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#### 1. Countries

The first 2 Events were successfully held in Dumfries Scotland in May 2012 and 2013. Iceland hostied the third Inclusive Skating Iceland Event on 23 to 25th May 2014. Since 2015 the major annual event has been held in Braehead Glasgow and additional events have been held in Canada and elsewhere during 2016.

There are competitors from the Scotland, England, Ireland, Iceland, Finland, Canada, USA, Austria and Russia competing in IS Events and that list is growing.

The ISAI in Ireland have included the Rondinelli scale for Impaired skaters in their test rules and a skater has used the Rondinelli bonus system in a test.

#### 2. Disability Specific Events

Inclusive Skating provides a classification system and event structure that includes all disabilities.

Inclusive Skating also hosts additional disability specific events.

So far, Inclusive Skating has hosted Special Olympics, British Blind Sport and from 2017 Inclusive Skating for Genes.

Disability Specific events in figure skating and generally are at very different stages of development. Some, such as Special Olympics are very well established whilst others are very new and are being founded by Inclusive Skating. Inclusive Skating for Genes is a disability specific event for skaters with genetic disorders that has been founded by Inclusive Skating because children with genetic disorders are particularly disadvantaged by current classification ssytems.

By way of background. In 2012 the Special Olympic movement already included figure skating and speed skating but it did not have a figure skating or speed skating program in the UK. The Special Olympics were founded in the USA and are well established in many countries. Inclusive Skating has developed Special Olympic ice skating in the UK and include Special Olympic athletes in all Inclusive Skating events. The 2012 Dumfries Event included the first Special Olympics GB National Competitions in Figure Skating and that event has been hosted in the Inclusive Skating Event structure on an annual basis ever since. In 2016 following their successful participation in Glasgow 2016 Event 10 skaters were selected to go to the World Winter Games in Austria in March 2017.

In the future, Inclusive Skating aims to include and develop more disability specific events for figure skating, such as Paralympics and Deaflympics and possibly more.

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