

GBR team selection for the 2025 F5J World Championships

BMFA Contest Rules Section 7.21.3.1(b) requires the SFTC to designate team selection competitions for the 2025 F5J World Championships (noting that those competitions will 'normally' be Interglide and the F5J competitions at Radioglide and the Silent Flight Nationals). The following is the designation for the 2025 F5J World Championships:

Selection shall be on the basis of pilots' results in their best two of three team selection competitions. The team selection competitions, except for members of the GBR team at the F5J European Championships, are Interglide and the F5J competitions at Radioglide and the Silent Flight Nationals. Members of the GBR team at the F5J European Championships shall each nominate one of these competitions to substitute for the SF Nationals: an F5J Eurotour Competition, the F5J Romania 100 World Cup (which immediately precedes the European Championships) or the European Championships themselves.

The small print

Which pilots?

'Members of the GBR team at the F5J European Championships' means the team pilots, the Team Manager and any Assistant Team Manager or official Helper appointed by the BMFA.

'Nominate a competition'

Nomination is to be made by informing the SFTC Results Officer (Pete Mitchell) before the start of the competition nominated, and cannot be changed once the nominated competition has started, unless there is a cancellation:

- If the nominated competition is cancelled, another nomination may be made.
- If the BMFA SF Nationals F5J is cancelled and a reserve date F5J Nationals is flown instead, members of the GBR team have the option to drop their result in their originally-nominated competition and nominate the reserve date F5J Nationals instead. This option can only be exercised by informing the SFTC Results Officer before the start of the reserve date F5J Nationals.

The reason

Dates of the 2024 SF Nationals and ECH clash. The special arrangements above for members of the GBR team have two purposes:

- Fairness: current team members representing or supporting their country should as far as possible be in the same position as everybody else - selection for 2025 on the basis of the results in their best two out of three high-level F5J competitions in 2024. (In the absence of special arrangements, team members would have had to qualify on the basis of two out of two.)
- Strategy: team selection for WCH 2025 should not impede performance in ECH 2024. (This would have been a likely effect of limiting team members' choice of Nats-substitute competition to the ECH or pre-comp only.)