



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' NOMINATION POLICY

Acrobatic Gymnastics

Youth Olympic Games,

Parque Polideportivo Roca, Buenos Aires, ARG

6th-18th October 2018

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The Youth Olympic Games is an event whereby athletes represent the British Olympic Association (BOA) (the National Olympic Committee for Great Britain), therefore British Gymnastics only <u>nominate</u> athletes to the BOA. The BOA will confirm the selection of athletes and any associated support staff.</p> <p>The Youth Olympic Games is a PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT competition for British Gymnastics. A Performance Development competition means that selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals in the next cycle as Senior athletes.</p> <p>The Nomination of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games will be made according to this policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for the Youth Olympic Games, each delegation may enter a maximum of 1x MxP (15-18 age group) in total, depending on qualifying a NOC quota place at the Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Event at the WAGC in Antwerp April 2018.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for the Youth Olympic Games, each delegation may enter a maximum of 1 x MxP (15-18 age group) in total for Acrobatic Gymnastics.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>These Performance Targets and the selection principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and aims of the GBR Acrobatic Performance Programme to win Medals at World Games, World Championship and European Championship level in 2019 and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Final and challenge for a medal
<p>3. Nomination Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Selection Event – 16 June 2018 • Nomination Selection Meeting – 18th June • Nomination to Approval Panel – 19th June • Approval of Nominations – 21st June • Communication of nominations – 22 June • Appeals Deadline – midday 24 June
<p>4. BOA Entry deadlines</p>	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the BOA/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the Youth Olympic Games 2018 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortlist Entry – 24th April 2018 - Final entry 1st August 2018

1) Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG Junior Code of Points. (WAGC 15-18) • MxP
2) Eligibility Criteria	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a British Citizen, holding a British passport • To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003. • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG
3) The 'Team'	<p>1. The 'Team' means the team which is selected by British Gymnastics and includes athletes, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, judges, Team Leaders, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the Performance Sport staff.</p>
4) Nomination Panel	<p>1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Event listed in this Policy, the ACRO Head National Coach will consult with the National Coaches & Judges, the Technical Committee Chairman and the National Judge Co-ordinator to take into account any relevant input deemed necessary to consider the nomination.</p> <p>2. The nominated gymnasts / partnerships and coaches will be those who meet the nomination criteria, and: 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'. b) In the opinion of the National Coach and the Selection Panel have a potential for future development.</p> <p>3. Following the above process, the Head Coach and the Non-Olympic Performance Manager will meet on the 18th June to discuss and agree the nomination and then forward the nominated partnership and coach to the Approval Panel for their consideration by the 19th June.</p>
5) Approval Panel	<p>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Performance Director and Head of Performance Programmes will consider the nominations for athletes and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate.</p> <p>2. In the event that the Nomination Panel provides insufficient athletes to fill the available Team places, the Approval Panel will make referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended.</p> <p>3. The Approval Panel will confirm the nominations of the Team by the 21st June.</p>
6) Communication of Nominations/Selection	<p>1. Once the Approval panel confirm the nomination of the team, the Non-Olympic Performance Manager will notify partnerships and coaches involved in the selection process of the nomination. This will be by midday on the 22 June 2018.</p> <p>2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes in effect.</p> <p>3. <u>Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the appeals window has closed and the BOA have confirmed the selections.</u></p>
7) Appeals	<p>1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday 22 June up to midday on 24th June 2018, for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</p> <p>2. The selection of coaches and judges is not open to appeal under any circumstance.</p> <p>3. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' Appeals Process. Details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website; https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file.</p>

<p>8) Designated Selection Events</p>	<p>1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YOG Control Event LNSC – 16 June 2018 2. National Squad & Club Training viewed by the National Coach; and competition results taken place between (1st January – 16th June 2018) <p>In order to be considered for selection, a gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during this selection period must provide written authentication of the injury or illness by one of the medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics (listed at the end of this Policy). This documentation must be submitted to the Non-Olympic Programme Manager</p>
<p>9) Nomination Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes will be selected on the basis of achieving the best result for Great Britain. 2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy. 3. Following the final selection event, the Youth Olympic Games partnership will be nominated for selection based on the partnership deemed the most capable of achieving the Acro performance targets for Great Britain at the Youth Olympic Games 2018. 4. The second-placed partnership will be named as the non-travelling reserve partnership. 5. Nominated athletes and coaches (including the non-travelling reserve partnership) will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Acro Head National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete. All routines practised must be the ones performed at the designated selection event. 6. Nominated athletes and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2017 – 21 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics. 7. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selected partnership's best needs • Their ability to lead, organise and control in situations of high responsibility and stress • Their international experience and performance. • Their attendance at all required meetings, squad training and events.
<p>10) Injury & Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, the reserve partnership from the trial may be called upon to join the Team at any time. 2. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel, all selected athletes must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or competition at any time until the point of the Championships. 3. All selected athletes must declare any medications they are taking, the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to the Head of Science & Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval. 4. An athlete or coach may be removed from the Team in the event of a non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Codes of Behaviour adopted by the Team. Prior to removal the athlete or coach will 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. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to departure to the competition, should the selected partnership fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the Acro Head National Coach may recommend de-selection of the partnership to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the partnership to make a counter-argument, and then pass

	<p>judgement. Written justification must be provided for any change. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p>6. At any stage following the arrival of the Team at the competition and during the event, should any athlete fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the Acro Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to Head of Delegation. The Head of Delegation will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the 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.</p> <p>7. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of the 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> <p>a) The athlete (s) will be referred to British Gymnastics’ 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 and/or illness is such that the athlete is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the athletes to perform their routine(s) to the standard required in selection.</p> <p>d) In the event that a partnership 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.</p> <p>8. Any replacement partnership required will be made by the Acro Head National Coach on the basis of the needs of the Team and will be the partnership nominated as non-travelling reserve. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
11) Team Organisation	<p>1. The Team will attend any pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions (to be confirmed by the Acro Head National Coach)</p> <p>2. The Team will transfer to Argentina on/ around Wednesday 3rd October 2018 and depart the Championships on Friday 19th October 2018. <u>Final travel details will be confirmed by the BOA.</u></p> <p>3. In the event that they have not already done so, all athletes within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Performance Athlete Agreement 2017 - 21.</p> <p>4. In the event that they have not already done so, all coaches within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ ‘International and National Representative Coaches Code of Conduct’.</p>
12) Announcement	<p>1. 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 confirmation from the British Olympic Association (BOA).</p>
13) Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<p>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.</p>

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