

QTS Group sponsors young kickboxer heading to Italy to represent Team GB

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An award-winning kickboxer from Stockport is set to represent Team GB in the WAKO Children, Cadets and Junior World Championships.

Adie Lock, who is currently ranked first in the world for his weight and age, is part of the successful **QTS** Youth Athlete programme, which has helped him fund this exciting opportunity.

The latest round of sponsorship will enable Lock, 15, to travel to Italy this month to participate in the upcoming championship competition, which is being held in Jesolo. He won his place to fight for Team GB through a previous competition in February.

The national rail company has provided Lock with financial support to go towards travel for him and his dad, as well as hotel and uniform costs.

Lock trains three to four times a week at the Energize Martial Arts Academy in Stockport and competes on the weekend. He fights and trains with Team Energize but is a part of Team United when competing internationally and aims to compete in the 2028 Olympics.

Claire Lock, Adie's mum, said: "QTS has been an amazing support system for Adie. He's done so well, and they've really helped to keep his name out there.

"It's not only the financial support that's been great, but the emotional support as well. It has boosted his confidence and geared him up to believe he is good enough. We're so grateful that QTS Group recognised his talent and is helping him carve a path to success."

Alan McLeish, Managing Director at QTS said: "We are in awe of what Adie has achieved over the past four years. He has been a privilege to sponsor and we love seeing him thrive in his competitions.

"He has already achieved so much for his age and his motivation and determination is inspiring. We continue to wish him all the best in his achievements."

QTS Group launched its Youth Athlete Programme six years ago and to date has helped 22 young athletes across a range of sporting disciplines including, snowboarding, ice skating, kickboxing and beach volleyball.

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