



# The Federation of Artistic Roller Skating

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To all members of Figures and Free,

## RE: Changes to Calendar of Events 2018

Firstly, I would like to thank all members who voted for my appointment as Head of Figures and Free. It is an honour to serve such a great sport and I will do my utmost to change it for the better. As I mentioned at the AGM, I have an exciting vision for the Figures and Free disciplines and would like to work with all of you to realise this vision over the coming years.

I am currently working on the planning aspects of this vision and will make information available to everyone as soon as each part is ready. In the meantime I would like to start by issuing a few amendments to the 2018 Calendar of Events in relation to Figures and Free. The changes being made at this stage have been carefully considered with long term skater development in mind and while I have not included the reasons for each change in this announcement I am more than happy to share these with anyone who asks. Please email me at [HoFF@fars.co.uk](mailto:HoFF@fars.co.uk) if you have any questions on any of the changes.

The latest Calendar of Events can be downloaded from here:

[http://www.fars.co.uk/documents/calendars/2018/FARS\\_CalendarofEvents\\_2018\\_v1.pdf](http://www.fars.co.uk/documents/calendars/2018/FARS_CalendarofEvents_2018_v1.pdf)

### Summary of Changes:

- 1) Removal of standards for awarding Figure & Free Championship medals and trophies (Pg 2)
- 2) Additional dates of interested added to the events list (Pg 3)
- 3) Change of Figures for Championships 2018 (Pg 8-11)
- 4) Changes to Figures for Tots in the April Figure and Free Competition (Pg 18)
- 5) Removal of 5m figure circle option (Pg 21 #10)
- 6) Change to International Selection and Announcements (Pg 23 / 24)

### Areas to Note:

- 1) FARS Free Skating Seminar (10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> Feb)  
I wish to organise a Free Skating Seminar for this weekend with Alessio Gangi. Additional information will be made available on this in due course but please save the date in the meantime.
- 2) National Team Gathering Cadet/Youth/Junior/Senior Figures and Free (23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Mar)  
As part of the new international selection criteria for Figures and Free I will be looking to hold a National Team Gathering for skaters who have been identified as potential candidates for international selection based on past performances and abilities. This gathering will take place before all international events. We will be selecting for German Cup at this event with bulletins for other selections after the Championships.