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**Selection Policy
Paraclimbing Team**

2019

Introduction

This document has been produced to outline the approach to selecting athletes to join the GB Paraclimbing Team in 2019.

The intention of the document is to provide clarity and consistency in approach to the selection for all athletes.

The BMC and Mountaineering Scotland reserves the right to amend this document should there be significant changes to either the wider NGB strategy or the funding status.

The selection event will take place on Saturday 9 March 2019 at the Quay Climbing Centre.

The team coaches will not be coaching or sight guiding for anyone during the day so it is fair for every athlete.

Athletes will be selected according to recognised IFSC paraclimbing categories.

There are two main routes to selection and athletes must meet the eligibility criteria, listed below.

1.0 Eligibility

In addition to BMC eligibility below, athletes must comply with IFSC eligibility rules¹ including anti-doping.

- 1.1 Athletes are members of BMC and/or Mountaineering Scotland
- 1.2 Athletes must be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain
- 1.3 Competitors must be over 16 years of age in year of competition
- 1.4 Athletes hold a valid international license issued by the IFSC
- 1.5 Athletes have signed the BMC athlete agreement and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so prior to attending the selected competition, could see their selection being withdrawn.
- 1.6 Athletes have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline set by BMC. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by BMC. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by BMC.
- 1.7 Athletes comply to IFSC and UK Anti-Doping rules and anti-doping blood/urine testing policies. Notified athletes on the National and/or International testing pools will comply with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standard for Testing with regard to ADAMS and whereabouts information.

¹ IFSC 2019 Rules, page 4&5

2.0 Selection Criteria

- 2.1 Pre selected athletes. Any athlete who has made a Paraclimbing Masters or World Paraclimbing Championships podium in 2018, shall be pre-selected to join GB paraclimbing team in 2019.
- 2.2 Athletes selected through the open GB Paraclimbing selection event. Any athlete who finishes in the top two positions in each IFSC category and who has reached the top of at least one of the qualification routes will be selected to join the 2019 Paraclimbing team
- 2.3 Athletes who don't reach the top of one of these routes may be invited to join the GB paraclimbing squad and can participate in team training events.
- 2.4 In categories with 6 or more participants, the top three climbers will be selected, provided they have reached the top of at least one of the qualification routes.

3.0 Appeals

- 3.1 Selection event appeals. The selection day will be run under IFSC rules and IFSC Appeal forms will be available on the day.
- 3.2 The appeal fee is £50 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 3.3 No appeals will be accepted once the 30 minute have passed after the results have been published.
- 3.4 In the event an athlete wishes to appeal a selection decision, please refer to the selection appeals document on the BMC website.

4.0 Selection Panel

- 4.1 All selections are made by the BMC selection panel:
 - Chair - Deputy CEO (Nick Colton), casting vote
 - BMC Competitions Program Manager (Zoe Spriggins), voting rights
 - Mountaineering Scotland Representative (TBC), voting rights
 - Chair of Competitions Committee (Iain McKenzie), voting rights
 - Independent Observer/Advisor (TBC), no voting right
- 4.2 The selection panel will exercise its discretion fairly and without bias in making its decision against the selection criteria listed below.
- 4.3 Decisions will be made by majority vote

5.0 Confidentiality

- 5.1 Athletes and officials must not disclose any information regarding any selection decisions or appeals until such information is publicly announced or disclosed by BMC.

6.0 Deselection - Substitutions and Injuries

- 6.1 Selection to the GB Paraclimbing Team is to specific events in accordance with the prevailing selection policy.
- 6.2 The Selection Panel have the right to withdraw athletes from identified IFSC International Competition and Major Championships on the basis of injury/illness (physical or mental).

- 6.3 Such decisions will only be taken following consultation with appropriate coaches and/or medical reports, and/or an agreed fit to compete protocol successfully conducted.
- 6.4 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Selection Panel, any replacement to IFSC Internationals, and Major Championships will be prioritized in number order against section 2 - selection criteria, of this selection policy.