



ENGLAND COMMONWEALTH GAMES SELECTION POLICY

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

XXI COMMONWEALTH GAMES, Gold Coast (Australia)

4th – 15th April 2018

Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FIG Competition I, II, III• Competition I: Team Final, qualification for AA final and apparatus finals• Max of 5 gymnasts per federation, max of 4 per apparatus, 3 scores to count• Competition II: Individual AA Final (Top 24 with a max of 3 gymnasts per federation)• Competition III: Apparatus finals, (Top 8 with a maximum of 2 per Federation)
Performance Targets	Team medal Qualify 2 gymnasts for Competition II Top 24 Final & 1 individual all-around medal Qualify for every Apparatus Final Competition III 4 medals
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a British Citizen holding a British passport• taking part in the 2018 English Gymnastics Championships.• a minimum of 16 years old in the year of competition (2002 or earlier)• eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG• eligible to compete for England as per team England eligibility conditions• Declaration to Compete forms and petitions need to be sent to Mike Weinstock mike@mgymnastics.co.uk. Declaration to Compete forms to be received no later than 7th April 2017. Gymnasts who are unable to compete in the designated selection events should submit a written petition outlining circumstances for consideration to Mike Weinstock by 3rd Feb 2018. On receipt of the Petition consultation with the national panel will take place to agree an appropriate action.
The 'Team'	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The 'Team' means the team that is selected by English Gymnastics and includes gymnasts (5), coaches (2), nominated reserves (non-travelling), medical support personnel, Team Manager
Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy</i>, By 12th February 2018 the British Gymnastics Head National Coach will consult with the National Coaches and take into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the English Gymnastics approved Science & Medical staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts and coaches. The selection will be based on the premise that English Gymnastics has the best chance to achieve its Performance Targets. The Nomination Panel will consider all factors before it including results at the Selection Events but ultimately the nomination is at the discretion of the Panel acting fairly and without bias.2. Following this consultation, the British Gymnastics Head National Coach will forward a list of nominated gymnasts and coaches to the English Gymnastics Approval Panel for their scrutiny.3. Gymnasts meeting the Eligibility criteria who do not take part in the English

	Championships may petition the English Gymnastics Association for inclusion. Petitions, including supporting evidence, should be sent in writing to Mike Weinstock c/o the EGA no later than 3 rd February 2018.
Approval Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An English Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the England Team Manager, Chair of English Gymnastics and the Chair of the WTC Judging Panel will consider the nominations for gymnasts and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate. 2. In the event that the Nomination Panel provides insufficient gymnasts to fill the available Team places, the Approval Panel will make referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended. 3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team on or before 12th February 2018.
Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nominated team will receive notification of their nomination by email or phone by midnight on the 12th February 2018. 2. Appeals can only be submitted for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. Coach selection is not open to appeal. 3. Appeals should be made in writing to the English Gymnastics Association by midnight on 13th February 2018, final decisions to be ratified by 19th February 2018.
Designated Selection Event(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration results and performances achieved in the previous 18 months, taking into account the future development of the Great Britain National Team and the proximity of the European Championships and the World Championships 2018. 2. <i>At the following events:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>The British Championships 2017</i> b) <i>The English Championships 2018</i> c) <i>Plus a trial in January/February 2018. Details to be confirmed.</i> <i>The 2018 events will have a significant bearing due to their proximity to the Gold Coast Games.</i> d) <i>Any other competitions considered relevant by the Nomination Panel</i> 3. In order to be considered for selection, a gymnast who is ill, injured or otherwise unable to compete prior to or during one of the Designated Selection Events must provide written authentication of the injury, illness or situation by medical personnel approved by English Gymnastics (listed at the end of this Policy).
Nomination Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selection will be based on the premise that English Gymnastics has the best chance to achieve its Performance Targets. 2. All members of the Nomination and Approval Panels shall declare any conflict of interest & be replaced prior to selection meetings. 3. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy. 4. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including the reserve(s)) will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the British Gymnastics Head National Coach and Team coaches as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete. 5. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including the reserve(s)) must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017 – 21 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics. 6. The final allocation of apparatus will be confirmed at the Championships by the Team Coaches. 7. Team Coaches will be nominated by the British Gymnastics Head National Coach based upon the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their ability to contribute to the performance targets • The teams best needs • Their ability to lead, organise and control under situations of high responsibility and pressure.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their international experience and performance • Their qualification i.e. current HPC/IPC and standing as a professional member <p>Their attendance at all required meetings, squad training and events.</p>
Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel, all selected gymnasts (including the reserve(s)) must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or competition at any time until the point of the Championships. All selected gymnasts must declare any medications (TUE's) they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to the Head of Science & Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval. A gymnast or coach may be removed from the Team in the event of a non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Codes of Behaviour adopted by the Team. Prior to removal, the gymnast or coach must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Team Manager (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Team Manager. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to departure to the competition, should any gymnast fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, the British Gymnastics Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal. All decisions relating to de-selection will be made in consultation with the Commonwealth Games Council for England. At any stage following the arrival of the Team at the competition and during the event, should any gymnast fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, the Team Coaches may recommend de-selection to the Team Manager. The Team Manager will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast to attend an interview to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast to compete to the best of his ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The gymnast will be referred to British Gymnastics'/English Gymnastics' designated Medical Officer to undergo a medical examination to determine their fitness to participate. Initially this will be based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the gymnast is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators. If the gymnast passes the initial medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer but British Gymnastics/English Gymnastics still has concerns over whether or not the gymnast is able to compete to the best of her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the gymnast will be required to undertake an English Gymnastics/British Gymnastics' designated "Technical Fitness Test". The Technical Fitness Test (judged performance assessment) is an objective assessment based on video footage which will require the gymnast to perform routine(s) to a minimum of 3 tenths of difficulty value or final score. In the event that a gymnast fails to complete the Technical Fitness Test to the required standard, they will be removed from the Team, a decision which is not open to appeal. This will be made by the Team Manager in consultation with the Team Coaches. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Team Manager in consultation with the Team Coaches on the basis of the needs of the Team and normally come out of the pool of nominated non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.
Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the WAG Squad 2018 Activity Planner (subject to changes). The Team will transfer to the Commonwealth Games on or about 24th March 2018.

	3. In the event that they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign before selection, and comply with British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement and the CGE Team Member's Agreement.
Announcement	1. Selected Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any personal websites) regarding their selection until after the Commonwealth Games Council for England in conjunction with English Gymnastics have announced the Team selection on the We are England & English Gymnastics web site.

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APPROVED BY:

Signed _____ Mike Weinstock – Team Manager, English Gymnastics

Signed _____ Martin Laws – Chair, English Gymnastics

Signed _____ Karen Hofen – Chair, National Women's TC

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY ENGLISH GYMNASTICS

Louise Fawcett (British Gymnastics' Head of Science & Medicine)
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TEAM ENGLAND – Commonwealth Games Federation Entry & Eligibility Conditions

To be eligible to compete for Team England, athletes must be able to comply with the eligibility conditions as determined by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) as below:

CGF Constitution Article 24: Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:
 - (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti Doping Code;
 - (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.
2. Subject to Article 24(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned.
4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

Eligibility Policy Decision

The Minutes of the 2004 General Assembly record: "*That in accordance with Article 25 (5)(Article 24(5) of the November 2007 applies), the Board considered applications from CGAs seeking dispensations for athletes to compete at both the Commonwealth Youth Games and the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.*

As a result of this, the Board felt it appropriate to adopt a specific policy applying to cases where a common passport existed insofar as residency is concerned i.e. that a Dispensation will be granted to any such athlete who has completed a period of 5 year's continuous residency within the CGA territory immediately prior to the Games.

During the 2009 General Assembly CGA Workshop it was confirmed by John Eades, Operations Director, CGF, that this decision, whilst specific to Melbourne, still applies in relation to the Glasgow Games.