

Acrobatic Technical Committee

DATE: 16th November 2018

1. Events

- **English Championships**

There is planned to be an Acrobatics English Championships on 4th - 5th May 2019 at Newton Aycliffe. This competition will be open to all FIG levels and will be used by the National Coach as a pre-selection event for trials for the 2019 European Age Group Competition and European Championships.

- **Pat Wade Classic Competition**

The PWC will be moved in 2019 from the November to February 2020. As this event will be at the start of the competition year it is unlikely that there will be the 1 year out of age allowance. Included.

2. NDP9 – Youth Clarification

The difficulty of the NDP9 Youth level is calculated according to the difficulty of the performed compulsory elements up to a max difficulty value of 0.5, even if more difficulty is performed no credit will be received.

3. Handbook

Amendments to the competition handbook 2019:

- National Finals
 - Medals will only be awarded for a score of 23.00 or more.
- British Championships and PWC
 - Medals will only be awarded for a score of 24.00 or more
 - A min difficulty is required to enter:
 - Senior should have at least 13-19 difficulty on all routines.
 - 13-19 should have at least 12-18 difficulty on all routines.

4. Pat Wade Trophy

No nominations have been received for the Pat Wade Trophy this year, therefore please can all regions send a nomination to Caroline Hodgson before the end of the year. The criteria is that the individual must show a dedication to acrobatics and not be involved at a performance level, but there is no other age or role requirement.

5. FIG Newsletter

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The latest FIG newsletter, [ACRO Newsletter No 6 November 2018](#), is available on the BG website or it can be [downloaded](#) from the FIG website.

6. Performance Pathway

A new acrobatic performance pathway programme will commence at the start of 2019, headed up by Ian Said and delivered by 4 recently appointed pathway coaches. Its aim is to increase and standardise gymnasts and coaches at this level to optimise their chances of working at a senior level in the future.

Gymnasts will be from Youth/Grade 5 at National Finals, Youth/11-16 at PWC or any gymnasts that the National Coach selects who are at this level. There will be an assessment session in early 2019 where the squad gymnasts will be selected by the performance pathway selection panel. Gymnasts will be selected on a yearly basis and only if their personal coach agrees to attend with them.

7. Dates 2019

- 4-5 May 2019 – English Championships, Newton Aycliffe
- 18-20 May 2019 – National Finals – Fenton Manor
- 25-28 Jul 2019 - British Championships – Echo Arena