

Women's Artistic Technical Committee

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Dear All

The WTC and National Coaches would like to thank coaches, gymnasts, judges and volunteers for running all the regional qualifying events that led to the successful National Finals for Compulsory & NDP grades. We thank BG and the Events Team for their help and support.

Reminder of change to Uneven Bars measurements

Both bar rails will be raised by 5cm for all gymnasts, effective 1st January 2022.

The new measurements are **175cm for the low bar** and **255cm for the high bar**.

The new inner diagonal distance between the bars will be a maximum of 182cm. You do not need to alter the distance between the bars to make the new distance correct. The angle of the bars does this for you. Tall gymnasts may still request to raise both bar rails by an additional 5cm according to the Code of Points rule.

Artistry on Beam and Floor for CoP Cycle 15 2022-2024

We would like to remind everyone about the link for the new artistry rules and would please ask that this is forwarded to all coaches so they can view this valuable resource.

<https://web-sts.com/Womens/JudgeInstructions/2022/FX/A/index.html>

FIG Challenge

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Please can we remind all regions to send the dates to the National Competition Organiser for their minimum of one and maximum of two FIG level competitions to allow gymnasts the opportunity to qualify for FIG Challenge.

Gymnasts must achieve an All-Around score of 41.50 from one of these competitions to qualify for the FIG Challenge. These results must be sent to National Competition Organiser as soon as possible after the event. Entries made to FIG Challenge Qualifier without a Regional result will not be accepted.

The Qualifying score to progress to British Championships has not yet been set. We hope to set this score shortly now that FIG level competitions are taking place using the new CoP.

Compulsory & Voluntary Levels

Level 4

Gymnasts who failed Compulsory 4 earlier in the year can have one additional opportunity in this year. These gymnasts may still take Voluntary 4 in their region even if this re-sit hasn't yet occurred. A reminder that the pass mark is 51.00

If a gymnast was ill or injured and unable to do the first sitting, but intends to do the re-sit this year, they may still take Voluntary 4 in their region. Alternatively, if they DO NOT intend to take Compulsory 4 this year, they may take the appropriate Classic Challenge level for their age and ability.

Level 3

Gymnasts who failed Compulsory 3 earlier in the year can have one additional opportunity in this year. These gymnasts may still take Voluntary 3 in their region even if this re-sit hasn't yet occurred. The gymnast will be unable to attend National Finals as part of the Regional Team or as an individual if the re-sit does not take place before the

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Voluntary Qualifier. A reminder that the pass mark is 51.00 (with a minimum score of 10.00 in Range & Conditioning)

If a gymnast was ill or injured and unable to do the first sitting, but intends to do the re-sit this year, they may still do Voluntary 3 in their region. The gymnast will be unable to attend National Finals as part of the Regional Team or as an individual if the re-sit does not take place before the Voluntary Qualifier. Alternatively, if they DO NOT intend to take Compulsory 3 this year, they may take the appropriate Classic Challenge level for their age and ability.

A reminder that gymnasts who fail achieve a minimum score of 10.00 in Range & Conditioning can have one additional attempt at the end of the competition.

Level 2

Gymnasts who didn't achieve the pass mark at Compulsory 2 earlier this year OR last year, or who took Compulsory 3 in their Region LAST year may take Voluntary 2 this year. Voluntary 2 is direct entry to National Finals.

Gymnasts aged 11 or over who took Compulsory 3 this year in their Region and were entered for but DID NOT attend Compulsory 2 at National Finals are not eligible for this competition. They are, however, eligible for Voluntary 3 both within the Region and as part of the Regional Team at National Finals if they finish in the top 4 at their Regional Qualifier.

We would like to request that all re-sit results are sent to National Competition Organiser as soon as possible after the event.

Classic Challenge

A reminder that all gymnasts who have not and do not intend to compete a Compulsory Grade or FIG Challenge qualifier this year are eligible to compete at a Classic Challenge level appropriate for their age and ability.

There is no requirement for a gymnast to compete at a particular level regardless of their score or level from last year. This is to allow gymnasts to compete at a level appropriate for where they are at this moment in time.

Scores at each level are capped to ensure that the competition remains fair and to encourage coaches to progress gymnasts where appropriate.

Progression to National Finals for Bronze and above is via a Regional Qualifier. The top 6 gymnasts are eligible to attend National Finals as part of a Regional Team. All gymnasts MUST compete in the Regional Qualifier at the same competition. Gymnasts cannot be split over different competitions/weekends. A reminder that the National Finals for this event does not take place until 9th -11th December. The closing date for team nominations is 28th October, with team names by 11th November. Regions are reminded to consider these dates when setting their regional competitions.

Progression to British Championships 2023

Espoir

In line with the new squad structure. It is intended to rename this to Aspire.

Any gymnast aged 12 or 13 in 2023 who has passed Compulsory 2 or achieves the qualifying score at the FIG Challenge competition will be eligible to enter.

Only gymnasts with a combined score in the same year at Compulsory 2 & Voluntary 2 will be eligible for consideration to Aspire Squad.

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- Junior** Any gymnast aged 14 or 15 in 2023 who has already competed at a British Championships, or passed Compulsory 1 in 2019, or has passed Compulsory 2 or achieves the qualifying score at the FIG Challenge competition will be eligible to enter.
- Senior** 48 gymnasts only will compete at this event.
- Any gymnast aged 16 or older in 2023 and who are in a BG / GBR squad will have automatic entry.
- Any other gymnast aged 16 or older in 2023 who has previously entered or competed at a British Championships, or passed Compulsory 1 in 2019 or before, or has passed Compulsory 2 in or before 2021 or achieved a combined score in Compulsory 2 & Voluntary 2 in 2022 or has achieved the qualifying score at the FIG Challenge competition will be eligible to enter the Senior British Championship Qualifier.

Senior British Championship Qualifier

This competition will be held in early February 2023. All gymnasts of senior age and who are not in a BG / GBR squad and meet the criteria for British Championships will be eligible to enter. This will be a full FIG competition run by WTC with AA and Apparatus medals. The top AA gymnasts will progress to the Senior British Championships. The number of gymnasts who progress each year will fluctuate depending on the number of gymnasts in BG / GBR squads. For 2023 there are a total of circa 28 places available. The NC reserve the right to look at apparatus specialists and award places accordingly.

Reminder regarding Competition Attire

We would like to remind coaches that penalties will be taken at all National Competitions for incorrect attire. For clarity, this is valid for all competitions.

We have written to all leotard manufacturers to ensure they are aware of the penalty.

For detailed information, please see FIG CoP Cycle 15 2022-2024 section 2.3.2 Competition Attire.

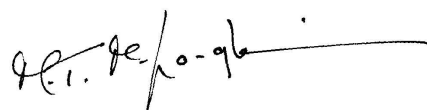
In addition, please see the BG advertising on competition attire document

<https://www.british-gymnastics.org/docman/footer-menu-items/governance-documents/11239-advertising-on-clothing-competition-attire-at-events-policy-v1-0-march-2020/file>

Judging Courses

All work for National, Regional & Club judge courses is with BG. There will be no revalidation for Club and Regional judges. It is hoped that an intention to attend these courses will be made available shortly and we would encourage all potential candidates to keep checking the BG website and register as soon as possible. The final part for the revalidation for National judges will be available this month and these candidates will be informed directly by BG.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the WTC via maria.mcloughlin@britishgymnastics.org



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