

INTRODUCTION

The England Park and Pipe Team 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 from 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 local gymnastics, free-running, skateboard/skating/scooter and/or acrobatics clubs to support their development.

Athletes selected to the England Park and Pipe Team will be expected to work with their respective Snowsport England and local coaches.

Invitations to camps and training opportunities will be awarded on skill level and stage of progression.

SELECTION POLICY

This policy is for selection to the England Park and Pipe Team 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 talent development objectives of Snowsport England in line with the strategy.

SELECTION PROCESS

- All applications should be submitted by 12pm on Friday 29th April, 2022.
- All interested athletes need to apply using the jotform via this link <https://form.jotform.com/220681290507049>
- The selection criteria for the England Park and Pipe Team will be published on the Snowsport England website ahead of the selection window.
- The criteria will be updated annually and to be considered for selection athletes must:
 - complete the online application form with Snowsport England.
 - provide links to video footage of recent performance.
- Selected athletes will be notified following the selection meeting.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All selections will be based on the following:

- Technical skill performance levels using current performance profiling with considerations given to the athletes 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 competitor/performer with Snowsport England for the 2022/2023 season.
- 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.

A team Criteria

Male

- 4 different 360 rotations on medium jumps
- 2 different 540 rotations on large jumps
- 900 rotations on large jumps
- Inverted tricks on medium – large jumps
- Variations of difficult grind tricks on single rails and kinked rails
- 450 rotations on to difficult grind features

Female

- 4 different 360 rotations on small jumps
- 2 different 360 rotations on medium – large jumps
- 540 rotations on Medium – Large jumps
- Inverted tricks on medium size jumps
- Variations of difficult grind tricks on single rails and kinked rails
- 270 rotations on to difficult grind features

B team Criteria

Male

- 3 different 360 rotations on small – medium jumps
- 2 different 540 rotations on small – medium jumps
- 720 rotations on small – medium jumps
- Inverted tricks on small – medium jumps
- Variations of difficult grind tricks on pipes and boxes
- 270 rotations on to pipes and boxes

Female

- 2 different 360 rotations on small – medium jumps
- 540 rotations on small – medium jumps
- Inverted tricks on small – medium jumps
- Variations of difficult grind tricks on pipes and boxes
- 270 rotations on to pipes and boxes

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.

The selection panel can use discretion when it comes to selecting athletes

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)/GB Snowsport 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. Snowsport England 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.

Selection Committee

A selection panel will be formed but will be led by the SE Freeski Coach and SE Snowboard Coach.

NON-SELECTION

Athletes who have not been selected following an application will be notified by email by Snowsport England. Reasons for non-selection will be given and guidance on what areas need improvement will be given.

APPEALS PROCESS

The England Park and Pipe Team 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 of Snowsport England:

Snowsport England
Sport Park, Loughborough University,
3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough.
Leicestershire,
LE11 3QF

For England Park and Pipe Team 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. Snowsport England 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 (Sports Resolutions. Snowsport England understands that both parties will undertake to execute any decision of Sports Resolutions).