

## ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION POLICY

### Acrobatics European Age Group Competitions 2019

#### Holon (ISR)

21 Oct – 3 Nov 2019

<b>Introduction &amp; Overview</b>	<p>The European Age Group Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition, an opportunity to compete against some of the best competitors in Europe. A Performance event means that selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals. The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2019 European Age Group Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p>
<b>Performance Targets</b>	<p><b>11-16 Age Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualify 3 or more partnerships for Competition II</li> <li>• 2 medals in Competition II</li> </ul> <p><b>12-18 Age Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualify 3 or more partnerships for Competition II</li> <li>• 2 medals in competition II</li> </ul> <p><b>13-19 Age Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualify 2 or more partnerships for Competition II</li> <li>• 2 medals in Competition II</li> </ul>
<b>Selection Process / Timelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Selection Events – 6/7 July 2019 - Control event &amp; British Championships 26-28 July 2019</li> <li>• Nomination Meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019</li> <li>• Nomination to Approval Panel – Noon Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</li> <li>• Approval of selection – Wednesday 31 July 2019.</li> <li>• Appeals Deadline – 16.00hrs on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019</li> <li>• Team Announcement – Friday 2 August 2019</li> </ul>
<b>FIG/UEG Entry deadlines</b>	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/UEG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the European Championships 2019 are still to be confirmed but will be formed of two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definitive Entry – TBC</li> <li>• Nominative Entry – TBC</li> </ul>
<b>Competition Format</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FIG Competition I, II &amp; III</li> <li>2. Competition I (CI): Balance and Dynamic qualification for Competition II (CII)</li> <li>3. Competition II: Dynamic Finals (11-16 Women's Pairs, Men's Pairs, Men's Groups), Balance Finals (11-16 Mixed Pairs, Women's Groups), Combined Finals (12-18 &amp; 13-19 Age Groups, all categories) (Top 6 - 8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation)</li> </ol> <p>In accordance with the current FIG Technical Regulations, FIG Code of Points (CoP), Table of Difficulty (ToD) 2017-2020 and the FIG Acro World Age Group Rules 2017-2020.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a British Citizen holding a British passport</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-16 Age Group: a minimum of 11 years old and a maximum of 16 years old in the year of competition</li> <li>• 12-18 Age Group: a minimum of 12 years old and a maximum of 18 years old in the year of competition</li> <li>• 13-19 Age Group: a minimum of 13 years old and a maximum of 19 years old in the year of competition</li> <li>• a current British Gymnastics member in good standing</li> <li>• In possession of a Gymnast Licence held with FIG</li> </ul>
<b>The 'Team'</b>	1. The 'Team' means the individuals selected by British Gymnastics and includes gymnasts / partnerships, coaches, medical support personnel, judges, Team Leaders, Heads of Delegation and any associated member of the Performance Sport Programmes' staff to represent Great Britain at the Championships.
<b>The 'Competing Team'</b>	1. The 'Competing Team' means the team of gymnasts who compete at the European Age Group Championships is made up of a maximum of 2 partnerships in Men's Pair (MP); Women's Pair (WP); Mixed pair (MxP); Men's Group (MG) and Women's Group (WG) with the maximum number of gymnasts capped at 52.
<b>Nomination to Trial Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The English Championships (4/5 May 2019 – Newton Aycliffe) is a new National Competition and will be used by the GBR National Coach as a pre-trial event to assess gymnasts' development and current form. It is the latest event available to decide on eligibility to Trial. The closing date to enter this event is midday 23rd March 2019. For entry information please contact Jan Charlton the EGA Administrator - <a href="mailto:jan.charlton@englishgymnastics.org.uk">jan.charlton@englishgymnastics.org.uk</a></li> <li>2. Unchanged Partnerships who competed at the Worlds &amp; World Age Group Championships 2018 will be automatically eligible to Trial without participating in the English Championships 2019. However, they must confirm their intention to Trial in writing to the Programme Officer by <b>Tuesday 7 May 2019 13:00hrs</b>.</li> <li>3. At the English Championships the partnership with the highest sum of all 3 routines with an average Execution mark of 8.3 or higher automatically qualifies for the Trials.</li> <li>4. The National Coach can nominate more partnerships to trial up to a total of 5 in each category, if necessary. These additional partnerships would not necessarily need to have competed at, or be the next ranked, at the English Championships. (see also point 6 below).</li> <li>5. In the event of a partnership not participating at the English Championships, due to injury, or other valid reasons, they could be nominated to trial by the National Coach if he considers them competent to challenge at the Trials.</li> </ol>
<b>Nomination Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A maximum of 52 gymnasts may be nominated for selection, with a maximum of two partnerships per age group category and per discipline.</li> <li>2. Nomination for the Team will be conducted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Selection</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The five best Execution Scores from the six routines performed at the Selection Events will be averaged. If this average score is equal to or higher than the Benchmark score of 8.50, the Partnership can be Nominated for Selection.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>b. All Age Group partnerships within the same discipline will be ranked by their average score.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For the 11-16 Age Group, two of the five scores used to calculate the average score must be from the routine (Balance or Dynamic) that is not used as the final routine for that discipline in with accordance FIG rules.</p> <p>c. The selection event results do not result in automatic nomination for selection in the order of the Final Overall Ranking but will be used in the National Coach and Selection Panel considerations.</p> <p>d. Throughout the selection process, where there is no partnership in a category, or the lack of a suitable partnership within a category, the National Coach may suggest a partnership moves up or down an Age Group (providing FIG regulations are not broken) if in his assessment the revised Age Group is more appropriate for that partnership. Should this change be agreed by the personal coach of the partnership in question, the personal coach should confirm their agreement, in writing, to the Performance Manager.</p> <p>e. The Selection Panel may nominate partnerships for allotted places under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. The partnership has achieved the benchmark score for Execution of 8.50.</li> <li>II. The partnership is deemed by the National Coach and Selection Panel to be a medal probability for Competition II.</li> <li>III. The National Coach and Selection Panel deem competing at the event a suitable performance development opportunity for the nominated partnership.</li> <li>IV. Allotted places are not guaranteed, and the use of such places is not open to appeal.</li> </ol> <p>f. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.</p> <p>g. Nominated partnerships, including any reserve(s), will be expected to maintain readiness to compete and may be requested to prove this during any of the club visits made by the National Coach prior to the Championships.</p> <p>h. Nominated gymnasts and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017 – 2021 and any subsequent Codes of Conduct adopted by British Gymnastics.</p> <p>i. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. The number of available accreditations.</li> <li>II. The needs of the team.</li> <li>III. The ability to operate as part of a team, to be considered and measured in situations of responsibility and pressure, to work with their own gymnasts as well as others, and to support all team members.</li> <li>IV. Minimum Level 3 qualification or equivalent, with a current DBS and Safeguarding and Protecting Children certificate.</li> <li>V. Previous international experience and performance.</li> </ol> <p>Commitment required meetings, pre event training, and the selection event.</p>
<p><b>Selection Panel</b></p>	<p>1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed within this Policy, the National Coach will consult with the Performance Manager. Account will be made for</p>

	<p>any relevant input deemed necessary from the medical staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts. The Performance Manager will consult with the other members of the Selection Panel (the Technical Committee Chairman and the National Judge Co-ordinator) to agree the nominations.</p> <p>2. The nominated gymnasts / partnerships and coaches will be those who meet the nomination criteria, and:</p> <p>a) In the opinion of the National Coach and the Selection Panel, are most able to achieve the targets listed within the section 'Performance Targets'.</p> <p>AND / OR</p> <p>b) In the opinion of the National Coach and the Selection Panel have a potential for development.</p> <p>3. Following the above process, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated partnerships and coaches to the Approval Panel for their examination.</p>
<b>Approval Panel</b>	<p>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the BG Performance Director and the BG Head of Performance Programmes to consider the nominations of the partnerships and coaches received from the Selection Panel and ratify this as appropriate.</p> <p>2. If the Selection Panel submit insufficient partnerships than the available team places, the Approval Panel have the opportunity to make referral back to the Selection Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended.</p> <p>3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the team / partnerships with the Performance Manager no later than midday Wednesday 31 July 2019.</p>
<b>Communication of Selections</b>	<p>1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, British Gymnastics will notify all the clubs involved in the selection process of the selection decisions by 16.00hrs on the 31 July 2019.</p> <p>2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes in effect.</p> <p>3. Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the appeals window has closed.</p>
<b>Appeals</b>	<p>1. Appeals can only be submitted by gymnasts from the non-selected partnerships from 16.00hrs on Wednesday 31 July to 16.00hrs on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 on the basis that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</p> <p>2. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' selection appeals process, details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website. <a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file</a>.</p>
<b>Designated Selection Events</b>	<p>1. The selection policy described below applies to the following selection events:</p> <p>1. <b>Selection 1 – 6/7 July 2019 - Control event – All Age Groups – LNSC</b></p> <p><b>11-16 Age Group:</b> 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine and 1 final routine (balance or dynamic in accordance FIG rules for each discipline)</p> <p><b>12-18 &amp; 13-19 Age Group:</b> 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, and 1 combined routine</p> <p>2. <b>Selection 2 – British Championships, 26/2 8 July 2019 Liverpool Echo Arena - All Age Groups</b></p>

	<p><b>11-16 Age Group:</b> 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine and final routine (balance or dynamic)</p> <p><b>12-18 &amp; 13-19 Age Group:</b> 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, 1 combined routine</p> <p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the Designated Selection Event above must provide immediate written authentication of the injury or illness by a registered medical practitioner or chartered physiotherapist. This documentation must be submitted to the Performance Manager.</i></p>
<p><b>Injury &amp; Replacement</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, a partnership or gymnast may be called upon to join the Team at any time.</li> <li>2. Once the Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel and announced, all selected gymnasts (including the reserves) must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or competition readiness at any time up to the conclusion of the Championships.</li> <li>3. All selected gymnasts must declare medications they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications, and submit these in writing for the attention of the Performance Manager.</li> <li>4. A gymnast / partnership or coach may be removed from the Team in the event of non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Codes of Conduct adopted by the Team. Prior to removal the gymnast / partnership or coach must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Head of Delegation (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Head of Delegation. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</li> <li>5. Once selected until departure for the competition, where a gymnast / partnership is unable to train for a significant period time, where a significant period of time is defined as seven continuous days or more, the primary coach must declare this information to the Performance Manager.</li> <li>6. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to departure to the competition, should any partnership / gymnast fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, the National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Performance Manager / Selection Panel. If supported by the Selection Panel the case will be referred to the Approval Panel who will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast / partnership to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</li> <li>7. At any stage following the arrival of the Team at the competition and during the event, should any gymnast/partnership fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, the National Coach may recommend de-selection to Head of Delegation. The Head of Delegation will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast/partnership to attend an interview to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</li> <li>8. In the event there is a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Codes of Conduct adopted, during or after the competition, i.e. the banquet and prior to returning to the UK, depending on the circumstances, gymnasts or officials may receive a penalty. In the case of a gymnast this will impact on present or future partnerships they are in until the expiry date of the penalty imposed.</li> </ol>

	<p>9. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast / partnership to compete to the best of their ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The gymnast will be referred to British Gymnastics’ a designated Medical Officer to undergo a medical examination to determine their fitness to participate. Initially this will be based on an assessment of whether or not the injury, illness and /or medical condition is such that the gymnast is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.</li> <li>b) If the gymnast passes the initial medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer but British Gymnastics still has concerns over whether or not the gymnast is able to compete to the best of their ability due to the underlying injury, illness or condition, the gymnast will be required to undertake British Gymnastics’ designated “Fitness Test”.</li> <li>c) The Fitness Test will require the gymnast to perform a minimum of one routine with their partnership, to members of the Selection Panel and the National Coach at a set time and location. The panel will analyse the routine(s) and must be in agreement that the partnership is capable of achieving the performance standards expected by the time of the competition and alternative partnerships seen at the Selection Events do not offer a better alternative.</li> <li>d) In the event that a gymnast fails to complete the Fitness Test to the required standard, they will be removed from the Team, a decision that is not open to appeal.</li> </ul> <p>10. In the event that a gymnast within a partnership changes after the announcement of the team, the new partnerships must first be declared to the Performance Manager. A change of partnership may be considered under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The new partnership is able to demonstrate all three routines and will be ‘assessed’ by the National Coach, with a minimum of one or more of the Selection Panel, at a set time and location (TBC).</li> <li>b) The panel must be convinced and in agreement that there is not a more viable partnership seen at the Selection Events, and that the replacement gymnast(s) and partnership is capable of achieving the Performance Targets set within this policy.</li> </ul> <p>11. Any replacement partnership(s) will be made by the National Coach and Performance Manager on the basis of the needs of the Team. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
<p><b>Team Organisation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There will be a mandatory Team Training Camp 5/6 Oct 2019. Venue and details to be confirmed but this camp will cover kitting out, final checking of tariff sheets and Team meetings.</li> <li>2. If they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Gymnast Agreement 2017 - 2021.</li> <li>3. The Team will depart for Israel on Sunday 19 Oct 2019 (date tbc)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Team will be announced on or before <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019</b>. Selected Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any personal websites) regarding their selection until after British Gymnastics have announced the Team selection on the British Gymnastics website (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>).</li> </ul>

<p><b>Any additional matters not covered by this Policy</b></p>	<p>1. Any matters arising from the selection process that are not covered within this policy shall be determined by the Approval Panel (or representative thereof) acting at their sole discretion.</p>
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**European Age Group Competitions Selection Policy  
Approved By:**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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# ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION EVENT

## DECLARATION of INTENTION TO COMPETE

EUROPEAN AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS

19 Oct – 3 Nov 2019

All partnerships must declare their wish to participate in the Selection Trials in writing to the Programme Officer by Tuesday 13:00hrs **7 May 2019**. Please email Marie Johnson with Partnership Category, Gymnasts Names, Name of Club and Personal Coach.

You will be contacted within a month to confirm your gymnasts' acceptance to trial, at which point you will be asked to make the trial payment of £25 per gymnast via an online entry.

**Entry Closing Date: 13.00hrs Tuesday 7th May 2019**

Gymnast name	DoB	Membership No.	Primary Coach	Club

When submitting entries for a British Gymnastics selection event the onus is on the club and the coaches to:

- ensure that the coaches attending are qualified to the level of the participants' performance
- ensure that all parents/guardians are aware of this policy and wish for their son or daughter to be entered and are available for selection

Where a partnership is not automatically eligible to trial, coaches are asked to submit a full set of results from a recent competition with this form.

I would like to submit a request for the above gymnasts to trial for the 2019 European Age Group Competitions. I can confirm that the above criteria have been adhered to, and entries are made having read and understood the Selection Policy.

PERSONAL COACH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COACHING QUALIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ENHANCED CRB EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NB. British Gymnastics may elect to video the selection events which may be used for analysis and selection purposes.

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED:** Only coaches listed below will be eligible to be considered for selection for the Championships.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Cycle of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CRB Status \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit declarations to:

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