

GB JUNIOR TEAM

Lead and Boulder Disciplines

The GB Junior Team will drive a high international performance standard at IFSC European and World Youth Championships events. Athletes who are selected to the GB Junior Team will be at a stage ready to refine and consolidate their international performances at Semi-Finals and finals, through the key areas of technical, tactical, physical, psychological, nutrition and lifestyle, whilst maintaining GB Climbing core values of Health, Performance and Respect.

Purpose of the GB Junior Team

- Athletes selected to the GB Junior Team will compete and represent Great Britain at IFSC and IFSC-Europe International Competitions.
- It will provide the skills, experiences and support for athletes at the appropriate age and stage to transition successfully towards international competition and podium success both at junior and senior international competition and future Olympic pathways

Aim of the GB Junior Team

- Athletes will consolidate their education and learning around how best to support their own individual health and wellbeing, with the support of coaches and other multi-disciplinary staff.
- Athletes will have a long term, multi season, Individual Athlete Development Plan (IADP) to support long term transition into senior competition pathways and develop skills in goal setting, planning and preparing for competitions.
- Athletes will receive high support, so they can thrive in a challenging competition environment, take the learnings from it and deliver personal best performances.
- Athletes will understand their own building blocks of what makes a successful performance for them.
- Athletes will be part of a high-performance culture and understand international competition standards.

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How we do it

- Through the IADP, athletes will be equipped to plan the year and which GB Climbing squad activity, residential camps, domestic competition will support their progress in view of their long-term ambitions.
- Multi season performance planning will be key in balancing competition load with training load in the pursuit of long-term health, wellbeing and athletic performance.
- Develop each athlete's individual competition support through the collaboration of home coaches and the GB climbing coaches.
- Provide a continuity of support for athletes at international competitions.

GB Junior Team Uniform

Each athlete will be provided with:

- 1 x Competition Vest
- 1 x Tee Shirt
- 1 x Competition Team Jacket
- Optional garments available at extra cost (TBC)
 - Tee shirt
 - Hoodie

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Costs of the GB Junior Team (aligned and agreed against IADP)

- Currently the athletes in the GB Junior Team are self-funded.
- GB Coaches expenses at International competition are not paid for by athletes.
- Athletes are not expected to attend all the events listed below. The cost guide is given so that athletes can begin to plan their year with their families, home coaches and GB Climbing coach.
- GB Climbing may not field athletes to all IFSC youth competitions and may not fill all quota places, this be determined by the outcome of the selection processes and athlete IADP.

Approximate outline of costs for planning purposes;

- Access to UK Based Camp @ approx. £500
- Access to Europe based training camp @ approx. £1000
- Continental Youth Cups approx. £1300 per event
- Continental Youth Championships approx. £1300 per event
- Youth World Championships (2023 South Korea) approx. £3000
- Senior European Cups approx. £750 per event
- Senior World Cups approx. £1000-£2000
- Additional costs of attending selection events as part of the selection processes, domestic competition program, regional squad program.

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Expectations of Athletes

As a member of the GB Junior Team athletes are expected to:

- Develop their Individual Athlete Development Plan (IADP) in collaboration with their Home coach and GB Climbing coaches. It will outline an athlete's preparation, planning and goals.
 - Attend all training events, camps and competitions as agreed on the IADP.
 - Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers, medics, GB Climbing staff in the best interests of the yourself and other athletes.
- Be prepared to push yourself and make mistakes, remembering that 'failure' is part of the learning process.
- Embody the role of a GB representative, role modelling athlete behaviour and be an example to other aspiring climbers and athletes around the world.

Expectations of Parents

Parent's of a member of the GB Junior Team are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every athlete, coach, technical official, GB Climbing staff and others involved in climbing and treat everyone equally.
- Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport such as coaches, technical officials, team managers, medics and representatives of the governing body in the best interests of the yourself and other athletes and parents.
- Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances.
- Assist in creating an inclusive environment in which everybody can participate and be supported.

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2023 Selection Principles

All athletes will follow the following selection process, this process will be the same for lead and boulder;

Stage 1;

- Nomination form sent to GB Coach leading GB Junior Team from respective Regional Pathway Coach along with a completion of an initial goal setting and 'roadmap' plan (part of IADP), by the deadline specified in the selection framework.
- Athlete is invited to attend a specified selection event

Stage 2;

The following criteria will then be considered by the selection panel in making selection decisions;

- Performance standard achieved at the specified selection event (February and/or March 2023). This standard will be aligned to International competition standards for the relevant age and stage and a higher standard than of the England Talent Squad standard at the event.
 - Current planning is that the following selection events will take place in late February and early March
 - National Trials Boulder 1 – Senior, Junior and Youth A
 - National Trials Boulder 2 – Youth B
 - National Trials Lead – Senior, Junior, Youth A and Youth B

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- Coach observations recorded at the selection event.
- Historical International 2022 IFSC competition results.
- Whether athlete is part of a UK Sport named athlete program.

2024 Selection Principles for Lead and Boulder

All athletes will follow the following selection process;

Stage 1;

- Nomination form sent to GB Coach leading the GB Junior Team from Regional Pathway Coach along with a completion of an initial goal setting and 'roadmap' plan (part of IADP), by the deadline specified in the selection framework.
- Be a member of the GB Junior Team and/or Senior Team 2023
- Achievement of a podium position at one or more of the following;
 - JBBC and/or JBLCC in 2023
 - BBC and/or BLCC in 2023
 - Nations Cup Series Round (Lead or boulder) in 2023

Stage 2;

The following criteria will then be considered by the selection panel in making selection decisions;

- Performance standard achieved at the specified selection event (TBC Autumn 2023)
- Coach observations recorded at the selection event.
- Review of competition results achieved in 2023 season (both Domestic and International)
- Whether athlete is part of a UK Sport named athlete program.

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Timeframes:

The selection process and frameworks are under review, and being developed against the new 2023 pathway, therefore information given in this overview may be subject to change following the consultation period as final approval is sought in November 2022.

Eligibility Criteria

The athletes eligible for selection in 2023 will be born in the following years:

2023 age category	Youth B		Youth A		Junior	
Year of birth	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Age	14	15	16	17	18	19

The athletes eligible for selection in 2024 will be born in the following years:

2024 age category	Youth B		Youth A		Junior	
Year of birth	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Age	14	15	16	17	18	19



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- Athletes must hold a UK passport.
- Athletes must be members of the BMC, due to it being the recognised GB federation by the IFSC.
- If an athlete is Scottish and a member of Mountaineering Scotland they will be given a 1-year complimentary membership with the BMC to enable them to obtain an IFSC athlete competition licence and access the GB Climbing group insurance.
- Athletes will have no outstanding arrears with GB Climbing and/or the BMC at the start of 2023.