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### Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring everyone involved in gymnastics is safe. Following the conviction of Stuart Woods please respect everyone involved in the sport, their experiences and their privacy, especially on social media and in open forums. If anyone has been affected by this or needs to speak to someone, please contact British Gymnastics Integrity (formally welfare) on [0345 1297129](tel:03451297129) or [integrity@british-gymnastics.org](mailto:integrity@british-gymnastics.org) for support.

### New Code of Points

As you may have seen, European Gymnastics have released the new Code of Points (2022).

Due to the compressed nature of the competition schedule over the coming months into 2022, it has been decided that **these rules will not be adopted until after British Championships 2022 in April**. This is to ensure we give gymnasts enough time to adjust to the rules, enough judges have been trained on the new code to hold a competition and any UK modifications can be written. The UK modifications should be released before the end of 2021.

The first National competitions that use this code will be held in 2023, so you will all have plenty of time to adjust to the new changes.

We believe looking at the new rules now will just cause additional confusion. For this reason, they will also not be put on the British Gymnastics website until they come into effect. If anyone would like a copy of the new code of points please email [Enid.harrison@british-gymnastics.org](mailto:Enid.harrison@british-gymnastics.org)

### ECH 2021: Junior Men's Category

Many would have seen the news that the junior men's category of the European Championships had been cancelled due to insufficient entries. With the uncertainty of the pandemic and extended lead into the event, this news was particularly disappointing.

Although we don't have all of the details to share at this time, work is ongoing and European Gymnastics have re-instated the category. Further updates will follow soon.

### **Selection for ECH 2022 Luxembourg**

With limited time from this Europeans (December 2021) to the next (September 2022) there is need to formulate an economical selection process.

Details are still being finalised but this is what we know so far:

- There will not be a national squad between this Europeans (2021) and selection for 2022.
- There will not be a requirement to attend a given number of zonal clinics to attend the selection event, however they are strongly recommended for preparation.
- There will be two selection dates available to show apparatus skill. Floor skills be assessed via video submission.
- One of the apparatus dates is the 10th April. The second date and locations are still to be confirmed.
- The full selection policy should be released before the end of November.
- More details will follow as soon as they are available.

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