

SELECTION POLICY

European Age Group Competition & Junior European Championships

Rzeszow (POL)

13th – 15th October 2017 (Age Group) & 19th – 22nd October (Juniors)

Competition Format	<p>Age Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEG Competition I & II • Competition I (CI): Balance and Dynamic Qualification for Competition II (CII) • Competition II (CII): Balance or Dynamic Final (11-16) (Top 6-8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation), Combined Final (12-18) (Top 6-8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation) <p>Juniors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEG Competition I, II & III • Competition I (CI): Balance and Dynamic Qualification for Competition II (CII) and Competition III (CIII) • Competition II: Balance and Dynamic Finals (Top 6 - 8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation) • Competition III: All Around Final (Top 6 - 8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation) <p>In accordance with the current UEG and FIG Technical Regulations, UEG Statutes, FIG Code of Points (CoP) and Table of Difficulty (ToD) 2017-2020</p>
Performance Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify 4 partnerships for Competition II • 2-3 medals in Competition II • Qualify 3 partnerships for Competition III • 1-2 medals in Competition III
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a British Citizen holding a British passport • 11-16 Age Group: a minimum of 11 years old and a maximum of 16 years old in the year of competition • 12-18 Age Group: a minimum of 12 years old and a maximum of 18 years old in the year of competition • 13-19 Age Group (Juniors): a minimum of 13 years old and a maximum of 19 years old in the year of competition • a current British Gymnastics member in good standing • In possession of a Gymnast Licence held with FIG
The 'Team'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Nomination Panel are the National Coach, the Performance Manager, the National Judging Coordinator and a neutral party agreed by the Approval Panel. 2. Upon completion of the Designated Selection Events listed within this Policy, the National Coach will consult with the members of the Nomination Panel, taking into account any relevant input deemed necessary from medical staff, to discuss and agree the nomination of the gymnasts. 3. Following the above process, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated partnerships and coaches to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny.
Approval Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Performance Director and the Executive Director (Technical & Education) will consider the nominations of the partnerships and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify this as appropriate. 2. In the event that the Nomination Panel submit insufficient partnerships than the available team places, the Approval Panel have the opportunity to make referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended. 3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the team / partnerships with the Performance Manager not later than Friday 4th August 2017.
Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals may be lodged against the Team nominations only on the grounds that this Policy has not been applied as stated; appeals will not be considered against the Policy itself. 2. Appeals can only be made by a gymnast themselves with an immediate grievance on the grounds stated above, and not by any family member, friend, coach or other person. 3. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' selection appeals process, details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website (www.british-gymnastics.org). 4. Publication of the Team Announcement on the British Gymnastics website will start the three-day appeal window.
Nomination Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A maximum of one partnership per age group and per category, plus an additional thirteen gymnasts across the three age groups, may be nominated for selection on the basis of achieving the best result for Great Britain or, in the view of the National Coach, have the potential for future development. 2. By entering the selection process, partnerships agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy. An application to trial form at the end of this policy confirms this and must be completed and returned as per the instructions on the form. 3. Applications to trial are invited from partnerships meeting the Eligibility criteria and one or more of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Selected to represent Great Britain at the 2016 World Age Group Competition, where all gymnasts within the partnership remain as selected for that event. b) Achieved an average execution score of 8.3 (before the score is doubled) at the 2017 British Tournament, where average execution score is calculated from the three routines performed at the 2017 British Tournament. 4. Partnerships who meet the Eligibility criteria and point 3a above automatically qualify to trial.

5. Partnerships who meet the Eligibility criteria and point 3b above, and who are ranked first on average execution score at the 2017 British Tournament automatically qualify to trial.
6. All remaining applications to trial will be reviewed by the National Coach with a final decision on attending the Designated Selection Events no later than Friday 28th April 2017. Partnerships who meet the Eligibility criteria but do not meet the criteria in point 3b above must support their application to trial with full results from a recent competition.
7. A maximum of four partnerships per category will be allowed to trial. With the support of the Nomination Panel, the National Coach may elect to invite one additional partnership per category to attend the Designated Selection Events. In all cases partnerships must be considered to be competitive and capable of obtaining an average execution score of 8.5 (before the score is doubled) at the Designated Selection Events.
8. Partnerships wishing to be considered for nomination must achieve an average execution score of 8.5 (before the score is doubled) at the Designated Selection Events. The average execution score will be calculated as follows:
 - a) 11-16 Age Group: Scores from the two highest scoring routines used for the final, plus the highest score from the remaining routine, over the Designated Selection Events will be averaged.
 - b) 12-18 Age Group & Juniors: Scores from the four highest routines over the Designated Selection Events will be averaged.
9. British Gymnastics reserves the right to amend the average execution scores required should the results of FIG events in early 2017 indicate that these scores are either too high or too low.
10. Should partnerships not reach the required standards of performance the Nomination Panel may, at their discretion, nominate partnerships who are deemed capable of achieving the targets in the section 'Performance Targets' or who, in the judgement of the National Coach have potential for future development.
11. 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.
12. Nominated partnerships and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017-2020 and any subsequent Codes of Conduct adopted by British Gymnastics.
13. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon the following criteria:
 - a) The number of available accreditations.
 - b) The needs of the team.
 - c) 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.
 - d) High Performance Coach qualification or equivalent, with a current DBS and Safeguarding and Protecting Children certificate.
 - e) Previous international experience and performance.
 - f) Commitment required for meetings, pre event training, and the selection event.

<p>Designated Selection Events</p>	<p>1. The selection policy described above applies to the following Designated Selection Event:</p> <p>a) Selection 1 – Saturday 1st July or Sunday 2nd July 2017*</p> <p>Lilleshall National Sports Centre</p> <p>Juniors & 12-18 Age Group: 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, 1 combined routine</p> <p>11-16 Age Group: 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, 1 final routine</p> <p>*Date will be confirmed following trial entry deadline.</p> <p>b) Selection 2 – British Championships, Friday 28th July, Saturday 29th July & Sunday 30th July 2017</p> <p>Liverpool Echo Arena</p> <p>Juniors & 12-18 Age Group: 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, 1 combined routine (if qualified for Finals)</p> <p>11-16 Age Group: 1 balance routine, 1 dynamic routine, 1 final routine (if qualified for Finals)</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>Injury & Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Once the Team selection has 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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.
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.
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 due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:
 - a) The gymnast must arrange to see a registered medical practitioner or chartered physiotherapist to undergo a medical examination to determine their fitness to compete. 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.
 - b) Written authentication of the injury or illness by the registered medical practitioner or chartered physiotherapist must then be submitted to the Performance Manager to include their decision as to whether the gymnast is fit to compete. This documentation will then be reviewed by a member of the British Gymnastics approved medical personnel.
 - c) If the gymnast passes the initial medical examination carried out by the medical practitioner or chartered physiotherapist 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".
 - d) 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.
 - e) 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.
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:
 - 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).

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 _____

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