

Information / Input requested by the IBU International Committee

With regard to the selection for the European Championships in 2020, the IBU International Committee (IC) is interested in hearing your views.

The IC still firmly believes that team trials are the optimum way of selecting a team, however, they also believe that every so often there should be a Pairs trial to shake things up and see if any new talent is emerging. It's very hard for emerging players to find a team, willing to take them on.

So, for the next IBU trials year, the IC is suggesting a Pairs trial over a three (3) weekend period. A preliminary trial over one (1) weekend, then two (2) further weekends, to select the Open & Ladies teams. Normally, these trials are held in Jan-Mar of the competition year ie Jan - Mar 2020.

The IC would like to try something different this time (for one year only) and it would give pairs more time than ever before to prepare.

The IC would like these trials to also include selection for the Camrose and Lady Milne events (both for CBAI & NIBU teams), again for one year only. This would be a huge saving on time and money for all concerned and would enable the trials to be held in Oct/Nov 2019 rather than in Jan Feb etc. giving pairs more time to prepare.

It is also proposed that the Ladies trials would be run on the same three (3) weekends, ie. concurrently with the Open Trials but as a separate competition.

The IC also requires the agreement of the NIBU and CBAI International Committees so your opinions matter. Your views will inform the decision of the IC which is why they are consulting with you.

The IC would appreciate your comments in writing either for or against, before midnight 20th December and will make a final decision based on same in conjunction with the NIBU & CBAI International Committees.

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