



# GB Park & Pipe Team Selection Criteria 2016/17

## Introduction

The aim of this document is to set out the procedure and criteria for the selection of the GB Park and Pipe Team. Once selected to the GB Park and Pipe team you are able to be considered for UKS World Class Plan support through APA nomination.

The GB Park and Pipe Team Selection Committee will nominate the teams for all:

1. FIS World Cup events for GB Park and Pipe in Half-pipe, Slopestyle and Big Air
2. Other FIS International Competitions, such as the FIS Senior and Junior World Championships
3. International competitions, senior and junior, where there is a National Team quota allocation needed and entry via the NGB.

The GB Park and Pipe Committee will agree standards with the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the Olympic Winter Games and propose athletes achieving these standards to the BOA, who will then select the British Olympic Team.

## 1. Formation of the Selection Committee

The GB Park and Pipe Selection Committee comprises of the following members:

- Head Freestyle Snowboard Coach
- Head Freeski Coach
- GB Park and Pipe Programme Manager
- BSS Performance Director
- Nominated member of the Freestyle Selection Panel
- Nominated member of the Snowboard Selection Panel

## 2. Selection Process

There will be no automatic re-selection of existing GB Park and Pipe Team members.

The GB Park and Pipe Team selection committee will publish the selection criteria for each team/squad on the BSS website between April and September each year. The GB Park and Pipe Team selection will take place no later than October of the same year. When the GB Park and Pipe Team selectors have nominated the team, the ski selection must then be ratified by the BSS Freestyle Selection Committee and the snowboard selection must be ratified by the BSS Snowboard Committee before the final list of names is announced.

The criteria will be updated annually. In order to be considered for selection athletes must either apply for selection to the National Academy which gives them automatic consideration for GB Team

Selection as well; or if they are not within the UK system already, they must send in footage of themselves doing their best tricks with an application containing the information needed from section 3 on selection criteria, to BSS by April 15th annually, to be considered for selection. Please send this via email to [sophie.morrison@teamBSS.org](mailto:sophie.morrison@teamBSS.org) with the heading 'GB Park and Pipe Team Selection Application'. The selected riders will be informed of the official selected team no later than October of each year and will be asked to sign an athlete contract agreeing the terms and conditions and any financial commitments needed to be part of the team.

The selection appeals process is documented below.

### 3. Selection Criteria

All selections will be based on the following:

- technical skill performance levels using current performance profiling
- coach's report and recommendations
- positive or negative improvement trends
- world class potential when compared to the best in the world
- fitness Level
- psychological attitude and willingness to train on and off the snow
- competition results including, WST, FIS and invitational contests

Any athlete can submit footage of their skill. They must submit evidence that they meet the selection criteria.

#### GB Park and Pipe Team – Rider or Free Skier

Athletes who are able to execute skills stated below will be considered for selection to the GB Park and Pipe Team.

#### Snowboard Criteria:

##### Men's Slopestyle and Big Air:

Athletes should be able to perform (on a jump of around 15m) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, at least 2 different rotations of 1080 or more. For example, a frontside 1080 and a backside double cork 1080.

##### Women's Slopestyle and Big Air:

Athletes should be able to perform (on a jump of around 15m) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, at least 2 different rotations of 540 or more. For example, a backside 720 and a cab 540.

##### Men's Halfpipe:

Athletes should be able to perform (with amplitude of 3m or more) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, at least 2 different rotations of 1080 or more. For example, a frontside 1080 and cab double 1080.

Women's Halfpipe:

Athletes should be able to perform (with amplitude of 2m or more) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, at least 2 different rotations of 540 or more. For example, a frontside 540 and backside 540.

**Ski Criteria:**

Men's Slopestyle and Big Air:

Athletes should be able to perform (on a jump of around 15m) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, at least 3 different double corked rotations including both right and left spinning directions and to include at least one switch take off.

Women's Slopestyle and Big Air:

Athletes should be able to perform (on a jump of around 15m) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, a 720 rotation both right and left direction of spin, a 900 rotation both right and left direction of spin and at least one 540 rotation taking off switch.

Men's Halfpipe:

Athletes should be able to perform (with amplitude of 2m or more) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, a full contest run at consistent amplitude, at least 2 of the 4 possible 900 rotations, one switch trick of at least 720 rotation, and at least one of the following; any double cork trick, any 1080 rotation, a switch 900.

Women's Halfpipe:

Athletes should be able to perform (with amplitude of 1.5m or more) regularly, consistently, and in good form with a grab, a full contest run at consistent amplitude, 540 rotations on both sides of the pipe, at least one switch trick and one invert or 900 rotation.

**Previously selected athletes should have shown regular and consistent commitment to training and competing as part of a team.**

New athletes that have not previously trained alongside the team or its coaches or who have not been nominated for selection from the National Academy, are welcome to submit video evidence of their achieved technical skill level.

On notification of selection the athlete will thereafter receive an athlete agreement with the conditions of acceptance of their place on the team. This will outline costs and responsibilities and will then open up the potential to be nominated for UKS Athlete Personal Award.

#### **4. Injury Status**

Every athlete who suffers a serious injury will be given time to recover full fitness before being considered for re-selection to a team. Each athlete must also notify all GB Park and Pipe and staff of their injury. Each athlete will be given the opportunity through conditional selection to prove that they will be able to meet the selection criteria and continue their position on their performance graph. Each case will be considered individually and managed by GB Park and Pipe Injury Management Team.

## 5. Appeals Process

The BSS appeals processes are structured to conform to UK Sport guidelines. All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying additional information to the BSS office, within 1 week of the announcement of the teams.

All appeals will be considered on an individual basis. Appeals will first be reconsidered by the original selection committee, who will explain their reasons for the decision to the Athlete or legal Guardian. If the Athlete or legal Guardian is not happy with the outcome of this stage of appeal they may opt to refer the matter to an internal appeals committee.

In such cases BSS will nominate an Internal Appeals Panel made up of at least three people who did not sit on the original selection committee.