

GSBA Partnership Code

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This document is aimed to provide a working relationship forming a partnership with those persons travelling with or involved with athletes selected as part of a British Artistic Roller Skating Team or a sanctioned club visit to participate in international events and exhibitions.

1. The GBSA Executive Board appoints the Group Leader being a Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager or Team Leader. A general term of “staff” is used throughout this document to simplify the explanations. “ Staff” is defined to include coaches, trainers, choreographers, doctors, first-aid providers, welfare supporters, volunteers and any other performance supporting personnel either appointed or registered with GBSA. `
2. All staff must be registered with the GBSA Safeguarding Team.
3. The definition of “parents” includes stepparents, carer(s), partner or single parents or those having a relationship either blood or for convenience in relation to a team member or the family.
4. It must be noted that a athletes cannot be regarded a team member until all fees have been paid and the appropriate documentation completed and returned to the Group Leader (before the meeting date at the departure location).
5. The Group Leader is at all times responsible for the team. The duties include the administration of the team including travel, accommodation (including meals), transport as required, timetabling of team members, their movements and general welfare.
6. Parents and supporters must not to interfere with the scheduling of the team and are asked to respect the guidance laid down by the Group Leader.
7. Under normal circumstances the team will remain together under the direction of the Group Leader. At certain times GBSA acknowledges that children may need access to their parents. This can be arranged in liaison with the Group Leader in an open area.
8. Under no circumstances can parents visit or enter a team member’s room. Should it be necessary for a parent to visit a room to carry out “parental functions” arrangements can be made by a prior agreement with the Group Leader and would an appointed staff member to ensure that the certain conditions were in place before visiting a room.
9. In the event of a “no action” day for an Athlete, provision is made for a parent to entertain a team member subject to the Group Leaders permission. Such an arrangement to be made prior to any outing giving consideration to the GBSA safeguarding directives. The intended location to be visited the departure and return time must be agreed with the Team Leader and the programme adhered to. During the athletes absence all the responsibility of the athletes will rest with their parent.
10. Trainers, coaches (staff) are not allowed to enter an athlete’s room, likewise an athlete is not allowed to visit a trainer/coaches (staff) room.
11. Special conditions are set down with regard to travel especially by road. The Group Leader will advise on all journeys for whatever mode of transport.
12. In the best interest of all team members parents/supporters are not encouraged to stay in the same hotel as the team.
13. The Team members will stay together, eat together, and sit together within the stadium during the event activities without the escort of the parents.
14. Prior to departure the parents will be advised of the travel arrangements, meeting place, hotel details and given contact numbers. If possible, an event timetable will be provided.



15. A HOME CONTACT will be based in the UK and provide a home contact point in an emergency either with the team or a family problem while the team member is away. This contact will be conversant with the teams' movements and the staff.
16. GBSA safeguarding does not recommend children of the age of eight and under travelling to compete in international events due to the complicated legislation involved. Any Children of this age (8 years old and below) being part of a supporting group must be accompanied by their parent.
17. Preferably, no adult should share a room with a child or young person.
18. Punctuality is essential at all times
19. Parents (and supporters) must arrange their own travel, transfer and accommodation. There is no objection to them travelling at the same time by the same means of transport as the team. However, they should respect the Group Leaders seating arrangements for the team.
20. Attendance at all activities is expected unless directed otherwise by the Group Leader.
21. Parents and supporters should appoint their own contact representative to liaise with the team staff and in order to help information being passed from the group leader to all concerned.
22. The consumption of alcohol is forbidden for athletes under the age defined by the UK laws. Drinking of alcohol by team staff is forbidden during the competition event, training sessions or during any team activity.
23. Parents are requested to consume alcohol away from the team areas.
24. Smoking within areas reserved for the team is forbidden.
25. Illegal and performance drugs and substances are strictly prohibited under any circumstances. GBSA, WorldSkate has very strict policies in connection with this matter and athletes, coaches and staff would automatically be subjected to the laws of the land, the international federations and GBSA.
26. At no times can anybody extra be accommodated any of the team members rooms.
27. The members of GBSA staff involved travelling with a team are indebted for the anticipated co-operation of the team parents (and the supporters) for their support. The success of any trip is dependent on the understanding of all members travelling to an event and it is hoped that a spirit of a "partnership" will create an atmosphere that will be carried forward to the athletes and thereby create the platform for a good skating performance.

