay Judges
  - (d) Auxiliary Judges

## **Art. 12 - Finishing Judges**

1. The task of the Finishing Judges is to exactly establish the order of arrival of competitors.
2. In mass start distance races, the number of Judges shall be established according to the requirements. The Referee shall assign specific tasks to each Judge.
3. Finishing Judges must be a minimum of three. According to the requirements, such a number can be increased but shall always be an odd number. In case of discrepancies the majority will make the decision. In any case, when photo finish or video scanner is used, the photo finish or video scanner results are final.

## **Art. 13 - Lap scorer Judge**

1. The lap scorer Judge shall:
  - (a) Take note of the number of laps covered;
  - (b) Signal the laps still to be covered using the counting device at his disposal ;

- (c) Signal the leading athlete;
  - (d) Cross a lap, when covered by leading competitors;
  - (e) Provide that the last lap to be covered is signalled by means of a bell.
2. In case of long-lasting competitions, organisers must agree with the Judge the method of determination of times to be adopted.
  3. A lap scorer device, reporting the number of laps, shall be placed at least 3 metres in front of the finish line, where possible on the inner part of the track.

#### **Art. 14 - Manual determination of times**

1. If no photo finish, photoelectric cells or video scanner are available, the task of the time-keepers is to determine the time achieved by skaters in each single event and report them directly to the Referee.
2. In order to guarantee the exact determination of times, it is necessary to observe the following:
  - (a) Times are to be taken by three officially recognised timekeepers
  - (b) Stop-watches are to be of a special type approved for competitions and supplied with a certificate attesting the recent control of the same
  - (c) When two out of three stopwatches are in agreement, the time indicated by such two will be considered valid
  - (d) When the three stop-watches indicate three different times, the average of the three times is considered valid; if one time is plus or minus 0.5 sec. from the other two, it must be excluded, and the average of the other two times will be considered valid
  - (e) When only two stopwatches register the time, the worse time indicated will be considered valid.
3. Time-keepers must stand near the starting line, turning their back to the Starter. In competitions where the starting line is far from the finishing line, timekeepers can be located on the finishing line and start their stopwatches as soon as they hear the starting-signal.
4. All timekeepers must report the fractions of the seconds at least in hundredths. In road races, organisers must also provide transportation for the timekeepers, in order to carry them from the starting line to the finish line.

#### **Art. 15 - Stewards**

1. Track Stewards will be appointed as and when required.
2. Competitors Stewards shall conduct the Registration of athletes and he/she shall report to the Judges at least 15 minutes before the time of the race any absent competitors or non-starters. They shall be responsible for collecting the fees for skaters who enter events on the day at double the advertised entry fee.
3. Spectator Stewards - Clubs are requested, when organising events, to provide adequate stewards for the control of spectators if required

#### **Art. 16 - Lapped competitor**

Where a competitor has been or is being lapped, and in the opinion of the Judges, their presence may cause the race to result other than on its merits, the Judges may signal the skater concerned by using a whistle and race number called to give way to the oncoming competitors.

When advised in this way, the skater should allow right of way without hindrance, by going to the outside of the track, to the oncoming skater or skaters, but being still in the race, should stay on the track and otherwise carry on as usual.

Where a skater is giving way after being advised, he/she carries the onus of any collision, providing the overtaking skater or skaters do not act improperly.

#### **Art. 17 - Removal from the race**

A skater may be asked to leave the track by the referee or judge using a whistle and race number called, advised why they are being removed. The competitor must leave the race forthwith, making sure that in doing so he/she in no way impedes any other skaters.

A skater will generally be asked to leave a race when he/she is lapped by the first 4 skaters, or it is considered by one or more Judges that his/her presence on the track could cause a hindrance to other competitors, or in some way, cause the race to be won otherwise than on merit at the discretion of the referee.

#### **Art. 18 - Suspension of race conditions**

Skaters when advised by the referee or judges using a whistle will indicate a reduction in speed and competitors are not allowed to overtake until the Referee has decided otherwise. The lapboard must remain static until the track is clear and the referee blows the whistle to resume the race.

#### **Art. 19 -Disqualification for serious infringements**

1. Where the judges require a disqualification to be put into immediate effect due to a major infringement before the end of a race, the referee will signal off using a whistle and announcing the offending competitor or, in the case of a team, any member of the offending team. The referee will clearly announce the disqualification and any competitor must leave the track immediately but, in doing so, should take care not to impede the remaining competitors.
2. Any competitor or team member being disqualified due to a major infringement will be suspended for four weeks.
3. Disqualifications of this type will only be used for offences creating a danger to participants, officials or persons attending the race day. This can be acts of physical or verbal violence or conduct unbecoming a member of the FISS.
4. Following disqualification, the race referee is required to write up a report about the offence, all disqualification offences will be reviewed by the FISS committee.
5. An appeal may be launched. However, for this to take effect it must be made in writing (by post or by email) to the FISS head office and supported by the Committee of the club responsible for the offending person. In the case of an appeal the appeal will be taken to the FISS committee.
6. In the case of an appeal a charge of £20 will be payable to the FISS.
7. In order for an appeal to be successful, 75% of the Committee must vote in favour of the appeal. Otherwise, the four-week suspension will be upheld, from the date of the original offence

#### **Art. 20 - Sanctions**

Disciplinary measures that can be adopted during the competition, towards athletes responsible for violations to the Officials instructions or the principles of sport ethics, are the followings:

- (a) Warnings;
- (b) Reduction in rank in the order of arrival (declassification);
- (c) Disqualification from the competition;
- (d) Suspension for a pre-determined period of time from all competitions.

#### **Art. 21 - Warnings**

Warnings may be given for minor violations, in addition to those cases that are expressly included in FISS Regulations. Generally, warnings precede reduction in rank or disqualification (except for very serious infringements). They are added up and when an athlete is responsible for three warnings even though of minor importance, he/she may be disqualified from the competition according to the unquestionable judgement of the Referee.

Any Judge in charge of the progress of the competition can give warnings and shall immediately inform the Referee. The Referee only must communicate the warnings to the athlete. Warnings are not carried forward to the next heat or final.

#### **Art. 22 - Reduction in rank (declassification)**

1. During a competition and particularly in the final stages, when a competitor has made himself responsible for a fault towards one or several opponents, he may be reduced in rank according to the opinion of the Referee. Where times apply, competitors declassified shall have a five (5) second penalty applied to his/her time, per place declassified. The time skated plus any time penalty shall become his/her official time, which shall determine whether or not he/she competes in the next round in accordance with the conditions of contest
2. If the damage has been serious, the athlete responsible for it may be disqualified from the competition.

#### **Art. 23 - Disqualification and suspension**

1. Disqualification measures may be applied:
  - (a) Due to sum of three warnings
  - (b) For serious infringements;
  - (c) In the case of very serious infringement, especially when one skater makes a fault in order to let his or her team-mate win. In this case competitors may be disqualified by FISS from all the events;
  - (d) FISS has the ultimate power to adopt disqualification measures, even for an indefinite period of time (suspension);
  - (e) When a competitor has used doping substances or has not presented himself/herself at the doping-control, it will be up to FISS to establish the sanction to be inflicted.
2. Measures indicated in point **(a) and (b)** above are applied by the Referee and the sanction shall be made public. In **point (c)** it is the responsibility of the Referee to communicate to FISS about this serious fault.
3. All suspensions shall be communicated to the person concerned and the Secretary of the Club to which they belong. World Skate and World Skate Europe shall only be made aware if the decision to suspend is upheld after any appeal.

#### **Art. 24 - Appeals against suspension**

Any FISS member suspended by FISS has the right of appeal. Appeals must be lodged with FISS within 14 days of notification. That member will be invited to state their case before the FISS Committee at the next Committee meeting after receiving notification of the appeal, provided that the time between the notification and the next meeting is not less than 7 days, otherwise it shall be the meeting after that.

Pending the appeal hearing, the member may continue to be active in FISS activities unless the suspension is related to allegations recognised in the FISS Child Protection Procedures and Practices Handbook.

#### **Art. 25 - Disciplinary measures of the Officials**

Any member of the Officials who is affected before, during or after a competition by any offence or violence of any kind on the part of a competitor or another person, may immediately inform the Referee who shall adopt the necessary measures and shall forward a specific report to FISS.

## **Art. 26 - Sanctions taken in relation to Members or Third Parties**

FISS Members or recognised Third Parties, whether members of FISS or not, but are recognised as having a direct involvement with a Club or competitor must behave according to the principles of sport, honesty and fair play. The Referee, according to the seriousness of the infringement made, shall warn them and forward a special report to FISS. FISS may take sanctions against Clubs or competitors as a direct result of actions of either themselves or of recognised Third Parties.

## **Chapter B - Claims**

### **Art. 27 - Claims regarding the admittance of competitors**

1. Claims regarding the admittance of a competitor to a competition may be submitted:
  - (a) By a Club Secretary or nominated Club delegate who believes that one of his skaters has not been admitted though he was eligible;
  - (b) By all Club Secretaries or nominated Club delegates believing to have been damaged because of the admittance to the competition of a skater belonging to another Club, who does not have the right to participate.
2. Claims are to be signed by the Club Secretary or nominated Club delegate and submitted in writing to the Referee thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the competition.
3. When a Referee believes he has adequate information to admit a competitor to a competition, and that such an admittance is the subject of a dispute, he can admit said competitor with due reservation, leaving the final decision to FISS that will take care of any necessary control;
4. This decision must be made known to the Club Secretaries or nominated Club delegates before the start of the competition

### **Art. 28 - Claims against the decision of the Officials**

Any claims against decisions made by the Officials, about the order of arrival only, must be given to the Referee within the 15 minutes following the end of the competition involved or of the reading of the order of arrival, with exclusive reference to the ranking.

### **Art. 29 - Claims fee**

A fee in the amount of £20.00 shall accompany any claims. Such an amount shall be given back only when the claim is upheld, otherwise it will be kept by FISS. In British Championships appeals can further be submitted to FISS along with the payment of a further fee of £20.00, within 15 minutes from the official announcement of the Referee. The decision taken by FISS is final.

### **Art. 30 - Claims Commission**

1. For all competitions supervised by FISS, the Claims Commission shall be constituted by FISS Committee Members. There must be at least three present and their decisions will be final.
2. When only two (2) Committee Members are present to constitute the Claims Commission, a third person, selected by both Committee Members of FISS from among the Secretaries or nominated delegates of the participating Clubs, is added to the Commission.
3. In competitions where there are no FISS Committee Members a Claims Commission composed by 3 representatives from the Club Secretaries or nominated delegates of participating Clubs will be appointed. The Commission can at no time be composed of any member of the Club submitting the claim.

## **Chapter C - International Judges**

### **Art. 31 - Availability of International Speed Judges**

Each year FISS must send to CIC and CEC a list of its International/European Speed Judges registered within the UK already qualified as "international", by January 31st.

Such Judges shall, upon notification by FISS, renew their card every year with the CIC and CEC and pay the fee established by CIC and/or CEC by January 31st.

Only International/European Speed Judges recognised by CIC and/or CEC and registered for the current year can be appointed as members of the Juries for the World or Intercontinental Championships, and for all the international events with participation of two or more countries of different continents.

FISS must communicate to CIC and CEC the names of their international Judges who have been suspended, expelled or for any reasons have interrupted their activity.

#### **Art. 32 - Examinations and appointment of International Speed Judges**

1. By the 31st of December of each year, FISS shall communicate to CIC and CEC the names of the new Speed Judges they want to propose as International/European Judges, indicating their sports curricula. Each candidate must have officiated at least for two (2) years at the maximum category within the UK. Such candidates must have a senior high school certificate and must be fluent in one of the two official languages of World Skate (English and Spanish).
2. If FISS calls for an exam for International/European Judges in a period in which no World or Intercontinental Championship takes place, it shall pay travel and accommodation expenses for the examiners. The journey from the examiner residence to the place of the exams will be recognised as being 1st class by train or, when difficult for the distance, economy class by plane.
3. If an International/European Judge does not officiate at his/her own national or domestic events for two consecutive years, FISS will not endorse any requests for consideration to continue in that capacity and shall inform CIC and CEC of such.

#### **Art. 33 - Honorary Judges**

International Judges who have achieved the age limit of 65 and have successfully carried out their international activity for at least 10 years may be appointed by CIC as "Honorary Judges" receiving a proper certificate, upon proposal of FISS.

#### **Art. 34 - Other business**

Any point not covered in these Regulations will be decided in accordance with FISS Statutes.



## PART “E” - TABLE OF FISS FEES

### Art. 1 - Membership fees

#### Full Active Membership

Year of Birth (2025 Season)	Date Range	Price
Adult (2006 or above)	1st January to 31st December inclusive.	£45
Minor 2019 or later (to 2005)	1st January to 31st December inclusive.	£30
Club Affiliation	1st January to 31st December inclusive.	£75

#### Non-Active Membership

Non-Active Membership (affiliate)	£10
*Judge/Referee/Official	£10

\*Officials officiating in two or more race meetings in a calendar year receive a discount of £10)

#### Recognised Life Members

There will be no fee for Recognised Life Members, but members should complete a membership form annually in order that contact details are up to date in order to receive correspondence.

Life members are welcome to make a donation to FISS towards costs

### Art. 2 - FISS permit fees

Race Permit application fee for domestic events	£1.25 per entrant
International Club Competition Individual Permit Fee	Included in Membership Fee
Club organisation fee for British Championship events to be negotiated on an individual basis	

### Art. 3 - Entry fees for British Championships

Fees to be set on an annual basis and communicated to Membership on circulation of notice of event.

Fees should be paid in accordance with the entry form.

#### Art. 4 - Appeal fees

Appeal type	Cost
Appeal fee to the Referee (order of arrival)	£20
Appeal fee to FISS - against Referee Decision (British Championships only)	£20
Appeal fee to FISS - against non-validation of British Record Application	£20