

GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM



Hello!

Welcome to the pre-launch of the GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM newsletter and membership information sheet.

We are anticipating some very exciting news from UK Sport on the funding for the PARK AND PIPE ski and snowboard disciplines for the next four years. This is even more exciting with the likelihood of BIG AIR being included as an Olympic event in 2018! With this news on the horizon we want to share our plans with you, the core community, and reach out to you in the hope that you will all come and get involved. Let's make this opportunity count for more than just the very top level, let's use it to grow other opportunities for freestyle ski and snowboard throughout the UK and to help as many of our own community as possible!



GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM from 2014 and beyond



The GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM had unprecedented success not only at the Sochi Olympics but throughout the 2013/14 winter season. As well as the brilliant performance of the athletes from the PARK AND PIPE TEAM who made it to Sochi, including of course, Jenny Jones' bronze medal in the Women's Slopestyle, we have a World Junior Champion in Katie Summerhayes, A World Rookie Fest Champion in Katie Ormerod, who also became the first ever woman in the world to land a Backside Double Cork 1080, Billy Morgan who was the first to land back to back Triples in a contest setting, Jamie Nicholls one of the few to try a Flat Cab 14 ever, James Woods was the first ever Brit to win the Crystal Globe, Rowan Cheshire been the first ever Brit to win a Halfpipe Worldcup and countless other world leading performances.

Certainly, the GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM have a strong foundation on which to build and it is on this foundation, and the 4 year plan that supports growth from this foundation that UK Sport will announce their financial support for the next 4 year cycle. We are ambitious to keep the progression as strong as it has been and we believe this ambition, coupled with the support of UK Sport and BSS, and put to work through the progressive plan we have, will put us in a place where we will be able to challenge for multi medals not only in the 2018 Winter Olympics but in all major Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe events in the coming years.

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We have built the performances of the PARK AND PIPE TEAM by working closely with the athletes to support them in progressive skills based learning – learning the best tricks better than anyone else! We have built the team ethos around supporting the goals of the individual athletes in a progressive, fun and creative way and have also adopted this ethos throughout the coaching pathway. By using trick based performance profiling learning tools, where the athletes is very much at the centre of the learning – ie where all the fun is at – the passion to keep progressing remains strong.



UK Sport support our initiative and the development of the performance profiling tool and along with contest results the progression trend of the athlete is taken into account when considering funding criteria. UK Sport will only fund athletes on a proven performance trend ending in medal potential in either 2014 or 2018. With our profiling system and the very strong top level results, including an Olympic Bronze Medal won by Jenny Jones, we have shown that we have 8 podium potential athletes for 2014 and a further 6 for 2018. Funding is based around these athletes and the identified goals and tricks they will meet along the way.

With the proposed additional funding from early autumn, we plan to extend the GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM program as much as possible, building further co-operation and collaboration with the new National Academy and Home Nations Academy (Home Nations Supported) programs. This will mean that talented, hard working and progressive skiers and snowboarders will more easily be able to move up to the main team level where their drive to learn the most progressive tricks out there will ultimately lead to international competitive success.



However, we also want to support progression at all levels, where learning the best tricks with the best execution at any level (the pre-cursor to having a good individual style) is both possible and desirable, as well as a lot of fun. To this end we plan to launch a freeski and freestyle snowboard Video Championship event series. This series will directly support the development of facilities, coaching, investment, progression and participation in freestyle ski and snowboarding in the PARK AND PIPE events. This series will also give the opportunity for coach mentoring and development, talent id and a coming together of riders/skiers and coaches and event organizers. We aim to re energize the PARK AND PIPE communities by providing a home based platform for existing local scenes to develop and flourish in terms of progressive freestyle.



Coupled with our developing coach education pathway, the Championship will provide a fun, community based, progression based environment for the future development of the GB PARK AND PIPE TEAM. With the additional aim of facilitating the development of UK Based reduced risk, high performance facilities (eg similar to Woodward) we hope to provide the best chance possible for the future development of performance freestyle in the UK at all levels.

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COME AND GET INVOLVED!!!!

We need as many people with an interest in freeski and freestyle snowboard, no matter how small or how seemingly outdated, to come and get involved whether as an organiser, supporter of the local scene, coach, filmer, or other role, we would love to have you engage with our growing community. Traditionally freeski and freestyle snowboard have shied away from any sort of membership or group organization but we are keen to break down these barriers and open the doors for people to come together in a creative and fun way, with a little bit of co-operation and a few pointers towards a common goal – fun progressive freestyle development in as many areas as possible!

We would encourage you to join the BSS as an 'organizer member' (description of traditional organizer member roles is below and includes any sort of official connection to a local scene, club or event). By becoming a member you immediately become part of the new vision for PARK AND PIPE and part of the community interested in growing progressive freestyle in the UK. You will receive monthly updates from the PARK AND PIPE TEAM, including information on how to start up Championship events in your area, developments in the coach education pathway, advice and information on any performance related subject.

You will also be able to vote on PARK AND PIPE issues at any BSS general meeting. This is very important for us as a growing community that does not traditionally have representation or membership at association level and if we are to 'grow up' enough to benefit from the potentially substantial funding available at national and regional levels we must increase the official voice we have at BSS level. Your voice can make a difference not only to the PARK AND PIPE TEAM at the top level, where we traditionally get drowned out by the larger Alpine membership of BSS, but, also at the more local level where BSS can levy their support to local funding bodies on your behalf.

Your membership fee of £20 will help us to set up the Championship Snowboarding Video Events series, reaching as many freestyle ski and snowboarders as we possibly can in a fun and progressive way.



Organizer Membership:

Traditional organizer roles include the following:

Coach – whether currently qualified or not as long as you are working in a known freestyle session or scene

Administrator – anyone who helps or has helped at an event with entries, starting, bibs, prizes, teas, etc

Event organizer – any organizational role

Event worker – anyone who has helped in any way to get an event or session off the ground whether through sponsorship, marketing, PR, putting up banners, shaping features, making features, driving people, etc.

Industry – anyone connected to the core industry who has been involved in test days, try out sessions, PR sessions etc, media in any form, etc.

How to join:

[British Ski and Snowboard - Join Page](#)