



**GB Climbing**

Boulder | Lead | Speed

**2019 Selection Policy**  
**GB Youth and Junior Team**

# Pathway to International Youth and Junior IFSC Events in Lead and Boulder

## **Stage 1**

An athlete must be a member of the GB National Development Squad 2019 to be eligible to be registered for an IFSC International Competition in lead or boulder, in their age category by the BMC Competitions Program Manager.

## **Stage 2**

The BMC will issue international competition licenses for each event that athletes qualify for. The BMC's aim is to field competitive teams at IFSC international events and may not fill the category allocation at all IFSC events.

Athletes will be allocated to one of the following pathways:

### *Performance Pathway*

Athletes on this pathway have made an IFSC International final in 2018.

### *Development Pathway*

Athletes eligible for this set of competitions will have been selected for the BMC National Development Squad 2019, but have not made an IFSC International Final in 2018.

All GB National Development Squad athletes are initially on the '*Development Pathway*'. All athletes will be invited to attend the events on the '*Development Pathway*' for experience of international competition, but it is not compulsory.

Should an athlete on the Development make an IFSC European Youth Cup Final in the 2019 season they will move to the performance pathway and be eligible to compete at the 2019 World Youth Championships in the discipline they achieved the final.

## **Junior and Youth A Categories**

### *European Youth Cup's –*

The BMC can enter 4 athletes per category; therefore there is no further selection criterion. Please inform the BMC Competition Program Manager (Zoe Spriggins) which events you intend on competing by the 28 February in the year of this policy.

### *World Youth Championships –*

The IFSC have changed the category allocation per federation for the 2019 World Youth Championships – it is now 3 not 4 athletes.

Athletes who have qualified for the performance pathway can compete at the World Youth Championship in the discipline that they achieved the final in (i.e. lead or boulder).

If there are places available in the discipline an athlete did not achieve the final in, they can be entered. In the event there are more athletes than places are available, the highest ranked athletes in that discipline will take priority.

For an athlete to add speed they must have achieved the qualifying time as detailed in this policy (page 5).

It is not compulsory for athletes to attend any IFSC International competitions whilst a member of the GB National Development Squad, however it is highly recommended. It is understood however that there may be extenuating circumstances as to why an athlete may not be able to take part in international competition, for example school examinations.

## **Youth B**

The IFSC International Youth and Junior competitions will be split into two groups forming a 'Performance' and 'Development' Pathway. This is done as the calendar can contain upwards of 10 competitions throughout a 5-6 month period and is a heavy training and competition load on young athletes. These are a recommendation and not compulsory.

In the event that there are more Youth B athletes wanting to attend an event than are allowed to register, the places will be offered to those initially identified at the inaugural meeting for that competition, then a waiting list will be made on a first come first served basis. Then if an athlete cannot attend the event for any reason the place at that event will be offered to those on the waiting list in sequential order.

### *European Youth Championships -*

For Youth B – In order to be eligible for selection to the European Championships in 2019 an athlete has to achieve top 20 result in an 2019 EYC. Should more than four people have top 20 placings in 2019, then the four climbers with the highest ranking results will be selected for each discipline.

In the event that the European Championship is in a country requiring a visa, the deadline for selection for this event will be the visa application deadline (even if there are still qualifying competitions after this date).

### **Youth C**

Youth C athletes are encouraged to attend IFSC 'promo' events for their age category to develop experience in international competition. There is no selection criterion to enter the events:

All details can be found for these competitions at <https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/component/ifsc/>

### **Talent Development Transition Pathway for GB Youth and Junior Athletes –**

Please see the GB Senior Squad selection policy 2019 for the transition pathway to senior competition for Youth A and Junior athletes.

Athletes in this age category who are not members of the GB National Development Squad will not be able to achieve selection to the GB Senior Team. It is possible for an athlete to compete as part of the GB Youth and Junior Team and the GB Senior Team at the simultaneously.

# Pathway to International Youth and Junior IFSC events in Speed

Currently there is no funding for a GB Speed Climbing Team (at Youth, Junior or Senior level). But if an athlete achieves the qualifying time for their category as listed below and wishes to attend an IFSC International speed event then the BMC will issue a license for the athlete to compete on a fully self-funded basis. At the current time, athletes competing in IFSC Speed climbing competitions do not have to be a member of the GB National Development Squad.

For climbers who wish to represent GB at Speed Climbing they must meet the following qualification times. These need to be recorded at a National Speed Climbing Event (British Speed Climbing Championships or Scottish Speed Climbing Championships, or at an International EYC, EYCH, WYCH or World Cup, or on an official speed route with timer (video evidence will be required)

Category	Gender	Qualification Time
Youth B	Female	<b>14 sec</b>
Youth A	Female	<b>13 sec</b>
Junior	Female	<b>12 sec</b>
Youth B	Male	<b>12 sec</b>
Youth A	Male	<b>11 sec</b>
Junior	Male	<b>8.5 sec</b>

The qualification time is based approximately on the time required to achieve a top 20 placing in any category.

If a climber is representing GB at another discipline then they can elect to participate in an International Speed event; EYC, EYCH, WYCH, or World Cup at the same event, but they must have achieved the minimum qualification time. In the event that there are more athletes with the minimum qualification time than allocations, the athletes will be selected by a ranked order of the fastest speed times to the slowest that have submitted.

If an athlete wishes to be entered in an IFSC Speed event they must contact the BMC Competitions Program Manager ([zoe@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:zoe@thebmc.co.uk)) before their registration deadline. Athletes who are not member of the GB National Development Squad, but who qualify to compete for speed will receive loan GB team kit from the BMC, this must be returned to the BMC once the event has concluded.

### **Injured Athletes –**

If a GB National Development Squad athlete suffers an injury they will only be considered for entry into international events once they have been approved, in writing to the BMC Competitions Program Manager ([zoe@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:zoe@thebmc.co.uk)), as fit to compete by a medical practitioner.

### **IFSC license -**

An IFSC license will only be issued to those athletes with a signed athlete contract and satisfactory medical, as per the IFSC medical requirements.

### **Appeals –**

In the event that an athlete wishes to appeal Performance or Development pathway decision, please refer to the BMC Appeals Procedure for the GB Youth and Junior Team.