



GB Basketball Senior Teams – Men and Women Selection Policy

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1. Introduction and Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this document is to outline a clear, transparent and inclusive process for the selection of the Great Britain (GB) Basketball teams for the following Events;
 - 1.1.1. EuroBasket Women 2025 qualification games;
 - 1.1.2. EuroBasket Women 2025 Championships;
 - 1.1.3. EuroBasket 2025 qualification games; and
 - 1.1.4. EuroBasket 2025 Championships;
- 1.2. British Basketball Federation (a company limited by guarantee with registered number 06144448) (“BBF”) is a Member Federation of the Federation Internationale de Basketball (“FIBA”), the international governing body of Basketball and is the national governing body responsible for regulating within its jurisdiction the participation of persons as competitors in all disciplines of the sport of basketball (“Basketball”) representing Great Britain (“GB”). BBF is responsible for determining the selection framework for all Players representing GB.
- 1.3. The 2025 FIBA EuroBasket Championships and associated qualification games are to be held in the below locations on the following dates;

Women

Event	Location	Year	Date
EuroBasket Women 2025 Qualifiers	GB vs Denmark @ UK	2024	7 th November 2024
	GB vs Sweden @ Sweden		10 th November 2024
	GB vs Estonia @UK	2025	6 th February 2025
	GB vs Denmark @ Denmark		9 th February 2025
EuroBasket Women 2025 Championships	Czechia, Germany, Italy, Greece	2025	28 th August – 14 th September 2025



Men

Event	Location	Year	Date
EuroBasket 2025 Qualifiers	GB vs Greece @ UK	2024	21 st November 2024
	Greece vs GB @ Greece		24 th November 2024
	Netherlands vs GB @ Netherlands	2025	21 st February 2025
	GB vs Czech Republic @ UK		24 th February 2025
EuroBasket 2025 Championships	Latvia, Cyprus, Finland and Poland	2025	28 th August – 14 th September 2025

- 1.4. The Selection Panel will consider Eligible players against the relevant Selection Criteria in order to select the players they feel make up the team most effectively able to meet the Aims.
- 1.5. The Selection Panel will not take account of any verbal or written agreements with any individual player, meaning that no player or players should have any 'legitimate expectation to be selected' other than through following the process as set out in this document.
- 1.6. The final number of players selected for GB Basketball teams will be dependent on the overall team size as determined by FIBA.
- 1.7. The BBF remains committed to ensuring that players and teams have a positive experience when representing Great Britain. This principle will be applied throughout the selection process.

2. Aims of Selection

- 2.1. The selection panel will select players to make up the team that they feel is most able to achieve the following Aims;
 - 2.1.1. EuroBasket 2025 Qualification Games (Men and Women)
 - 2.1.1.1. **Primary Aim** – to maximise the potential for GB to win qualification games and secure qualification to EuroBasket 2025
 - 2.1.1.2. **Secondary Aim** – to provide opportunities for players to gain international game experience who have potential to represent GB Basketball at EuroBasket 2025 or future EuroBasket, World Cups or Olympic Games
 - 2.1.2. EuroBasket 2025 (Men and Women)
 - 2.1.2.1. **Primary Aim** – to maximise the potential for GB to progress past the quarterfinal stages at EuroBasket 2025
 - 2.1.2.2. **Secondary Aim** – to provide opportunities for players to gain international game experience who have potential to represent GB Basketball at future EuroBasket, World Cups or Olympic Games
- 2.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the primary aim is the primary consideration. The secondary aim will only be considered if there spaces on the team following the primary aim being applied.

3. Eligibility



- 3.1. To be eligible to compete for GB Basketball as part of the team, each player shall:
 - 3.1.1. hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain;
 - 3.1.1.1. in line with EU requirements, players must ensure their passport was issued within the 10 years before day of travel to competition and is valid for at least 3 months on return to the UK. Please see UK government advice for full information;
 - 3.1.2. satisfy The BBF, FIBA, UK Sport and BOA (where relevant) rules and Eligibility criteria on playing at the Event;
 - 3.1.3. hold a valid international player licence issued by The BBF and FIBA;
 - 3.1.4. not be serving a ban from participation in the sport for any reason (including but not limited to, as a result of being found guilty of a doping offence or being found guilty of an offence relating to betting, manipulation of results, corrupt conduct, inside information) at the time of selection and/or at the time of the Event;
- 3.2. Failure to provide the information as required by The BBF prior to any stipulated deadline may result in the Selection Panel rescinding the player's selection, in which case the player shall be notified in writing.
- 3.3. Any issues relating to the eligibility of a Player under this Policy will be determined by BBF;
 - 3.3.1. In any circumstances where the eligibility of a player is questioned or disputed by a third party, The BBF will work with the Player to undertake a sensitive and confidential review of their circumstances. The BBF shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the eligibility of the Player, if it considers that there are grounds to do so. BBF will only consider reasonable third-party requests which are submitted in writing, and which The BBF considers clearly sets out the grounds upon which the Player's eligibility is questioned and/or disputed.
 - 3.3.2. In such cases, if they wish to retain their eligibility to compete as part of the Team, the Player must cooperate fully and in good faith with that investigation. Where necessary to safeguard the fairness and/or integrity of competition and/or the safety of the competitors, BBF may provisionally suspend the Player from a team pending resolution of the matter, provided that in such cases all reasonable efforts will be used to complete the investigation as quickly as possible.

4. Team Commitment

- 4.1. In order to compete, all players selected must:
 - 4.1.1. fully comply with this policy;
 - 4.1.2. provide accurate and complete information and evidence as required by the BBF to confirm eligibility;
 - 4.1.3. not to be subject to any live sanction issued by The BBF, UK Anti-Doping, FIBA or one of the three Basketball HCA's;
 - 4.1.4. have signed, and remain compliant with, the BBF Player Agreement
 - 4.1.5. ensure they are eligible to travel to the Schengen area of Europe in line with the 90/180 rule. Please see UK government advice for full information
 - 4.1.6. agree to comply with any BBF and/or HCA Regulations, Code of Conduct and Policies in force from time to time, which may be published on The BBF or HCA websites, or available on request from The BBF, which agreement shall be assumed by the acceptance of the offer selection for the team and any of the stages of the Selection Process;
 - 4.1.7. agree to comply with the FIBA and UK Anti-Doping rules and anti-doping testing policies. Those notified players on the National and/or International testing pools agree to comply with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standard for



Testing with regard to ADAMS and whereabouts information. Agreement shall be assumed by the acceptance of the offer of selection for the team and any of the 3 stages of the Selection Process;

- 4.1.8. complete all elements of player education as outlined by the BBF and/or HCA representatives. Including but not limited to UKAD clean sport education;
- 4.1.9. provide proof of having undergone cardiac screening resulting in a cardiac fitness to participate report to The BBF or have provided a signed disclaimer which has been certified on medical or religious grounds, before the Selection Panel takes place or within such reasonable time as provided for by the Selection Panel;
- 4.1.10. hold a valid Global Health Insurance Certificate;
- 4.1.11. submit to all standard health, medical and performance screening and testing required by The BBF. All such screening and/or testing will be conducted consistently for all players, with health and medical testing done in the interests of player health and safety only.

5. Process

- 5.1. The selection process will take place in multiple stages to ensure optimal composition of team and the ability for the team to adequately prepare for the Event.
- 5.2. The process set out is done so by bearing in mind that all players will be actively competing for professional club teams, academies or academic institutions until days/hours before GB activity begins. Meaning that late player changes may take place due to injury, fatigue or other availability issues. Therefore, the selection panel part of the process takes place at an early stage to ensure that fair and transparent decisions can be made whilst still allowing for the necessary late final team decision making to take place, and for players and staff to be focused on the game or tournament.
- 5.3. It is acknowledged that Basketball is a team sport and whilst players can do a great deal to develop/perform as an individual, ultimately that player has to be able to realise their potential and perform within a team. Acknowledgement is made that in selecting for a team sport, factors such as the combination of players, positions and the balance of a team shall be taken into account at all times in determining Selection to the applicable team.
- 5.4. Player eligibility will be determined by The BBF in accordance with the eligibility criteria outlined in this policy.
- 5.5. Depth Chart
 - 5.5.1. a depth chart will be identified by the Head Coach and General Manager of each team which will be a live list of players that are being monitored for potential senior team inclusion on an ongoing basis;
 - 5.5.2. this depth chart will link into the wider GB Basketball pathway depth chart, and may include players in GB youth teams;
 - 5.5.3. players may receive communication from the General Manager, informing them that they are on the depth chart, and may receive contact from members of GB performance staff from time to time;
 - 5.5.4. ahead of camp selection, players may be asked to declare their availability, commitment and health and fitness status. This request for information is simply an administrative process. Players should not see this request as an indication of any current or future selection decision;
 - 5.5.5. the Head Coach and General Manager may consult with other performance staff in the team, BBF staff, HCA Performance Leads, and the Selection Panel;



5.5.6. this will be done on an informal basis (i.e. without a formal selection meeting) but will be guided by the Aims and Selection Criteria where relevant as outlined in this document;

5.6. Stage 1 – Formal Selection of the 24-player roster

5.6.1. a long list of up to 24 players will be named, making up the '24-player roster'; the first formal team selection step required by FIBA regulations;

5.6.2. the Selection Panel will hold a formal meeting to select the list of players for the 24-player roster;

5.6.3. players on the relevant GB Senior Men's or GB Senior Women's depth chart will be automatically considered by the Selection Panel;

5.6.4. in addition to those on the depth chart, those players who have been formally selected for a GB senior team camp for an international window or major event in the previous 12 months (from date of selection panel meeting) will also be automatically considered;

5.6.5. players who are not on the depth chart may also be considered at the discretion of the Selection Panel;

5.6.6. the Head Coach will be asked to share and articulate their recommendations, with the Selection Panel having the opportunity to understand and constructively challenge the coach recommendations, using them to come to their final decision;

5.6.7. the Head Coach and General Manager may consult with other performance staff in the team, HCA Performance Leads, the Selection Panel and other individuals that they see fit;

5.6.8. the Selection Panel will consider eligible players (section 3) against the relevant Selection Criteria (section 7) in order to select the players they feel make up the team most able to meet the Aims expressed in section 2 of this document;

5.6.9. players who have been automatically considered in line with clauses 5.6.3 & 5.6.4 will be informed of their selection or non-selection no less than 14 days before the first day of camp;

5.6.10. players will have the right to appeal the decision of the Selection Panel in line with section 9 of this policy.

5.7. Stage 2 - Camp Selection (Squad) and subsequent final team Selection

5.7.1. **Camp Selection** - up to 18 players from the selected 24-player roster will be invited to camp, making up the Squad. This number may increase at the discretion of the BBF Performance Lead;

5.7.1.1. every effort will be made to confirm to players whether they are selected for the squad at least 7 days before the start of camp. In some instances this may not be possible due to performance reasons, but the General Manager and Head Coach will endeavour to communicate with players if a timeframe of less than 7 days is expected;

5.7.2. **Final Team Selection** – a final 12 players will be selected from the 18 player Squad, making up the Team to compete in the qualification game or tournament. During a qualification window featuring two games, the decision can be made to select different players across the two games;

5.7.2.1. Players will be informed of their selection or non-selection for a game or tournament in-person during camp;

5.7.3. the Head Coach and General Manager are ultimately responsible for selecting the Squad and the final Team but will consider the views of the Selection Panel and may consult with other performance staff in the team, HCA Performance Leads, the Selection Panel and others as they see fit;



- 5.7.3.1. If for any reason the Head Coach and General Manager are unable to reach consensus on the final team selection, The BBF Performance Lead will have final say
- 5.7.4. this decision may be made at various times throughout camp, i.e. seeing some players leave camp early. Or it may be made in once instance, before the team departs for the Event;
- 5.7.5. these selection decisions will be ratified by The BBF Performance Lead;
- 5.7.6. for the avoidance of doubt, due to time constraints there will not be a formal Selection Panel to make this final selection decision and players will not be permitted right to appeal at this stage;
- 5.7.7. the decision on which players start each game and which players start on the bench rests solely with the Head Coach and will take place at the Event. Players will not be permitted any right of appeal at this stage.
- 5.8. The Selection Panel will consider whether any player 'plays up' an age group. Any such decision will be made with the developmental and welfare interests of the player in question as a priority. Head Coaches will be consulted in this decision making, but the Selection Panel will make the final decision.
- 5.9. The Head Coach, General Manager and Selection Panel will not take account of any verbal or written agreements with any individual Player, meaning that no Player or Players shall have any 'legitimate expectation to be selected' other than through following the processes contained within this Policy.
- 5.10. The number of Players selected to represent GB at the Event shall be determined by FIBA.

6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. Camp selections are made by a Selection Panel appointed by the Chair of The BBF.
- 6.2. The Selection Panel shall be chaired by The BBF Performance Lead, or another individual appointed by The BBF Performance Lead, who will not be a voting member.
- 6.3. This process will be guided by the Aims, Selection Criteria and Eligibility Criteria outlined in this policy.
- 6.4. There will be a minimum of 3 voting members on the Panel, which may consist of representation from the following;
 - 6.4.1. Executive or Board members of The BBF;
 - 6.4.2. GB Performance staff members from either the Men's or Women's teams;
 - 6.4.3. British Basketball Home Country Association's (HCA's) (Basketball England, Basketball Scotland and Basketball Wales);
 - 6.4.4. Other external specialists.
- 6.5. In addition to voting members, there will be one or more additional individuals as appointed by the Chair of The BBF ("Independent Observer"). The Independent Observer will not have voting rights but will be present to supervise procedures and to ensure that both due process is followed, and that Selection Criteria are appropriately applied.
- 6.6. There may also be other personnel present in order to ensure smooth running of the process and meeting (e.g. minute taking and administration) and those who require information to be able to perform their roles (e.g. Communications). Any such people will not be voting members.
- 6.7. The Selection Panel will exercise its discretion fairly and without bias in making its decision.
- 6.8. The Selection Panel's decision will be final and binding on all parties. It may only be challenged by way of appeal in accordance with section 9 of this document.



- 6.9. The number of Selection Panel voting members must be uneven and decisions will be made by majority vote.
- 6.10. Any conflicts of interest outside of Home Country Association or club affiliation shall be declared. Where a member of the Selection Panel declares a conflict, the remaining Selection Panel members and the Independent Observer shall determine whether such conflict requires the Selection Panel member to stand down from the Selection Panel. In those circumstances, the Selection Panel shall decide whether a further panel member should be appointed in their place.

7. Selection Criteria

- 7.1. The multi-faceted nature of team sport makes objective criteria very difficult to define, and thus it is acknowledged there will always be a component of subjective decision making (expert opinion) in regard to final selection of Teams.
- 7.2. When making its selection decisions, the Selection Panel will consider various factors set out below, in any order and weighting that the Selection Panel reasonably sees fit in order to achieve the Aims set out section 2 of this document. Any such weighting shall be consistently applied to all players within a team and recorded in the Selection Panel minutes;
- 7.2.1. whether a player is eligible to play for the GB Basketball Team in line with FIBA regulations and the Eligibility criteria set out in this document;
 - 7.2.2. the relevant GB Basketball Team Head Coaches' recommendations;
 - 7.2.2.1. individual player ability;
 - 7.2.2.2. which players make up the team most effectively able to meet the Primary Aim; and
 - 7.2.2.3. individual player future potential for future senior level success, as outlined in the Secondary Aim;
 - 7.2.3. the health and fitness status of a player as outlined by the relevant GB team physio or medical personnel, and how this may or may not impact their ability to play at the level required;
 - 7.2.4. whether a player demonstrates the appropriate commitment to the team;
 - 7.2.5. the profile of players selected to ensure optimal team composition, including playing position, adaptability and off-court contribution to the team. The Selection Panel will take account of different combinations of players, and may not necessarily select a player with the best skillset for a specific position, but who may contribute more to team performance than others, in order to achieve the Aims
 - 7.2.6. players' compliance with The BBF Regulations, any applicable Code of Conduct and any British Basketball Player Agreement entered into with The BBF;
 - 7.2.7. the Naturalisation status of a player in line with FIBA rules. The Selection Panel are only permitted to Select one Naturalised Player; and
 - 7.2.8. any other reasonable points the Selection Panel deems necessary.
- 7.3. In relation to selection based on the secondary aim, the Selection Panel will consider whether the secondary aim can be met in an alternative manner.

8. Reserves and De-selection

- 8.1. Following selection of players for Camp, the Selection Panel will also consider reserve places;
- 8.1.1. The number of reserve places offered will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel. Reserves may not necessarily be identified for every team or Event and will be selected in line with the Aims and using the same Selection Criteria listed above;



- 8.1.2. Any reserves identified will not be in priority or number order. Any selection of reserves players will be decided in line with which reserve player can impact the Aims most effectively;
 - 8.1.3. If the requirement to use a reserve player does arise, the Panel will agree the inclusion of any such reserve player to the selected team via email, and not reconvene formally, with players only contacted if they are being brought onto the selected team.
 - 8.1.4. There will be no subsequent right of appeal for any unused reserves.
 - 8.1.5. In Squad (camp) and final Team selections, the Head Coach may also name reserves in accordance with the process outlined in 4.6 of this document.
- 8.2. Where The BBF Performance Lead reasonably feels that any selection no longer meets the Aims, they may reconvene the Selection Panel, who may elect to void the original selection and redo its original selection with all of the rights of appeal.
- 8.3. Selected players must agree to participate fully in the bespoke and generic elements of the GB team preparation for the event. Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of The BBF Performance Lead or relevant General Manager may result in a player forfeiting their place in the team. The Selection Panel may (if appropriate) select a replacement player in accordance with this policy.
- 8.4. Selected players may be required to undergo an assessment (performance, physiological, medical etc.) in the period between the selection date and the Event if The BBF Performance Lead and relevant General Manager have reason to believe they are not fit to compete or no longer meet the Aims of the process. All assessments will be conducted by an appropriate GB team staff member. Where the assessment results reasonably lead The BBF Performance Lead and relevant General Manager to conclude that a player is not fit to compete then at the discretion of The BBF Performance Lead such players may be de-selected. This process may also occur in line with clause 4.6.2 of this document.

9. Appeals

- 9.1. The BBF operates a formal appeals procedure for challenging selection decisions. The Appeals Procedure must be instigated within 48 hours (excluding weekends and bank holidays) of email notification being sent to players.
- 9.2. Appeals will only be accepted for decisions made in Stage 1 - Formal Selection of the 24-player roster as outlined in clause 4.5 of this document
- 9.3. Any appeal shall be managed in accordance with the Appeals Policy available on The BBF website <https://gb.basketball/selection-policies/>

10. Data Protection

- 10.1. Personal data collected as part of this process will be managed in line with our Data Protection and Privacy Policy, and in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018
- 10.2. The BBF is committed to protecting the confidentiality, privacy and security of Players' personal information.

11. Review and Access

- 11.1. This document will be subject to periodic review and may be amended post publication to ensure it takes into account any external rule or policy amendments, and to ensure it includes any relevant feedback. This policy and any amended policy will be published on the British Basketball website.
- 11.2. Any changes to this Policy will be done so in a manner that protects and promotes the objectives identified in this Policy.



- 11.3. BBF will make available (on request) electronic copies of this Policy to Players and where applicable their parents. Electronic copies of this Policy are available on The BBF website (“the Website”). In the event that any person is unable to download this Policy, they are invited to contact office@gb.basketball.

12. Definitions, Interpretation and Additional Information

- 12.1. The following words or expressions shall have the following meanings:

Aims	the outcome that The BBF are seeking to achieve by entering the Event;
BBF	British Basketball Federation;
Eligibility	the standards set by The BBF, FIBA and other sporting bodies, used to determine whether a player may represent Great Britain or not;
Event	the Basketball tournament, game or competition being selected, as outlined in the title of this document;
HCA's	Home Country Associations (Basketball England, Basketball Scotland and Basketball Wales);
Naturalisation or Naturalised Players	Players with two or more nationalities as defined in the FIBA internal regulations
Selection Criteria	the factors that the Selection Panel will take into consideration when deciding which team of players most effectively meets the Aims;
Selection Date	the date the Selection Panel selects a team for the Event;
Selection Panel or Panel	the panel appointed in accordance with this document to select a team for the Event;
The Selection Policy or Process	everything included in this document that relates to the selection of the players that The BBF will select for the Event.
Squad	the short list of players selected for camp as part of the process outlined in 4.5 of this document
Team	the group of players selected to attend the Event

- 12.2. References to “include” and “including” in this Policy are to be construed without limitation.
- 12.3. Where this policy refers to The BBF Performance Lead, The BBF chair may, where necessary, appoint a replacement to carry out some or all of their duties.
- 12.4. This Policy shall not apply to events, tournaments or competitions outside of that outlined in the title of this document, including any other FIBA and/or BBF and/or HCA competitions or events.
- 12.5. This Selection Policy operates without prejudice to all other rules and regulations that are applicable to all Players including Applicable Laws, Basketball Rules and the FIBA Regulations which must also be satisfied at all relevant times.



- 12.6. The decision of the Selection Panel shall be communicated to all appropriate third parties (for example, FIBA) for the purpose of enforcement. So far as is practicable, confidentiality will be maintained at all times in respect of all those involved unless there is an overriding obligation for such information to be shared with other interested parties. Any such information shared shall be on a need-to-know basis only.
- 12.7. In no circumstances will BBF, the Selection Panel or any of BBF's employees, officers, agents, representatives, or other persons involved in the administration of this Policy be liable in any way for any acts done (or omitted to be done) in good faith in connection with the administration of this Policy.
- 12.8. The Laws of England and Wales shall apply to this policy.
- 12.9. Any individual seeking information or clarification on this policy should contact office@gb.basketball.