

England National Performance Pathway Selection Policy Amendment (Rhythmic) 2020-2021

The difficult decision has been taken to cancel all but essential squad activity for Olympic preparation for the remainder of 2020, including any planned events regarding selection for 2021. This was not an easy decision to take as we are keen to support the gymnasts and coaches through this difficult period. However, in light of the most recent government guidance and additional concerns highlighted by a number of parents, we do not think that running squad activity is feasible in the current climate. We understand that this is disappointing and we will work with the national coaches and support staff to remain in touch with appropriate guidance to see gymnasts through the remainder of the year. We are hopeful that squad activity will resume in early 2021 and will keep you informed of any developments.

Camp Replacement Activity 2020.

Whilst we will not be able to run camps for the remainder of the year, we are planning to replace them with online activity both fun, team building, educational and active. We are currently working on the programme of online activity. If you are on a current Performance Pathway Programme then you will receive this communication directly to you.

2021 Programme Selection/Reselection

As there was only limited squad activity and competition event in 2020, the decision has been taken to keep all squad members on their current programme for 2021 until we can appropriately re-select.

The intention is to review selections in March/April 2021. Members may be moved between squads at that point to ensure they are still in the appropriate programme with consideration on progress and engagement in previous activity taken into account. Any new members to be considered across the programmes will also occur at this point.

Please be aware that we are reacting to government guidelines and therefore we will/may have to make further changes based on the ever-changing situation. We will endeavour to communicate these changes transparently with gymnast and coach welfare at the centre of our decision making.