



BREAKING GB SELECTION POLICY

Olympic Qualifier Series & Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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1. Introduction

This selection policy refers directly to phase two of Olympic qualification, hereby referred to as the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS), and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The nomination of breakers to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Qualifier Series and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be made based on this selection policy.

Breakers should note there are varied team sizes for these competitions:

- a) Olympic Qualifier Series – Maximum of 3 b-boys and 3 b-girls
- b) Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Maximum of 2 b-boys and 2 b-girls

Qualification for both the OQS and Paris Olympic Games is through named qualification only. Breaking GB currently has 3 b-boys qualified for the OQS, which is the full team size. This means that there is no opportunity for any other b-boy to qualify for the OQS.

2. Performance Targets

Breaking GB is targeting GBR representation at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

3. Selection Timelines

Date of event	
January 2024	Final ranking places confirmed following the last phase one event and OQS spots confirmed by WDSF to the IOC.
16-19 May 2024	Olympic Qualifier Series - Shanghai
20-23 June 2024	Olympic Qualifier Series – Budapest
24-26 June 2024	WDSF publishes the event results on their website.
24-28 June 2024	WDSF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
By 29 June 2024	Breaking GB confirms use of allocated quota places.
By 29 June 2024	Breaking GB officially nominates athletes to the BOA for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
30 June 2024	Kitting out for selected athletes and staff.
08 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sports Entries Deadline to the BOA.

4. Breaker Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to compete at the Olympic Qualifier Series and Paris 2024 Olympic Games, breakers must fulfil the following criteria:

- 4.1. hold a valid British passport and are eligible to represent Great Britain;
- 4.2. are born on or before 31st December 2008;
- 4.3. are a current member of DanceSport England via Breaking GB;
- 4.4. possess a current Breaker eCard License held with WDSF;
- 4.5. 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);
- 4.6. not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation or any Breaking GB, DanceSport England, BOA or IOC disciplinary process;
- 4.7. agree to sign and comply with Breaking GB's Code of Conduct; and
- 4.8. meet other criteria and performance standards as set out below.

5. Performance Standards

- 5.1. Qualifying for the OQS will be based on rankings from the World Championship (top 5), Continental Games and/or Continental Championships (top 15), and the Breaking for Gold Ranking List (top 15, with sole exception to those already qualified by World Championship or Continental Games/Championships) in addition to host and universality quotas (5).
- 5.2. The top 40 b-boys and b-girls from the collective rankings outlined above will gain a place for the OQS, respecting the maximum country quotas.
- 5.3. Athletes eligible to take part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games must either:
 - 5.3.1. Obtain a quota place as the highest placed athlete per gender at the World Championships or Continental Qualifiers; or
 - 5.3.2. Obtain one of the 7 quota places per gender from the OQS series.

6. Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of:

- Performance Coaching Leadership Advisor Breaking GB (chair – non-voting)
- 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.

- 6.1. 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.

- 6.2. At the start of the meeting the chair will log any conflicts and confirm any arrangements based on any registered conflicts.
- 6.3. Selection for all available places is through nomination only based on reaching performance standards in section 5.
- 6.4. 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 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.*

7. Selection Process for accompanying person

- 7.1. Breaking GB will support up to three accompanying people to join the breakers at each event where the team is greater than 1 breaker. Selection for these roles will be based upon the ability to support the breakers attending the event to increase the chances for breakers to qualify to represent Breaking GB in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 7.2. Additional personnel may be considered for selection based on the allocation and availability of accreditations for the OQS and Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 7.3. Accompanying persons must comply with the Breaking GB rules of anti-doping and Code of Conduct and provide any evidence of required education and/or signed documentation prior to the events.

8. Internal Communications of Selections

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

9. De-selection

- 9.1. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Selection Panel, all selected breakers 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.
- 9.2. 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 Conduct 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.
- 9.3. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting, should any breaker fail to reach the performance standards to the 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 Selection Panel. The Selection 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.

9.4. 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 their 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 representative 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.

9.5. Following the Delegation Registration Meeting on 12 July 2024 (when the BOA enters the full British Olympic Team with the Paris Organising Committee for the Olympic Games), athlete de-selections and replacements are to be only allowed in accordance with the IOC's "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 5) at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated due to injury or illness the following process will be undertaken:

- a) 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 may nominate a reserve athlete if applicable.

10. 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.

11. 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 Selection Panel acting at their sole discretion.

12. Appeals Policy

12.1 Unless explicitly stated in this Selection Policy that a decision is not open to appeal, a breaker may appeal against their selection or de-selection to the Olympic Qualifier Series and/or Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

12.2 A breaker wishing to appeal under this appeals procedure must be fully familiar with the details of the Selection Policy.

12.3 If a breaker wishes to commence the appeal procedure upon being selected or de-selected, a formal written appeal must be submitted within 48 hours of the announcement or communication of selection to chair@breakinggb.org (the 'Notice of Appeal'). If the breaker fails to submit a Notice of Appeal within this time frame, they will have lost their right to appeal under this Policy. Following receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the Chair of Breaking GB Board will appoint an Appeals Panel consisting of 3 people. All Appeal Panelists must be free of conflicts of interest and shall disclose the existence of any such conflicts before accepting an appointment to sit on a Panel.

12.4 The Notice of Appeal must include full details of the basis on which the appeal is made, including the precise way in which the Selection Policy has not been allegedly followed.

12.5 Appeals will be conducted based on the written appeal, without a hearing, verbal evidence, or the calling of witnesses. The Appeals Panel may request additional verbal or written evidence from any party involved in the appeal if deemed appropriate to reach a fair decision.

12.6 The grounds of appeal for the decision of the Selection Panel will be based on one or more of the following:

- a) correct selection process was not followed; or
- b) decision was made on an error of fact.

12.7 This appeals procedure covers the above grounds listed at clause 12.6 only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel are acting as experts and breakers agree that in doing so the panel will exercise judgement and discretion which are not in themselves capable of being challenged.


12.8 Upon receipt of written appeal, the Appeals Panel will seek to achieve a unanimous decision, or at minimum majority where unanimity is not possible, and conclusion within 72 hours. The Appeals Panel will inform the appealing breaker as soon as possible when a decision has been made.

12.9 Breaking GB is entitled to publish the decision of the appeal where it is necessary for informing all affected and properly interested parties regarding the status of the selection decision previously published.

13. Updates to the Selection Policy

Updates to this Selection Policy may be made at any time by Breaking GB at their discretion. Any such updates will be published on the Breaking GB website.

APPROVED BY:

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