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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).
- 1.2 SBGB is currently 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 cycle helps SBGB better understand and design its future programme and skateboarder support offer (including towards the LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games and beyond). These learning opportunities are vital to SBGB’s organisational and performance development.
- 1.3 WSK and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will hold Paris 2024 Olympic Games phase two qualification competitions, [“The Olympic Qualifier Series”](#) (OQS) in Shanghai, from the 16th to the 19th of May 2024 and in Budapest from the 20th to the 23rd of June 2024.
- 1.4 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 winning medals in skateboard street and skateboard park events 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 of winning medals in skateboard street or skateboard park events at the Los Angeles 2028 or Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

2.3 The tertiary objective of this process is to;

- Inspire future generations of British skateboarders to participate in competitive skateboarding events via skateboarder representation and performances.

2.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the primary objective is the primary consideration. The secondary objective will only be considered if the primary objective cannot be met. Similarly, the tertiary objective will only be considered if both the primary and secondary aims cannot be met.

2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the aims set out in (2.1-2.3) above may be achieved by not selecting a representative in one or more events.

## 3. Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible for selection for OQS qualification competitions, each skateboarder shall:

- Be a British citizen and hold a British passport.
- 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, IOC, 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 skateboarder is not in good standing, the selection panel may, in its absolute discretion, choose not to nominate them for selection for the OQS, even if they have complied with all other applicable criteria.
- Satisfy any eligibility criteria imposed by SBGB, IOC and WS.
- Sign a Skateboard GB Team Members Agreement.

3.2 If, for any reason, a 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 for the OQS.

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

4.1 All OQS 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)
- Performance Development Coach
- Progression Project Lead

4.3 The majority vote of the selection panel will determine the selection decision.

4.4 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.

4.5 Selections and nominations 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 When making OQS selection decisions, SBGB's selection panel will consider the following criteria.

5.2 Any skateboarder who wishes to be considered for OQS selection, must be listed by name in the top forty-four (44) of the Paris 2024 [Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking](#) (OWSR) as of March 2024 (dates for allocated quota places to be confirmed by WSK), following the conclusion of all eligible phase one qualification events with a maximum quota of six (6) skateboarders per gender per event until the number of forty-four (44) skateboarders is reached, and including additional quota places.

5.3 Selection of skateboarders to align with the objectives in section three (3).

5.4 Selection of skateboarders to align with the eligibility criteria in section four (4).

5.5 The complete WSK "Olympic Qualifier Series" (OQS) Qualification System 2024 – can be found [here](#).

#### **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 to be detrimental to SBGB, they may be de-selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Manager.

- 6.2 Skateboarders becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection by SBGB must notify SBGB immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by SBGB medical staff, which may result in the skateboarder being de-selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Manager.

## **7. Appeals**

- 7.1 Any appeal against a decision of the selection panel must follow the procedures detailed in the appeal process and apply 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](mailto: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.
  - The appeal decision shall be reached by a majority vote of the appeal panel, with each appeal panel member having one vote.

- 7.20 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.
- 7.21 The SBGB CEO will, in writing, inform all parties about the appeal decision.
- 7.22 The appeal decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

## 8. Updates

- 8.1 Updates to these procedures 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
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 makes an appeal 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
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 the skateboarders for the Olympic Qualifier Series
Disciplines	means skateboard park, or skateboard street
Event	means a skateboard event at the Olympic Qualifier Series
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

IOC	means the International Olympic Committee
Notice of Appeal	means the notice given by the appellant to initiate the appeal proceedings
Nomination	the action of nominating a skateboarder for selection to the Olympic Qualifier Series
Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS)	means the series of events that make up phase two of World SkateParis 2024 Olympic qualification
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 skateboarders for the Olympic Qualifier Series
Progression Programme Manager	means the person responsible for Skateboard GB's progression programme
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 skateboarders to represent Skateboard GB at the Olympic Qualifier Series
Selection Panel	means the Skateboard GB selection panel, responsible for the selection of skateboarders
Selection Policy	means the document that summarises the guiding principles regarding how the selection panel will conduct the selection process
Skateboard GB Website	means the official Skateboard GB website
Skateboard Park and Street Expert	means the individual with expert knowledge of the skateboard park and street disciplines
UKAD	means UK Anti-Doping
WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Association
WSK	means the International Skateboard Federation World Skate