



Men's Artistic Competition Handbook

British Championships Changes – Explanatory Note

The British Championships has steadily grown over the years, with the amalgamation of the Under 12 and Under 14 age categories and having an open entry process. The good news story of the growth and success of the discipline has also had the knock-on effect that, the event has now reached the maximum capacity that can be handled in terms of entry numbers within the time and facilities available.

Discussions have therefore taken place between the Technical Committee and the Performance and Events teams at British Gymnastics to establish a qualification process for gymnasts to be eligible to enter the event.

The table below details this growth in numbers, alongside the agreed number of entries for the 2020 British Championships:

Competition	2016	2017	2018	2019		2020
	Entries at Closing Date	Number who competed	Maximum Entries			
Under 12	63	63	68	76	74	72
Under 14	66	62	87	82	74	72
Under 16	43	33	48	59	52	36
Under 18	32	31	35	39	38	36
Senior	41	43	58	53	44	36

With the calendar already being so hectic, holding additional stand-alone qualification events in each age group was ruled out.

It has therefore been agreed that current members of the national squads will automatically be entitled to enter the British Championships – but they must still make their entry in the normal way and before the published closing date.

The existing Home Nation Championships will be used as the qualification route for the remaining places available in each competition. The places will be allocated in rank order from a combined list of the All-Around results from the four Home Nation Championships for that year.

A small number of places in the Senior and Under 18 British Championships will be held at the discretion of the Technical Committee to award to apparatus specialists who achieve the requisite scores listed in the Competition Handbook at the Home Nation Championships. These gymnasts will also need to make their entry the normal way before the closing date.



Score	Floor	Pommel Horse	Rings	Vault	Parallel Bars	Horizontal Bar
Under 18	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	12.50	12.00
Senior	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.00	12.50

It is appreciated that in this first year there may well not be alignment of the dates between the Home Nations Championships and the confirmation of the qualifiers for the British Championships. We apologise for this and thank you for your co-operation as we make this transition. We will be working closely with the Home Nation associations to harmonise the dates and entry process for future years.

The dates for the respective Home Nations Championships are scheduled for:

- England: 03-05 April 2020
- Northern Ireland: TBC
- Scotland: 28 & 29 March 2020
- Wales: 28 & 29 March 2020

As such it may be necessary for gymnasts to enter the British Championships, prior to their respective Home Nation Championships and before they know whether they have achieved a qualification place. In the event that a gymnast has entered the British Championships, but does not ultimately secure a place, their entry fee will be returned.

The final list of qualifiers for the British Championships will be published on Friday 7th April 2020.

These Home Nations Championships were used as European trial events last year and met the selection criteria. The British Gymnastics Men's Technical Committee will be working closely with their respective Home Nation counter parts to ensure the judging across the four events is consistent, in order to allow the results to be considered as a whole. To further support these events, BG Brevet judges will be in attendance to ensure this fairness and consistency.

A gymnast can only enter one Home Nations Championship for qualification. This should be their own Home Nation Championship. In exceptional instances, for example in the case of injury or illness, a gymnast may apply to another Home Nation to request an entry. This is however solely at the discretion of the respective Home Nation over whether they accept such a request.

A reserve list for the British Championships will be established and in the case of withdrawals of eligible gymnasts, these reserves will be added to the competition and their clubs contacted by the British Gymnastics Events team. The two first reserve gymnasts on the list at 10th April 2020, will be entitled to attend the event and take part if there are further withdrawals, prior to the start of the competition. No further gymnasts will be added to the reserve list after 10th April 2020.

Whilst it is understood that there could be challenges in the first year, it is believed that by limiting the entry numbers, moving forward the overall event will benefit, by ensuring a high standard of performance and also will allow everyone to plan their attendance at the event, as the schedule can be finalised and published in advance of the closing date for entries.