

UK Paragliding Accuracy Team Selection Criteria

Mandatory requirements:

- Registered squad member.
- Registered squad members need to confirm that they are participating in the squad by 31 Jan each year.
- Maintain current BHPA membership until after the date of the championships.
- Maintain current a FAI licence, issued by the BHPA, until after the date of the championships.
- Maintain a current passport until after the date of the championships.
- Not represented another country in any FAI air sport for the 24 months preceding the event.
- Pilots must be as a minimum within the top 500 in the WRPS (regardless of there possibly being lesser requirements in Cat 1 Local Regulations) and, if applicable, have necessary WRPS according to championships Local Regulations at time of selection.
- Has flown in an overseas Cat 2 competition.
- All team members must obtain appropriate air sports insurance which includes medical and repatriation insurance that meets the Local Regulations requirement.
- BHPA Pilot rated / IPP4.
- Tow rating (if tow launch championships).
- Agrees to behave in an appropriate manner (see definition and separate Code of Conduct) while representing country.
- Abides by the rules of the competition while representing the United Kingdom.
- Works as a team to be eligible for BHPA funding.
- Agrees to sign the team funding and sponsorship agreement.
- Accepts place within one week of confirmation email / letter date.
- Accepts this selection criteria.

Key dates

- Squad registration – 31/01 each year
- Selection cut-off date – 2 months before the 2nd of the month where the competition starts
- Confirmation email / letter sent to selected team members – 1 week after the selection cut off
- Acceptance of team place sent to squad manager – 1 week after the selection letter is sent.

Selection procedure

- Squad pilots must attend Cat 2 competitions prior to the cut-off date in order to accrue World Pilot Ranking System (WPRS) points.
- The top pilots in the selection process detailed below will be invited to travel to the championship as part of the UK Team.
- If a selected pilot is unable to take a team or reserve place, then the next pilot in the WPRS ranking will be offered that place *providing they meet the mandatory requirements*.
- Once a pilot has turned down a team or reserve place, they cannot be reconsidered for a team place until all other eligible members of the squad has been asked.

Selection process

- Selection will be in descending order starting with the top UK pilot in the WPRS.

The number of pilots selected for the UK Team will be to suit the various gender combinations that can result from the team composition stated in the Local Regulations of a Cat 1 competition and Section 7C, plus one reserve.
- One week after the selection cut-off date the squad manager will offer team places to the qualifying pilots providing they meet the mandatory requirements.

Issues that could override the above selection procedure and be imposed by agreement between the Squad Manager and the Accuracy Panel

- Fitness (illness, carrying injury, lack of fitness that could affect performance)
- Incorrectly certified equipment according to Section 7C
- Flying skills not suitable for the complexity of the championship flying site(s)
- Concerns about safety

Appropriate manner

- Pilots should not behave in a manner likely to be detrimental to their own or their team-mate's or an individual's performance.
- It is every pilot's responsibility to fly in such a manner that their personal safety and the safety of others is maintained at all times.
- Pilots should remember that the purpose of the championships is to "provide safe, fair and satisfying flying, and to reinforce friendship amongst pilots of all nations".
- Pilots representing the UK are expected to fly in the spirit of the competition.

Reserves

Panel expectations for the reserve pilot are as follows:

- To accompany the team to the competition venue (with the same funding as a full team member)
- To take the place of a full team member should injury occur before final team registration which results in one of the team being unable to fly.
- If the reserve is not registered to fly in the team as above, then they will be allowed to compete in the competition as an individual if places are available. However, the reserve may have to withdraw from a round(s) to help a team member in an emergency.
- Once the team has been registered, and the reserve is not flying in the competition, a reserve is expected to act as an assistant manager carrying out such tasks as helping UK pilots to launch, ensuring provisions are available, helping to fold gliders on the landing field etc. As such they will be a vital part of the team, supporting them as required.

Appendix 1



UK Paragliding Accuracy Team Invitation

Date

Dear,

In accordance with the selection criteria accepted by the BHPA Accuracy Panel, you are offered a place in the United Kingdom Team as a pilot for the forthcoming Paragliding Accuracy Championship in {country} from {start date} to {end date}. The key dates for this competition are as follows:

- {date} Registration & equipment check
- {date} Registration, training flights, Opening ceremony
- {date} Official pilot briefing
- {date} to {date} Competition flying
- {date} Closing ceremony & prize giving

Travel arrangements will occur when we know for sure what the situations is. We will discuss the details later.

The BHPA Accuracy Panel will pay your entry fee and provide approximately £{funding} towards expenditure on items such as flights and transfers. This funding is offered subject to the following conditions:

- The pilot has completed the competition (with the exception of injury or emergency).
- The pilot wears BHPA Accuracy Panel provided team kit at the opening and closing ceremonies.
- The pilot behaves in an appropriate manner in accordance with the selection criteria.

Note that BHPA funding is for national teams, and therefore pilots are required to work as a team. At the event pilots are expected to receive and pass on advice, carry out line checks for other team members or individuals at launch when necessary, agree to flights being videoed, attend end of day debriefs, wear official kit, and accept compromises if necessary for the good of the team.

All costs above the funding provided by the BHPA Accuracy Panel will be at your expense and you should not assume that the BHPA Accuracy Panel will automatically fund any unforeseen costs.

You have one week from the date of this invitation to accept your place on the team before it is allocated to another pilot. Therefore, could you complete the attached acceptance form and return by email or by post to the address above.

The Squad Manager will be submitting an entry form and will be arranging payment of the entry fees for the United Kingdom Team.

Accommodation, transfers and transport at the venue for team pilots will be done as soon as we know the competition is to be held. I do not want to commit any cash until we know for definite.

Yours Sincerely

Squad Manager