



BREAKING GB SELECTION POLICY

WDSF World Series, European Championships,
European Games, World Championships

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1. Introduction

All events are key in 2023 and towards Paris 2024.

As a **performance competition**, selections will be made on the basis of the breaker's most capable of performing and challenging to **gain qualification to the Paris Olympic Games**.

The nomination of breaker's to represent Great Britain at all competitions will be made according to this selection policy.

Breaker's should also note there are varied team sizes for these competitions:

- a) World Series - GBR can select up to a maximum of 3 B-Girls and 3 B-Boys nominated by Breaking GB
- b) European Championships - GBR can select up to a maximum of 2 B-Girls and 2 B-Boys nominated by Breaking GB
- c) European Games – qualification through European Championships and WDSF BfG World Ranking List
- d) World Championships - GBR can select up to a maximum of 2 B-Girls and 2 B-Boys nominated by Breaking GB

2. Performance Targets

Breaking GB is targeting GBR representation at the Paris Olympic Games.

3. Selection Timelines

Date	BfG Event	WDSF	Selection Panel Meeting	Internal Communication	Appeals Window	Team Selection confirmed
Feb	World Series JPN		23/01/23	24/01/23	24-26/01/23	27/01/23
Apr	World Series BRA		13/03/23	14/03/23	14-15/03/23	17/03/23
Apr	European Championships ESP		tbc	tbc	tbc	Tbc
Jun	International Series CAN & AUT		08/05/23	09/05/23	09-11/05/23	12/05/23/23
Jun	European Games		15/05/23	16/05/23	16-18/05/23	26/05/23
Jul	Challenge Series BRA		10/07/23	11/07/23	11-13/07/23	14/07/23

Aug	World Series POR	24/07/23	25/07/23	25- 27/07/23	28/07/23
Sep	World Championships	04/09/23	05/09/23	05- 07/09/23	08/09/23
Dec	World Series CHN	13/11/23	14/11/23	14- 16/11/23	17/11/23

If any additional competitions are added to the WDSF calendar, we will apply the same principle as the timelines above where possible.

4. Competition Format

- 4.1 The competition Format will be delivered as per WDSF rules and regulations for these competitions.
- 4.2 The competition classes at all competitions are:
 - B-Boy 1v1
 - B-Girl 1v1

5. Breaker Eligibility Criteria

Breaker's are eligible For consideration provided they:

- 5.1 are a British Citizen holding or eligible to hold a British passport.
- 5.2 are born on or before 31st December 2008
- 5.3 are a current member of DanceSport England via Breaking GB
- 5.4 are eligible to compete For Great Britain by possession of a current Breaker eCard License held with WDSF and no membership or doping related violations at the time of nomination
- 5.5 have completed any additional third-party agency requirements (such as, but not limited to, UK Anti-Doping, the World Anti-Doping Agency and/or the British Olympic Association).
- 5.6 For Challenge and International Series events, an email must be sent informing of their nomination to attend to performance@breakinggb.org.uk.

6. Performance Standards

- 6.1 Breaking GB will consider breakers ranked in the top 64 of the Breaking for Gold (BfG) WDSF World ranking list for BfG World Series, European Championships and World Championships.
- 6.2 Breaking GB will consider wider applications for BfG Challenge Series and BfG International Series events.

7. Additional Performance Factors

The panel will consider the following Additional Performance Factors (APF), when nominating breaker's:

- a) Breaker's potential to qualify for the Paris Olympic Games.
- b) Breaker's potential to contend for medals at World & Olympic level.
- c) Engagement with Breaking GB activity.
- d) Current medical and injury status including recent training history and any additional extenuating circumstances that the panel feels necessary to consider at its discretion.
- e) Anyone who fulfils Breaking GB's strategic and performance ambitions.

8. Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of:

- Performance Coaching Leadership Advisor Breaking GB (chair)
- President of Breaking GB (voting)
- International Relations and Advisor Breaking GB (voting)
- Elite Performance Breaking GB (voting)
- Appointed Judging Representative (non-voting)
- Independent Observers (up to two, non-voting) *¹

Or appropriate nominated representatives.

- 8.1 Prior to the commencement of the meeting, and no later than 72hrs prior, all panel members must declare any conflicts of interest to the chair.
- 8.2 At the start of the meeting the chair will log any conflicts and confirm any arrangements based on any registered conflicts.
- 8.3 The selections for all available places will be made through discussion of the eligible breaker', BfG WDSF World ranking at the time of selection, reviewing the performance factors (section 7), and the ability to deliver the performance targets (section 2).
- 8.4 Whereby proposed selections cannot be agreed through reaching a consensus, each decision maker will have 1 vote per available quota place. Panel members must cast a vote for the nomination to proceed.

**¹ Independent observers are in appointed to provide assurance that the policy is applied in a fair, consistent and transparent manner. Independent observers could be appointed from (but not limited to) British Athletes Commission, UK Sport, British Olympic Association, Sports Lawyers and other Olympic/Paralympic Sports Management professionals.*

9. Selection Process

- 9.1 Prior to the selection panel meeting information will be compiled from relevant personnel to support the panel's decision making during the meeting. This would include, but is not limited to:
- a) BfG WDSF World Ranking at the date of each selection meeting.
 - b) Analytics related to performances of other nations.
 - c) Injury, Illness, and training information related to breaker's achieving the performance standards.
- 9.2 Breaker's meeting the eligibility criteria, including Performance Standards, will be considered against the Additional Performance Factors.
- 9.3 A breaker who meets the eligibility criteria but does not meet the Performance Standards can be considered for selection by the panel and these breaker's will be identified at the start of the selection panel discussions using relevant information aligned to the Additional Performance Factors.
- 9.4 Based on the events requirements, when reviewing eligible breaker's, their performances, and the additional performance factors, it may identify reserves.

10. Selection Process for accompanying person

- 10.1 Breaking GB will support one accompanying person to join the breaker's at each event where the team is greater than 1 breaker for the following events; World Championships, European Championships, European Games, BfG World Series. Selection for this person will be based upon the ability to support the breakers attending the event along with build the intelligence for Breaking GB for Paris qualification strategies.
- 10.2 Additional personnel may be considered for selection based on the needs of the team and long term aims of Breaking GB.

11. Expectations of selected breaker's and accompanying person

- 11.1 Selected breaker's and accompanying person, including reserve(s), (where agreed) will be expected to undertake all identified pre-competition activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by Breaking GB as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.
- 11.2 Selected breaker's and accompanying person (including the reserve(s)) must also agree to observe any subsequent Code of Behaviour adopted by Breaking GB.

12. Internal Communications of Selections

- 12.1 The communication of selections is strictly confidential and is not to be publicised until the team is confirmed by Breaking GB.

13. Injury & Replacement

- 13.1 In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, a selection panel will be formed and any breaker listed as a reserve may be called upon to join the team at any time.
- 13.2 Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel, all selected breaker's (including the reserve(s)) must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or competition at any time until the point of the competition in question.
- 13.3 All selected breaker's (including the reserve(s)) must declare any medications they are taking, the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to Breaking GB for medical approval.
- 13.4 A breaker or accompanying person may be removed from the Team in the event of a non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Code of Behaviour adopted by the Team. Prior to removal, the breaker (plus a companion) will be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Chair of Breaking GB (or their appointed representative) with one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Chair of Breaking GB (or their appointed representative). Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.
- 13.5 At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting, should any breaker fail to reach performance extent that it leads the Elite Performance Breaking GB personnel to reasonably believe that such athlete cannot perform to their expected ability at the event, they may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation in full, set out the reasons for such decision to the affected athlete and provide an opportunity for the breaker to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.
- 13.6 At any stage Following the selection announcement but prior to the date of departure, should there be a doubt over the ability of a breaker to compete to the best of his / her ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:
 - a) The breaker will be referred to Breaking GB's designated Medical representative to undergo a medical examination to determine their fitness to participate. Initially this will be based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the breaker is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.
 - b) If the breaker passes the initial medical examination conducted by the Medical Officer but Breaking GB still has concerns over whether or not the breaker is able to compete to the best of his / her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the breaker will be required to undertake Breaking GB' designated "Fitness Test".

- c) The Fitness Test is a judgement of a qualified trivium international judge to review the performance standard of a preliminary round required to reach top 64 in the world.
 - d) In the event that a breaker fails to complete the Fitness Test to the required standard, they will be removed from the Team, a decision that is not open to appeal.
- 13.7 Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Selection panel on the basis of the needs of the Team and will normally come out of the nominated reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.
- 13.8 Following the DRM, athlete de-selections and replacements are to be only allowed in accordance with the WDSFs "Late Athlete Replacement Policy". Athletes may be de-selected at this stage due to the athlete no-longer being eligible, or due to injury/illness. In such circumstances, should the Breaking GB Elite Performance personnel (or their appointed representative) believe injury/illness will impact upon an athlete's potential to deliver a performance at the event in question at least equivalent to Performance Standards (see section 6) at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated due to injury or illness the Following process will be undertaken:
- 13.9 The Breaking GB Medical representative will request that the athlete undergoes a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to compete. If the athlete is deemed not fit to compete or refuses to undergo the examination, his/her nomination will be withdrawn, and Breaking GB will nominate the relevant reserve athlete.

14. Team Organisation

- 14.1 The Team will attend pre-event Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance with the Activity Planner (subject to change).
- 14.2 In the event that they have not already done so, all breaker's within the Team will be required to sign and comply with a behaviour / activity / training agreement.
- 14.3 If they have not already done so, all accompanying persons within the Team will be required to sign and comply with the same Breaking GB Code of Behaviour as the breakers.

15. Code of Behaviour

- 15.1 The current Code of Behaviour is as follows. Selected breakers and personnel will;
- Represent Breaking GB to the highest professional standards
 - Be an excellent role model when representing Breaking GB
 - Act in the best interests of all competing breakers for Breaking GB
 - Must respect the rules and decisions of the officials
 - Not smoke whilst at competitions or training camps

- Not consume alcohol and drugs of any kind whilst at training camps and competitions
- Behave appropriately online eg social media sites in the same manner as when at training camps and competitions
- Must always act in a respectful manner with no discrimination, bullying or abusive behavior on the grounds of age, gender, gender reassignment, ethnic origin, race, disability, nationality, national origin, religion or belief, marital status (including civil partnerships), pregnancy and maternity, socio-economic status or sexual orientation.

16. Announcement

Selected Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any personal websites) regarding their selection until after Breaking GB have announced the Team selection.

17. Any additional matters not covered by this policy

Any matters arising from the selection process that are not covered within this policy shall be determined by the Approval Panel acting at their sole discretion.

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APPROVED BY:

Signed *Sarah Evans* Chair – Breaking GB Board

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