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### Louis Smith Disciplinary Hearing

23/06/2016: A formal Disciplinary process has been conducted in regards to social media posts of gymnast Louis Smith.

An independent panel convened on 22nd June 2016 alongside legal representatives of both British Gymnastics and Louis Smith to consider one allegation of a breach of the British Gymnastics Standards of Conduct.

The respondent - Louis Smith - admitted failing to display high personal standards and a favourable image that is commensurate with his role within the sport; failing to display moderate and responsible behaviour at all times; and behaving in a manner unbecoming to a participant.

The panel found the allegation proven and have issued a reprimand that will remain on Louis' record for two years and also gave advice regarding his future conduct.

British Gymnastics, Chief Executive, Jane Allen commented: "We have taken this process very seriously as reflected by the formal Disciplinary Hearing led by an independent panel. We respect the findings of the Panel and the outcomes of the Hearing.

Any further misconduct may lead to even greater consequences given that the reprimand remains on Louis' record for two years.

The focus now returns fully to our preparations for the Olympic Games as all of our gymnasts, including Louis, vie for selection to Team GB. We now consider this matter to be closed and will make no further comment."

**ENDS**

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