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GB Surfing Events Selection Policy 2023-24

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Definitions



“ADRV”	means Anti-Doping Rule Violation
“Appeal”	means an appeal against a Selection decision under the Policy;
“Appeal Panel”	means the panel which addresses Appeals once they go beyond the capacity of the Selection Panel;
“Appeal Process”	means the process for addressing Appeals within the Policy;
“Appellant”	means any athlete or Authorised Representative who makes an Appeal against a Selection decision;
“Authorised Representative”	means any party who is authorised to accompany the Appellant at certain stages of the procedures outlined within the Policy;
“BLU”	means British Long Board Union
“Chairperson”	means the Chairperson of British Surfing
“Chair of the Appeal Panel”	means the individual whose role is to have leadership responsibilities over the Appeal Panel;
“GBR”	means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
“GB Surfing”	means GB Surfing Ltd.;
“GB Surfing Progression Squad”	means the squad selected by GB Surfing in line with the Progression Strategy funded by UK Sport
“Notice of Appeal”	means the notice given by the Appellant to initiate Appeal proceedings;
“Second Appeal Notice”	means the notice received by the Appeal Panel once the Appeal Process has advanced beyond the Selection Panel’s deliberations;
“Selection”	means the process of selecting athletes to represent GBR to British Surfing Squads

“Selection Panel”	means the British Surfing Selection Panel; a standing committee of the British Surfing Board responsible, inter alia, for the Selection or nomination of British Surfing Squads or British Surfing Teams;
“ISA World Games Squad”	means a set of Athletes selected from which the final ISA World Games Team will be selected
“ISA World Games Team”	means a set of Athletes selected to travel and represent Great Britain at the ISA World Games;
“ERQS”	means World Surfing League European Regional Qualifying Series
“WSL”	means World Surfing League
“RQS”	means Regional Qualifying Series



1. Objectives and Approach

- 1.1. This document outlines the Selection Policy ('Policy') which GB Surfing will follow when selecting athletes to represent the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as 'GBR')
- 1.2. The Policy sets out the overarching Selection process which will be applied to all event selections across all surfing disciplines. The Schedule's in the policy specifically outline the selection criteria for each event, in each of the different surfing disciplines.
- 1.3. The Policy also describes an Appeal Process. Any Appeal against a decision of the Selection Panel must follow strict procedures laid down in the Appeal Process. Adherence to the process ensures that all Appellants are treated equally. There is a financial charge for making an Appeal to discourage frivolous Appeals.
- 1.4. The Policy and/or the Selection Criteria contained herein may be amended from time to time by GB Surfing particularly if a new event is added to the responsibility of GB Surfing or in the event that COVID-19 materially impacts any matters related to the Policy. Changes may also be made in the situation of any events changes.

2. The Purpose of the Selection Policy

- 2.1. The purpose of the Selection Policy is to:
 - 2.1.1. The primary purpose of the selection policy is to select teams that gives GBR the opportunity for the best possible results at Olympic Games, ISA World Games and/or any Olympic sanctioned or qualification event.
 - 2.1.2. The secondary purpose of the selection policy is to provide opportunities for the long-term development of athletes who are, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, capable of being podium competitive at future international Events.

3. The Selection Panels

- 3.1. The Selection Panels, which are responsible for the implementation of the Policy, will be chaired by an individual nominated by the GB Surfing Board.
- 3.2. The Short Board Selection Panel composition will be:
 - GB Surfing Executive Performance Director (Chair / voting)
 - Nominated International Judge (voting)
 - GB Surfing Performance Pathway Manager (voting)
 - GB Surfing Pathway Development Lead (voting)
 - Nominated Lead Coach for the ISA World Games 2024 (voting)

The Long Board Selection Panel composition will be:

- GB Surfing Executive Performance Director (Chair / voting)
- GB Surfing Performance Pathway Manager (voting)

- GB Surfing Pathway Development Lead (voting)
- Nominated Longboard Representative (voting)
- Nominated Longboard Representative (voting)

The Stand-Up Paddleboard Selection Panel composition will be:

- GB Surfing Executive Performance Director (Chair / non-voting)
- Nominated Stand-Up Paddle Board Representative (voting)
- Nominated Stand-Up Paddle Board Representative (voting)
- Nominated Stand-Up Paddle Board Representative (voting)

- 3.3. The Shortboard and Longboard Selection Panels are therefore composed of 5 voting members, and shall be quorate if 3 members are present, provided one is the GB Surfing Executive Performance Director. If the result of any voting is a tie the GB Surfing Executive Performance Director shall have the casting vote. The Stand-up Paddle Board Selection Panel is composed of 3 voting members, and shall be quorate if all 3 voting members and the GB Surfing Executive Performance Director are present.
- 3.4. Selections will be made without bias or discrimination, and, as such, any conflicts, real or perceived, must be declared and recorded at the start of the meeting. The existence of 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 if a vote is required.
- 3.5. The Selection Panel has total discretion to make Selections but in accordance with the purpose of the Policy stated above. It will use, in conjunction with its own assessment, the Selection criteria as a guide to their deliberations and conclusions. Any Appeal made against a decision of the Selection Panel cannot challenge the exercise of discretion unless the Appeal can demonstrate that the discretion has not been exercised in a reasonable manner and that such discretion was exercised in such a way as to be prejudicial to the Appellant.
- 3.6. Further to 3.5, the Selection Panel will not give any preference to athletes who work or train, or who are in any other way associated with partners of, or entities associated with, GB Surfing, and all Selections will be made in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down in the Policy.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. No athlete may be selected under or pursuant to the Policy unless they have satisfied the basic eligibility criteria.
- 4.2. The athlete must:
- 4.2.1. hold a British Passport and be eligible under ISA rules to compete for GBR;
 - 4.2.2. be a member of a Home Nation Surfing Organisation

- 4.2.3. be WADA compliant and not be banned or suspended from competition due to an Anti-Doping Rule violation (ADRV) ruling or Investigation;
- 4.2.4. not be serving a suspension for any other disciplinary offence; and
- 4.2.5. to be physically and mentally fit to compete.

5. The Selection Process

- 5.1. The Selection Panel is responsible for Selection of all athletes for the Olympic Games, and ISA World Games Teams across all surfing disciplines and the selection of athletes to any GB Surfing named Squad. The Selection Panel is also responsible for naming any non-GB Surfing staff attending Championships.
- 5.2. The criteria outlined in the Schedules are the main input into the Selection decision.
- 5.3. Following Selection Panel meetings, athletes will be notified of their Selection/non-Selection by GB Surfing and Selections will be published on the GB Surfing Website once the Appeals window has closed. Selected athletes must confirm with British Surfing their intention to take up the place prior to the Appeals window closing.

6. Appeal Process

- 6.1. Any Appeal against a decision of the Selection Panel must follow the Appeal Process laid down in this Selection Policy. The following procedure is applicable to all disciplines in respect of Selections.

Grounds of Appeal

- 6.2. An athlete, or their Authorised Representative, ("the Appellant"), may make an Appeal against a Selection decision only on one or more of the following grounds:
 - 6.2.1. there has been a failure to apply the Criteria contained within the Selection Policy
 - 6.2.2. the Selection Panel has failed to follow its procedures properly; and/or
 - 6.2.3. the Selection Panel's discretion has not been exercised in a reasonable manner and that such discretion was exercised in such a way as to be prejudicial to the Appellant.

The Process

- 6.3. In the first instance an Appeal is made to the Selection Panel, who will consider the Appeal and respond, either:
 - a) agreeing with the Appellant and changing the original decision; or

- b) rejecting the Appellant's Appeal and explaining its reasons for the decision.
- 6.4. If an Appellant is not satisfied with the outcome of the Selection Panel's further deliberations, then the Appellant may make a further Appeal ("the Second Appeal Notice") to a different panel, the Appeal Panel ("the Appeal Panel"), based on the same grounds of Appeal and Appeal Notice.
- 6.5. Outcomes available to the Appeal Panel are:
 - 6.5.1. to confirm the Selection decision under Appeal and reject the Appeal; or
 - 6.5.2. to refer the Selection decision under Appeal back to the Selection Panel, identifying errors they have made in their deliberations or process, (as per the grounds outlined in clause 6.2), and requesting a new decision is made, or the original decision is confirmed correcting any errors made by the Selection Panel within a timeframe which allows their conclusions to be implemented.

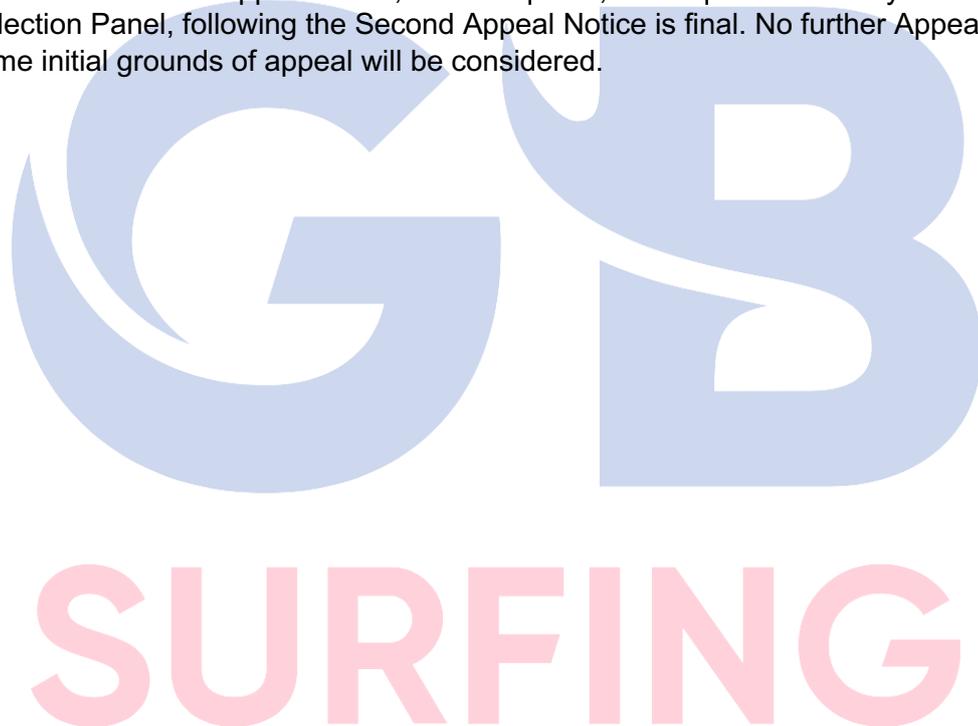
How to Appeal

- 6.6. An Appeal Process is commenced by the Appellant, addressing an email to the Chair of the Selection Panel appealing against a decision made by the Selection Panel that resulted in the athlete not being selected. ("Notice of Appeal"). The email should be sent to admin@gbsurfing.com. The email must be sent within 2 business days of the notification of Selection/non-Selection. Please refer to the GB Surfing and home Nation Surfing websites for the publication of the Selection.
- 6.7. The Notice of Appeal must clearly set out the details of the decision which is being appealed and include full details of the Appellant's ground(s) of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal should attach any documents or written evidence relevant to the grounds of Appeal and which are relied upon by the Appellant.
- 6.8. All Appeals must be accompanied by a bank transfer of £250 which will be refunded should the Appeal be upheld under Clause 6.5.2 above.
- 6.9. Following the Appellant being informed of the outcome of the Selection Panel's further deliberations under Clause 6.4, the Appellant can raise a Second Appeal Notice if they do not agree with the outcome of the Selection Panels further deliberations. The Second Appeal Notice is reviewed by an independent Appeal Panel. The Second Appeal Notice must be made via email to admin@gbsurfing.com and be received by GB Surfing within 1 business day of the Appellant being informed of the Selection Panel's decision under Clause 6.4.
- 6.10. In the event of any Appeal, minutes of the Selection Panel's Selection decisions or of any Appeal hearing will be made available to the Appellant upon request and will be provided within one business day of such request. In some cases, it may be necessary to redact elements of the relevant minutes.

The Appeal Panel

- 6.11. GB Surfing will nominate an Appeal Panel of at least 3 members, none of whom sat on the Selection Panel, and none of whom are conflicted. The members will select a Chair of the Appeal Panel.

- 6.12. The Appeal Panel must receive the Second Appeal Notice within the time frames stated in Clause 6.9. The only fee required is when the Appellant first makes an Appeal to the Selection Panel. A second fee is not required if the Appeal reaches the Appeal Panel.
- 6.13. The Chair of the Appeal Panel will convene a meeting to take place within 2 business days of the Second Appeal Notice, (Squad Selection) or, if urgent for reasons of a specific event, then to take place within a time frame which allows their conclusions to be implemented.
- 6.14. The Appeal Panel will investigate the grounds of Appeal set out in the Second Appeal Notice and establish, to their reasonable satisfaction, which of the outcomes set out in Clause 6.5 is appropriate. The Chair of the Appeal Panel will notify the Selection Panel and the Appellant of their decision immediately after the meeting.
- 6.15. The decision of the Appeal Panel, and if required, subsequent review by the Selection Panel, following the Second Appeal Notice is final. No further Appeal of the same initial grounds of appeal will be considered.



Schedule A: SHORT BOARD

ISA Short Board World Games 2024 Selection Criteria

2024 ISA World Games Quotas:

	ShortBoard
Male	3
Female	3

Athletes

- A.1.1 To be proposed for the ISA World Games 2024 any athlete must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4 of this Selection Policy.
- A.1.2 The selection panel will select 3 female and 3 male athletes to travel to the ISA World Games 2024 based on the criteria outlined below plus 1 male and female non-travelling reserve.
- A.1.3 One ISA World Games quota shall be awarded to the highest ranked male and female athletes on the WSL Championship Tour
- A.1.3.1 In the event that the quota is not fulfilled via A.1.3, the quota will be allocated to the highest ranked male and female athletes in the WSL Challenger Series.
- A.1.3.2 In the event that the quota is not fulfilled via A.1.3.1 the quota will be allocated to the highest ranked male and female athletes in the any WSL Regional Qualifying Series (RQS) Providing the athlete is inside the Top 20
- * For the avoidance of doubt, if the one quota is not fulfilled by an athlete ranked in the WSL Championship Tour the quota will be allocated to the highest ranked athletes in the Challenger Series. Again, if not allocated the quota will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete (male and female) in any WSL RQS providing those athletes are ranked in the Top 20 of that RQS.*
- *In the event of a ranking tie the panel will consider the highest average heat score when making the selection*
- *In the event that no athlete qualifies via A.1.3, A.1.3.1, A.1.3.2 the quota will be added to A.1.4*
- A.1.4 One ISA World Games Squad quota (two if clauses A.1.3, A.1.3.1, A.1.3.2 are not fulfilled) shall be awarded to the male and female athlete(s) with the highest aggregated points score from three events of the 2023 WSL European Regional Qualifying Series. In the event of tie in aggregated points, the panel will consider the average heat score across the three qualifying events when making the selection.

- A.1.5 The remaining one male and female ISA World Games Squad quotas will be awarded to the winner of the British Cup held at Newquay, Great Britain on 28th-29th October 2023. In the event that the winner of the British Cup has already pre-qualified via, A.1.3, A.1.3.1, A.1.3.2 or A.1.4 the quota will be awarded to the next best finisher at the British Cup who has not already pre-qualified.
- A.1.6 The reserve quotas shall be awarded to the male and female athletes with the second (third if A.1.3, A.1.3.1, A.1.3.2 or A.1.4 are not fulfilled) highest aggregated points score from three rounds of the 2023 WSL European Regional Qualifying Series. In the event of a tie in aggregated points, the panel will consider the average heat score across the three qualifying events when making the selection.



Schedule B: LONG BOARD

ISA Long Board World Games 2024 Selection Criteria

ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 Quotas:

	Longboard
Male	2
Female	2

Athletes

- B.1 To be proposed for the ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 any athlete must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4 of this Selection Policy.
- B.2 The Selection Panel will select 2 female and 2 male athletes utilising the selection criteria below.
- B.2.1 One ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 quota shall be awarded to the highest ranked male and female athlete in WSL Longboard Championship Tour. If no quota is allocated this quota will be allocated via B.2.2
- B.2.2 Where the quota via B.2.1 is not allocated the quota shall be awarded to the highest ranked male and female athlete in the WSL European Regional Qualifying Series (LQS) as it stands on November 15th 2023, provided that the athlete is ranked inside the Top 9. If no athlete is ranked in the Top 9 of the WSL European Regional Qualifying Series (LQS) the quota spot will be allocated via B.2.3. In the event of a ranking tie the panel will consider the average heat score across the LQS when making the selection.
- B.2.3 If B.2.1 or B.2.2 is not fulfilled, One ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 quota shall be awarded to the highest ranked British male and female athlete from the European Surfing Federation (ESF) Euro Surf Longboard Competition 21-30 July 2023, Santa Cruz, Portugal. In the event that the 1st placed British athlete(s) are unable to take up the quota spot it shall be allocated to the next best athlete in the European Surfing Federation (ESF) Euro Surf Longboard Competition until the quota spot is filled. In the event of a ranking tie the panel will consider the average heat score when making the selection.
- B.2.4 One ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 quota shall be awarded to the highest ranked male and female athletes from the 2023 British Longboard Union (BLU) Longboard Tour Open Division, as it stands on November 1st 2023.
- B.3 GB Surfing recognises that the selection criteria for the ISA Longboarding World Games 2024 precedes the announcement of the Championships by the ISA. Pursuant to clause 1.4, GB Surfing retains the right to review or change the ISA

Longboarding World Games 2024 Selection criteria once the ISA have announced the location and date of the event.

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Schedule C: STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD

ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023 Selection Criteria

ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023 Quotas :

	Sprint	Tech	Distance	Junior	Surf
Male	1	2	2	1	2
Female	1	2	2	1	2

- C1.1 To be proposed for the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023 any athlete must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4 of this Selection Policy.
- C1.2 Selections for the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023 shall be made from the official results of the discipline specific Selection Races outlined in C1.5 and C1.6
- C1.3 In the event that the specified selection races are cancelled, alternative selection events and dates will be communicated.
- C1.4 In the extreme circumstance that all events are cancelled the Selection Panel has the discretion to make their Selections from the 2022 Championship results utilising the same criteria as clauses C1.5.1, C1.5.2, C1.5.3, C1.6.1
- C1.5

Disciplines: Sprint / Tech / Distance

Selection Event: Gylly Beach, Falmouth, UK, 8-9th July 2023

Specific Selection Criteria

- C1.5.1 **Sprint:** The winner of the Male and Female Sprint races will be awarded the quota spot to compete at the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023. In the event that the winner is unable to take up the quota spot it shall be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the official results until the quota spot is filled
- C1.5.2 **Tech:** The 1st and 2nd placed athletes in Male and Female Distance races will be awarded the quota spots to compete at the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023. In the event that the 1st or 2nd placed athletes are unable to take up the quota spot it shall be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the official results until the quota spot is filled
- C1.5.3 **Distance:** The 1st and 2nd placed athletes in the Male and Female Distance races will be awarded the quota spots to compete at the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023. In the event that the 1st or 2nd placed athletes are unable to take up the quota spot it shall be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the official results until the quota spot is filled

C1.6

Discipline: Surf

**Selection Event: English SUP Championships, Fistral Beach, UK, 17th-18th
June 2023**

Specific Selection Criteria

C1.6.1 **Surf:** The 1st and 2nd placed athletes in the Male and Female Surf competition will be awarded the quota spot to compete at the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboard Championship 2023. In the event that the 1st or 2nd placed athletes are unable to take up the quota spot it shall be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the official results until the quota spot is filled

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