



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

Senior European Championships, Szczecin, POL

10-14 April, 2019

<p>1. Introduction & Overview</p>	<p>The Senior European Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition. Whilst NOT a UK Sport milestone event for the Tokyo cycle or Tokyo Olympic Games qualification event, it does represent an opportunity to test ourselves against some of the best competitors in the world.</p> <p>A Performance event means that selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals.</p> <p>The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2019 Senior European Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for this major championship, each delegation may enter a maximum of 6 athletes for men and 4 athletes for women.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p><i>The Performance Targets and the selection principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and vision of the British Gymnastics World Class Programme to win Olympic Medals in 2020 and beyond.</i></p> <p>Performance targets for the Senior European Championships 2019 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal Target – 3-4 medals
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Selection Events – October 2018 to March 2019 • Nomination Meeting – by 4th March 2019 • Nomination to Approval Panel – by 5th March 2019 • Approval of selection – 6th March 2019 • Appeals Deadline – 8th March 2019 • Team Announcement – Week commencing 18th March 2019
<p>4. FIG/UEG Entry deadlines</p>	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/UEG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the European Championships 2018 are still to be confirmed but will be formed of two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitive Entry – 15th January • Nominative Entry – 13th March
<p>5. Competition Format</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points • Senior Men's Individual Apparatus & Individual All Around
<p>6. Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a British Citizen, holding a British passport • a minimum of 18 years old in the year of competition (born 2001 or older)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG
7. The 'Team'	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.
8. The 'Competing Team'	1. The 'Competing Team' means the team of six gymnasts who compete at the European Championships.
9. Pre-Nomination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the last Designated Selection Event and prior to the Nomination Panel meeting, the Head National Coach, at his discretion may hold a pre-nomination meeting. 2. The Pre-Nomination meeting will involve the personal coaches of athletes under consideration and will be consulted on regarding the team composition. 3. Additional judging and analytics input may be sought to provide additional information within the pre-nomination meeting.
10. Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy, the MAG Head National Coach will consult with the National Coaches, Technical Committee Chair, Judging representative and Lead Physiotherapist for the discipline. The Panel may also take into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the athletes and coaches. 2. The nominated athletes and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the MAG Head National Coach, most able to achieve the targets as the Competing Team, listed in the section 'Performance Targets'. 3. Following this Nomination Panel meeting, the Head National Coach will forward the completed Nomination documentation including a list of nominated athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on 5th March 2019
11. Approval Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team on 6th March 2019.
12. Communication of Selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, British Gymnastics will notify all age eligible British Squad athletes and personal coaches via email. 2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes in effect. 3. Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the appeals window has closed
13. Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday 6th March up to midday on 8th March 2019, for a non-selected athlete on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. 2. The selection of coaches <u>and judges</u> is not open to appeal under any circumstance. 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>14. Designated Selection Events</p>	<p>1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Championships, 2018*¹ • London Open, 2018 • World Championships, 2018*² • World Cups from September 2018 to 3rd March 2019 • World Challenge Cups from September 2018 to 3rd March 2019 • Scottish Championships, 23rd-24th February 2019 • Welsh Championships, 23rd-24th February 2019 • English Championships, 1st-3rd March 2019 <p>In order to be considered for selection, an athlete who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the Designated Selection Events 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 Olympic Programme Manager.</p> <p>*¹⁻² Priority consideration will be given to athletes who have achieved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - individual medallists at the 2018 European Championships; - individual finalists and medallists at the 2018 World Championships. <p><u>However, any consideration linked to 2018 European and World Championships will be tempered with fitness and performance levels at the time of nomination.</u></p>																				
<p>15. Nomination standards</p>	<p>1. Please see the below minimum standards that are required to be achieved during the Designated Selection Events (14) to be considered for nomination:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1227 1479 1424"> <thead> <tr> <th>Floor</th> <th>Pommel</th> <th>Rings</th> <th>Vault</th> <th>Pbar</th> <th>HBar</th> <th>AA</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6.0</td> <td>6.3</td> <td>6.3</td> <td>5.6*¹</td> <td>6.1</td> <td>6.1</td> <td rowspan="2">83+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.5</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>14.6 (av)</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>14.3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*¹ – 2 vaults and the total score as an average</p>	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	Pbar	HBar	AA	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.6* ¹	6.1	6.1	83+	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.6 (av)	14.8	14.3
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<p>16. Nomination Process</p>	<p>1. Athletes will be nominated/selected on the basis of achieving the performance targets for Great Britain as part of the Competing Team.</p> <p>2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.</p> <p>3. Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria and who are members of the British Gymnastics World Class Programme will automatically be considered for nomination.</p> <p>Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria who are not members of British Gymnastics World Class Programme may petition the Nomination Panel for inclusion, presenting evidence against the standards outlined in this section. Petitions should be sent in writing to the Olympic Programme Officer (MAG) by the deadline of noon 25th February 2019. E: Victoria.S@british-gymnastics.org</p> <p>5. Following the <u>final</u> selection event (English Championships), the European Championships Team will be nominated for selection based on athletes who have demonstrated the performance standards at one, or more of the designated selection events and deemed the most capable of achieving the performance targets for Great Britain at the European Championships 2019.</p>																				

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Should athletes not reach the required standards of performance the Nomination Panel may nominate athletes who are deemed capable of achieving the best result for Great Britain or whose inclusion reflects the long-term direction and aims of the World Class Performance Programme of winning Olympic Medals. 7. Nominated athletes and coaches will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the MAG Head National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete. 8. 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. 9. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To optimise medal winning potential • Their ability to lead, organise and control under situations of high responsibility and stress • Their international experience and performance • Their attendance at all required meetings, squad training and events. • Supporting multiple athletes or athletes who have the potential to multi medal at the event. 10. The nomination panel will take place no later than 5th March 2019. This will be chaired by the Head National Coach with National Coaches, Technical Committee Chair and Judging representative in attendance
17. Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, any athlete 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 Chief Medical Officer 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 Performance Director (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Performance Director. 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 any athlete fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the MAG Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the athlete 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. 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 MAG Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to Head of Delegation. The Head of Delegation will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the athlete 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. 7. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of an athlete to compete to the best of his ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The athlete 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

	<p>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 athlete passes the initial medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer but British Gymnastics still has concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the athlete will be required to undertake British Gymnastics' designated "Fitness Test".</p> <p>c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the athlete to perform routine(s) to 0.3 of their expected start value or final score. This would be in the presence of an independent Judge.</p> <p>d) In the event that an athlete 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(s) required will be made by the MAG Head National Coach on the basis of the needs of the Team and will normally come out of the pool of nominated non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
18. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the 2019 Activity Planner (subject to change). 2. The Team will transfer to Sczcechin on/around 6th April 2019 (subject to confirmation) and depart the Championships on 15th April 2019. 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. 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'. 5. All Team members will be required to travel with the GBR team and stay within the identified team hotel for the duration of the competition.
19. Team De-brief	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to ensure a thorough evaluation of the European Championships, athlete and coach feedback is essential. 2. British Gymnastics will therefore schedule a Team De-brief on/around 6th May 2019. All competing team members will be expected to attend (this will qualify as an athlete appearance day).
20. 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 British Gymnastics have announced the Team selection on the British Gymnastics website (www.british-gymnastics.org)
21. 2019 European Games	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The European Games take place in Minsk from 24th June to 1st July 2019. 2. For clarity, athletes selected for the 2019 European Championships will not be considered for the European Games. 3. Selection for the European Games will take place after the British Championships during wk/.c 25th March.
22. 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 European Championships (Szczecin, POL)

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