

# Skateboard GB

## World Skate Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Events

### Non-National Team Skateboarder Selection Policy

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#### 1. Preamble

- 1.1 Skateboard GB (SBGB) is the national governing body for skateboarding in Great Britain and is affiliated with World Skate (WSK). SBGB selects skateboarders for domestic and international skateboarding events.
- 1.2 SBGB is a UK Sport (UKS) “Progression” funded sport. SBGB is encouraged by UKS to learn and develop its systems and programmes via this investment. Working with skateboarders of varying abilities and backgrounds during the Paris 2024 Olympic qualification cycle helps SBGB better understand and design its future programme and skateboarder support offer (LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games). These learning opportunities are vital to SBGB’s organisational development.
- 1.3 WSK will hold Paris 2024 Olympic qualification events worldwide from 22nd June 2022 to 31st January 2024. The outcome of the qualification events will determine which male and female skateboarders will compete in the skateboard street and park contests, respectively, at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 1.4 SBGB is allocated a certain number of country quota places per gender and discipline for WSK Paris 2024 qualification events.
- 1.5 Skateboarders who are members of the 2022 Skateboard GB national team have the first country quota place allocation refusal.
- 1.6 Any country quota places for WSK Paris 2024 qualification events not allocated to SBGB national team members may be offered to non-national team British skateboarders after consideration by the SBGB selection panel.
- 1.7 The SBGB selection panel shall be responsible for allocating country quota places to non-national-team skateboarders.
- 1.8 There is no obligation on the selection panel to fill country quota places. The number of allocated WSK Paris 2024 Olympic qualification places will be determined by the Performance Manager and validated by the selection panel in line with the objectives and purpose of this policy.

- 1.9 This document will be subject to periodic review and may be amended to ensure that it considers any external rule or policy amendments; and includes any relevant feedback. This and any amended policy will be published on the SBGB website.

## **2. Objectives**

- 2.1 The primary objective of this process is to:
- Maximise the opportunity of qualification or medals in skateboard street and skateboard park events for Skateboard GB at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 2.2 The secondary objective of this process is to:
- Provide opportunities for skateboarders to gain Olympic experience who have the potential to qualify or medal in skateboard street or skateboard park events for Skateboard GB at the Los Angeles 2028 or Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.
- 2.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the primary objective is the primary and foremost consideration. The secondary aim will only be considered if the primary aim is unlikely to be met.
- 2.4 For the avoidance of doubt, it may be the case that the aims set out in 2.1 and 2.2 may be achieved by not selecting non-national team skateboarders for one or more events.

## **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 To be eligible to compete at WSK Paris 2024 qualification events, each non-national team skateboarder shall:
- Be a British citizen and hold a British passport which expires no less than six (6) months after the conclusion of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
  - Be a member of the home nations federation affiliated with and recognised by SBGB.
  - Be compliant with the anti-doping policies of the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA), UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), SBGB and WSK and not be banned or suspended from competition due to an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) ruling on an investigation.
  - Not be subject to a suspension, ban or disqualification imposed by SBGB, WSK or any other authority with jurisdiction over the skateboarder or event.
  - Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).
  - Remain in "Good Standing" with SBGB. Skateboarders must conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves or SBGB into disrepute. If the selection panel determines that a non-national team skateboarder is not in good standing, the selection panel may, in its absolute discretion, choose not to select them, even if they have complied with and met all other applicable criteria.
  - Satisfy any additional eligibility criteria imposed by SBGB or WSK.

- 3.2 If, for any reason, a non-national-team skateboarder is unable or unwilling to comply with SBGB's eligibility criteria fully, this policy generally, or behaves in a way deemed detrimental to SBGB, they will not be considered for selection.

#### **4. Selection Panel**

- 4.1 All non-national team skateboarder WSK Paris 2024 qualification event country quota allocation selections are made by the SBGB selection panel. SBGB's Performance Manager will chair the selection panel.
- 4.2 The selection panel will consist of three voting members:
- Performance Manager (Chair)
  - Progression Programme Manager
  - Skateboard Street or Skateboard Park Expert
- 4.3 The skateboarding street or park expert (dependent on discipline) will be appointed by the Performance Manager. They will have a personal (active or passive) experience with skateboarding. Meaning they do or have skateboarded at some point for a continuous time. They will have a comprehensive, thorough and based on personal experience understanding of the overall nature of skateboarding and its historical references and culture. They will comprehensively understand the national and global competitive skateboarding landscape.
- 4.4 The majority vote of the selection panel will determine the selection decision by which country quota places are allocated to non-national team skateboarders.
- 4.5 A non-voting independent observer will also form the selection panel. Providing confidence to skateboarders about the fairness and objectivity of the process. They act as an observer, scrutinising the process while holding the panel accountable to the selection policy and its criteria.
- 4.6 Selections will be made without prejudice or discrimination, and, as such, any conflicts, real or perceived, must be declared and recorded. A disclosed conflict will not preclude a selection panel member, or attendee, from participating in deliberations. Depending on the nature of the conflict, a selection panel member may have to abstain from voting. In those circumstances, the selection panel shall decide whether a further panel member should be appointed.

#### **5. Selection Criteria**

- 5.1 To be eligible for country quota place selection consideration, non-national team skateboarders must have met either of the following selection criteria;
- Placed in the top eight (8) of SBGB's 2023 "National Championships" skateboard street or park disciplines; or
  - Be listed by name in the top forty-four (44) of WSK's Paris 2024 "Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking" (OWSR).
- 5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, skateboarders who place in the top (8) at SBGB's 2023 "National Championships" will be considered for WSK Paris 2024 qualification event country quota places in ranking order, starting at 1st place and finishing at 8th.

- 5.3 For the avoidance of doubt, skateboarders listed by name in the top forty-four (44) of WSK's Paris 2024 "Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking" (OWSR) will be offered first refusal on WSK Paris 2024 qualification event country quota places in line with the primary objective of this policy (2.1). WSK Paris 2024 qualification event country quota places will be considered in OWSR ranking order, starting at 1st place and finishing at 44th.
- 5.4 There is no obligation on the selection panel to fill country quota places. The number of allocated WSK Paris 2024 Olympic qualification country quota places will be determined by the Performance Manager and validated by the selection panel in line with the objectives of this policy (sections 2.1 and 2.2).

## **6. De-Selection**

- 6.1 If, for any reason, a skateboarder is unable or unwilling to fully comply with SBGB's eligibility criteria or this policy generally or behaves in a way deemed detrimental to SBGB, they may be de-selected. A majority vote of the selection panel will decide on de-selection in these circumstances.
- 6.2 Skateboarders becoming unfit due to illness or injury following their WSK Paris 2024 qualification event country quota place selection must notify SBGB immediately. This may result in the skateboarder being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Performance Manager following consultation with the selection panel.

## **7. Appeals**

- 7.1 Any appeal against a decision of the selection panel must follow the procedures detailed in the appeal process and applies to both the men's and women's skateboard street and skateboard park disciplines.
- 7.2 The only grounds upon which reasons for an appeal can be made are as follows:
- The selection panel has failed to apply the selection criteria set out in this policy.
  - The selection panel has failed to adhere properly to the selection procedure set out in the policy; and
  - The selection panel's discretion has not been exercised reasonably, and such discretion was exercised to be prejudicial to the appellant.
- 7.3 The skateboarder does not have the right to appeal against the content of the selection policy.

### **How to Appeal**

- 7.4 This appeals process is commenced when a non-national team skateboarder affected by a selection decision or the skateboarder's authorised representative submits a formal written appeal ("the Notice of Appeal") to the SBGB's CEO, James Hope-Gill, at the following email address: james@skateboardgb.org.
- 7.5 The notice of appeal must be submitted within 72 hours of the selection decision being announced or communicated to the skateboarder, whichever is later.
- 7.6 If the skateboarder fails to submit the notice of appeal within the time limit set out in this appeals process, they will have lost their right of appeal, save in wholly exceptional circumstances, which the appeal panel (defined below) will agree to in their absolute discretion.

- 7.7 The notice of appeal must set out full details of the skateboarder's ground(s) of appeal and include:
- Details of the decision to which the skateboarder is appealing.
  - Details of the grounds upon which the skateboarder relies, including the precise manner in which the skateboarder alleges that the selection criteria have not been applied or the procedure set out in this selection policy has not been followed.
  - Any documents or written evidence upon which the skateboarder relies in support of their appeal. These documents must be relevant specifically to the skateboarder's grounds of appeal.
- 7.8 Skateboarders should be aware that appeals are usually conducted solely by reference to the written notice of appeal and supporting documents. The skateboarder (or their authorised representative) will not usually be allowed to attend the meeting of the appeal panel in person. Therefore, the skateboarder should ensure that the notice of appeal is as comprehensive as possible.

### **Appeal Panel**

- 7.9 The SBGB CEO will appoint the appeal panel. The appeal panel will be composed of three members, namely:
- 7.10 Two SBGB board of directors (who were not part of the selection panel) from which one shall be nominated as chair of the appeal panel, and
- 7.11 An external person with high performance and elite sports knowledge/experience.
- 7.12 The SBGB CEO shall ensure that when selecting the appeal panel, those appointed do not have an actual or perceived conflict of interest regarding the appeal.
- 7.13 No selection panel member will be appointed to the appeal panel.
- 7.14 If any member of the appeal panel has any involvement with, or is related to an appellant or any skateboarder who might be affected by the outcome of the appeal, or had any involvement with the selection decision under appeal, or is in any way placed in a position of conflicting interests in respect of the appeal, they shall be disqualified from sitting on the appeal panel. They will be replaced by an alternate whom the SBGB CEO shall nominate.
- 7.15 Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the SBGB CEO will circulate it as soon as reasonably practicable to all appeal panel members. The SBGB CEO will also request written comments on the Notice of Appeal from the Performance Manager and will circulate those comments to appeal panel members.
- 7.16 The chair of the appeal panel will convene a meeting to take place as soon as practical and, in any event, within five working days of receipt of the notice of appeal, at which the appeal panel will consider the notice of appeal.
- 7.17 The appeal panel will investigate the grounds set out in the notice of appeal and establish to their reasonable satisfaction whether or not any of the grounds set out in paragraph 7.2 have been established.
- 7.18 The appeal panel, when considering the notice of appeal, shall be entitled to take advice (including legal advice) as they see fit.

## **Appeal Decision**

- 7.19 In its appeal decision. The appeal panel shall make one of the following determinations:
- Confirm the selection decision that is subject to appeal and thereby reject the appeal;
  - Rescind the selection decision that is subject to appeal and remit the matter back to the selection panel for further consideration. The remittance of the selection panel shall identify the issue(s) with the selection decision that the appeal panel have identified and request that a further decision of the selection panel (accounting for the issue(s) - which may have been found to be immaterial) be made within 72 hours; or
  - Rescind the selection decision that is subject to appeal and allocate the appellant non-national team skateboarder a country quota place.
- 7.20 The appeal decision shall be reached by a majority vote of the appeal panel, with each appeal panel member having one vote.
- 7.21 In the case of a frivolous or vexatious appeal, the appeal panel reserves the right to seek remuneration against the appellant to cover the costs of the appeal.
- 7.22 The SBGB CEO will, in writing, inform all parties about the appeal decision.
- 7.23 The appeal decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

## **8. Updates**

- 8.1 Updates to this policy may be made by SBGB at any time at their discretion. Any such updates must be approved by the board of directors before coming into effect.
- 8.2 This document will be subject to periodic review and may be amended to ensure that it considers any external rule or policy amendments; and includes any relevant feedback. This and any amended policy will be published on the SBGB website.

## 9. Definitions

The following words or expressions shall have the following meanings:

ADRV	means anti-doping rule violation
Allocation	means the action or process of allocating a country quota place to a non-national team skateboarder for WSK Paris 2024 qualification events
Appeal	means an appeal against a selection decision under the selection policy
Appeal Panel	means the panel which addresses appeals once they go beyond the capacity of the selection panel
Appeal Process	means the process for addressing appeals within the selection policy
Appellant	means any skateboarder or authorised representative who appeals against a selection decision
Authorised Representative	means any party who is authorised to accompany the appellant at certain stages of the procedures outlined within the policy
Board of Directors	means the executive committee that jointly supervise the activities of Skateboard GB
Brisbane 2032	means the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games
CEO	means the Chief Executive of Skateboard GB
Chair of the Appeal Panel	means the individual whose role is to have leadership responsibilities over the appeal panel
Competition	means an event or series of events conducted over one or more days
Criteria	means everything included in this document that relates to the criteria for the selection of non-national team skateboarders
Country Quota Places	means the number of event quota places allocated to Skateboard GB by World Skate
Disciplines	means skateboard park, or skateboard street
Event	means a skateboard event during WSK Paris 2024 qualification cycle
Good Standing	means understands and complies with Skateboard GB's obligations
Independent Observer	means the individual observing and scrutinising the selection process while holding the selection panel accountable to the selection policy and its criteria
LA 2028	means the LA 2028 Olympic Games
Non-National Team Skateboarder	means a skateboarder who is not a member of the Skateboard GB national team
National Championships	means the Skateboard GB National Championship street or park events

Notice of Appeal	means the notice given by the appellant to initiate the appeal proceedings
OWSR	means the World Skate Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking
Paris 2024	means the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
Performance Manager	means the person responsible for Skateboard GB's Olympic performance programme
Process	means everything included in this document that relates to the process for the selection of the non-national team skateboarders for WSK Paris 2024 qualification events
Progression Funded Sport	Progression funding is a new type of UK Sport investment designed to support the development of sport systems, processes and culture. The funding intends to build sustainable performance programmes and cultures, to support athletes and ensure long-term success on the world stage.
Progression Project Manager	means the person responsible for Skateboard GB's progression project
Quota Places	means the number of skateboarder quota places allocated to Skateboard GB for a competition by World Skate
SBGB	means Skateboard GB
Selection	means the process of selecting non-national team skateboarders to represent Skateboard GB at WSK Paris 2024 qualification events
Selection Panel	means the Skateboard GB selection panel, responsible for the selection of non-national team skateboarders for WSK Paris 2024 qualification events
Skateboard GB Website	means the official Skateboard GB website
Skateboard Park and Street Expert	means the individual with expert knowledge of skateboarding and the skateboard park and street disciplines on a national and global level
Top 44	The number of skateboarders who are eligible for qualification into "Phase 2" of World Skate's Paris 2024 Olympic qualification system
UKAD	means UK Anti-Doping
UKS	Means UK Sport
WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Association
WSK	means the International Skateboard Federation World Skate