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# **2019 Selection Policy**

## **GB National Development Squad**

# Introduction

This document outlines the selection policy for the 2019 GB National Development Squad. The squad is open to British competition climbers who in 2019 will compete in Youth A, B, C or Junior categories. These athletes are born in the years 2000 to 2007 inclusive.

A selection event for the 2019 squad will take place on 17th & 18th November 2018 at Awesome Walls, Sheffield. The 2019 IFSC age categories for Junior, Youth A, B & C will be used for the selection event 2018, and so the youngest athletes eligible to attend are those who in 2018 are competing in the top year of Youth D age category.

Athletes will attend one selection day appropriate to their age category outlined below.

2019 age category	Youth C		Youth B		Youth A		Junior	
Year of birth	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Selection day	Saturday 17 November				Sunday 18 November			

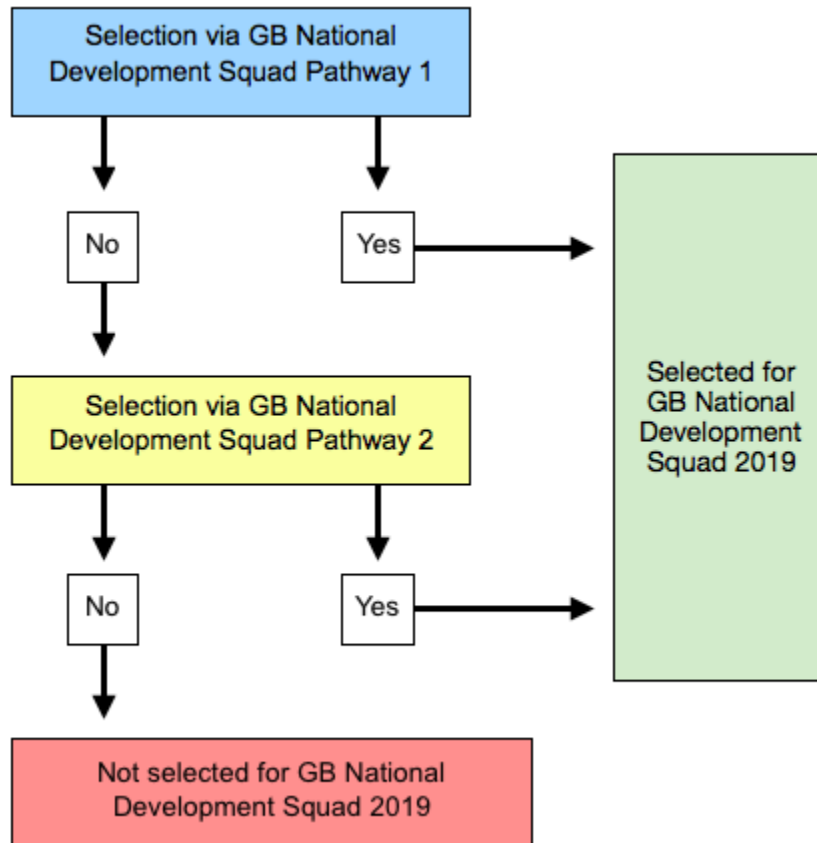
The BMC will deliver four GB National Development Squad Training events in 2019 all of which are compulsory for athletes who are members of the squad.

The dates of these events are as follows (venues to be confirmed):

1. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (including a parent orientation meeting)
2. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019
3. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019
4. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

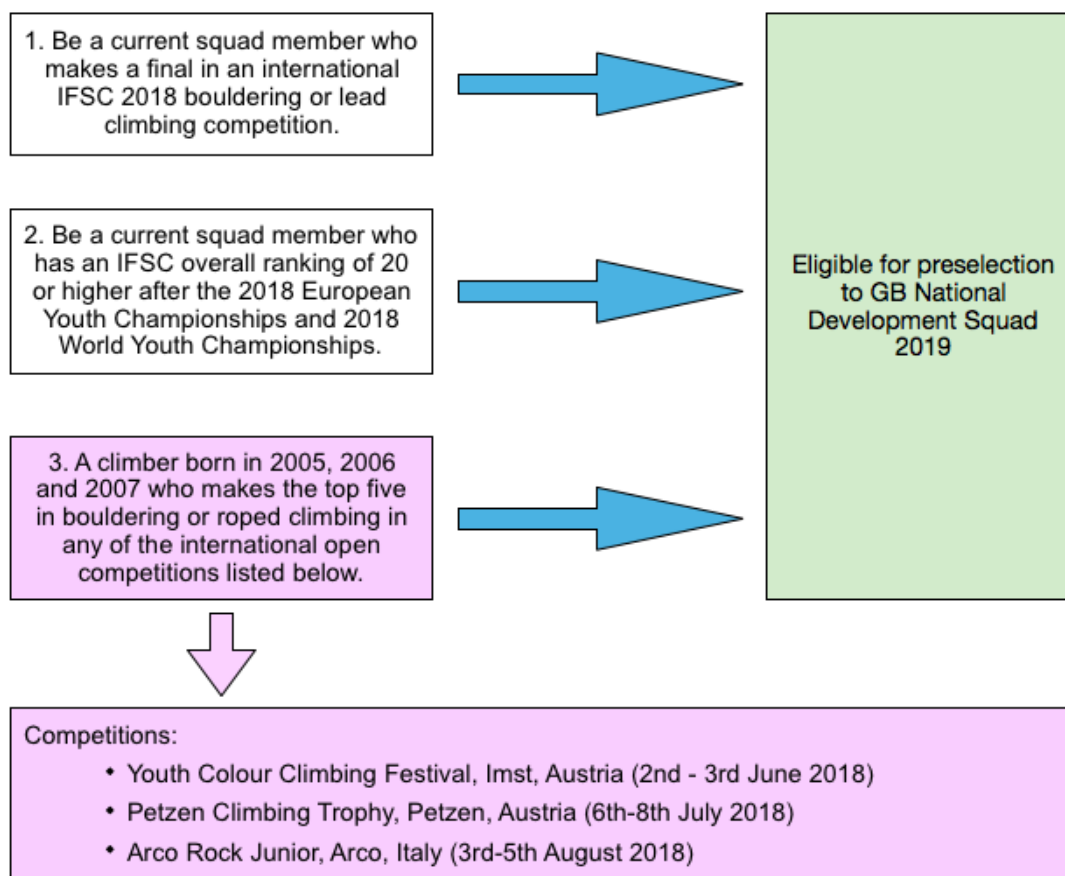
# Pathways to Selection

Athletes will be selected for a place on the GB National Development Squad via one of the selection pathways below



## Development Squad Pathway 1

To be preselected via Development Squad Pathway 1 athletes must fulfil one or more of the conditions below.



Those athletes preselected to join the 2019 squad are not required to attend the GB National Development Squad Selection Event 2018. However, attendance is preferable as technical and tactical profiling will be carried out for the squad members from the climbing footage recorded at the selection event.

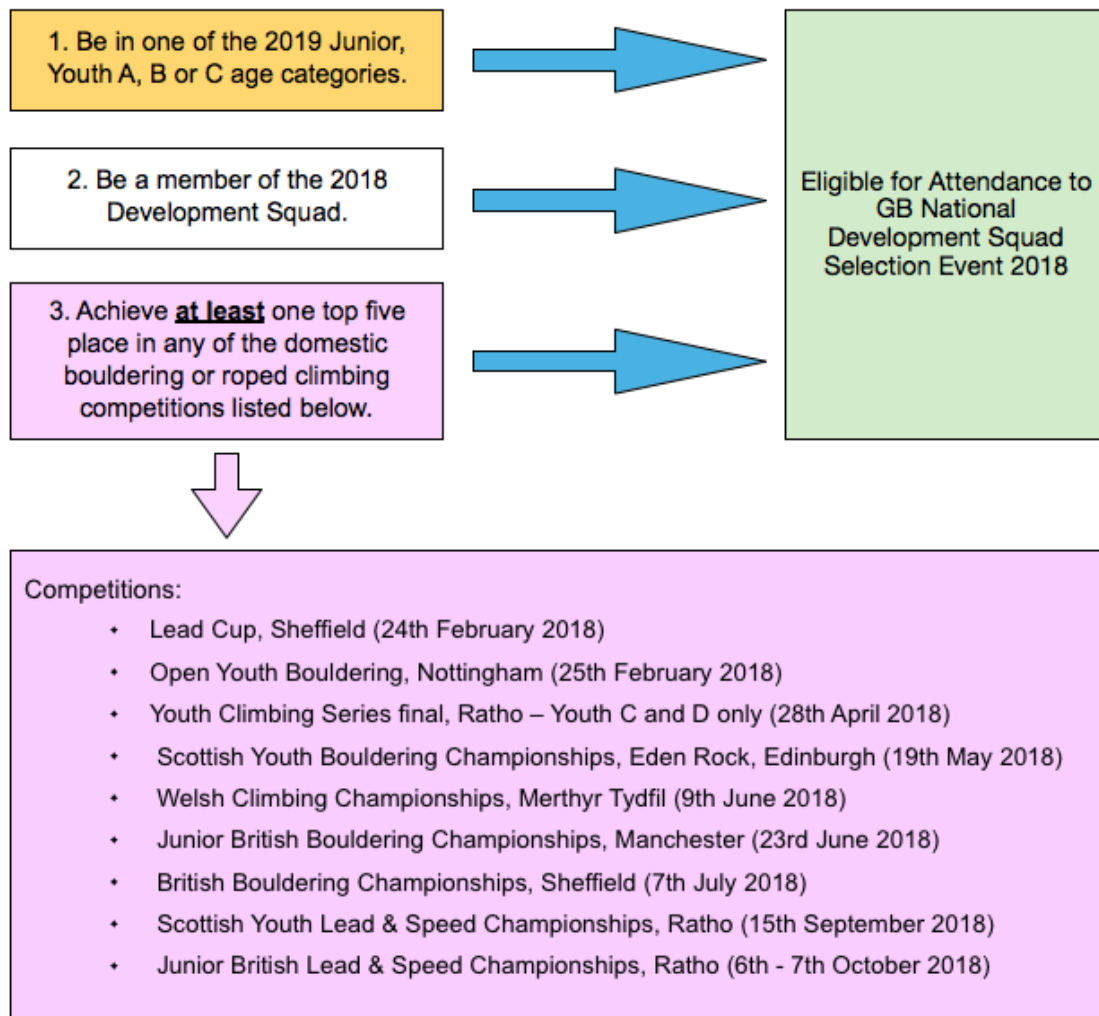
In the event that an athlete eligible for preselection does not attend then they are required to supply competition climbing footage for profiling purposes before the Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (please see 'Profiling', page 13 for further details).

An athlete who is preselected to join the 2019 squad must return a signed 2019 squad contract by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to confirm their place.

## Development Squad Pathway 2

For an athlete to be eligible for selection to the GB National Development Squad, and who does not satisfy 'Development Squad Pathway 1', they must qualify to attend the specified squad selection event which is on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Awesome Walls, Sheffield.

To be eligible to attend this selection event all athletes must fulfil condition 1 (orange) and one or both of the other conditions listed below.



Athletes who qualify for the selection event will be required to register for the event via the BMC website. It is the athletes/parents responsibility to ensure they meet the advertised registration deadline. Registration to the selection event will not be accepted after the deadline. The deadline is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm.

The BMC National Development Squad category allocations for 2019 are listed below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Female Allocation</b>	<b>Male Allocation</b>
JUNIOR	4	4
YOUTH A	4	4
YOUTH B	6	6
YOUTH C	6	6

Total Athletes = 40

The highest combined scores at the selection event (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Awesome Walls, Sheffield) will be selected until the allocation is reached.

In a category where an athlete or athletes have achieved selection via 'Development Squad Pathway 1', the number of squad places available to athletes at selection will be reduced in that category by the number of preselected athletes. The number of remaining places will be published once the 2018 IFSC calendar for Youth and Junior has ended.

Example 1: If two Youth B females were pre-selected for the squad, the remaining four places will be filled by the athletes placing first, second, third and fourth at the selection event.

In the event of tied placings the following examples outline how the squad would be selected.

Example 2: If in Youth A male there were no climbers preselected for the squad and there were a tie for fourth position – then both athletes would be selected, meaning the allocation in that Youth A male category would increase to five.

Example 3: If in Youth A male there were no climbers preselected for the squad and there is a tie for third place, then both those climbers would be selected along with the two climbers placing first and second. In this situation the climber placing fifth would not be selected as the allocation of four climbers would have been met.

If an athlete who has qualified for the 2019 squad (through Development Squad Pathway 1) does not wish to accept their place, or does not return a signed 2019 BMC Development Squad contract by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, their allocated category

place will be available to athletes in that same category at the 2018 selection event. This place will not be filled by an athlete from another category.

### **Injured Athletes –**

a) **Non 2018 squad members -**

If an athlete cannot perform at the selection event (Awesome Walls Sheffield 17/18th November 2018) then they will not be eligible for selection to the BMC National Development Squad for the year 2019.

b) **2018 squad members -**

If an athlete has achieved preselection through 'Development Squad Pathway 1' they will be invited to attend Development Squad training events and only considered for entry into international events once they have been approved, in writing to the BMC Competitions Program Manager (zoe@thebmc.co.uk), as fit to compete by a medical practitioner.

If an athlete cannot perform at the selection event and has not achieved preselection through 'Development Squad Pathway 1', they will not be eligible for selection to the BMC National Development Squad 2019.

## **BMC National Development Squad Selection Event 2018**

### **How the selection days will operate**

All athletes attending selection will be asked to climb

- a) Two routes in a random running order format (both routes will run simultaneously in accordance with IFSC rule 6.6.1ii page 22 at [https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World\\_competitions/Event\\_regulations/IFSC-Rules\\_2018\\_V1.5.pdf](https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_competitions/Event_regulations/IFSC-Rules_2018_V1.5.pdf))
- b) Eight boulder problems in a scramble format.
- c) A 10m speed route.

Points will be earned relative to a climber's performance with the maximum combined score available being 100.

The three disciplines will be weighted with lead climbing and bouldering each contributing 45% of the total score and speed climbing 10%.

The opportunity to climb across all disciplines will allow each climber to demonstrate their strengths and provide them with multiple scenarios to demonstrate their tactics, technical skills, strength and stamina.

Speed has been included as this is a growing area and combined international events are now becoming common. The standard IFSC speed route will not be used (due to the limited access to speed walls across the country for athletes to practise).

Speed climbing allows climbers to demonstrate skills such as leg drive, power generation and transmission through the lower body into the upper body, coordinated movement at speed and seamless linking of moves. All of these are important attributes to many climbing situations, especially during competition.

This weighting system also supports those climbers wanting to focus on lead or boulder, as it means highly performing lead or boulder specialists will still be able to qualify for the squad.

Each age & gender category will undertake their three climbing disciplines as a group during the selection day.



All climbers attending November's selection event are asked not to visit Awesome Walls Sheffield between Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and their selection day. A climber who is found to have ignored this request will be ineligible for selection to the BMC National Development Squad 2019. Awesome Walls will be provided with a list of athletes prior to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## How each discipline will be scored at the selection event?

### 1. Lead climbing

Athletes will climb two routes, these will be climbed in flash format and the routes will have a video demo. Running order of the routes will be in a random list format, both routes will run simultaneously in accordance with IFSC rules ([https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World\\_competitions/Event\\_regulations/IFSC-Rules\\_2018\\_V1.5.pdf](https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_competitions/Event_regulations/IFSC-Rules_2018_V1.5.pdf))

Lead rankings will be assigned after both routes have been climbed in accordance with IFSC rules ([https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World\\_competitions/Event\\_regulations/IFSC-Rules\\_2018\\_V1.5.pdf](https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_competitions/Event_regulations/IFSC-Rules_2018_V1.5.pdf))

The grades to be set are:

	Route 1	Route 2
Youth C Girls	7b+	7c
Youth C Boys	7b+	7c
Youth B Girls	7c	7c+
Youth B Boys	7c	8a
Youth A Girls	7c	7c+
Youth A Boys	8a	8a
Junior Girls	7c	7c+
Junior Boys	8a	8a+

### 2. Bouldering

Climbers will have two hours to attempt eight boulder problems in a scramble format. The problems will not be demonstrated. Rankings will be assigned in accordance with IFSC rules ([https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World\\_competitions/Event\\_regulations/IFSC-Rules\\_2018\\_V1.5.pdf](https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_competitions/Event_regulations/IFSC-Rules_2018_V1.5.pdf))

Points will be awarded relative to the climbers ranking; see example in appendix one. The grades to be set are:

	Easiest	Hardest
Youth C Girls	V3	V6
Youth C Boys	V3	V7
Youth B Girls	V4	V7
Youth B Boys	V4	V8
Youth A Girls	V4	V7
Youth A Boys	V5	V8
Junior Girls	V5	V7
Junior Boys	V6	V9

### 3. Speed climbing

The speed climb will be a 10m route set for the event on a five degree overhanging wall with each climber hitting a clapperboard to finish the climb. The grade of the route will be approximately 6a.

Each climber will have a 2 minute practice time on the route prior to a recorded attempt. Times will be recorded using three stopwatches with the middle score counting.

The time achieved will be recorded. Points will be awarded for the time recorded, see below.

	Score
Below 8 seconds	10
Between 8 and 9 secs	9
Between 9 and 10 secs	8
Between 10 and 11 secs	7
Between 11 and 12 secs	6
Between 12 and 13 secs	5
Between 13 and 14 secs	4
Between 14 and 15 secs	3
Between 15 and 16 secs	2
Over 16 secs	1

## **Appeals – Selection Event**

This section relates to appeals that relate to judging / climbing on the day of the Selection event. All disciplines will be run under IFSC rules and IFSC Appeal Forms will be available at the event.

The Appeal fee for each appeal is £50. This will be refunded should the appeal be upheld.

An appeal will only be considered when, and if, accompanied by the appeal fee and a signed Appeal Form. These are to be handed to the Jury President.

No appeals will be accepted once 30 minutes have passed after results have been published.

## **Overall Results and Selection**

Specific discipline placings will be combined to provide a final overall combined score.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 a Selection Panel (consisting of the BMC Competitions Program Manager, BMC Talent Development Co-Ordinators, a Mountaineering Scotland Representative and independent minute taker) will meet to confirm the athletes who have achieved selection to the BMC National Development Squad 2019 as per the selection process detailed in this policy. Minutes of the meeting will be published along with the selected athletes and the overall results on the BMC website by 5pm, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Athletes not achieving selection to the BMC National Development Squad can request feedback from the BMC Talent Development Co-ordinators by emailing [lucinda@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:lucinda@thebmc.co.uk) and/or [timc@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:timc@thebmc.co.uk) before the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 5pm.

The 2020 BMC National Development Squad selection event will take place in 2019.

Below is a worked example of how discipline specific performances would be combined to provide an overall score from a field of twelve climbers. At the selection days, some age categories may have more than twelve climbers and other categories fewer.

<b>Climber</b>	<b>Speed time</b>	<b>Speed score</b>	<b>Lead Placing</b>	<b>Lead score</b>	<b>Boulder Placing</b>	<b>Boulder score</b>	<b>Total Score (S+L+B)</b>	<b>Final Placing</b>
Vicki	9.1	8	3	39	2	42	89	<b>1</b>
Clare	10.5	7	1	45	6	30	82	<b>2</b>
Micah	8.7	9	5	33	3	39	81	<b>3</b>
Emma	7.7	10	4	36	5	33	79	<b>4</b>
Ella	8.7	9	2	42	8	24	75	<b>5</b>
Lily	14.9	3	9	21	1	45	69	<b>6</b>
Zoe	11.3	6	12	12	4	36	54	<b>7</b>
Danni	9.1	8	6	30	11	15	53	<b>8</b>
Freya	11.9	6	8	24	9	21	51	<b>9</b>
Chloe	12.4	5	10	18	7	27	50	<b>10</b>
Kate	10.2	7	7	27	12	12	46	<b>11</b>
Betty	10.4	7	11	15	10	18	40	<b>12</b>

## **Appeals – Selection Panel Decisions**

In the event that an athlete wishes to appeal a Selection Panel decision, please refer to the BMC Appeals Procedure for the BMC National Development Squad.

## **Profiling -**

All 2019 squad members will then be profiled on their technical and tactical skills. These scores will be discussed and shared with squad members at the first training weekend of 2019.

The lead, speed and bouldering performances of each climber will be filmed at the selection event (17th and 18th November 2018, Awesome Walls, Sheffield), or preselected squad members can upload footage to a 'Dropbox folder' for profiling before 9th November 2018 (whether attending the selection event or not, they are welcome to do both). This must include competitive footage of boulder and lead performances (ideally in an IFSC event) and a timed example of speed climbing and be uploaded. If an upper Youth D or Youth C athlete has not been in the 2018 squad and is preselected for 2019 squad they are welcome to attend the selection event to be profiled, or a 'Dropbox folder' can be created for them so that footage from their qualifying IFSC competition can be uploaded (please contact [lucinda@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:lucinda@thebmc.co.uk) if a Dropbox folder is required).

Physical profiling will also be undertaken during the first 2019 training weekend and feedback will be provided at the second training weekend. Together with the technical and tactical scores, the profile of each squad member will be used to inform the coaching provided at Development Squad training. Profiling will not be used as a selection tool.