



BISA

British Indoor
Skydiving Association

British Indoor Skydiving Association (BISA) Competition Rules

Overview

British National Competitions overseen by BISA will follow **FAI rules** as outlined by the FAI. The only exception is where BISA has made specific considerations so that the rules are applicable to a British Nationals competition overseen by BISA, and as such, cannot always meet all FAI rules and regulations. If there is a situation where FAI rules cannot be applied and BISA rules do not state an outcome then the 'Spirit of the Rules' will apply as determined by BISA.

Reference Documents

- **Sporting Code:** [FAI Competition Rules](#)
- **Formation Skydiving (FS / VFS) :** [FS / VFS Rules 2026](#)
- **Dynamic:** [2026 Rules](#)
- **Solo Freestyle (SFS):** [Indoor Solo Freestyle Rules 2026](#)
- **Solo Speed:** [2026 Rules](#)
- **Indoor Para-Skydiving:** [2026 Rules](#)

Note: The links above are only current when this document is published. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure they access the latest version of FAI published rules and Sporting Code.

BISA Purpose & Objectives

- Establish the **BISA National Championships** and recognize UK National Champions in Formation Skydiving (FS), Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS), Solo Freestyle (SFS), Dynamic Flying (DF), Solo Speed, and Indoor Para-Skydiving.
- Select top competitors from the BISA British Indoor Nationals competition to represent Great Britain in FAI international competitions. There will be no other British national team qualifying events outside of the BISA Indoor Nationals competition. BISA may, in extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by BISA, nominate a separate qualifying event. For example, if the British Indoor Nationals competition is held in a tunnel that does not facilitate an 8way competition due to its size.
- Test additional events and disciplines to strengthen and encourage the growth of the sport.

Nationals Competition Planning

Dates and Location

- Determined by BISA and announced in advance.

Fees

- Competitor costs will be advertised by the host tunnel.
- Costs include general registration, event fees and, where practicable, speed setting flights but may vary from competition to competition. Please check specific competition for exact information.
- Travel, meals, lodging, and training time are the responsibility of competitors.

Registration

- Opens and closes on dates specified before the competition.
- Late entries are not permitted unless exceptionally approved by BISA.
- BISA reserves the right to pause registration at its discretion.
- Team line-up changes after Round 1 result in “guest team” status (i.e. not eligible for British Nationals or Open medals) unless alternates were pre-registered.
- Alternates permitted: FS4W, FS8W, DW4, 4WVFS - **25% per team** if registered before competition. No alternates are permitted for solo performers or 2way disciplines.
- Any registered alternate, once flown, permanently replaces the original flyer for the remainder of the competition. Any flyer swapped out cannot fly again in the competition for that team or any other team. Where an alternate is also registered with another team flying the same competition draw, the Multiple-Team Participation and Eligibility rule also applies.
- FS AAA teams must declare **OPEN or FEMALE** category for qualification. Only one choice is permitted.
- Refunds (except host cancellation) are at the discretion of BISA and the host.
- Events may be cancelled or combined if insufficient competitors register.
- BISA reserves the right to run Nationals events only for categories and disciplines eligible for an FAI First Category Event (FCE) the following year.

Competition Management

BISA Representative

A non-competing BISA representative ensures compliance with competition requirements and FAI rules.

Responsibilities include:

- Knowledge of competition site and video systems and ensuring both are suitable for the Nationals competition.
- Liaising with host and Meet Director.
- Ensuring fair conduct, rule compliance, and hearing protest appeals.

- Having authority to amend rules to ensure fairness, safety and a sporting competition.

Meet Director (MD)

- Selected by the host and approved by BISA.
- Cannot compete.
- May delegate duties but retains overall responsibility.

Responsibilities include:

- Directing competition activities.
- Coordinating with BISA and Chief Judge.
- Approving judges and ensuring fair conduct.
- Evaluating petitions and appeals.

Chief Judge

- Selected by the BISA, with agreement from the MD.
- Selects judging staff in collaboration with BISA and the host.
- Judges must be nationally or internationally rated unless otherwise approved. (FAI standards for this will be followed as far as practicable)
- Responsible for final scores and placings.
- May operate on-site or remotely if facilities allow.
- More than 1 Chief Judge can be present with specific discipline responsibility (ie. Chief Judge - Artistics, Chief Judge - FS)

Host Tunnel Responsibilities

The host tunnel must provide all required facilities and services, including:

- Safeguarding policy and compliance with statutory safety standards.
- Competent and sufficient staff for tunnel operation.
- Approved registration system.
- Adequate video facilities and post-competition access.
- Judges and staff for all disciplines.
- Awards ceremony with medals for top 3 competitors/teams.
- Competition data and records for BISA (GDPR compliant).
- Compliance with local laws and regulations.

Duties and Conduct of Participants

- Competitors and officials must comply with all rules.
- Misconduct or disobedience may result in disqualification without refund.
- Ignorance of FAI, BISA or tunnel specific rules is not grounds for protest.
- Competitors must attend on time, with correct equipment, and respect flying order.
- Registration constitutes agreement to rules and management decisions.
- Waivers must be signed.
- Protests about technical non-compliance will not result in re-flights unless safety is compromised.
- Competitors may enter multiple categories, disciplines and teams, subject to the eligibility, scheduling and manifest requirements set out in these rules, and must accept reduced time between rounds.

BISA is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of equipment.

British Indoor Nationals Competition Qualification

Eligibility for British Nationals Competition

- Competitors must be UK Nationals or UK residents (student or other visa holders).
- Teams with any non-eligible member cannot compete in the British Nationals but may compete in the Open competition.

Multiple-Team Participation and Eligibility

- A competitor may compete as a member of more than one team, subject to competition capacity, scheduling and manifest requirements.
- Where a competitor competes with more than one team flying the same competition draw, they must declare one team only as their medal and ranking-eligible team. The declaration must be made at registration and, in all cases, before the start of the competition.
- Where two or more competitors participate together in more than one team flying the same competition draw, those competitors must nominate the same team as their medal and ranking-eligible team.
- The declared eligible team must fly before every other team containing that competitor in each round.
- Any additional team containing that competitor and flying the same competition draw may continue to compete and have its scores recorded and displayed, but will be designated ineligible for medal and ranking purposes and will not displace an eligible team for medals or official ranking.

Provided all applicable BISA and competition eligibility requirements are met, ineligible teams may be considered for representative selection, in order of competition performance/standing, only after all eligible teams entitled to consideration have declined or are unable to accept an invitation.

Alternates

- A competitor may be nominated as an alternate for a team while also being registered as a competing member of another team flying the same competition draw. Nomination alone does not affect either team's eligibility.
- Where an alternate is used, the alternate may retain medal and ranking eligibility only with their one pre-declared eligible team; any other team with which that competitor flies against the same draw will be ineligible for medal and ranking purposes.
- The intended use of such an alternate must be notified to the Meet Director and manifest before either affected team flies the round in which the alternate will first be used.

- From that round onwards, the alternate's declared eligible team must fly before any other team containing that competitor. Any resulting change in eligibility cannot subsequently be reversed during the competition.

This rule applies consistently across all team competition classifications and levels where the same competition draw is flown. It does not restrict participation in solo disciplines or team competitions using different draws.

There is no fixed limit on the number of teams in which a competitor may participate. Competitors participating in multiple teams accept that additional preparation or turnaround time is not guaranteed.

The declared eligible team must fly first in each round. The subsequent flying order of additional ineligible teams will be determined by the competition organiser and manifest; no particular flying order or rotation between those teams is guaranteed.

Any exceptional circumstance not expressly covered by this rule will be determined by the Meet Director, in consultation with the BISA competition representative and/or Chief Judge where appropriate, having regard to competitive fairness.

2026 Transitional Provision: Competitors already registered in more than one team flying the same competition draw before the introduction of this rule must declare their medal and ranking-eligible team by the deadline specified by BISA and, in all cases, before the start of the competition.

- Open or guest teams/competitors may be permitted at BISA and MD discretion.

British Team Selection

All team members must:

- Be UK Nationals or UK residents with supporting documentation.
- Be eligible for an **FAI Sporting License** (via British Skydiving or BISA).
- Not have competed for another country in the last 2 years.
- Meet minimum FAI age requirements.

Alternates: Teams may substitute up to 25% of qualifying members for World-level competition. No alternates are permitted for solo performers or 2way disciplines.

Safety Rules

- Host tunnel safety practices must always be followed.
 - The MD may expel competitors or teams for violations (no refunds).
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Rules for Exigencies

- Competition Management may impose regulations for unforeseen circumstances.
 - Such regulations must remain fair and consistent with the competition's spirit.
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Spirit of the Rules

“Spirit of the rules” refers to a fair and equitable opportunity for individuals or teams to demonstrate their skill in competition.

- Where/when a specific situation occurs which is not previously detailed or defined the ‘spirit of the rules’ will be applied to resolve issues.
 - This ensures fair and equitable opportunity for all competitors.
 - As such, no team may request special treatment unavailable to others.
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Records

- BISA will record and verify any **UK records** achieved during Nationals.
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