Snowsport England, supported by GB Snowsport and the Home Nations, are excited to announce the launch of their new summer Park and Pipe Programme!

The aim of this new programme is to provide added value and support to athletes on the performance development pathway and to maximise their weekly training opportunities. We want to place emphasis on training over competition; as well as encouraging the athletes to focus more on finding ways to maximise their own training at their local facilities/slopes.

A snowboarder doing a trick

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*‘Ben Kinnear (GBS Snowboard Coach) said ‘to see Snowsport England investing in coaching to lead training opportunities domestically and abroad we at GB Snowsports are really excited to see this programme underpin, evolve and contribute to our World Class Plan for 2026 and beyond. It will bring credible coaches to develop the next generation of athletes from diverse backgrounds to progress as athletes and people!*

A couple of people skiing down a mountain

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Mia Brookes and Billy Cockrell – GB Park & Pipe World Class Athletes

We are delighted to appoint two fantastic coaches to lead this programme; Robert Taylor (Freeski coach) and Rowan Coultas (Snowboard), who will also be supported by Mark Ritchie (GBS Head of Talent) and wider the GBS Park & Pipe coaching team and support staff.

*Robert Taylor said “*I’m so excited to be part of the summer Park & Pipe programme. Having the opportunity to engage with athletes more frequently is going to make a massive difference with their progression. Also, having the support from GBS will strengthen the pathway for the athletes to progress to the next level”

Rowan Coultas said “As an Olympian and former Team GB team member this programme is really exciting to me, I can help as a coach with my experiences and give back to the English Snowsport scene and find the next up and coming shredders. It will also be great to show how much is possible in the UK and how much fun snowboarding is”!

A snowboarder grinding a rail

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Sophie Smith

This new programme will also be open to and inclusive of para-snowsport athletes with potential, and will be supported and coached by Alastair Nasmyth (Snowsport Scotland Para Snowboard Coach).

Ali Naysmith said ‘This is a great opportunity for young para snowboarders to get access to quality training with their peers in the UK. With programs like this and our success in the Paralympics, the future looks bright for up-and-coming athletes’.

The proposed programme aims to follow the structure below with timelines (insert calendars), and have both on snow and off snow activity and training.

If you are keen to get involved and would like more information, please get in touch with us via email on [parkandpipe@snowsportengland.org.uk](mailto:parkandpipe@snowsportengland.org.uk).

Snowsport England are also very excited to be relaunching the Snowsport England Park and Pipe Team! (what does this mean?)The selection policy and further information can be found here (insert link to policy)