



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' NOMINATION POLICY

Acrobatic Gymnastics

2019 European Games

Minsk (BLR)

21-30 June 2019

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The European Games is an event whereby gymnasts represent the British Olympic Association (BOA) (the National Olympic Committee for Great Britain), therefore British Gymnastics only <u>nominate</u> gymnasts to the BOA. The BOA will confirm the selection of gymnasts and any associated support staff.</p> <p>The European Games is a PERFORMANCE competition for British Gymnastics. A Performance competition means that selections will be made based on nominating the gymnasts most capable of achieving the best results possible for GB at these Championships.</p> <p>The Nomination of gymnasts to represent Great Britain at the 2019 European Games will be made according to this policy.</p> <p>Gymnasts should note that for the European Games, the GBR Acrobatics delegation may enter one Women's Group of three gymnasts in total.</p> <p>This is based on having qualified the position amongst the European Nations in the Women's Senior Group competition at the World Championships in Antwerp (BEL) April 2018.</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 final and medal at top World and European level in 2019 and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target: 1 x Final
<p>3. Nomination Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Games Acro Trial – LNSC 9th February 2019. (see also section 13 below) • Nomination Selection Meeting – 9th February (post Trial) LNSC • Final nomination to Approval Panel – 11th February • Approval of Nominations – 14th February by 12.00 noon • Informal Communication of nominations to personal coaches – 14th February by 16.00 hrs • 48 hr appeal period opens until 16.00 hrs on the 16th February • Team Announcement by the BOA – see section 4 below
<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 the GBR Team shortlist and final entry to the European Games 2019 are TBC</p>
<p>5. Competition Format</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points. (Senior Group)

6. 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 • Seniors: a minimum of 15 years old in the year of competition • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG
7. The 'Team'	<p>1. The 'Team' means the team which is selected by British Gymnastics and includes gymnasts, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, judges, Team Leaders, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the Performance Sport staff.</p>
8. Nomination Panel	<p>1. Members of the Acrobatics Nomination Panel are the National Acrobatics Coach, Acrobatics Technical Committee Chairman, the Acrobatics National Judge Co-ordinator and the Non-Olympic Performance Manager.</p> <p>2. The nominated gymnasts / partnership and coach (s) will be those who meet the nomination criteria, and: a) In the opinion of the Acrobatics Nomination Panel, are most able to achieve the target listed within the section 'Performance Targets'. b) In the opinion of the Acrobatics Nomination Panel may also have a potential for future development.</p> <p>3. Following the above process, the Non-Olympic Performance Manager will then forward the nominated partnership and coach to the Approval Panel by 12.00hrs on the 11th February 2019 for their consideration.</p>
9. Approval Panel	<p>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Performance Director and Head of Performance Programmes will consider the nominations for gymnasts and coach received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate.</p> <p>2. If the Nomination Panel provides insufficient athletes to fill the available Team places, the Approval Panel may 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 by 12.00 noon on the 14th February 2019.</p>
10. Communication of Nominations/Selection	<p>1. Once the Approval Panel confirm the nomination of the team, the Non-Olympic Performance Manager will notify the personal coaches. This will be by 16.00 hrs on the 14th February 2019</p> <p>2. Once this communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect.</p> <p>3. <u>Gymnasts 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>
11. Appeals	<p>1. Appeals can only be submitted from 16.00 hrs on the 14th February 2019 for a non-selected gymnast, on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. This period closes at 16.00 hrs on the 16th February 2019.</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;</p> <p>https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file.</p>
12. Designated Selection Events	<p>The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. European Games Trial* – LNSC – Saturday 9th Feb 2019. (12.00 – 15.00 hrs) 2. Club Training and observation of the registered gymnasts by the National Acrobatics Coach for the period November 1st, 2018 up to February 8th, 2019 <p><i>*The format of the trial will be 1 x balance routine; 1 x dynamic routine; 1 x combined routine.</i></p>

	<p>To be considered for selection, a gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during this selection period outlined above 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>13. Nomination Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gymnasts will be selected on the basis of achieving the best result for Great Britain. 2. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy. 3. Following the close of the identified selection window, the European Games partnership will be nominated for selection based on being the partnership deemed the most capable of achieving the performance targets outlined in section 2 of this policy. 4. A non-travelling replacement partnership may be named if of the appropriate standard. 5. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including the non-travelling replacement gymnasts) will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Acrobatic Nomination Panel as part of the preparations for the Games to prove their readiness to compete. 6. Nominated gymnasts 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. The Team Coach 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>14. Injury & Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, the replacement gymnasts (if named) from the trial may be called upon to join the Team. 2. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel, all selected gymnasts 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 Games. 3. All selected gymnasts 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. A gymnast 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 gymnast 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 Acrobatics Nomination Panel may recommend de-selection of any gymnast to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Written justification must be provided for any change. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal. 6. At any stage following the arrival of the Team at the competition and during the event, should any gymnast fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the BOA Chef de Mission in close consultation with the nominated Acrobatics European Games Coach, may recommend de-selection and replacement with a nominated replacement gymnast should time permit.

	<p>7. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of any gymnast 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"> a) The gymnast 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 gymnast is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators. 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”. c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the athletes to perform the routine(s) to the standard required in selection. 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. <p>8. Any replacement gymnast required will be made by the Acrobatics Nomination Panel on the basis of the best needs of the Team and will be selected from replacement gymnasts nominated as non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
15. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The partnership will attend any pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions (to be confirmed by the Acrobatics Nomination Panel) 2. <u>Final travel details will be confirmed by the BOA when available.</u> 3. In the event that they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the selected partnership and non-travelling reserves will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Performance Athlete Agreement 2017 - 21. 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’.
16. Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). (date tbc)
17. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Selection policy for the Acrobatic European Games Team - Minsk (UKR) June 2019

APPROVED BY:

Signed 
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Melanie Sanders
Chair, Acrobatics Technical Committee

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James Thomas
Performance Director

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

Chris Tomlinson (British Gymnastics' Chief Medical Officer)
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ACRO European Games Trial Registration Form

LNSC - 9th February 2019 12.00hrs- 15.00 hrs TBC

I _____ (full name) wish to be considered for selection to the British Team for the European Games Acrobatics Women’s Group event at the 2019 European Games in Minsk.

I acknowledge that I have read, been given opportunity to discuss, understand, and agree the British Gymnastics’ Selection Policy for the Acrobatic Gymnastics Event at the 2019 European Games.

My normal contact details for further correspondence are given below. I undertake to notify the British Gymnastics’ Non-Olympic Programme Officer immediately should these details change.

Address:	
Home phone:	
Mobile phone:	
Email:	
Club:	
Personal coach:	
Personal coach email:	
Gymnast BG Membership Number	

This acknowledgement ensures that I will be afforded fair and equal opportunity to gain selection to the Team in accordance with the Selection Policy but does not guarantee my selection in any way.

Signature of athlete:
Date:

Please email this form to Marie Johnson, marie.johnson@british-gymnastics.org

To complete your registration to trial, an entry fee of **£10.00** needs to be paid by bank transfer using the details below. To be considered, **Deadline for this form and entry fee - 23 November 2018**

British Gymnastics Bank Details

- NatWest Bank
- Account Number – 0862 5328
- Sort Code – 54 10 36
- Reference – acro EG (gymnast initials)