

# Senior Team Selection

## Qualification Events for 2023 Autumn National Trials

### Context

In 2022 GB Climbing introduced a new framework for the selection of athletes to senior international competitions. The new **National Trails** format, brings athletes together from both within and outside of the talent pathway, to compete on international standard setting, for the privilege of being selected to the Senior squad for the following season.

The 2023 National Trials will again be an invitation only event, used to select the GB Senior Squad. Athletes will receive invitations based upon the following criteria:

### Criteria

1. All athletes who represented the GB Senior Team in 2022 or where part of the GB Senior squad, will receive automatic invitation.
2. Any current (2022) GB National Development Squad athletes who turn 16 in 2023 (Youth A & Junior) will also receive an invitation.
3. Athletes who are not currently listed as a GB National Development Squad and/or Senior Team/Squad, may receive an invitation based upon exceptional performances\* at 2022 Senior National events which are listed below.

### National Events

Events that will be considered by the selection group for invitations to the National Trials are:

1. **Boulder** – British Bouldering Championships – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
and/or
2. **Lead** – British Lead Climbing Championships – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Other additional information

In reference the points listed above, please see below some important additional information:

1. An athlete wishing to be considered as combined (under criteria 3) for the National Trails, must compete in both of the competitions listed above. Single discipline athletes need only enter their preferred option.
2. Exceptional performances are defined as occasions where an athlete not currently on a GB Climbing Programme matches or demonstrates exceptional capability. This will be determined by making the top 10 in the British Bouldering Championships and/or Welsh Lead Climbing Championships.