



**BRITISH GYMNASTICS SELECTION POLICY  
AEROBICS**

**Senior & Junior European Championships**

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Ancona (ITA)

<p><b>Competition Format</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UEG Competition, Qualification and Finals</li> <li>• Qualification Rounds: Qualification for Finals</li> <li>• Finals (Top 8 with a maximum of 1 per Federation for Groups and 2 per Federation for Individual Men, Individual Women, Mixed Pairs and Trios)</li> </ul> <p>The European Championships will be organised in accordance with the current UEG and FIG Technical Regulations, UEG Statutes, the current FIG Code of Points 2017-2020, the current Difficulty Table, and FIG Tie break rules.</p> <p>For the purposes of the selection document a category / partnership is defined as: Individual Women (IW), Individual Men (IM), Mixed Pair (MP), Trio (TR) and Group (GR).</p> <p>A maximum of two gymnasts / partnerships per category and per age group (Senior and Junior) may be submitted to the UEG per Federation.</p>
<p><b>Performance Targets</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors: Qualify 1 or more category / partnership in the Top 16 and 1 in the Final</li> <li>• Juniors: Qualify 1 or more category / partnership in the Top 16 and 1 in the Final</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A British Citizen holding a British passport</li> <li>• Seniors: a minimum of 18 years old in the year of competition</li> <li>• Juniors (Group 2): a minimum of 15 years old in the year of competition and a maximum of 17 years</li> <li>• A current British Gymnastics member in good standing</li> <li>• Eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>The 'Team'</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Nomination Panel</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Nomination Panel are the appointed lead coaches for the National Squad programme, the Performance Manager, the Technical Committee Chairman and the National Judge Co-ordinator.</li> <li>2. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed within this Policy, 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.</li> <li>3. Following the above process, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated gymnasts / partnerships and officials to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny.</li> </ol>

<b>Approval Panel</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel comprising Senior Performance Manager and the Performance Director will consider the nominations of the gymnasts / partnerships and officials received from the Nomination Panel and ratify this as appropriate.</li> <li>2. If the Nomination Panel submit insufficient gymnasts / partnerships than the available team places, the Approval Panel can make referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended.</li> <li>3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team with the Performance Manager not later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.</li> </ol>											
<b>Appeals</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Appeals can only be submitted by a gymnast themselves with an immediate grievance on the grounds stated above, and not by any family member, friend, coach or another person.</li> <li>3. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' selection appeals process; details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>).</li> <li>4. Publication of the Team Announcement on the British Gymnastics website will start the three-day appeal window.</li> </ol>											
<b>Nomination Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A maximum of two Individual Women, two Individual Men, two Mixed Pairs, two Trios and one Group per Age Group may be nominated for selection.</li> <li>2. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and 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.</li> <li>3. Applications to Trial are invited from gymnasts / partnerships meeting the Eligibility criteria and one or more of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A member of the 2017 National Squad.</li> <li>b. Individuals selected to represent Great Britain at the 2016 World Championships or World Age Group Competition.</li> <li>c. Partnerships selected to represent Great Britain at the 2016 World Championships or World Age Group Competition, where all gymnasts in the partnership remain as selected for that event.</li> <li>d. Individuals / partnerships who have achieved the following score at the 2017 Cardiff Open or 2017 Heathrow Open: <table border="1" data-bbox="643 1435 1265 1753"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Age Group</th> <th colspan="2">Category</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Individual (Male &amp; Female)</th> <th>Pair / Trio / Group</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Seniors</td> <td>20.800</td> <td>20.800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juniors</td> <td>19.800</td> <td>19.800</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Gymnasts / partnerships who meet the Eligibility criteria and one of point 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d above automatically qualify to trial.</li> <li>5. Gymnasts / partnerships who meet the Eligibility criteria but do not meet point 3d above must support their application to trial with video footage of their routine(s) and a list of difficulty elements for their routine(s).</li> <li>6. All Applications to Trial will be reviewed by the Nomination Panel with a final decision on attending the Selection Events no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.</li> <li>7. Nomination for the Team will be conducted as follows:</li> </ol>	Age Group	Category		Individual (Male & Female)	Pair / Trio / Group	Seniors	20.800	20.800	Juniors	19.800	19.800
Age Group	Category											
	Individual (Male & Female)	Pair / Trio / Group										
Seniors	20.800	20.800										
Juniors	19.800	19.800										

**Automatic Selection**

a) Scores from the two highest routines over the two selection events will be averaged. If this average score is equal to or higher than the benchmark scores stated below the average score will be used to create a ranking list per age group and per category.

b) Benchmark Scores:

Age Group	Category	
	Individual (Male & Female)	Pair / Trio / Group
Seniors	20.800	20.800
Juniors	19.800	19.800

c) The highest ranked gymnast/partnership per age group and per category will be automatically nominated for selection.

*NB. Chair deductions will not be applied when calculating the average score.*

**Allotted Places**

d) The Nomination Panel may nominate additional gymnasts/partnerships for allotted places under the following conditions:

i. The gymnast / partnership has achieved the benchmark score for their age group and category.

OR

ii. The gymnast / partnership is deemed by the Nomination Panel as capable of meeting the Performance Targets set out within this selection policy.

OR

iii. The Nomination Panel deem competing at the event a suitable performance development opportunity for the nominated gymnast / partnership.

8. Nominated gymnasts / partnerships, including any reserve(s), will be expected to maintain readiness to compete and may be requested to prove this by the Nomination Panel at any point prior to the Championships.

9. Nominated gymnasts / partnerships and coaches (including the reserves) 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.

10. 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) A minimum Level 3 qualification or equivalent, with a current DBS and Safeguarding and Protecting Children certificate.

e) Previous international experience and performance.

f) Commitment to attend the Selection Events and pre-event training.

**Designated Selection Event(s)**

11. The selection policy described below applies to the following selection events:

**a) Selection 1 – 15th July 2017**

	<p>Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bracknell</p> <p><b>b) Selection 2 – British Championships, 27th – 28th July 2017</b></p> <p>Echo Arena, Liverpool</p> <p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the Designated Selection Event(s) 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><b>Injury &amp; Replacement</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, a gymnast or partnership may be called upon to join the Team at any time.</li> <li>2. Once the team selection has been confirmed by the Approval Panel and announced, all selected gymnasts / partnerships (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. 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.</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 a member of the Selection Panel (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Performance Manager. 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 of 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.</li> <li>6. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to departure for competition, should any partnership / gymnast fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, the lead coaches for the National Squad may recommend de-selection to the Nomination Panel. If supported by the Nomination 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 selection announcement and prior to departure for competition, 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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".</li> <li>d) The Fitness Test will require the gymnast / partnership to perform a minimum of one routine with their partnership, to the lead coaches for the National Squad and one or more members</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>of the Nomination Panel at a set time and location. The lead coaches for the National Squad and the member(s) of the Nomination Panel in attendance will analyse the routine(s) and must be in agreement that the gymnast / partnership is capable of achieving the performance standards expected by the time of the competition and alternative gymnasts / partnerships seen at the Selection Events do not offer a better alternative.</p> <p>e) In the event that a gymnast or 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. 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 Team Coach(es) 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 will not be open to appeal.</p> <p>9. In the event that a gymnast within a partnership changes after the announcement of the team, the new partnership must first be declared to the Performance Manager. A change of partnership may be considered under the following circumstances:</p> <p>a) The new partnership can demonstrate their routine not less than twice to the lead coaches of the National Squad and a minimum of one other member of the Nomination Panel, at a set time and location (TBC).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10. Any decisions regarding replacement partnership(s) will be made by the Nomination Panel based on the needs of the Team. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
<b>Team Organisation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There will be a mandatory Team training camp Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017, venue TBC.</li> <li>2. In the event that they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017-2020.</li> <li>3. The team will depart for Italy on or around Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.</li> </ol>
<b>Funding</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For junior gymnasts this will be a self-funded event.</li> <li>2. It is anticipated that the event will cost approximately £1000.00 to include transport, accommodation, meals and entry fee.</li> <li>3. In addition to the cost of the event junior gymnasts will be required to purchase the GBR representative kit. Details on how to order the kit will be provided following selection.</li> <li>4. Full payment will be required prior to the nominative entry deadline Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017.</li> <li>5. Non-payment will result in withdrawal from the event and / or subsequent revoking of membership.</li> </ol>
<b>Announcement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The team will be announced on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 4pm. 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 British Gymnastics have announced the team selection on the British Gymnastics web site (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>).</li> </ol>
<b>Any additional matters not covered by this Policy</b>	<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 (or representative thereof) acting at their sole discretion.</li> </ol>

## Junior and Senior Championships Selection Policy

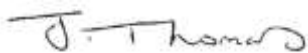
Approved By:

Signed



Nigel Saunders  
Aerobics Technical Committee Chairman

Signed



James Thomas  
Performance Director

### MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

Louise Fawcett (British Gymnastics Head of Science & Medicine)

Chris Tomlinson (British Gymnastics Chief Medical Officer)

Jonathan Bucke (BG Physiotherapist)

Jason Laird (BG Physiotherapist)

Lindy Laszig (BG Physiotherapist)

**AEROBIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION EVENT:  
DECLARATION of INTENTION TO COMPETE:**  
Senior & Junior European Championships  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Entry Closing Date:** Noon Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Gymnast name	DoB	Category	Junior / Senior	Club	Primary Coach

When submitting entries for a British Gymnastics selection event the onus is on the club and the coaches to:

- ensure that the coaches attending are qualified to the level of the participants' performance
- ensure that all parents / guardians are aware of this policy and wish for their son or daughter to be entered and are available for selection

Entry to the Designated Selection Events is £25.00 per gymnast. Please enclose a cheque made payable to British Gymnastics with this form, or if you would prefer to pay by card please contact Stacy Sargent – 0345 129 7129 extension 2536.

I would like to submit a request for the above gymnasts to trial for the 2017 European Championships. I can confirm that the above criteria have been adhered to, and entries are made having read and understood the Selection Policy.

PERSONAL COACH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COACHING QUALIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ENHANCED CRB EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NB. British Gymnastics may elect to video the selection events which may be used for analysis and selection purposes.

**Please submit declarations to:**

**Post**

Aerobics Programme Officer  
British Gymnastics  
Ford Hall, LNSC  
Newport, Shropshire  
TF10 9NB

**Email**

[stacy.sargent@british-gymnastics.org](mailto:stacy.sargent@british-gymnastics.org)