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<th>1. Introduction</th>
<th>The AEROBICS World Championships and World Age Group Competitions 2021 is a PERFORMANCE competition. A Performance event means that selections will be made based on the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to make finals and win medals. However, with the 2020 World /WAGC Aerobic Gymnastics Championships postponed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic this policy sets out a revised policy taking into account the unique circumstances that we now have to deal with in selecting the GBR Teams to represent Great Britain at the 2021 World Championships and World Age Group Championships.</th>
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| 2. Performance Targets | Seniors: Qualify 1 or more category / partnership in the Top 16 and 1 in the Final
Juniors: Qualify 1 or more category / partnership in the Top 16 and 1 in the Final |
| 3. Selection Process / Timelines | Due to the unprecedent local and global challenges because of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is currently possible that there may be no scheduled British Gymnastics domestic competitions or Squad Training prior to the Definitive/Nominative entry deadlines for the 2021 World/WAGC. Therefore, the following policy has been agreed by the AERO Selection Nomination Panel:

1. Those gymnasts selected unconditionally ranked 1st for the 2020 WCh/WAGC in March 2020 (individually OR in the same partnership) will be assessed remotely by video submission* 20/21 February 2021 in order to confirm Definitive entries by the 24 February FIG deadline. These entries will be made based on demonstrating fitness and standard to achieve the targets outlined in section 2 of this policy.

2. New partnerships/individuals covering gymnasts who had either been selected for the WCh/WAGC 2020 OR who are current members of the Aerobics Performance Squad. will be assessed remotely by video submission* 20/21 February 2021 to confirm Definitive entries by the 24 February FIG deadline. These entries will be made based on demonstrating fitness and standard to achieve targets outlined in section 2. These partnerships/individuals in 1 and 2 above will submit a video* to the Panel for monitoring of progress by the 15 February 2021

A further group of potential new partnerships and Individuals (Group 3) will also provide video evidence* to the Panel for monitoring of progress by the 15 February 2021 (see the selection announcement separate to this policy) and if considered to be of an appropriate standard to achieve the targets outlined in Section 2 of this policy, may also be considered at the remote Definite entry assessment 20/21 February.

*(Please also see Section 13 of this policy regarding any questions/queries regarding video submission) |

Selection Timeline for definitive entries assessment.

Video submission deadline 15 February 2021
Definitive Nomination Meeting – 20/21 February 2021
Definitive nominations to the Approval Panel – Monday 22 February 2021
Definitive Entries – WAGC 24th February 2021; WCh – 4th March 2021

Announcement of gymnasts/partnerships to attend the Selection Event 10/11 April to be made by Friday 26 February 2021
(NB All gymnasts successful or not to be contacted)
**Selection Event – Weston Gymnastics 10th/11th April**

Submission of video prior to the Selection Event – 5th April 2021  
Nomination Panel Meeting and submission of Nominations to Approval Panel – 12th April  
Announcement of Team to Coaches/Athletes – 14th April  
Nominative Appeals Window 24th-26th February. Team Announcement – TBC  
Nominative entries – WAGC 24th April 2021; World Championships 28th April 2021.  
*(NB please see section 13 for arrangements if this Selection Event is cancelled due to Covid)*

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<th>4. FIG Entry deadlines</th>
<th>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the World Championships 2021 are:</th>
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| 5. Competition Format | FIG Competition I, II & III  
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<td>In accordance with the current FIG Technical Regulations, FIG Code of Points (CoP), Table of Difficulty (ToD) 2017-2020 and the FIG Aerobic World Age Group Rules 2017-2020.</td>
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<th>6. Eligibility Criteria</th>
<th>Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are:</th>
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<td>1. A British Citizen holding a British passport, at the time of trial</td>
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<td>2. Seniors: a minimum of 18 years old in the year of competition</td>
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<td>3. Juniors (Group 2): a minimum of 15 years old in the year of competition and a maximum of 17 years</td>
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<td>4. Juniors (Group 1): a minimum of 12 years old in the year of competition and a maximum of 14 years</td>
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<td>5. A current British Gymnastics member in good standing</td>
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<td>6. Eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast FIG Licence</td>
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| 7. The ‘Team’ | 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. |

| 8. Nomination Panel | The Aerobic Selection Nomination Panel consists of the Lead National Coach, the Performance Manager, the Technical Committee Chairman, and the National Judge Coordinator.  
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<td>Following the completion of the Selection Event listed within this Policy (section 12), the appointed lead coaches for the National Squad Programme will consult with the members of the Nomination Panel, considering any relevant medical information deemed appropriate to the discussion in relation to the nomination of the gymnasts / partnerships, and agree the nomination of the gymnasts / partnerships.</td>
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<td>Following the above process, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated gymnasts/ partnerships and officials to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny no later than Monday 12 Apr 2021. The Nominative entries will then be approved by the 14th April.</td>
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|                     | The Teams Selection Announcement to Coaches/Gymnasts – 14th April  
|                     | Appeals Window 14th-16th April.  
|                     | Nominative Entries – WAGC 24th April 2021; WCh 28th April 2021 |
9. Approval Panel

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.

2. In the event that the Selection Panel submit insufficient gymnasts/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.

3. The Approval Panel will confirm to the Performance Manager the selection of the Nominative entries by the Wednesday after the designated Controlled Trial

10. Communication of selections

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.

Once selections have been communicated, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect.

Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements regarding team selection until after the official Team Announcement

11. Athlete /Appeals

Appeals can only be submitted by gymnasts from the non-selected gymnasts (appeals window to be decided) on the basis that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics’ selection appeals process - details can be found on the British Gymnastics’ website. [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)

12. Designated Trial Events

Assessment for Definitive Entry Numbers – 20th/21st February 2021
By Video Submission to the Nomination Panel

Selection Event – 10th/11th April 2021
Weston Gymnastics

NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the whole selection process outlined in this policy 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 Officer, Joy Fern (joy.fern@british-gymnastics.org). (Please see Section 8)

13. Definitive and Nominative Selection Process

All Selection Groups (1–3) identified in section 3 of this policy (‘Selection process and Timelines’) must submit a video of their current routines to the Aerobics Programme Officer by the 15th February 2021.

*Videos should contain all skills to be used in the routine; routine sections and transitions / interactions.*

These videos will then be assessed over the weekend of the 20th/21st February for Definitive entry numbers to be decided and approved by the FIG submission dates of 24th February/4th March.

NB. If Coaches or Gymnasts have any technical questions relating to Video Submissions for either definitive or nominative assessment then please contact the Programme Officer, Joy Fern joy.fern@british-gymnastics.org who will forward them on to the Aerobics Selection Nomination Panel for answering.

*Entry to the Selection Event 10th/11th April – Weston Gymnastics*

The definitive assessment will also identify the Gymnasts and Partnerships to attend the Selection Event at Weston Gymnastics on the 10th/11th April. This will be decided by the Panel based on the ability to demonstrate fitness and the standard to achieve the targets outlined in section 2 of this policy. All gymnasts/coaches successful or not will be contacted by the 26th February.

*Further Submission of Video for the Selection Event 10th/11th April – Weston Gymnastics*

All gymnasts/partnerships invited to the Selection Event must submit a further video to the AEROBICS Programme Officer by the 5th April which will then be used by the Nomination Panel to inform the selection process. (Please also see the point above regarding questions/queries regarding video submission)

NB. Should the Selection Event 10th/11th April be judged not to be safe or viable to take place due to COVID then the whole process will switch to selection by video assessment over the same weekend. *A decision on this will take place at the latest by the 31st March 2021.*
| 14. Injury & Replacement | 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 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.  
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.  
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, (a significant period of time 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 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.

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 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 agree that the partnership is capable of achieving the performance standards expected by the time of the competition and if other partnerships seen at the Selection Event (s) are a better alternative.

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.

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 can 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).

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 can achieve the Performance Targets set within this policy.

Any replacement partnership(s) will be made by the National Coach and Performance Manager based on the needs of the Team. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.

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<th>15. Team Organisation</th>
<th>There may be a mandatory GBR Team Training Camp (Venue and details TBC). All gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Gymnast Agreement 2017 – 2021. The Team will be required to travel altogether and will depart for Geneva on or around (Travel dates TBC)</th>
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| 16. Team Announcement | The Team will be announced by British Gymnastics –  
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 (www.british-gymnastics.org). |
| 17. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy | 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. |

AEROBICS Selection policy for the 2021 Worlds & WAGC (Baku AZE)

APPROVED BY:

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Chair, AERO Technical Committee

Signed ________________________________  
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