

BRACKNELL SOLO AND COUPLES DANCE EVENT 2015

**To be held on April 22nd to 24th at
 John Nike Leisuresport Complex, John Nike Way Bracknell Berkshire
 Closing date 20 March 2015**

Category	Minimum Entry Requirements	Maximum Entry Requirements	Pattern Dance or Short Dance	Free Dance
Beginner	Skate UK Star Gold	Must not hold Level 1 CD	Novice Foxtrot Canasta Tango	n/a
Level 1	Min Level 1 Field Moves plus Level 1 Compulsory Dance	Must not hold Level 2 CD	Rhythm Blues Dutch Waltz	1 min 30 sec +/- 5 sec. Criteria below
Level 2	Min Level 2 Field Moves plus Level 2 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 3 CD	British Waltz Fiesta Tango	1 min 30 sec +/- 5 sec. Criteria below
Level 3	Min Level 3 Field Moves plus Level 3 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 4 CD	Golden Skaters Waltz Riverside Rhumba	1 min 30 sec +/- 5 sec. Criteria below
Juvenile	Min Level 4 Field Moves plus Level 4 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 5 CD	European Waltz 22 Step	1 min 30 sec +/- 5 sec. Criteria below
Primary	Min Level 5 Field Moves plus Level 5 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 6 CD	14 Step Foxtrot	1min 30 sec +/- 10 sec. Criteria below

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Basic novice	Min Level 6 Field Moves plus Level 6 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 7 CD* *In the Basic novice category there is no maximum test standard for skaters who have not reached the age of 15 (Ladies) and 17 (Men) before the 1 st of July 2014.	Foxtrot Blues	2 min +/- 10 sec. Criteria below
Advanced novice	Min Level 7 Field Moves plus Level 7 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 8 CD* * In the Advanced novice category there is no maximum test standard for skaters who have not reached the age of 15 (Ladies) and 17 (Men) before the 1 st of July 2014.	Starlight Waltz Rocker Foxtrot	2.30 min +/- 10 sec. Criteria below
Junior	Min Level 8 Field Moves plus Level 8 Compulsory dance	Must not hold Level 9 CD* * In the Junior category there is no maximum test standard for skaters who have not reached the age of 19 (Ladies) and 21 (Men) before the 1 st of July 2014.	Short Dance Samba	3.0 min +/- 10 sec Criteria below
Senior	Min Level 9 Field Moves plus Level 9 Compulsory dance		Short Dance Spanish Dance Rhythms	3 min +/- 10 sec

- **Pattern Dances: All Pattern Dance Music will be ISU**
- **At the following levels Beginner, Level 1, Level 2 & Level 3, ladies and men may skate in the same groups.**
- **Competitors in the British Solo Championships will be required to have skated in at least two qualifying Solo Series Competitions.**

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Further information and examples

- MINIMUM LEVEL - Skaters will have to enter at the level of their compulsory dance test and not at the level they intend to enter the championships at but do not yet hold the relevant tests for.
- MAXIMUM LEVEL - Skaters who hold higher tests than the level they wish to compete at may enter a lower level if they are within the age range e.g. a skater holding Level 10 CD who is 17 may compete at junior still as she is under 19 on July 1 2014.
- Otherwise the age criteria does not count in the Solo Dance Series so e.g. a skater aged 17 holding level 7 CD, & level 7FM or higher may compete at advanced novice in the Solo Dance Series but to compete in the championships they will need to pass level 8 CD & FD either in competition or at a test session (plus level 8FM) and have skated in at least one of their two qualifying events at junior and received a qualifying score in the top 24.
- A skater who competes in beginner to level 3 can count this as a qualifying event providing they receive a qualifying score (CD + FD) in the top 24 at Juvenile in their second or any subsequent qualifying event

Competition Criteria.

Junior Short Dance: Samba or Samba plus one or two of the following Latin American Rhythms:

Rhumba, Cha Cha, Mambo, Merengue, Salsa

Rules and Rhythms as per ISU 1857

The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Samba Rhythm in the style of the Samba. The Tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Element must be constant & in accordance with the required Tempo of the Pattern Dance Silver Samba, ie. 54 measures of 2 beats or 108 beats per minute. plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Replacing the required elements with,

- 1) Two (2) Sequences of Silver Samba, skated one after the other or separately. Step #1 of each Pattern Dance Sequence must be skated on a different side of the ice surface.
- 2) One (1) Pose/Combination Pose (NB Attitudes are Poses)

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- 3) One (1) Midline, Diagonal or Circular step sequence
- 4) One (1) set of sequential twizzles
- 5) A Dance Spin is not a Required Element but may be included as choreographic element.

Senior Short Dance: Spanish Dance Rhythms

Rules and Rhythms as per ISU 1857

The Pattern Dance Element & the Partial Step Sequence must be skated on the same piece of music. The Tempo throughout the Pattern Dance Element & the Partial Step Sequence must be constant & in accordance with the required Tempo of the Pattern Dance Paso Doble, ie. 56 measures of 2 beats or 112 beats per minute.

Spanish Dance Rhythms are described in the Additions to the ISU Ice Dance Music Rhythms Booklet 1995 (see ISU Website, revised version excluding Spanish Tango).

Replacing the required elements with,

- 1) One (1) Pattern Dance Element: Sequence of Paso Doble, with Step # 1 skated on the Judges' left side plus One (1) Partial Step Sequence :- pattern: one full circuit of the ice surface
- 2) One (1) Pose/Combination Pose (NB Attitudes are Poses)
- 3) One (1) Midline or Diagonal step sequence
- 4) One (1) set of sequential twizzles
- 5) A Dance Spin is not a Required Element but may be included as choreographic element.

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Free Dance Elements

NB: For Free Dances of 1 minute 30 second +/- 5 sec. A change of Tempo and Expression **is not required**.

For Free Dances of 2 minutes +/- 10 sec duration and greater a change of Tempo and Expression **is required**

Level 1, 2 3 & Juvenile: 1 Pose, 1 straight line step sequence, 1 Dance Spin (combined spin not permitted) 1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between)

Primary: 1 combined Pose, 1 straight line step sequence, 1 Dance Spin (combined spin not permitted)
1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between).

Basic Novice : 2 separate single Poses , 1 straight line or curved step sequence, 1 Dance Spin (combined spin not permitted) 1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between).

Advanced Novice: 1 combined Pose, 1 single Pose, 1 straight line or curved step sequence, 1 Dance Spin (combined spin not permitted) 1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between)

Junior: 1 combined Pose, 2 Single Poses 1 Dance Spin only, 1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between) Step sequence as per ISU Junior Free Dance for season.

Senior: 1 combined Pose, 2 Singles Poses, 1 Dance Spin only, 1 set of sequential twizzles (one clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise maximum 3 steps between) Step sequences as per ISU Senior Free dance for season.

NB: Attitudes are Poses so this season skaters have the choice of using any combination of Pose or Attitude in their programmes including Attitudes with a change of edge.

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For the British Solo Championships. The top ranking 24 skaters in each category based on TTS scores, who also have the test levels below, will receive automatic entry to the British Championships. Skaters next in line on the ranking lists will be invited to fill any unallocated warm up slots.

Juvenile	Level 4CD, 4FD, 4FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 12, Men 13 before 1 st July 2014
Primary	Level 5CD, 5FD, 5FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 13, Men 14 before 1 st July 2014
Basic Novice	Level 6CD, 6FD, 6FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 14, Men 15 before 1 st July 2014
Advanced Novice	Level 7CD, 7FD, 7FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 15, Men 17 before 1 st July 2014
Junior	Level 8CD, 8FD, 8FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 19, Men 21 before 1 st July 2014
Senior	Level 9CD, 9FD, 9FM	Age: Not reached the age of Ladies 29, Men 29 before 1 st July 2014

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Bracknell Dance Couples Criteria 2015

A) Beginner Couples.

Entry Criteria: Minimum standard Level 2 CD and Level 2 FM. No maximum standard or age restrictions.

Beginner Pattern Dance: Canasta Tango (3 seq) and Dutch Waltz (3 seq)

Beginner Free Dance

1. Free Dance. Duration 1.30 mins +/- 5 secs
2. Required Elements;
 - i. 1 step sequence of any type in dance hold.
 - ii. 1 set of synchronised twizzles (1 clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise, min 3 steps in between each twizzle)
 - iii. 1 dance lift. **Lift not to exceed 6 seconds OR** 1 pose- the pose may be the same or different for each partner and may be done in or out of hold, the pose position(s) must be attained for a minimum of 3 seconds.
 - iv. A Dance Spin is not included in the list of Required Elements for the Beginner Couples Free Dance. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their Choreography.

The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

3. Levels explanation

For Beginner Couples Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel. **Poses will have the same SOV values as lifts.**

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4. All Program Components are judged with the following factor: 1.00

B) Basic Novice Couples

1. Criteria as per ISU communication 1886.

2. Entry Criteria: Minimum Level 4 CD and level 4 FM. No maximum standard or age restrictions

Basic Novice Pattern Dance: # 1 Fourteen Step (4 seq.) and #4 European Waltz (double lobe.).

Basic Novice Free Dance;

Duration 2.30 minutes +/- 10 secs

Rule 710 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal,

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain:

a) Dance Lifts: not more than **one (1) Short Lift**

b) One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold

The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

c) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles

The **Dance Spin** is not included in the list of Required Elements for the Basic Novice Free Dance. Nevertheless, a spinning movement skated by the couple together in any hold around common axis on one foot (or two feet) with any number of rotations is permitted. A couple may choose to use this movement as part of their choreography. The Technical Panel will ignore these movements and the Judges will not consider these movements as one of the permitted stops.

5) Levels explanation.

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For Basic Novice Free Dance, in all Required Elements, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

6) All Program Components are judged with the following factor: 1.00

C) Advanced Novice Couples

1) Criteria as per ISU Communication 1886

2) Entry Criteria. Minimum Level 6 CD, FD and level 6 FM. No maximum standard or age restriction

Advanced Novice Pattern Dance #3 Rocker Foxtrot and #9 Starlight Waltz

Advanced Novice Free Dance.

. Duration 3 minutes +/- 10 secs.

Rule 710 shall apply (including that the music may be vocal).

A Well Balanced Free Dance program must contain,

a) Not more than two (2) different Types of Short Lifts

b) One (1) Spin, but not more **Note:** A Combination Spin is not permitted.

c) One (1) Straight Line Step Sequence (Midline or Diagonal) in Hold or Curved Step Sequence (Circular or Serpentine) in Hold

The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates of this ISU Communication apply.

d) One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles

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5) Levels explanation. In all Required Elements, all features up to Level 4 will be counted.

6) All Program Components are judged with the following factor: 1.20

D) Junior Couples:

Entry Criteria: Minimum Level 9 CD, FD and level 9 FM. No maximum standard or age restrictions

Short Dance:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 609. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates. Duration: 2 minutes and 50 sec., +/- 10 sec

Junior Free Dance :

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 610. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates.

E) Senior Couples

Entry Criteria: Minimum Level 10 CD, FD and level 10 FM. No maximum standard or age restrictions

Senior Short Dance:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2014, Rule 609. Rhythms, required elements and guidelines are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds

Senior Free Dance:

In accordance with ISU Technical Rule Ice Dance 2014, Rule 610. The required elements to be skated are those listed in ISU Communication 1857 and subsequent updates.

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Judging: The Competitions will be judged using the IJS judging system with Key Points.

**BRACKNELL 2015 COUPLES AND SOLO DANCE OPENS
GENERAL NOTES
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 20 MARCH 2015**

The competitions will be held on April 22 to 24th at Bracknell Ice Rink

Technical Requirements

All technical requirements are as listed under each class.

Test standards and ages are as at closing date.

Rules

The competitions will be held under NISA regulations and are open to eligible members as defined by NISA.

The Committee of Bracknell Ice Skating Club reserves the right to refuse entry without reason or to cancel a competition or combine classes due to insufficient entries.

Entries will not be accepted unless the technical requirements have been properly completed on the entry form.

Entries will be limited determined by the time available and a reserve list will operate up until the day before the draw.

The timetable and draw for skating order will be posted on the BISC website after the closing date.

Entry fees	Solo Dance	£35 per class
	Couples Dance	£45 per class

To register and enter for any of the events competitors should complete the online entry form. Programme content forms can also be submitted via a link at the same time as the registration and entry form. Please have all skater and coach details to hand as multiple classes can be entered and paid for together. Payment is by PayPal or Debit/Credit card only. Confirmation of registration and entry form details will be emailed to competitors along with receipt of payment.

Entry fees will not be refunded for withdrawals after the closing date. Refunds will be via PayPal.

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Please note that if the provisional timetable reaches capacity before the official closing date of 20 March 2015 no further entries will be accepted. All registrations will be recorded with date and time of receipt to ensure that the allocation of places is administered fairly. The reserve list will also be strictly on a date of application received basis. Any reserve list refunds will be by PayPal. Please email [**bracknellopen@gmail.com**](mailto:bracknellopen@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

Music on compact disc only will be accepted. THESE SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED with name, address and competition and handed in at the club reception table on arrival. There should be just one track recorded, it is advisable to bring a spare copy.

Trophies must be signed for (by parent/ guardian if under 18) and held at the winner's risk. They must be returned in good condition to the Trophy Secretary, Bracknell Ice Skating Club by **(date to be confirmed)** or on request.

By entering the competition competitors agree to be photographed by the official photographer. In accordance with the policy of the rink management, a permit will be required for all forms of photography which will be available at the rink on the day of the competition. Anyone engaged in photography without a permit may be asked to leave the premises.

Flash photography will not be permitted during warm-ups or competitions, either on the ice or at the rink side.

Video photography is allowed with the prior permission of the skaters concerned.