

GB Climbing Development Squad: Selection notes for Parents and Athletes

The following information is for athletes, parents and coaches with regards to the selection procedure for the GB Climbing Development Squad.

1. **Age bands** for squad selection are as follows:

Table 1.

LTAD Tier	Age Band	Date of birth
Learning to Train	11-14	01/06/2005 to 01/06/2002
Training to Train	13-16	01/06/2003 to 01/06/2000
Training to Perform	15-19	01/06/2001 to 01/06/1998
World Class Potential	16+	01/06/2000 +

- 1.1. Athletes will be assessed using the criteria for the lowest tier for which they are in age for a minimum of 6 months from the date of the selection event. If they meet the progression standard they will be tiered at the higher level.

For example: A climber who is 13 years old would be eligible for both Learning to Train (L2T) and Training to Train (T2T). They will be assessed using the criteria for L2T however if they achieve the progression standard they will be tiered at T2T.

- 1.2. Current members of the GB Climbing Team will be required to go through the selection process. If an athlete does not produce an application, or does not attend the selection event they will be ineligible for re-selection. Current GB Team members will receive a 6-month probationary period if they fail to achieve the required standard for their age group. During this period, they will receive guidance from GB Climbing Team coaches to assess the improvements required and make a plan of action to achieve the targets set.

2. Selection Process – Part 1: Application and Invitation to Selection Event

- 2.1. Applications will be considered by a panel of coaches including GB Junior and Senior Climbing Team managers, assistant managers and coaches.
- 2.2. Current competition performance and ability to evidence dedication to training will be highly considered by the panel.
- 2.3. The panel will decide who will be invited to part 2 of the Selection Process (see below).
- 2.4. Those who are unsuccessful may apply again in following years.

3. Selection Process – Part 2: Selection event and Standards

- 3.1. On the selection day athletes will be assessed on their technical, tactical and physical capabilities and banded into the categories highlighted below.
- 3.2. The selection panel will give the athlete a percentage score in each area of Technical, Tactical and Physical this will give the athlete an overall score for their tier. This will then allow the selectors to tier the athletes as demonstrated in Table 2.

Table 2.

LTAD Tier	L2T	T2T	T2P	WCP
Gold Standard	100%	100%	100%	100%
Progression Standard	70-100%	80-100%	85-100%	International Performance
Direct Entry Standard	50-69%	60-79%	70-84%	70+%
Lower Tier Entry Standard	N/A	L2T 70+%	T2T 80+%	T2P 85+%

- 3.3. Direct Entry standards allow climbers to enter the pathway at any stage given they meet the standard target.
- 3.4. Progression Entry standards provide clear targets for climbers already moving through the performance pathway. An athlete must achieve these standards in order to progress to the next tier. If an athlete fails to meet the standard required for progression whilst in age they will receive a 6-month probationary period. During this time, they will receive guidance from GB Climbing Team coaches to assess the improvements required and make a plan of action to achieve the targets set.
- 3.5. Athletes will be expected to achieve the direct entry or progression standards in all three areas (physical, technical and tactical) in order to gain automatic selection to the squad. An athlete who scores highly on two out of the three areas may be selected to the squad for a 6-month probationary period at the selection panels discretion.