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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 athletes for domestic and international skateboarding events.
- 1.2. SBGB is a UK Sport (UKS) funded sport. SBGB is encouraged by UKS to learn and develop its systems and programmes via this investment. Working with athletes of varying abilities and backgrounds helps SBGB better understand and design its future programme and athlete support offer (LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games). These learning opportunities are vital to SBGB's organisational development.
- 1.3. WSK will hold the World Skate Games between the 6th and 22nd of September 2024 across Italy. Click [here](#) for more information.

- 1.4. SBGB is allocated a number of country quota places per gender and discipline for the World Skate Games Italy 2024.
- 1.5. SBGB park and street national team athletes who are ranked in the top forty-four (44) of the Olympic Qualifier Series Ranking (OQS - <https://wyldata.com/ranking>) have the first country quota place allocation refusal in their respective disciplines after consideration by the selection panel and in line with the objectives of this policy.
- 1.6. SBGB park and street national team athletes who are ranked in the Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking (OWSR - <https://wyldata.com/rankings>) outside of the top forty-four (44), will have second refusal in their respective disciplines after consideration by the selection panel and in line with the objectives of this policy.
- 1.7. Any country quota places for World Skate Games events not allocated to SBGB national team members may be offered to non-national team British athletes after consideration by the SBGB selection panel.
- 1.8. The SBGB selection panel shall be responsible for allocating country quota places to national and non-national team athletes.
- 1.9. There is no obligation on the selection panel to fill country quota places. The number of allocated World Skate Games Italy 2024 quota places will be determined by the Performance Manager and validated by the selection panel in line with the objectives and purpose of this policy.
- 1.10. 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:
 - 2.1.1. Maximise the opportunity of medals in the skateboard street, park and vert events for SBGB at the World Skate Games Italy 2024.
- 2.2. The secondary objective of this process is to:
 - 2.2.1. Provide opportunities for athletes to gain experience who have the potential to qualify or medal in skateboard street or skateboard park events for SBGB at the Los Angeles 2028 or Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games or other future international elite skateboarding events.
- 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 objective 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 athletes for one or more events.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. To be eligible to compete at the World Skate Games Italy 2024, each athlete shall:

- 3.1.1. Be a British citizen and hold a British passport which expires no less than six (6) months after the conclusion of the World Skate Games Italy 2024.
 - 3.1.2. If selected, be a member of SBGB.
<https://skateboardgb.org/membership/athlete-membership/>
 - 3.1.3. Be an ambassador of SBGB and be supportive of the organisation in its strategic objectives.
 - 3.1.4. Manage your relationship with SBGB in a manner that develops openness, honesty, mutual trust, and respect, ensuring the highest professional, behavioural and ethical standards.
 - 3.1.5. Remain in good standing with SBGB. Athletes must conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves or SBGB into disrepute. If the selection panel determines that an athlete 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.
 - 3.1.6. 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.
 - 3.1.7. Complete the required UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) or World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) education.
 - 3.1.8. Not be subject to a suspension, ban or disqualification imposed by SBGB, WSK or any other authority with jurisdiction over the athlete or event.
 - 3.1.9. 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).
 - 3.1.10. Satisfy any additional eligibility criteria imposed by SBGB or WSK, including but not limited to SBGB's "Codes of Conduct".
- 3.2. If, for any reason, an athlete 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 World Skate Games Italy 2024 country quota place allocations 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:
 - 4.2.1. Performance Manager (Chair)
 - 4.2.2. Performance Development Coach

4.2.3. Progression Programme Lead

- 4.3. The majority vote of the selection panel will determine the selection decision by which country quota places are allocated to athletes.
- 4.4. A non-voting independent observer will also form the selection panel. Providing confidence to athletes 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 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, athletes must have met the following selection criteria in their respective discipline;

Skateboard Park

Skateboard Park Trick Standards	
Mens Park	Womens Park
1. At least one (1) 540-degree spin variation, performed with or without a grab on the flat wall of a transitioned ramp.	1. At least one (1) 360-degree spin variation or above or flip trick, performed with or without a grab on the flat wall of a transitioned ramp.
2. At least one (1) flip trick variation, performed with or without a grab on the flat wall of a transitioned ramp.	2. At least one (1) backside and (1) frontside air variation, performed with or without a grab on the flat wall of a transitioned ramp.
3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide or stall variations on a skateboard park course or bowl.	3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide or stall variations on a skateboard park course or bowl.
Skateboard Park Selection Considerations	
In Competition	The athlete must have demonstrated the aforementioned tricks with precision and quality during a domestic or international park or bowl competition (2022-2024).
Execution	Trick evaluation will consider execution factors such as speed, distance, and height at the beginning, middle, and end of the trick, as well as the quality of the landing.

Obstacle Use	The type and size of obstacles on which the tricks are performed will also be considered. Tricks performed on obstacle sizes similar to those seen during Olympic qualification and at the Olympic Games are preferred.
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Skateboard Street

Skateboard Street Trick Standards	
Mens Street	Womens Street
1. At least (1) grind or slide, which includes a trick (e.g. spin, flip or shuvit variation) into the grind or slide on a down or handrail.	1. At least (1) one grind, which is performed on a down or handrail.
2. At least (1) grind or slide, executed in fakie, nollie or switch stance on a down or handrail.	2. At least (1) slide, which is performed on a down or handrail.
3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide, and flip variations on a skateboard street course.	3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide, and flip variations on a skateboard street course.
Skateboard Street Selection Considerations	
In Competition	The athlete must have demonstrated the aforementioned tricks with precision and quality during a domestic or international street competition (2022-2024).
Execution	Trick evaluation will consider execution factors such as speed, distance, and height at the beginning, middle, and end of the trick, as well as the quality of the landing.
Obstacle Use	The type and size of obstacles on which the tricks are performed will also be considered. Tricks performed on obstacle sizes similar to those seen during Olympic qualification and at the Olympic Games are preferred.

Skateboard Vert

Skateboard Vert Trick Standards	
Mens Vert	Womens Vert
1. At least one (1) 540-degree spin variation, performed with or without a grab on a vert ramp.	1. At least one (1) backside or frontside invert or 360-degree spin variation performed on a vert ramp.

2. At least one (1) flip trick variation, performed with or without a grab on a vert ramp.	2. At least one (1) backside and (1) frontside air variation, performed on a vert ramp.
3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide and stall variations on a vert ramp.	3. Demonstrate a variety of grind, slide and stall variations on a vert ramp.
Skateboard Vert Selection Considerations	
In Competition	The athlete must have demonstrated the aforementioned tricks with precision and quality during a domestic or international vert competition (2022-2024).
Execution	Trick evaluation will consider execution factors such as speed, distance, and height at the beginning, middle, and end of the trick, as well as the quality of the landing.
Obstacle Use	The type and size of obstacles/vert ramps on which the tricks are performed will also be considered.

5.2. Skateboarding is a subjective sport, and as such, there must be a significant component of professional judgement and subjective decision-making regarding athlete country quota place selections. The selection panel will also consider a range of additional factors when selecting athletes, including:

5.2.1. The athlete’s wider trick repertoire and ability to perform a variety of tricks within a competition run without repetition.

5.2.2. Performances and results obtained in competitions between 2022 and 2024, with greater emphasis on more recent results to select on current form.

5.2.3. The athlete’s current and future performance and development trajectory.

5.2.4. The athlete’s readiness to compete internationally.

5.3. There is no obligation on the selection panel to fill country quota places. The number of allocated World Skate Games Italy 2024 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, an athlete 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. Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury following their World Skate Games Italy 2024 qualification event country quota place selection must notify SBGB immediately. This may result in the athlete being de-selected 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 apply to both the men's and women's skateboard park, street and vert disciplines.
- 7.2. The only grounds upon which reasons for an appeal can be made are as follows:
 - 7.2.1. The selection panel has failed to apply the selection criteria set out in this policy.
 - 7.2.2. The selection panel has failed to adhere properly to the selection procedure set out in the policy; and
 - 7.2.3. The selection panel's discretion has not been exercised reasonably, and such discretion was exercised to be prejudicial to the appellant.
- 7.3. The athlete does not have the right to appeal against the content of the selection policy.

How to Appeal

- 7.4. The appeals process is commenced when an athlete affected by a selection decision or the athlete'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@skateboardqb.org.
- 7.5. The notice of appeal must be submitted within 72 hours of the selection decision being announced or communicated to the athlete, whichever is later.
- 7.6. If the athlete 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 athlete's ground(s) of appeal and include:
 - 7.7.1. Details of the decision to which the athlete is appealing.
 - 7.7.2. Details of the grounds upon which the athlete relies, including the precise manner in which the athlete alleges that the selection criteria have not been applied or the procedure set out in this selection policy has not been followed.
 - 7.7.3. Any documents or written evidence upon which the athlete relies in support of their appeal. These documents must be relevant specifically to the athlete's grounds of appeal.

- 7.8. Athletes should be aware that appeals are usually conducted solely by reference to the written notice of appeal and supporting documents. The athlete (or their authorised representative) will not usually be allowed to attend the meeting of the appeal panel in person. Therefore, the athlete 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 athlete 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:
- 7.19.1. Confirm the selection decision that is subject to appeal and thereby reject the appeal;

- 7.19.2. 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
- 7.19.3. Rescind the selection decision that is subject to appeal and allocate the appellant non-national team athlete 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	Anti-doping rule violation
Allocation	The action or process of allocating a country quota place to an athlete for the World Skate Games Italy 2024
Appeal	An appeal against a selection decision under the selection policy
Appeal Panel	The panel which addresses appeals once they go beyond the capacity of the selection panel
Appeal Process	The process for addressing appeals within the selection policy
Appellant	Any athlete or authorised representative who appeals against a selection decision
Authorised Representative	Any party who is authorised to accompany the appellant at certain stages of the procedures outlined within the policy
Board of Directors	The executive committee that jointly supervises the activities of SBGB

Brisbane 2032	The Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games
CEO	The Chief Executive of SBGB
Chair of the Appeal Panel	The individual whose role is to have leadership responsibilities over the appeal panel
Competition	An event or series of events conducted over one or more days
Criteria	Everything included in this document that relates to the criteria for the selection of athletes
Country Quota Places	The number of event quota places allocated to SBGB by World Skate
Disciplines	Skateboard street, park or vert
Event	A skateboard event
Good Standing	Understands and complies with SBGB's obligations
Independent Observer	The individual observing and scrutinising the selection process while holding the selection panel accountable to the selection policy and its criteria
LA 2028	The LA 2028 Olympic Games
Non-National Team Athlete	An athlete who is not a member of the SBGB national team
Notice of Appeal	The notice given by the appellant to initiate the appeal proceedings
OQS	Olympic Qualifier Series
OWSR	The World Skate Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking. https://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/ranking-paris-2024.html
Performance Manager	The person responsible for SBGB's Olympic national team programme
Performance Development Coach	A coach employed by SBGB to support the development of national team athletes.
Process	Everything included in this document that relates to the process for the selection of athletes for the World Skate Games Italy 2024
Progression Project Lead	The person responsible for SBGB's progression programme
Quota Places	The number of athlete country quota places allocated to SBGB for a competition held by World Skate
SBGB (SBGB)	The National Governing Body for Skateboarding in Great Britain. https://skateboardgb.org/

Selection	The process of selecting athletes to represent SBGB at the World Skate Games Italy 2024
Selection Panel	The SBGB selection panel, responsible for the selection of athletes for the World Skate Games Italy 2024
SBGB Website	The official SBGB website. https://skateboardgb.org/
UK Anti-Doping (UKAD)	United Kingdom Anti-Doping Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales (company number 06990867), or any successor to it, is responsible for implementing the UK Government's National Anti-Doping policy (as amended from time to time). https://www.ukad.org.uk/
UK Sport (UKS)	The United Kingdom Sports Council, incorporated by Royal Charter, (registered number RC: 000765) or any successor to it. https://www.uksport.gov.uk/
World Anti-Doping Association (WADA)	The World Anti-Doping Association. https://www.wada-ama.org/en
World Skate (WSK)	The governing body for skateboarding globally and is officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). https://www.worldskate.org/