

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) development-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 evolve its athlete support model and Olympic programme targeting LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032. These learning opportunities are vital to developing SBGB's pathway and future systems.
- 1.3. This document outlines the process and criteria used by SBGB to select athletes who are not members of the SBGB National Team but aspire to represent Great Britain at WSK-sanctioned international competitions. These events are Olympic-level.
- 1.4. WSK will hold WSK World Cup (WSKWC) skateboard street and park events in Rome and Ostia, Italy, on the following dates:
 - 1.4.1. **Skateboard Park:** 7th - 14th June 2026
 - 1.4.2. **Skateboard Street:** 14th - 21st June 2026
- 1.5. Per WSK's event guidelines, SBGB may register up to three (3) athletes per gender and discipline. This limit does not include pre-seeded or extra-quota athletes (top-30 ranked), whose participation is confirmed through WSK's registration system. SBGB will follow these rules to determine the maximum number of athletes eligible for nomination.
- 1.6. National team athletes 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. Any remaining quota places may be offered to non-national team athletes, subject to consideration by the selection panel.
- 1.7. SBGB reserves the right to amend this policy and country quota allocation based on updated WSK guidance. Quota places are distributed according to WSK criteria and may vary by event, discipline, and ranking.
- 1.8. WSK has introduced a minimum age requirement for participation in sanctioned competitions:

- 1.8.1. **2026:** Minimum age 12
- 1.8.2. **2027:** Minimum age 13
- 1.8.3. **2028:** Minimum age 14
- 1.9. This ruling applies to all WSK-sanctioned events. Athletes below the minimum age will not be considered eligible for selection.
- 1.10. The SBGB selection panel shall be responsible for allocating country quota places to national and non-national team athletes.
- 1.11. There is no obligation on the selection panel to fill country quota places. The number of allocated WSKWC quota places will be determined by the Head of Performance and Pathway and validated by the selection panel in line with the objectives and purpose of this policy.
- 1.12. 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 SBGB's medal and qualification potential in street and park disciplines at the LA 2028 Olympic Games, with a focus on winning and winning well.
- 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 Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.
- 2.3. Selections made under this policy are intended to contribute not only to short-term performance goals but also to SBGB's long-term Olympic strategy by developing athletes who show future medal and performance potential.
- 2.4. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - 2.4.1. The primary objective is the foremost consideration.
 - 2.4.2. The secondary objective will only be considered if the primary objective is unlikely to be met.

- 2.4.3. In some cases, no non-national team athletes may be selected if neither objective is satisfied.

3. Eligibility

Athletes must submit an application to be considered for selection. To be eligible to compete at the WSKWC event, each athlete shall:

- 3.1. Be a British citizen and hold a British passport which expires no less than six (6) months after the conclusion of the event.
- 3.2. Meet the minimum age requirements outlined by WSK for the 2026 season (minimum age 12).
- 3.3. If selected, be a member of SBGB:
<https://skateboardgb.org/membership/skateboarder-membership/>
- 3.4. Be an ambassador of SBGB and be supportive of the organisation in its strategic objectives.
- 3.5. Manage your relationship with SBGB in a manner that develops openness, honesty, collaboration, mutual trust, and respect. Ensuring the highest professional, behavioural and ethical standards.
- 3.6. 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.
- 3.7. Sign and return a copy of SBGB's Code of Conduct. For athletes under 18, a parent or chaperone must also sign the accompanying athlete and chaperone agreement.
- 3.8. Pre-seeded and extra quota athletes identified by WSK will not count against the country quota. However, SBGB must confirm their participation by the designated deadline set by WSK. These athletes must still complete all registration steps, including event check-in, and sign SBGB's Code of Conduct to remain eligible.
- 3.9. 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.

- 3.10. Complete the required UKAD or WADA education. All athletes and staff must upload a valid Anti-Doping Certificate (issued between 2023 and 2025) as part of the WSK registration process.
- 3.11. Not be subject to a suspension, ban or disqualification imposed by SBGB, WSK or any other authority with jurisdiction over the athlete or event.
- 3.12. 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).

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 Types

- 4.1. This policy is primarily concerned with event selection.
 - 4.1.1. **Event Selection:** Allocation of a country quota places at WSK events.
 - 4.1.2. **National Team Selection:** Formal selection to represent SBGB's national team.
 - 4.1.3. **Support Selection:** Type and level of logistical/programme support.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. All WSK country quota place allocations are made by the SBGB selection panel. SBGB's Head of Performance and Pathway will chair the selection panel.
- 5.2. The selection panel will consist of three voting members:
 - 5.2.1. SBGB Head of Performance and Pathway (Chair)
 - 5.2.2. SBGB Performance Coach
 - 5.2.3. SBGB Pathway Coach
- 5.3. The majority vote of the selection panel will determine the selection decision by which country quota places are allocated to athletes.
- 5.4. A non-voting independent observer will also attend the selection panel, providing confidence in the fairness and objectivity of the process.

- 5.5. 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.
- 5.6. At present, uniform athlete rankings in skateboarding are not as reliable or established as in other sports. Given the absence of consistent, comparable British events and the inherently subjective nature of judging, SBGB will apply a Selection by Qualified Discretion approach.
- 5.7. Selection by Qualified Discretion refers to a process in which selection decisions are made by experienced and qualified individuals (the Selection Panel), applying their professional judgement to weigh both objective performance data and subjective assessment criteria. This approach supports fairness and consistency while aligning with the strategic goals of SBGB, particularly in the current context, where a standardised domestic ranking system is not in place.
- 5.8. A summary of panel minutes will be recorded and stored confidentially.

6. Selection Process and Criteria

- 6.1. Please refer to the separate selection process and criteria appendices for each discipline and gender.
 - 6.1.1. **Appendix A:** WSKWC Skateboard Park Selection Process and Criteria - Ostia, 2026.
 - 6.1.2. **Appendix B:** WSKWC Skateboard Street Selection Process and Criteria - Rome, 2026.

7. Selection Outcomes

- 7.1. Athletes will be notified in writing of the panel's decision. Selected athletes must:
 - 7.1.1. Accept their selection within the timeline provided.
 - 7.1.2. Comply with all event and team registration requirements.
 - 7.1.3. Remain eligible through the event period.

- 7.1.4. Athletes who are not selected for a country quota place may request feedback on their application. Feedback will be provided within 30 days of the request.

8. Support Allocation

- 8.1. Selection does not guarantee financial or logistical support. Support is at the discretion of SBGB and may include:
 - 8.1.1. Access to an SBGB coach and performance staff.
 - 8.1.2. Coverage of a competition entry fee.
- 8.2. SBGB will not cover:
 - 8.2.1. Transport (including flights).
 - 8.2.2. Accommodation.
 - 8.2.3. Additional costs outside of the event entry fee (e.g. food and drink).
- 8.3. Support will be outlined in writing upon selection. Athletes not receiving support remain subject to SBGB eligibility criteria, expectations and Codes of Conduct throughout the event period.

9. Chaperones and Private Coaches

- 9.1. All non-national team athletes under the age of 18 are required to travel with a designated chaperone, unless an alternative arrangement is approved in advance by SBGB, in line with our safeguarding policies and expectations.
- 9.2. Personal coaches/chaperones will not be accredited as SBGB coaches or staff at WSK-sanctioned events.
- 9.3. In exceptional circumstances, where an athlete is considered a legitimate podium contender, a coach or staff accreditation may be granted at the discretion of the Head of Performance, subject to event-specific staff quota place limits. This will be confirmed before the event.
- 9.4. WSK provides one (1) chaperone accreditation for athletes under the age of 18. This allows chaperones to accompany athletes within the competition environment.
- 9.5. Where WSK does not permit chaperone access to coaching zones or areas adjacent to the field of play, athletes will be supported exclusively by SBGB-accredited coaches and staff within those designated areas.

Chaperones in these instances will be required to support athletes from the event stands or other designated chaperone zones, as determined by WSK.

- 9.6. Chaperone accreditation and access are managed by WSK and may be updated in line with their evolving event protocols. SBGB has no authority or influence over these decisions. Any changes made by WSK will be communicated to athletes and chaperones as soon as they are confirmed.
- 9.7. SBGB supports the chaperone accreditation process and recognises the enhanced support and safeguarding it provides to young athletes. When a chaperone is present in a competition setting, we expect that they work collaboratively and respectfully with SBGB staff to help maintain a positive, professional, and supportive team environment. Chaperones, like athletes, represent Great Britain and Skateboard GB on the international stage.
- 9.8. All chaperones and personal coaches are required to sign SBGB's associated Codes of Conduct before attending any WSK-sanctioned event.
- 9.9. Failure by a chaperone or personal coach to follow the Codes of Conduct may result in the athlete's eligibility to compete at the event being reviewed. In serious cases, this may lead to withdrawal of accreditation or removal from the competition environment.

10. De-Selection

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury following their WSKT 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 Head of Performance and Pathway following consultation with the selection panel.

11. Appeals

- 11.1. 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 and street disciplines.
- 11.2. The only grounds upon which reasons for an appeal can be made are as follows:

- 11.2.1. The selection panel has failed to apply the selection criteria set out in this policy.
 - 11.2.2. The selection panel has failed to adhere properly to the selection procedure set out in the policy; and
 - 11.2.3. The selection panel's discretion has not been exercised reasonably, and such discretion was exercised to be prejudicial to the appellant.
- 11.3. The athlete does not have the right to appeal against the content of the selection policy.

How to Appeal

- 11.4. 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@skateboardgb.org.
- 11.5. The notice of appeal must be submitted within 72 hours of the selection decision being announced or communicated to the athlete, whichever is later.
- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. The notice of appeal must set out full details of the athlete's ground(s) of appeal and include:
- 11.7.1. Details of the decision to which the athlete is appealing.
 - 11.7.2. 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.
 - 11.7.3. 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. Athletes should be aware that appeals are usually conducted solely by reference to the
- 11.8. 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

- 11.9. The SBGB CEO will appoint the appeal panel. The appeal panel will be composed of three members, namely:
- 11.10. Two SBGB board of directors (who were not part of the selection panel), from whom one shall be nominated as chair of the appeal panel, and
- 11.11. An external person with high performance and elite sports knowledge/experience.
- 11.12. 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.
- 11.13. No selection panel member will be appointed to the appeal panel.
- 11.14. 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.
- 11.15. 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 the appeal panel members.
- 11.16. 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.
- 11.17. 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 11.2 have been established.
- 11.18. The appeal panel, when considering the notice of appeal, shall be entitled to take advice (including legal advice) as they see fit.

Appeal Decision

- 11.19. In its appeal decision. The appeal panel shall make one of the following determinations:

- 11.19.1. Confirm the selection decision that is subject to appeal and thereby reject the appeal;
- 11.19.2. 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
- 11.19.3. Rescind the selection decision that is subject to appeal and allocate the appellant non-national team athlete, a country quota place.
- 11.20. The appeal decision shall be reached by a majority vote of the appeal panel, with each appeal panel member having one vote.
- 11.21. 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.
- 11.22. The SBGB CEO will, in writing, inform all parties about the appeal decision.
- 11.23. The appeal decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

12. Updates

- 12.1. SBGB reserves the right to make updates to this policy at any time at its discretion. Any such updates must be approved by the board of directors before coming into effect.
- 12.2. This document will be subject to periodic review and may be amended to reflect any external rule or policy amendments and to include any relevant feedback. This and any amended policy will be published on the SBGB website.
- 12.3. SBGB reserves the right to amend this policy where necessary to remain aligned with WSK, UKS, or Olympic qualification regulations.