



2020 International Competition Selection Policy

GB Youth and Junior Team

The BMC and Mountaineering Scotland reserve the right to amend this document should there be significant changes to either the wider NGB strategy, the funding status or any significant changes made by the IFSC and/or the IOC.

IFSC Youth and Junior in Lead and Boulder

1. Eligibility

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

- 1.1. Athletes are members of the BMC and/or Mountaineering Scotland;
- 1.2. Athletes must be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain through holding a British Passport;
- 1.3. Athletes hold a valid international license issued by the BMC;
- 1.4. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to attending the selected competition, could see their selection being withdrawn;
- 1.5. 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
- 1.6. 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.

2. Pathway

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

- 2.1. Athletes will be allocated to one of the following pathways:
 - 2.1.1. Performance Plus Pathway - athletes on this pathway have made an IFSC Ranking Event International Podium in 2019.
 - 2.1.2. Performance Pathway - athletes on this pathway have made an IFSC Ranking Event International Final in 2019 or a top 10 finish in a Combined IFSC Ranking Event 2019.

- 2.1.3. Development Pathway - athletes on this pathway have been selected for the GB National Development Squad 2020 but have not yet made an IFSC Ranking Event International Final in 2019.
- 2.2. It is not compulsory for athletes in the GB National Development Squad to attend International Events.
- 2.3. If an athlete on the Development Pathway achieved an IFSC European Youth Cup Final in the 2020 season they will move to the Performance Pathway and be eligible to compete at the 2020 YWCh (as defined below) in the discipline they achieved Performance Pathway (athletes must have moved pathway before any registration or visa deadlines for the YWCh).
- 2.4. If an athlete on the Development Pathway achieved an IFSC European Youth Cup Podium in the 2020 season they will move to the Performance Pathway and be eligible to compete at the 2020 YWCh in the discipline they achieved Performance Pathway (athletes must have moved pathway before any registration or visa deadlines for the YWCh).
- 2.5. The Performance Plus and Performance Pathway athletes will be eligible to compete at the 2020 YWCh in the discipline they achieved Pathway (athletes must have moved pathway before any registration or visa deadlines for the event).

3. Allocation of Competitions (All categories)

- 3.1. **Stage 1** – A BMC ‘webform’ will be issued to all GB National Development Squad athletes and they will be required to rank their preference for each IFSC International Competition Event. If an athlete cannot attend an event they will be able to indicate a reason i.e. exam clashes.

3.2. Stage 2

European Youth Cups (EYC)

- 3.2.1. The BMC can enter 4 athletes per category.
- 3.2.2. In the event Great Britain has a 2019 European Champion or 2019 World Champion the relevant category allocation at these events is increased by 1 space for that athlete in the discipline the athlete achieved the championship.

- 3.2.3. All EYC allocations for Boulder and Lead will be selected a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the first EYC of the 2020 season.
- 3.2.4. Where all allocations have been filled in a category, the selection will stand. Athletes will not be deselected due to another athlete in the category moving onto Performance Plus or Performance Pathways during the EYC events window.
- 3.2.5. If a category at an event is oversubscribed, athlete preferences will not apply and the following priority order will be applied to the category to select the athletes to attend that event.
- Priority 1 – Performance Plus Pathway
 - Priority 2 – Performance Pathway – selected by highest ranked performance within each criterion in the following priority order;
 1. IFSC YWCh Final 2019
 2. IFSC YWCh Semi Final 2019
 3. IFSC EYCh Final 2019
 4. IFSC EYC Final 2019
 - Priority 3 – Development Pathway – if the Development Pathway is oversubscribed, the athletes will be selected in the following priority order;
 1. Category discussions between parents and athletes leading to self-allocations, the outcomes of these discussions must be communicated to the BMC by the deadline given
 2. Top 20 result at YWCh 2019 in that discipline
 3. Top 20 result at EYCh 2019 in that discipline
 4. Top 20 result in an EYC 2019 in that discipline
 5. NRS 2019 best 2 place rankings in the EYC discipline multiplied, the lowest result will be selected.
- 3.2.6. Any unallocated places after 3.2.5 has been applied will be decided by random allocation which will be overseen by an independent person.

Youth World Championships (YWCh)

- 3.2.7. The IFSC YWCh has 3 athlete allocations per category.

- 3.2.8. Athletes who have qualified for the Performance Plus and Performance Pathways are eligible for selection for the YWCh in the discipline that they achieved the final in i.e. Lead or Boulder via 3.2.11.
- 3.2.9. In the case of Speed have made a Quarter Final in EYC Speed.
- 3.2.10. In the event an athlete achieved either Performance or Performance Plus through a Combined result that athlete will be considered for individual disciplines via 3.2.11.
- 3.2.11. Places for YWCh will be allocated in the following order of priority (all discipline specific). Once athletes under 3.2.9 and 3.2.10 have been selected if there are places available in the discipline, an athlete attending YWCh who did not achieve a final in a given discipline can be selected with places allocated subject to the following order of priority (all discipline specific);
1. IFSC Youth Medal in 2020
 2. IFSC Youth Medal 2019
 3. IFSC YWCh Final (or Top 10 result in the combined event) 2019
 4. IFSC YWCh Semi Final 2019
 5. IFSC EYCh Final 2019
 6. IFSC EYCh Semi Final 2019
 7. IFSC EYC Final in 2020
 8. IFSC EYC Final in 2019
 9. IFSC EYC highest ranking in that discipline in 2020
 10. IFSC EYC highest ranking in that discipline in 2019
- 3.2.12. For an athlete to add a Speed entry to this event they must have achieved the qualifying time as detailed in section 4 of this policy.
- 3.2.13. Athletes who have achieved selection via 3.2.10 for both Lead and Boulder disciplines, competing in the Combined will take priority in Speed allocations over Speed discipline only athletes.

European Youth Championships (EYCh)

- 3.2.14. The IFSC EYCh has 4 athlete allocations per category.

- 3.2.15. In the event Great Britain has a 2019 European Champion or 2019 World Champion the relevant category allocation at these events is increased by 1 space for that athlete in the discipline the athlete achieved the championship.
- 3.2.16. In the event an athlete achieved either Performance or Performance Plus through a Combined result that athlete will be considered for individual disciplines within the criteria applicable to the given Pathway (see 2.1)
- 3.2.17. Places will be allocated in the following order of priority (all highest ranking and discipline specific)
- Priority 1 - Performance Plus Pathway in that discipline.
 - Priority 2 – Performance Pathway in that discipline.
 1. IFSC YWCh Top 20 2020
 2. IFSC EYC Top 15 2020
 3. IFSC YWCh Top 20 2019
 4. IFSC EYCh Top 15 2019
 5. IFSC EYC Top 15 2019
 - Priority 3 – Development Pathway in that discipline
 1. IFSC YWCh Top 20 2020
 2. IFSC EYC Top 15 2020
 3. IFSC YWCh Top 20 2019
 4. IFSC EYCh Top 15 2019
 5. IFSC EYC Top 15 2019
- 3.2.18. For an athlete to add a Speed entry to this event they must have achieved the qualifying time as detailed in section 4 of this policy.
- 3.2.19. In the event of any remaining allocations in Speed please refer to section 4 of this policy.
- 3.3. Youth C athletes might like to consider attending the following IFSC ‘Promo’ Events for experience. There is no selection criterion to enter these events: More details for these competitions can be found at <https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition>.
IFSC Promo Event – Youth Colour Climbing Festival – Imst (AUT) 2020.
- 3.4. It is not compulsory for athletes to attend any IFSC International Competitions whilst a member of the GB National Development Squad.

IFSC Youth and Junior International Events in Speed

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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, YWCh, or on an official speed route with timer (video evidence will be required)

| Category | Gender | Qualification Time |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Youth B | Female | 13.5 sec |
| Youth A | Female | 12 sec |
| Junior | Female | 11.5 sec |
| Youth B | Male | 11.5 sec |
| Youth A | Male | 10 sec |
| Junior | Male | 9 sec |

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

5. Pathway

- 5.1. If a climber is representing GB at another discipline then they can elect to participate in an International Speed event; EYC, EYCh or YWCh at the same event, but they must have achieved the minimum qualification time.
- 5.2. Places will be in the following priority order –
- Priority 1 – athletes who are competing in both Lead and Boulder disciplines
 - Priority 2 – athletes who are competing in Lead or Boulder

- Priority 3 – any remaining places can be filled by an athlete who may or may not be a member of the GB National Development Squad and who has achieved the qualification times above.
- 5.3. In the event an athlete not on the GB National Development Squad achieves Selection they will be provided with GB Climbing kit/uniform for the event which must be returned to the BMC after the event.
- 5.4. Within each Priority above, if 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 been submitted.

Applicable to all athletes

6. Deselection – Injuries, Fitness to Compete

- 6.1. At this time, the membership of athletes affected by injury or illness will be afforded a certain amount of protection.
- 6.2. A significant injury/illness is defined as follows:
- 6.2.1. one that impacts on an athlete's ability to fully train/compete for a single or cumulative 3-month period; or
 - 6.2.2. one that, happens at a crucial time in the calendar that significantly impacts on the athlete's ability to deliver performances that would otherwise have qualified them for retention on the squad.
- 6.3. Athletes who are unable to compete at the specified selection events or International events due to significant injury/illness may be retained by the Squad for the following year.
- 6.4. Where an athlete has been affected by a performance limiting injury/illness, there will be return-to fitness performance conditions, based on a case-by-case approach.
- 6.5. There will be an agreed action plan between the athlete, their personal coach and the BMC, which will have individual targets to be reviewed throughout the season.

7. IFSC License

- 7.1. 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.

8. Appeals

- 8.1. In the event that an athlete wishes to appeal a selection decision, please refer to the BMC Appeals Procedure for the GB Climbing Youth and Junior Team.