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Unit Leaders for 2020 ECH

Unfortunately Stuart Woods is off work and unable to continue his role as Unit Lead for the 2020 Europeans.

After months of deliberating the Selection Panel have reorganise the leadership structure to:
- best meet the task description and desirable qualities of the unit lead role.
- maximise the potential of the GB talent pool and each of the GB Teams / Units.
- appropriately distribute triple qualified coaches.
- effectively succession plan.

Therefore, the leadership structure of 2020 will be as follows:

BG Performance Manager, Alan Edge will take the role of Head of Delegation. Chris Bennett will take the reactivated role of Team Leader overseeing all three Units and supporting the Unit Leaders (both in training and at the Europeans).

Clare Clarke will transfer to the Men's Unit as the lead. Clare has:
- Experience with the medal winning Men's Unit in 2016
- Unit Lead experience in 2018
- Triple licensed L5 coach.
- Category 2 brevet judge.

Stacey Godden will take the lead for the Mixed Unit. Stacey has:
- been working closely with Stuart Woods to create the mixed floor routine and to strategically plan for 2020.
- L5 coach
- UEG L3 Floor
- Floor DV specialist
- Degree is sport science specialising in biomechanics.
- Highly ranked regional judge.
- Has studied TeamGym in Iceland, Sweden, Denmark and Portugal.

Amber Simpson-Warner will take the lead for the women's unit. Amber has:
- L5 coach with triple training.
- Experience as lead for the South Zone.
- UEG L3 for Tumble & Trampet.
- Diploma of higher education in sport coaching and PE.
- Successfully developing triple saltos in the senior men's and junior girls categories.
- Has studied TeamGym in Sweden and Denmark.

The rest of the GB coaching team and judges will be selected on the 22nd March with the announcements 1 week later. GB Team Coach applications for Copenhagen 2020 are now open
https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/selection/teamgym

Selection Event 21st March 2020

How is Selection Managed? All of the data from the Selection Event is entered into a sophisticated spreadsheet called the team calculator. This has been used successfully since 2016 and is continually being improved upon to provide the most objective and accurate selection for GB Teams.
The meeting will involve the BG Selection Panel for TeamGym (Technical Committee Chair, Judging Convenor & BG Performance Manager) and the executive talent pathway officers (original unit leaders). The NTCC will chair the meeting which will be overseen personally by the BG Performance Manager. This is the same format that has been used since 2016. As always, all selections must be based on hard evidence. The outcome of the meeting is also strictly confidential until the official announcement so please do not ask any of the participants any details.

- Bookings

https://www.bracknellgymnasticsclub.co.uk/general-events/gb-selection-event

- Awards and banquet
This will follow the selection event at the Grange Hotel Bracknell for gymnasts and their coaches. The awards will recognise 1st, 2nd and 3rd across each apparatus in senior men's, senior women's, junior men's and junior women's. The three course dinner is smart dress and can be booked at
https://www.bracknellgymnasticsclub.co.uk/general-events/banquet-amp-awards-after-gb-selection-event
Please also note that Bracknell GC is taking payments for this event so that all of the proceeds can be passed to BG in the next financial year to support the GB Team as intended.

USA TeamGym All National Championships at Daytona Beach, Florida

Portsmouth Schooĺ of Gymnastics are attending this event in early July this year. This is a great opportunity to establish some transatlantic links that can only help the development of a World discipline. The organisers have also extended the invite to any other UK clubs who might be interested. Details for this event should be available shortly.

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