

# MEN'S & WOMEN'S ARTISTIC ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q1. If a gymnast was injured throughout 2019 and was unable to compete All-Around but in 2018 was selected for the ENG Junior Squad and competed twice for England with a score above the 38.0 Qualifying Score - will this be sufficient evidence of her being at the appropriate standard for the English Championships?
- A: *Yes – the organisers will accept her 2018 selection to the ENG Squad and scores at International events as sufficient evidence for the 2020 Championships.*
- Q2. If a gymnast was injured after March 2019 and was unable to gain the qualifying score required, but competed on **3 pieces** at the 2019 English Artistic Championships, the British Championships or another similar event, with a score just below the qualifying score (ie 35.0) – will this be sufficient evidence?
- A: *Yes – if the gymnast was able to score 35.0 on 3 out of 4 apparatus, then they would have scored over the 38.0 qualifying score on 4 apparatus.*
- Q3. If a gymnast has passed Compulsory Level 1, but has not competed a 4-piece in 2019 due to injury, can they qualify for entry to the English Championships?
- A: *Yes – the organisers will accept scores from Compulsory Level 1.*
- Q4. If a gymnast will be an Espoir in 2020, but are Compulsory Level 2 (2008 born) currently, they will not have done any FIG events in 2019 to gain the qualifying score of 38.0. Is there any way they could compete at this Championships?
- A: *The organisers have not specified that the qualifying competitions need to be FIG competitions, purely that a score of 38.0 has been achieved at a National or Regional Event. National events are, in principle, those run by British Gymnastics and Regional events are those run by individual Regions – usually as a qualifier to a National event. The organisers won't accept random events run by individual clubs (ie Sandra Clarke Cup).*
- Q5. If a gymnast is currently FIG and British Championship level, but have not got a score of 38.0 in last 12 months due to injury, but have scored, say 48.0 in the past 12 months before that so 2017 – could they be considered qualified for this Championships?
- A: *Individual requests where injury has been sustained in the past 12 months will be considered on presentation of a reasonable case.*
- Q6. Will the organisers accept Compulsory Level 2 scores?
- A: *Unfortunately, no but they will accept results from Compulsory Level 1.*
- Q7. Will the organisers accept scores from the English WAG Bronze, Silver & Gold Championships in 2019?
- A: *They will accept scores from the Gold category of this event but have stipulated that the minimum score in this situation would have to be 42.0 (rather than 38.0), but not from the Bronze or Silver unfortunately.*
- Q8. For a gymnast born in 2008, how do they achieve the qualifying score required, when they are not eligible for FIG Espoir until 2020?
- A: *Please refer to Q4.*
- Q9. I have a competitor who is going to be first year U12, so has never done a voluntary competition before and won't have evidence of having achieved the qualifying score of 60.0. However, I am confident that he will make the qualifying score if allowed to compete at the English Championships. Am I OK to enter him?
- A: *Per the MAG Handbook (Page 5) – “please only enter gymnasts who have a realistic possibility of achieving the minimum All-Around score on their respective Codes”. The organisers feel that Coaches should make the decision to enter a participant based on their knowledge of the gymnast's performance and capabilities. If your gymnast has competed in a Regional or National event (doesn't necessarily have to be an FIG event) and has obtained a score at or above the Qualifying Score, then that should be OK.*