



## **BSS Freestyle Snowboard Selection Criteria 2014/2015**

The aim of this document is to set out the procedure and criteria for the selection of the British Freestyle Snowboard Teams.

The Snowboard Selection Committee will also select the team for the FIS Senior and Junior World Championships and other events, which comprise of a British Team and run under the control of the International Ski Federation (FIS) or the World Snowboard Federation (WSF). They will also select a British Team for other Junior International Snowboard competitions. Team members could also be selected to compete at other snowboard events such as the X-Games, the European Open, US Grand Prix etc as part of the official British Team entry.

The Snowboard Selection 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 Snowboard Selection Committee comprises of the snowboard discipline sub-committee of the BSS with Colin Holden, Hamish McKnight, Lesley McKenna and Paddy Mortimer for Park & Pipe selections; and Colin Holden, Paddy Mortimer, Dan Brier and James Foster for Snowboard Cross selections.

### **2. Selection Process:**

*There will be no automatic re-selection of existing GB Snowboard Team members.*

The snowboard selection committee will publish the selection criteria for each team/squad on the BSS website between April and September. The selection will take place no later than October of the same year. 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 September 15th 2014, to be considered for selection. Please send this via email to [lucy.allman@teambss.org.uk](mailto:lucy.allman@teambss.org.uk) with the heading 'GB Snowboard Selection Application'. The selected riders will be informed of the official selected team shortly after this date 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.



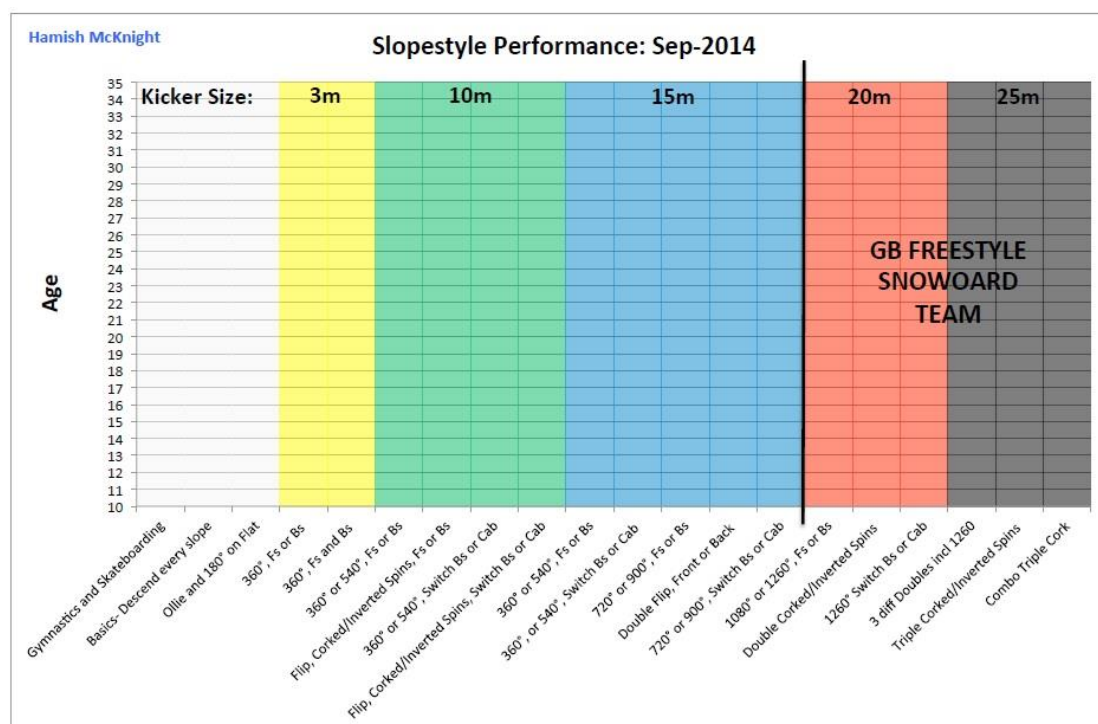


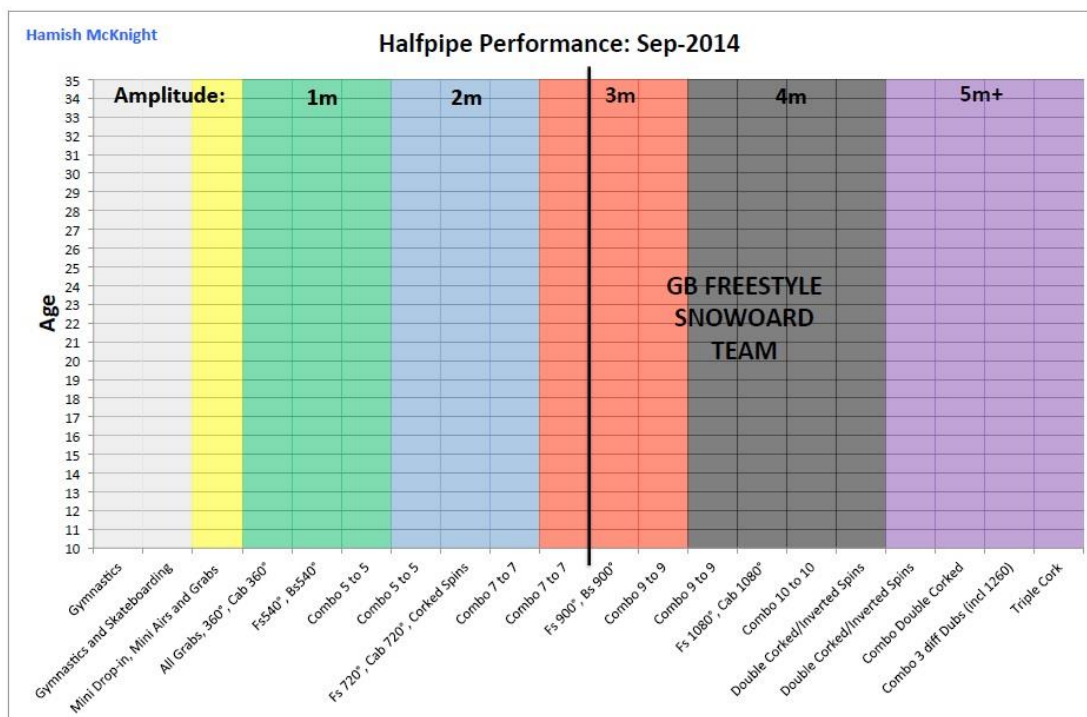
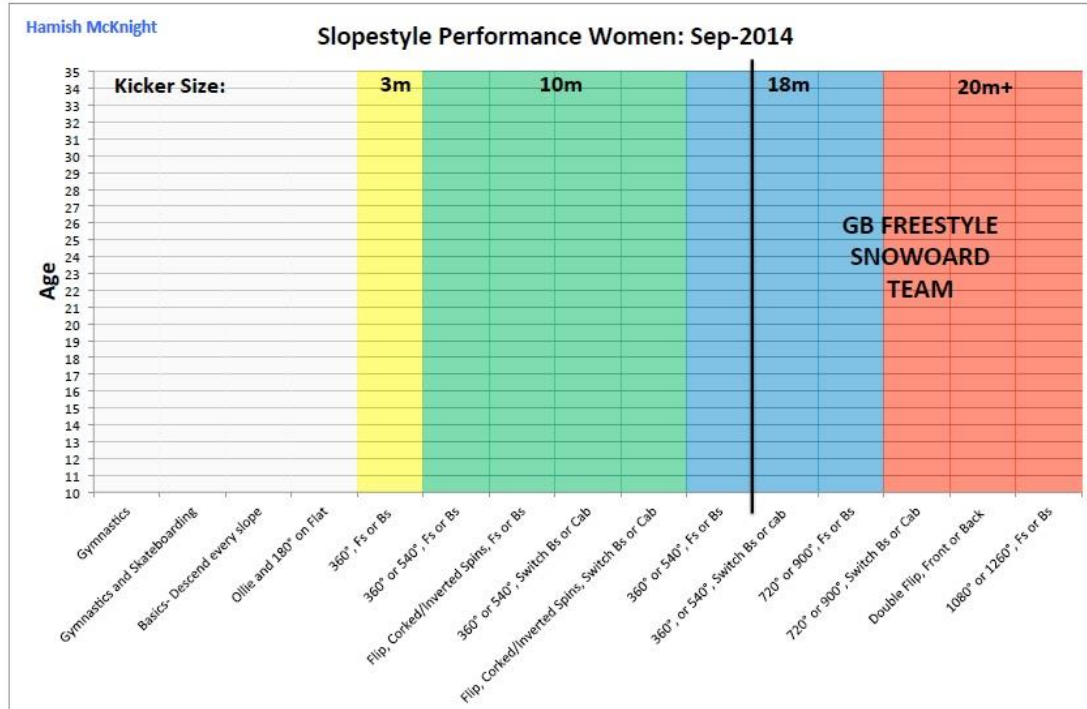
### 3. Selection Criteria:

All selections will be based on the following:

- Current performance levels; including world rankings and evaluation using the current performance profiling tool, with consideration given to the athlete's age.
- Coach's report and recommendations.
- Competition results including, TTR, FIS and invitational contests.
- Positive or negative improvement trends.
- World class potential with consideration to athlete's age.
- Fitness Level.
- Psychological attitude and willingness to train on and off the snow.

Any rider who has not attended a selection session can notify the Selection Committee and steps can be taken for them to be evaluated by a Team Coach, usually by sending footage. They must submit evidence that they meet the selection criteria.







On notification of selection the riders will thereafter receive a rider's contract with the conditions of acceptance of their place on the team. This will outline costs and responsibilities.

#### **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. They 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.

#### **5. Appeals Process**

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence or additional information for the selectors, to the BSS office within 1 week of the announcement of the teams. All appeals will be considered on an individual basis. Following an unsuccessful appeal, an athlete may still take his appeal to the BSS board, who will appoint an appeals panel.

