



PARK & PIPE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY (Home Nations and National Academy)

SELECTION CRITERIA 2017-18

INTRODUCTION

The Park & Pipe Pathway is designed to support selected athletes to train, and where appropriate compete, in national and international environments for their Home Nation and GB. Athletes must commit to developing their fitness, all- mountain riding, slopestyle, half pipe, big air and acrobatics and be motivated to succeed. It is vital that there is support from parents and coaches but it's also essential that athletes have a strong work ethic to realise their potential in the programme. Athletes are expected to train and compete in appropriate slopestyle, big air and half pipe events and it is expected that athletes engage with a local gymnastics, free-running or acrobatics club to support their development.

Athletes selected to the Home Nations Academy will be expected to work with their respective Home Nations and local coaches and engage with the relevant Championship Ski & Snowboard scene.

Athletes selected to the National Academy will be led by British Ski and Snowboard with support from their respective Home Nation.

Selection to either the Home Nation Academy or National Academy is not a guarantee that athletes will be invited on camps taking place abroad. Invitations to camps will be awarded on skill level and stage of progression.

SELECTION POLICY

This policy is for selection to the Park & Pipe Performance Pathway and shall apply with effect from the date of publication until further notice.

AIMS OF THE SELECTION POLICY

- To ensure transparency and accountability in the selection process.
- To ensure a fair and just criteria_ and practices are employed for the selection of Pathway athletes.
- To support the overall competition and development objectives of Snowsport Scotland, Snowsport England, Snowsport Wales and British Ski & Snowboard.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Home Nations operate an open selection policy throughout the year, with a designated selection window each year following the BRITS Championships. This means athletes may apply anytime in the year, however there will be no automatic re-selection of existing Performance Pathway athletes in April each year.
- The selection criteria for the Performance Pathway will be published on the Home Nation websites with the selection window for applications closing the following year prior to the BRITS Championships.
- The criteria will be updated annually and in order to be considered for selection athletes must:
 - complete the online application form with your respective Home Nation,
 - provide a copy of individual traffic lights and,
 - provide links to video footage of recent performance.
- The Home Nations selectors will nominate athletes for selection to the National Academy, which will also give them automatic consideration for GB Team selection. National Academy nominations will be made based on the coaches' judgement of whether an athlete will reach Main Team selection level



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within 12-18 months based on the current selection criteria.

- Selected athletes will be notified no later than May of each year.
- New applicants to the Home Nations Performance Pathway may need to attend a technical assessment event with Performance Pathway Coaches to evaluate technical ability, both on and off the snow.

SELECTION CRITERIA

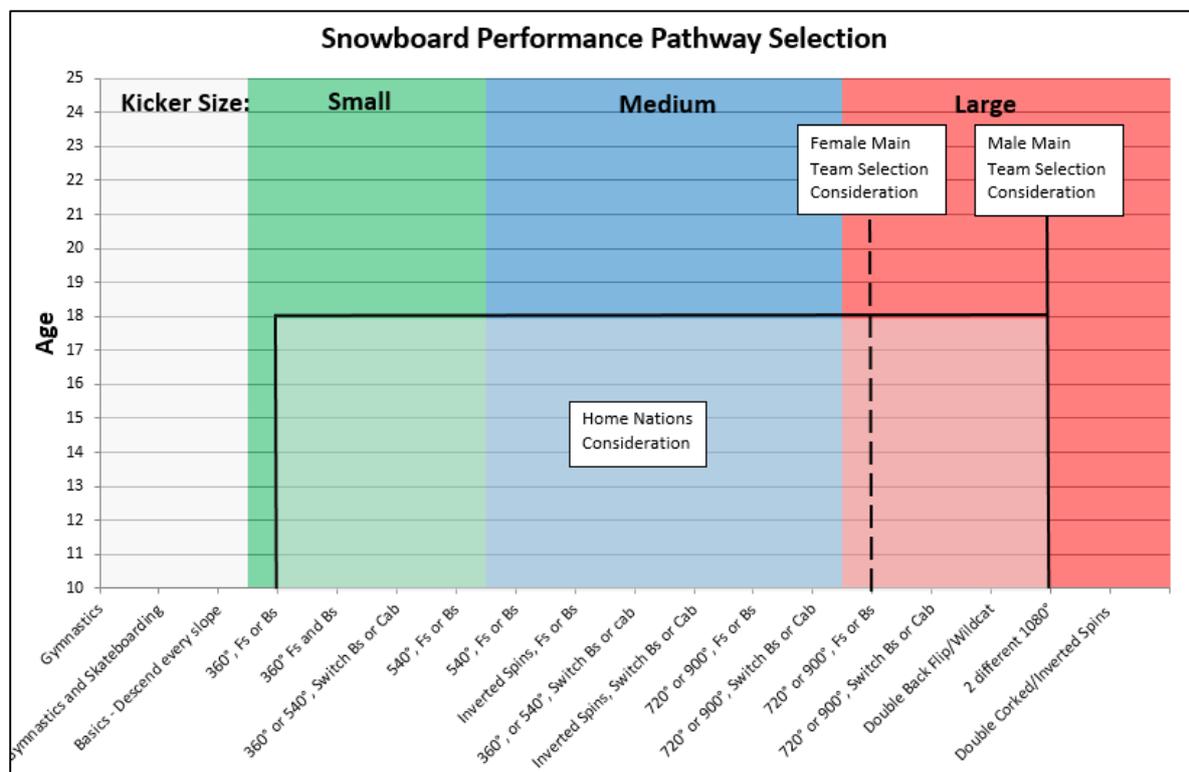
All selections will be based on the following:

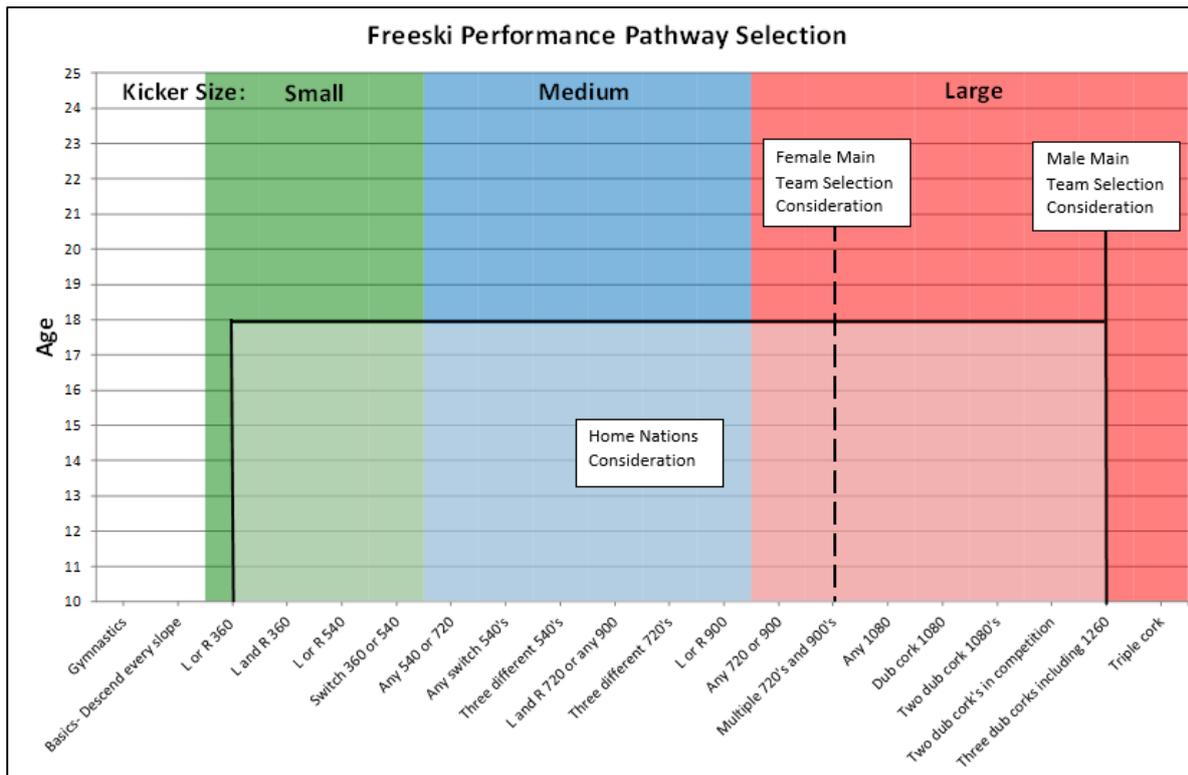
- Technical skill performance levels using current performance profiling with considerations given to athlete age
- Local or private coach's report and recommendations
- Positive or negative improvement trends
- Fitness level
- Psychological attitude and willingness to train on and off the snow

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

In conjunction with these technical criteria, applicants must:

- Be registered as a current competitor/performer for the 2017/18 season with one of the Home Nations.
- Agree to and sign the Code of Conduct, undertake a Concussion Protocol and adhere to Camp Booking Policy.
- Behave in a considerate, polite and courteous manner.





- The performance of the trick at the specified level is required to be a solid, controlled rotation with a strong grab and landed on the whole ski / board. This should be a refined skill and ready for inclusion in competition as per 'green' on Traffic Lights.

This is to be supported by the individual athletes traffic lights, which should show an appropriate depth of skills in addition to the specified trick.

Traffic Light Examples

SW R 1440 (dub)	SW L 1440 (dub)	R 1440 (dub)	L 1440 (dub)	L Rodeo 1440 (dub)	R Rodeo 1440 (dub)	SW L R 1440 (dub)	SW R R 1440 (dub)	L Bio 1440 (dub)	R Bio 1440 (dub)	SW L B 1440 (dub)	SW R B 1440 (dub)
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW L 1260 (dub)	SW R 1260 (dub)	R 1260 (dub)	L 1260 (dub)	L Rodeo 1260 (dub)	R Rodeo 1260 (dub)	SW L R 1260 (dub)	SW R R 1260 (dub)	L Bio 1260 (dub)	R Bio 1260 (dub)	SW L B 1260 (dub)	SW R B 1260 (dub)
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW R 10 (dub)	SW L 1080 (dub)	R 1080 (dub)	L 1080 (dub)	L Rodeo 1080 (dub)	R Rodeo 1080 (dub)	SW L R 1080 (dub)	SW R R 1080 (dub)	L Bio 1080 (dub)	R Bio 1080 (dub)	SW L B 1080 (dub)	SW R B 1080 (dub)
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW R 900	SW L 900	R 900	L 900	L Rodeo 900	R Rodeo 900	SW L Rodeo 900	SW R Rodeo 900	L Bio 900	R Bio 900	SW L Bio 900	SW R Bio 900
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW R 720	SW L 720	R 720	L 720	L Rodeo 720	R Rodeo 720	SW L Rodeo 720	SW R Rodeo 720	L Bio 720	R Bio 720	SW L Bio 720	SW R Bio 720
MED	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW R 540	SW L 540	R 540	L 540	L Rodeo 540	R Rodeo 540	SW L Rodeo 540	SW R Rodeo 540	L Bio 540	R Bio 540	SW L Bio 540	SW R Bio 540
SHL	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
SW R 360	SW L 360	R 360	L 360	B/FLIPS		SW B/FLIPS		F/FLIPS		SW F/FLIPS	
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG
PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE
SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL
SW R 180	SW L 180	R 180	L 180								
LRG	LRG	LRG	LRG								
PISTE	PISTE	PISTE	PISTE								
SHL	SHL	SHL	SHL								

The above Traffic Lights indicate a multi-directional approach to skills development and suitably support the skill level plotted on the Performance Chart.

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SW R 1080 (dub)	SW L 1080 (dub)	R 1080 (dub)	L 1080 (dub)	L Rodeo 1080 (dub)	R Rodeo 1080 (dub)	SW L R 1080 (dub)	SW R R 1080 (dub)	L Bio 1080 (dub)	R Bio 1080 (dub)	SW L B 1080 (dub)	SW R B 1080 (dub)
SW R 900	SW L 900	R 900	L 900	L Rodeo 900	R Rodeo 900	SW L Rodeo 900	SW R Rodeo 900	L Bio 900	R Bio 900	SW L B 900	SW R B 900
SW R 720	SW L 720	R 720	L 720	L Rodeo 720	R Rodeo 720	SW L Rodeo 720	SW R Rodeo 720	L Bio 720	R Bio 720	SW L B 720	SW R B 720
SW R 540	SW L 540	R 540	L 540	L Rodeo 540	R Rodeo 540	SW L Rodeo 540	SW R Rodeo 540	L Bio 540	R Bio 540	SW L Bio 540	SW R Bio 540
SW R 360	SW L 360	R 360	L 360	B/FLIPS	SW B/FLIPS			F/FLIPS		SW F/FLIPS	
PISTE SHL MED LRG											
SW R 180	SW L 180	R 180	L 180								

The Traffic Lights shown above indicate a linear development of an athlete and would not support the multidirectional capacity required for an athlete to be selected to the Park & Pipe Pathway.

COMMITMENT EXPECTATIONS

Athletes are expected to agree to a programme of training with a recognised provider (including but not limited to Home Nation Governing Body (HNGB)/BSS programmes) once selected. Athletes are expected to commit to this programme of activity which will include (domestic) on-snow training, Athletic Capacity Training, gymnastics and acrobatics. HNGB's and BSS reserve the right to contact external training providers to track progress.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes will be required to sign and abide by a Code of Conduct, Concussion Protocol and Camp Booking Conditions. Agreement to all of these will be required to submit the online application form.

FORMATION AND MEMBERS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Selection Committee may invite others with specialist knowledge to contribute for part of a meeting depending on the availability of the individual members and the specific areas for which it is selecting. Committee members should be free from external conflicts of interest in the selection process.

Selection Committee

GB Pathway Manager	Mark Ritchie (Chair of Selectors)
GB Performance Manager	Lesley McKenna
SSS Performance Manager	Ross Gardner
SSE Talent Development Lead	Ian Findlay
Park & Pipe Pathway Coach	Ben Kinnear
Park & Pipe Pathway Coach	Dan Breen
Freeski Coach	Becky Bennett
Freeski Coach	Joe Tyler

NON-SELECTION

Athletes who have not been selected following an application will be notified by email by their respective Home Nation Governing Body. Reasons for non-selection will be given and guidance on what areas need improvement will be given.

APPEALS PROCESS

The Park & Pipe Pathway appeals process is structured to conform to UK Sport guidelines.

All appeals must be made in writing, with accompanying evidence and additional information addressed Private and Confidential to the CEO and relevant performance staff at each athletes respective Home Nation Governing Body.



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Snowsport Cymru/Wales
Cardiff Ski & Snowboard Centre
Fairwater Park
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For the Park & Pipe Pathway selections, appeals must be made within 7 days of the individual email notification.

All appeals will be considered on an individual basis. Appeals will initially be reconsidered by the original selection committee, who will explain the reasons for their decision to the athlete. If the athlete is not happy with the process or the outcome of the selection committee's final decision, the athlete may then opt to refer the matter to an internal appeals committee. The Park & Pipe Pathway appeals Chairman will constitute an internal appeals' committee consisting of at least three people who did not sit on the original selection committee.

If the dispute remains unresolved, it will be submitted for an exclusive, final and binding determination to the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel with appellant & relevant home governing body being involved in the process and submission of evidence. Any costs associated with this will fall on the appellant.

