



ENGLISH GYMNASTICS

ENGLISH CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS 2019

Competition Handbook

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Version History

The Organising Committee for this event reserve the right to make amendments to this handbook.

Notification of a change to the handbook will be communicated through the [English Gymnastics Website](#) and an updated version will be made available to download at the time of change.

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Definition of Terms

- Assisting Coach(es) are coaches who are permitted on the competition floor and/or warm up hall, but who work under the guidance and responsibility of the supervising coach. Assisting coach(es) must meet all of the relevant eligibility requirements.
- BG means British Gymnastics
- EGA means English Gymnastics
- Criminal Record Certificate means DBS (previously CRB) Access NI Eligibility or PVG
- Event means any national competition and championships organised by or on behalf of the EGA.
- FIG means Federation International de Gymnastique
- Officials are people recruited to assist with the delivery of the overall event ie Floor Manager, Ceremonies Manager, Spectator Tickets Manager
- Organiser means the English Gymnastics Events Director or their designated representative, who is authorised by, or on behalf of the EGA
- Supervising Coach(es) are those coaches submitted in the online entry process and who are responsible for the gymnast(s) for the entire event. This coach must have the relevant qualifications and BG membership as defined in the eligibility section of this handbook. Any changes to the supervising coach(es) submitted on the online entry system must be notified to the EGA Administration Manager, Jan Charlton, via email prior to the event and in exceptional circumstances if changes are required during the event, these must be notified to the Organisers. Changes to supervising coaches will only be permitted where the replacement coach meets all of the relevant Eligibility requirements
- Unattached means gymnasts who are not members of a BG registered club but hold appropriate BG membership.

Where no specific point is addressed in the regulations, the current FIG rules apply. However, the organisers and its appointed officials reserve the right to define any regulation conflict as is deemed appropriate to ensure a fair and equitable competition.

Contact Information

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Eligibility

Membership

All persons attending EGA events in an official capacity, whether as a gymnast, coach or judge, are required to hold current BG membership in line with the level of competition entered and awards held.

Coaches, Judges and Gymnasts should carry current membership cards to all competitions and be prepared for these to be checked by the Organiser or their appointed officials.

- Gymnasts
Membership level must be Silver Competitive Gymnast, Coach or Life Members of BG in order to enter an EGA Event. In normal circumstances, gymnasts should also be a member of a BG registered club. *Any Club entering this event, who is found not to have affiliated to their Region, will have their entry cancelled.*

In exceptional cases, where a gymnast does not belong to a BG registered club, they must contact the EGA Admin Manager and request entry into the Event. If granted, such gymnasts will be given the classification as being Unattached. In such circumstances, the gymnasts must nominate a Supervising Coach and must also meet all other membership requirements.

- Supervising Coaches
Supervising coaches' membership level must be Coach or Life Members of BG and coaches must be qualified to the level of the skills being performed before being allowed to participate in an EGA Event. Coaches must have a current safeguarding certificate and Criminal Records Certificate (DBS). Please see Safeguarding section.
- Assisting Coaches
Assisting coaches' Membership level must be Assistant Coach (if Level 1), Gold, Coach or Life Members of BG before being allowed to participate in an EGA Event. Coaches must have a current safeguarding certificate and Criminal Records Certificate (DBS). Please see Safeguarding section.
- Judges
Judges' membership level must be Judge or Life Members of BG for Club/County/Regional Judges, and National/Brevet Judge or Life Members of BG for National and Brevet Judges before being allowed to officiate at an EGA Event.

Judges must also hold a current cycle of judging award (Cycle 14).

The EGA does not require judges to complete a criminal record check to judge at EGA competitions, as the role that judges fulfil at the event no longer falls within DBS Eligibility. However, some judges are actively involved in club gymnastics and may provide judging instruction to children in a training environment or carry out a supervisory role (or may complete a criminal record check by virtue of another role they undertake e.g. coach). As not all judges use their qualification in the same way, it is the club's responsibility to assess the role the judge is undertaking and determine whether the activities involved fall within the eligibility criteria for a criminal record check. BG no longer requires all judges to complete safeguarding training but clubs should ensure any judge who supervise or instructs children has completed appropriate training.

For further information on membership levels please visit the [British Gymnastics Website](#).

Coach Qualifications

When submitting entries for an EGA event, clubs must ensure that the nominated Supervising Coach(es) is/are qualified to the level of the participant's performance. The practice of supervising participants working above the level of the coach's qualification is not allowed.

The caveat that permits coaches to practice one level above their coaching qualification in the coaching syllabus refers to a training environment only and is not permitted at EGA Events. Its purpose is to enable coaches to practice within the post course guided learning environment following attendance at a course and in preparation for the examination, under the supervision of a BG mentor coach.

Supervising Coaches entered into the event entry MUST be the same ones attending the event. It is unacceptable to enter a coach you know will not be attending.

Supervising Coaches have a duty of care towards their performers and have a responsibility to ensure that they are both qualified and competent to teach at the appropriate level, as well as ensuring that the participant is adequately prepared, physically and psychologically, for performing their routines in a competition situation.

Additional Assisting Coaches (Level 1 and above) may be accredited, at the discretion of the Organiser, to be present in the competition arena to assist with the pastoral care of the gymnasts. Assisting coaches may not coach the gymnasts unless they fulfil the requirement of holding a recognised qualification suitable to the level of skills being performed.

If it is found that a club is in breach of these policies, the EGA reserves the right to reject an entry on the grounds of gymnast safety or, if discovered post performance, to disqualify the competitor and remove their score(s) from the official results.

Safeguarding

All Coaches are required to hold a current BG specific DBS certificate and have current Safeguarding and Protecting Children Awareness training at the time of the event. Coaches who do not fulfil this requirement will not be accredited or allowed to participate at EGA Events.

All Gymnasts must have an accredited coach present on the competition floor at all times. If a Gymnast attends a competition without a Supervising Coach, they will not be allowed to compete.

The safeguarding courses recognised by British Gymnastics are:

Sports Coach UK (scUK) Safeguarding Awareness Course
Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)
Football Association (FA) Safeguarding Training
Professional Prior Learning ie Social Worker, Teacher etc

This must be renewed every [three years](#) and be valid both at the time of entry and through to the end of the Event. For members who have previously completed a face to face course an online refresher update course is available.

Coaches must also have a [valid Criminal Records Certificate](#) both at the time of entry and through to the end of the Event before being allowed to officiate at an EGA Event.

Nationality

The gymnast must be a British Citizen, holding a British passport (or be in the process of obtaining British citizenship and/or passport) and have lived in England for a period exceeding 48 months.

The mother, father or a grandparent of a gymnast must have been born in England.

AND

The gymnast must not be a member of a Squad of any other Commonwealth country or previously represented another Commonwealth country, unless the consents required by [Byelaw 17\(3\) of the Constitutional Documents of the Commonwealth Games Federation](#) (CGF) have been obtained.

If a gymnast does not meet any of the above Criteria, but nevertheless wishes to be considered for entry, the gymnast may petition the English Gymnastics Approval Panel in writing via the [EGA Admin Manager](#). The Approval Panel shall be consisted of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of English Gymnastics, together with the individual Chairperson, in England, of the specific discipline within which the gymnast is seeking to compete. The Approval Panel's decision in this regard shall be final. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.

Policy for the Participation of Trans People in Gymnastics Competitions

For information on Transgender, please refer to the British Gymnastics Transgender Policy which can be found [here](#).

Competition Entries

Entry Process

Entry to the English Challenge Tournament for Boys is online only. Complete instructions for adding an entry via the GymNet Online Entry Portal are available to download from the BG [Website](#). All entries must be fully submitted electronically by the stipulated closing date/time. Prior to the event, an entry may only be amended by the person making the original entry.

Number of Entrants

The number of Entrants for each LEVEL (not Age Group) will be restricted to 48 Gymnasts. Entries will be accepted strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Entry Fees

Entry Fees for this event will be £35 per gymnast.

Methods of Payment

Payment can ONLY be made by Debit Card or Credit Card. **Payments made to BG by cheque or BACS will be rejected.** Payments should be received by BG within 48 hours of the entry being submitted.

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

Late Entries

Late entries may not be accepted for this Event.

Withdrawals or Substitutions

Amendments to an entry before the closing date will not incur a penalty and in the case of withdrawals, the entry fee will be refunded, minus a 3% admin charge.

Withdrawals should be notified to the EGA Admin Manager via email (up to 48 hours before the start of the Event) or at the time of Registration at the Event.

Where it is necessary to substitute a coach, the club must inform the [EGA Event Enquiries](#) in writing via email so the coach can be checked for membership, awards and safeguarding, before they can be accredited for the event.

Where, through unforeseen circumstances, this is not possible or, where information has not previously been supplied, the substitute must inform the Organiser immediately on arrival at the venue and produce their coaching award certificate, current BG membership card and a current BG specific Criminal Records Check certificate.

Judges

Clubs will not be asked to provide Judges at the point of entry for this event and they will be selected by the organisers.

General Regulations

Coaches must make adequate provision for the “supervision” of their gymnasts upon arrival at the venue. Gymnasts will not be allowed to register or begin warm up without their coach present.

Registration

Please endeavour to have gymnasts registered at the time stated. During registration, gymnasts will be issued with their Number.

Order of Performance

The order of competing for individual events shall be decided according to the competition arrangements made by the Organiser. For the purpose of maintaining the smooth and timely running of the event, or where the safety, security and good performance of the gymnasts is a concern, the organisers reserve the right to alter the grouping of gymnasts and/or running order of performances as may be deemed necessary by the Organiser or authorised officials, up to the start of warm up.

Wherever practical, the Organiser shall produce and circulate to all participating clubs, a provisional Start List and running order for an event at least 2 weeks before the day thereof.

Food and Drink

There may be restrictions within the competition areas with regards to food and drink. This is to manage food intolerances and allergies.

Medical Provision

Anyone requiring First Aid assistance should speak to either the Competition Organiser or EGA medical team. It is recommended that all coaches have a First Aid kit with them for minor injuries.

At all EGA Events, an official medical team will be appointed and will be available to treat gymnasts who sustain an injury at the event. The medical team are not able to treat pre-existing or chronic injuries.

Any injury occurring during the official training or competition must be reported to the medical team, to ensure a record can be kept of treatment given and by whom.

Inquiries

Protests are permitted and should be handed to the EGA Events Director along with a £15 Protest Fee. Protests will be accepted within ONE rotation of the performance being questioned (ie if you are protesting a

gymnast's performance on the first apparatus, an official application must be received before the gymnast rotates to their 3rd piece). The Fee will be returned if the Protest is successful or retained if the Protest is denied.

The decision of the Organiser, based upon the recommendation of the EGA appointed medical officer as to the gymnast's health and medical status and their ability to compete at the Event is absolute and final.

Medal Ceremonies

Except in exceptional circumstances, gymnasts who win a medal at an EGA Event are expected to remain in the venue until the completion of the competition and participate in the medal presentation ceremony in order to collect their award in person. Medals will only be distributed at events not by post. Attire for medal ceremonies is according to FIG World Championships and UEG rules.

Privacy

[British Gymnastics Privacy Notice](#)

At many events, English Gymnastics may produce event merchandise (eg event t-shirts). These may include the names and/or clubs of the gymnasts taking part.

Where competing gymnasts have a disability, it may be necessary to share the details of this disability with the Organising Committee in order to discuss if modifications to Rules and processes are appropriate arising from this disability.

The scores and results from English Gymnastics events, will be published on the EGA Website in the specific event page.

The scores, results and "Judgecam" videos from English Gymnastics events, where BG Score is present, will be made available in the BG Score App and also published on the EG website in the specific event page.

Video, Film and Photography

If you agree for your club to enter you into an EGA competition, we will use your personal information to confirm you have been entered into the correct category and to enable you to participate in the event. All EGA competitions are large events where filming and photography by EGA accredited photographers will be taking place. Images taken at our events may be used by the EGA for the purposes of promotion, education and development of the sport. The results of EGA competitions are published and made available for viewing by members of the public.

Any person wishing to use video, film or take photographs must abide by the [Photography at Gymnastics Events](#) contained within the BG Safeguarding Children – Safe Environment Policy. Photos may only be taken for personal use. Unless specifically accredited to do so, you may not take photos for sale, other commercial use, or publication in printed or electronic form, such as on websites. Clubs may publish some photos, but this may only be done in accordance with the [BG Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy](#).

Flash may not be used at any time while gymnasts are warming up or competing.

If you have concerns about the identity or actions of any photographer or if you believe that any unsuitable photos are being taken, you should report your concerns to the EGA appointed Welfare Officer or EGA Events Director at the event.

Clubs must ensure that gymnasts/parents are informed of the photography arrangements for the relevant event. The EGA will also announce the photography/filming arrangements at the event. Any gymnast or parent who does not wish themselves or their child to be photographed/filmed at the event, must email the [English Event Enquiries](#).

Health and Safety

The health, safety and welfare of all participants (gymnasts, coaches and officials) is the primary consideration. All BG policies and procedures will be rigorously applied with regards to health, safety, welfare and Safeguarding & Protecting Children.

Overnight Stays

Government legislation requires that when a club takes a gymnast(s) under the age of 18 years on a journey involving an overnight stay, the club must ensure that there is a designated trained person responsible for child protection on the trip. To adhere to the CPSU child protection standards, this person must not be related to or in a relationship with the coach attending the trip.

The training for the designated person should be BG recognised Safeguarding and Protecting Children Awareness training.

Terms and Conditions of Entry to All Competitions

In addition to the EGA General Rules and Regulations:

- All entrants agree to be treated by EGA appointed medical staff only and be bound by the decision of EGA medical staff in relation to their ability to compete in the competition.
- You agree to the storing of competition scores. The EGA will redact your details from the published results unless there is a justifiable reason to reject an objection to publication.
- You agree to abide by the BG Photography at Gymnastics Events Policy.
- Coaches and Gymnasts agree to abide by the BG Body Piercing & Adornments Policy throughout the Event.
- The person making the online entry on behalf of gymnast(s) or a club, undertakes to ensure that those who they are making an entry on behalf of are fully aware of and agree to abide by the contents of this handbook.
- Gymnast must provide their own chalk.
- If a Gymnast fails to compete on any piece, please inform the Judges in order that a zero score can be entered.

Spectator Tickets

Spectator Tickets will be available to purchase on the door and are priced at £10.00 for Adults and £7.00 for 15 & Under/Seniors. **Payment by Cash Only.**

Men's Artistic Technical Information

Code of Conduct

[British Gymnastics National Technical Committee Code of Conduct](#)

The EGA, acting through the Board, reserves the right to refuse any entry and disqualify an official, judge, gymnast or team at any time, if they do not comply with BG regulations.

Grade/Level

Gymnasts may only compete in ONE level per competition year.

Age Policy

Gymnasts' ages, for the purpose of entry to all age dependent categories, will be taken as the age reached in the year of the competition. The minimum age for entry to EGA Events is 9 in the year of competition. To view further information on age, participation and competition, please view the [Health & Safety Guidance: Coaching Practise document](#).

For ease of reference, please see the year born interpretation table below:

Year Born Eligibility for MAG Challenge Tournament 2019		
	Competition	Year Born
	Club Level 1	2010
	Club Level 2	2009
	Club Level 3	2008
U14		2006
		2005
U16		2004
		2003
U18		2002
		2001

Competition Attire

Gymnasts

- The removal of leotards on the field of play is not allowed
- The wearing of GBR or ENG attire at EGA Events is strictly forbidden
- Long hair should be braided or tied back so as not to obscure vision
- Gymnasts will not be allowed to compete if wearing ANY jewellery. If it is impossible to remove items of jewellery, they should be taped. Exceptions are as per the [BG Body Piercing & Adornments Policy](#)

Coaches

- Coaches must wear a tracksuit with full length sports trousers or full-length trousers with a collared polo shirt/club t-shirt and appropriate gym/training shoes
- The wearing of GBR or ENG attire at EGA Events is strictly forbidden
- Long hair should be braided or tied back so as not to obscure vision
- Coaches will not be allowed to support on the competition floor if wearing ANY jewellery (including Watches). If it is impossible to remove items of jewellery they should be taped. Exceptions are as per [BG Body Piercing & Adornments Policy](#)

Non-compliance may result in removal of the coach and consequently, for health and safety reasons, their gymnast from the competition.

Requests can be made to adopt reasonable clothing modifications at any BG competition on religious grounds only. All requests must be on the official EGA **Clothing Modification Request Form (obtained from the EGA Admin Manager)** and submitted to the EGA Admin Manager at least four weeks before the competition closing date, to allow sufficient time for full consideration of the application and any possible health and safety implications.

For competitors, coaches and judges, chewing gum is not allowed at any phase of the competition, including the opening ceremony and presentation of the awards or closing ceremony.

Apart from as required for the running of the competition, gymnasts, coaches, judges and officials must not use mobile phones or any other electronic communication devices including tablets, to make calls, take photographs or be used for other forms of communication in the main arena during the event.

Competition Apparatus

Unless otherwise stated, the equipment at MTC competitions will be to current FIG specifications.

Tall Gymnasts – Horizontal Bar and Rings

Gymnasts have the right to request permission to raise the horizontal bar and/or rings to accommodate their height. The request for the horizontal bar or rings to be raised must be at the time of competition entry. The bars will be raised in accordance with the FIG/MTC regulations. Unauthorised raising of the bars will be penalised in accordance with the FIG regulations.

Spring Boards

Super and Sprung boards will be provided. Gymnasts will not be permitted to bring their own Spring Boards.

ENGLISH MEN'S CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS 2019

Date:	Saturday 23 rd & 24 th November 2019
Venue:	New College, Glenfield Road, Leicester LE3 6DN
Entry Opening Date:	Monday 15 th July 2019
Entry Closing Date:	Friday 4 th October 2019 at 12noon
Entry Fee:	£35.00 per gymnast
Code:	As Per NDP Handbook and British Gymnastics Junior Code
Eligibility:	
Club Level 1	As per NDP Handbook no PPP
Club Level 2	As per NDP Handbook no PPP
Club Level 3	As per NDP Handbook no PPP
Under 18	Under 18 Junior Code
Under 16	Under 16 Junior Code
Under 14	Under 14 Junior Code

Competition Structure:

- Competition format is as per FIG Competition 1 (Cycle 14 – 2018) Rules (except where stated on the attached Rules)
- Gymnasts cannot enter these Competitions if they have represented their Region at The Boys National Development Plan National Final or are member of a British Gymnastics National Squad
- Club Level Competition
- For Boys who didn't compete at the NDP Final 2019
- Gymnasts who were selected or attended the National Finals **BUT DID NOT COMPETE** are eligible for this Competition
- Voluntaries Competition
- For boys who are not a member of any British Gymnastics National Squad.
- Order of Rotation – The Draw will be included with the Competition Timetable, which will be sent out to all competing Clubs in advance. Where possible, the EGA will endeavour to keep gymnasts from the same Club together. We reserve the right to change the Order of Rotation and/or timing as may be necessary.

Coach Qualification and Passes:

- One coach (from two nominated) on the podium at any one time minimum Level 2

Awards:

- The All Around Club Level 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded Gold, silver & bronze Medals
- The All Around Under 18, Under 16 & Under 14 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded Gold, silver & bronze Medals