

# BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

## ACROBATICS Gymnastics

### Senior World Championships, Geneva, SUI

25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

1. Introduction and Competition Format	<p>UEG Competition I &amp; II</p> <p>Competition I (CI): Balance, Dynamic and Combined qualification for Competition II (CII)</p> <p>Competition II: Final (Top 8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation, if less than 12 units in a category, only 6 will proceed to the final and if 30 or more units, 10 go to the final.)</p> <p>Team Ranking – Scores from CI will count for the team ranking as per the UEG Technical Regulations point 3.3.3</p> <p>In accordance with the current UEG Technical Regulations, Statutes, Code of Points (CoP) and Table of Difficulty (ToD) 2017-2020</p>
2. Performance Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualify 2 or more partnerships for Competition II</li> <li>• 1 medal in Competition II</li> </ul>
3. Selection Process / Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Selection Events – 2019 European Championships &amp; the Pat Wade Classic – 15/16 February 2020</li> <li>• Nomination &amp; Approval Meetings – Sunday 16 February 2020 at Fenton Manor.</li> <li>• Communication of selections to coaches – by 16.00hrs Monday 17 February 2020</li> <li>• Appeals Deadline – Wednesday 19 February 16.00 hrs</li> <li>• Team Announcement by. British Gymnastics – Monday 24 February 2020 (time tbc)</li> </ul>
4. FIG Entry deadlines	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the World Championships 2020 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional Entry – by 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 latest</li> <li>• Definitive Entry – by 26 Feb 2020 latest</li> <li>• Nominative Entry – by 1 May 2020 latest</li> </ul>
5. Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are:</li> <li>• a British Citizen holding a British passport</li> <li>• a minimum of 15 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 (arranged via British. Gymnastics)</li> </ul>
6. The 'Team'	<p>1. The 'Team' means athletes, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, judges, Team Leaders, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the Performance Sport staff that is selected by British Gymnastics.</p>
7. Nomination Panel	<p>1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Event listed within this Policy, the National Coach will consult with the Performance Manager. Account will be made for any relevant input deemed necessary from the medical staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts. The</p>

	<p>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 style="padding-left: 40px;">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>OR</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) In the opinion of the National Coach and the Selection Panel, deem competing at the event a suitable performance development opportunity.</p> <p>Following the above process, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated partnerships and coaches to the Approval Panel on Sunday 16 February 2020.</p>
8. Approval Panel	<p>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Performance Director and the Head of Performance Programmes will consider the nominations of the partnerships and coaches received from the Selection Panel and ratify these as appropriate.</p> <p>2. In the event that 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 09.00 hrs Monday 17 February 2020</p>
9. Communication of selections	<p>Once the Approval Panel confirm the selection of the team, the Performance Manager will notify all age eligible British Squad Athletes and their personal coaches by 16.00hrs Monday 17 February 2020.</p> <p>Once selections have been communicated, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect.</p> <p>Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until after the official Team Announcement on the 24 February (see also section 15)</p>
10. Athlete /Appeals	<p>Appeals can only be submitted by gymnasts from the non-selected partnerships from 16.00hrs on Monday 17 February to 16.00hrs on Wednesday 19 February 2020 on the basis that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</p> <p>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/5305-selection-appeals-process/file">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/5305-selection-appeals-process/file</a></p>
11. Designated Selection Events	<p>The following two events will be used for consideration in selecting the GBR Team for the World ACROBATICS World Championships 2020: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>European Age Group and European Championships 2019.</i></li> <li>• <i>Pat Wade Classic 15/16 February 2020</i></li> </ul>
12. Nomination Process	<p>1. Gold medallists from the European Championships 2019 will automatically be selected for the Worlds/World Age 2020 provided there is no change of partners or age group.</p> <p>NB These automatic selections will be dependent on a proof of fitness process February – April 2020 to be agreed with the National Coach and the Nomination Panel.</p> <p>2. For the remaining places, performances and results from the European Age Group Competition or European Championships 2019 and the Pat Wade Classic 2020 will be considered to ensure the selection of the strongest possible GBR Teams at the World Age Group and World Championships 2020. If the average score of the best 2 routines at the Pat Wade Classic is equal to or higher than the benchmark score of 8.50, the Partnership can be Nominated for Selection.</p>

	<p><b>NB As is usual with the Selection Process it will not necessarily be taken off ranking order from either the Europeans/Euro Age Group 2019 or the Pat Wade Classic 2020.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Participation and performance at World Cups in March and possibly April 2020 may also be taken into consideration.</li> <li>4. Partnerships participating at the European Age Group Competition or European Championships 2019 who can't participate at Pat Wade Classic 2020 due to documented injury, or any other valid reason, may still be considered for Selection if:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 1 or less partnerships at the required level.</li> <li>• A partnership is clearly considered to be in the top two in the UK in their class and age category at the time of the Pat Wade event 2020.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Due to the selection time constraints caused by the short time between the Europeans 2019 and the Worlds 2020, the ACRO Selection Panel will have complete discretion in considering any other selection matters not covered in this Policy.</li> </ol>
13 Injury & Replacement	<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. 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, (a significant period of time 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>

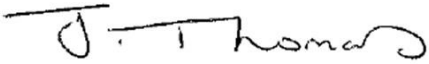
	<p>9. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast / partnership to compete to the best of their ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The gymnast 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> </ol> <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> <ol 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> </ol> <p>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>
14 Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There may be a mandatory Team Training Camp (Venue and details to be confirmed) which, if held will cover kitting out, final checking of tariff sheets and Team meetings. In the event of there being no Team Training Camp – Tariff Sheets and music will be requested by British Gymnastics on a date TBC for pre-competition checking and submission.</li> <li>2. All gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Gymnast Agreement 2017 – 2021</li> </ol> <p>The Team will be required to travel altogether and will depart for Geneva on or around 27 May 2020 (tbc).</p>
15 Team Announcement	<p>The Team will be announced by British Gymnastics <b>Monday 24 February 2020 (time tbc)</b>. All Selected Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including through social media) 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>).</p>
16 Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any matters arising from the selection process that are not covered within this policy shall be determined by the Approval Panel acting at their sole discretion.</li> </ol>

## ACROBATICS Selection policy for the 2020 World Championships (Geneva, SUI)

APPROVED BY:

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Mel Sanders  
Chair, ACRO Technical Committee

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James Thomas  
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### MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

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