



# The Northern Ireland Ice Skating Association

Affiliated to The National Ice Skating Association (UK) Ltd

## DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY PROGRAMME

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**NIISA = Northern Ireland Ice Skating Association**

**NISA = National Ice Skating Association**

**NIISA Development Pathway Programme**

**Six Stages of Development**

**1. Learn to Skate Programme – facilitator, Dundonald Ice Bowl**

**2. NISA Skate UK Passport – facilitator, NISA through rink's NISA qualified coaches.**

**3. NIISA Development Programme – NISA levels 1-6**

**\*Skaters must be members of both NISA and NIISA.**

**\*Minimum standard to apply one part NISA Level 1 Elements, Free or Field Moves.**

**\* Skaters can compete at club level Open Competitions.**

**\* Funding Programmes – At this time very little funding is available, see development information, but skaters can apply to local councils though most councils do not fund athletes at this level. Any funding applications needs to be signed by NIISA and the skater may be ranked to test standard.**

**4. NIISA Northern Ireland Development Squad-NISA levels 7-10**

**\*Skaters must be members of both NISA and NIISA.**

**\*Minimum standard to apply one part NISA Level 7 Elements or Free and Level 7 Field Moves**

**\*Skaters can compete at club level Open Competitions, IJS Competitions if the required NISA test standard has been achieved. Skaters can represent Northern Ireland in the NISA Cup National Competition.**

**\*Funding Programmes- same as development programme but also can apply to other organisations eg. Mary Peter's Trust through NIISA.**

#### **5. NIISA Northern Ireland Junior Squad.**

- \* Skaters must be members of both NISA and NIISA.**
- \* Qualified for the British Championships at Novice or Junior Level.**
- \*Member of NISA Regional Development or Performance Squad.**
- \*Skaters can compete in IJS Competitions and the British Championships.**
- \*Skaters may have the opportunity to represent GBR Internationally if selected to do so by NISA.**
- \*At this present time NISA cannot fund Junior skaters who are selected to represent GBR at International competition, these competitions are usually funded by the skater's parents.**
- \*Funding-Skaters meeting Sport NI criteria can apply through NIISA for Sport NI funding.**

#### **6. NIISA Northern Ireland Senior Squad.**

- \*Skaters must be members of both NISA and NIISA.**
- \*Qualified for British Championships at Senior Level.**
- \*Member of either NISA Regional Development Squad or NISA Performance Squad.**
- \*Skaters can compete in IJS Competitions and the British Championships.**
- \*Skaters may have the opportunity to represent GBR Internationally if selected to do so by NISA.**
- \*Funding-Skaters meeting Sport NI criteria can apply through NIISA for Sport NI funding.**

## **DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

### **How to apply to NIISA Development Pathway Programme**

Acceptance onto stages 3-6 of the NIISA Development Pathway Programme are dependent on reaching the criteria and membership of NIISA. Skaters will have to apply to NIISA for stages 3-6, skaters will be asked to produce test certificates as proof of test level. An application form is attached to this information, completed forms should be handed to your coach.

### **Re-Funding**

Parents should realise that most sport funding in Britain is going towards sports representing GBR in the 2012 Olympics. Winter Sports are not and have never been funded as much as other sports. Ice Skating is rated, expense wise, with Horse Jumping and Polo and unfortunately seen as an Elitist Sport and is mostly funded by parents, this is the same worldwide.

At this time, there is no funding for skaters to compete at club level Open Competitions which is the same for many other sports, however, NIISA Development will be looking into applying for funding to help develop skating in Northern Ireland.

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# NORTHERN IRELAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

## APPLICATION FORM

### DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY PROGRAMME

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NISA NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NIISA NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NISA COACH \_\_\_\_\_

#### TEST INFORMATION

Highest Figure Test Held \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Dance Test Held \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Pairs Test Held \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Field Moves Test Held \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Venue \_\_\_\_\_

What level of the Development Pathway Programme are you applying for?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (by parent if under 16) Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NIISA MEMBERSHIP**  
For year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

New Application / Renewal  
(Please delete as appropriate)

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP**

**DATE OF BIRTH IF UNDER 18**

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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POST CODE:

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E MAIL:

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TELEPHONE:

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MOBILE:

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SKATER? YES/NO if yes

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COACH(ES)

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SKATING CLUBS:

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NISA(UK) NUMBER:

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**PLEASE SIGN DECLARATION AT BOTTOM OF APPLICATION**

<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Male/Female (Delete) M/F</b>	<b>Date of birth (if under 18)</b>	<b>Skater?</b>	<b>NISA Number (UK)</b>
Name 1:	----- M/F	-----	-----	-----
Name 2:	----- M/F	-----	-----	-----
Name 3:	----- M/F	-----	-----	-----
Name 4:	----- M/F	-----	-----	-----
Address: -----				

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Post Code:

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Telephone:

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E Mail:

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Mobile:

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Skating Clubs:

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Coach(es):

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**I/WE agree to abide by the rules, Constitution and Codes of Conduct of NIISA**  
**SIGNED** **DATE**

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Membership Fees: Single £10.00

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Family £15.00

\*New applications received before 15<sup>th</sup> March 10 will carry forward to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

Please forward your application and appropriate fee to:

Claire Mulvenna (Membership Secretary)  
53 Ponsonby Avenue  
Belfast, BT15 2LS