



**2021-2024 International Competition
Selection Policy**

GB Senior Team

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IFSC Senior in Lead and Boulder

1. Purpose of this policy

1.1. To ensure transparent selection process when selecting athletes to attend IFSC International Competition events in the Senior categories.

1.2. There are exclusive means by which a selection decision can be challenged and this is set out in the Selection Appeals Procedure. This procedure can be found [HERE](#).

2. Subjective nature of selection decisions

2.1. GB Climbing does not consider it desirable to select for internationals based on hard edged criteria (for example ranking at single selection events or international ranking). Such an approach would not consider factors such as injury or illness which may have effected attendance at events, future performance potential or team performance dynamics.

2.2. GB Climbing recognises that selection decisions will be made on a comprehensive list of factors which may be considered in selection decisions, which is set in Section 9 of this policy.

2.3. All selection decisions will be made by the Selection Panel outlined in section 6 of this document.

3. Purpose of selection decisions

3.1. The objective of each selection decision is to:

3.1.1. Select athletes with the best chance of achieving our Performance Strategy Objectives at the relevant championship or event; and/or

3.1.2. Support individual athlete development as set out in athletes' individual plans (I.A. Ps).

4. Events this policy applies to

4.1. The Policy applies to the following events;

4.1.1. World Climbing Championships;

4.1.2. European Climbing Championships;

4.1.3. World Cup Competitions;

4.1.4. European Cup Competitions.



5. Eligibility

In addition to BMC eligibility below, athletes must comply with the [UK Sport Eligibility Policy](#) and IFSC eligibility rules¹ including anti-doping:

5.1 Athletes are members of the BMC and/or Mountaineering Scotland;

5.2 Athletes must be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain through holding a British Passport;

5.3 Athletes hold a valid international license issued by the BMC;

5.4 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to attending the selected competition, could see their selection being withdrawn;

5.5 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; and

5.6 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.

5.7 Engagement with GB Climbing programs and active IAP where targets are being monitored and/or achieved;

5.8 All athletes must be declared as medically fit to compete (including satisfactory BMI, see [GB Climbing Welfare Support plan](#));

6. Selection Panel

6.1 All selection recommendations are made by the GB Climbing Senior Coaching Team including:

- Head Coach (HC)
- Senior Coaches (SC)
- Performance Analysis (PA)

¹ IFSC 2019 Rules, pages 4 & 5



- Lead Officer GB Climbing and/or Head of performance, who will chair the meeting

All selection decisions are made by the selection panel to ensure due process:

- Chair
- Head of Performance/Head of GB Climbing
- Head Coach
- Independent Member
- Independent Observer

6.2 Other expert advisors or observers such as representatives from the British Olympic Association, UK Sport, British Athletes Commission may be invited to attend.

6.3 Conflicts of interest will be declared at the start of the meeting. In the event of a conflict of interest, the person will remove themselves from the decision-making process and in case of a tie, the Chair will have the casting vote.

7. Annual Performance Strategy

7.1 GB Climbing will issue all eligible Athletes with a copy of the Annual Performance Strategy which is relevant to the current season in which they are seeking selection for.

7.2 It is the aim of GB Climbing to issue these documents during the pre-season training period, however this may not always be possible, in which case the Annual Performance Strategy will be issued at the earliest available opportunity.

7.3. The Annual Performance Strategy documents will contain the following:

- 7.3.1 the key Training Events, pre-season Selection Events that athletes are obligated to attend
- 7.3.2 any relevant performance parameters
- 7.3.3 the current season training calendar
- 7.3.4 any other relevant information

8. Confidentiality

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



9. Selection Criteria

9.1. The factors that may be considered by the Selection Panel in making decisions include the following:

9.1.2. Performance at identified competition selection events (rankings and minimum performance standards are met);

9.1.3. Performance at and during GB Climbing training camps and training events

9.1.4. National and International Competition Performance;

9.1.5. Progression towards Individual Athlete Plan (IAP) targets

9.1.6. Any extenuating circumstances that may have impaired an athlete's performance or excluded an athlete from a selection opportunity (including injury or condition – physical or otherwise);

9.2. In making their selection decisions, equal weighting will be given to each element listed above based upon the current Annual Performance Strategy.

9.3. Where there is disruption to Selection Trials and/or other events (e.g. Pandemic or adverse weather conditions), selection shall be made using all relevant factors available.

10. IFSC License

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

11. Appeals

11.1. In the event that an athlete wishes to appeal a selection decision, please refer to the BMC Appeals Procedure for the GB Climbing Senior Team, which can be found in section 1.2.



12. De-selection

12.1. An athlete may be de-selected for an International competition by the Selection Panel in the event of:

- 12.1.1. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy;
- 12.1.2. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;
- 12.1.3. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct;
- 12.1.4. a breach of any [GB Climbing policy](#);

12.2. In the event of de-selection, the Selection Panel will re-convene to review the athlete selection.

13. Amendment to this policy

13.1. It is anticipated that this Selection Policy will be in place until it is reviewed after the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. However, this Selection Policy may be amended by GB Climbing in consultation with Mountaineering Scotland at any time at its sole discretion.

14. Questions about the policy

14.1. Questions about this policy should be directed to Head of GB Climbing and/or Head of Performance.

15. Arbitration

15.1. The parties agree that all disputes between them shall be referred to Sport Resolutions (UK) (a trading name of The Sports Dispute Resolution Panel Ltd- Company No. 33510939) for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 and Sport Resolutions (UK)'s Arbitration Rules, which Rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference to this clause.