



## BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

### Men's Artistic Gymnastics

#### Senior World Championships, Kitakyushu, Japan

16-24 October 2021

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The Senior World Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition and a UK Sport milestone event for the Paris cycle.</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 and qualify for the Paris Olympic Games.</p> <p>The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2021 Senior World Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p><b>Athletes should note that for all major championships, each delegation may enter a maximum of 6 athletes, with a maximum of 3 gymnasts on each apparatus.</b></p> <p>A non-travelling reserve may be selected at the panel's discretion.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>The Performance Targets and the selection principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and aims of the World Class Performance Programme to win Olympic Medals in 2024 and beyond.</p> <p>Performance targets for the Senior World Championships 2021 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual All-Around = 1 x AA final placing</li> <li>• Apparatus = 2 x Top 8 final placing</li> <li>• Medal Target = 1-2</li> </ul>
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Selection Events – January to September 2021</li> <li>• Coaches Pre-Nomination Meeting- 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021</li> <li>• Nomination Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021</li> <li>• Nomination to Approval Panel – 13<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Approval of selection – 13<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Communication of selection – 14<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Appeals Deadline – 16<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• World Championships preparation camp:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 27 September to 2nd October LNSC (including GB vs FRA international on 2<sup>nd</sup> October)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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4. FIG Entry deadlines	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional Entry – 28<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• Definitive Entry – 19<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Nominative Entry – 20<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>
5. Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points</li> <li>• Senior Men’s Individual AA Qualification and Finals, and Apparatus Finals</li> </ul>
6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a British Citizen, holding a British passport</li> <li>• a minimum of 18 years old in the year of competition (born 2003 or older)</li> <li>• a current British Gymnastics member</li> <li>• eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG</li> </ul>
7. 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>
8. Pre-Nomination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the last Designated Selection Event (DSE) and prior to the Nomination Panel meeting, the Head National Coach, at his/her discretion may hold a pre-nomination meeting.</li> <li>2. The Pre-Nomination meeting will involve the personal coaches of athletes under consideration and will be consulted on regarding the team composition.</li> <li>3. Additional judging and analytics input may be sought to provide additional information within the pre-nomination meeting.</li> </ol>

<p>9. Nomination Panel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. The nominated athletes and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the Nomination Panel, most able to achieve the targets as the Competing Team, listed in the section 'Performance Targets'.</li> <li>3. Following the Nomination Panel meeting, a nominated Performance representative will forward the completed Nomination documentation including a list of nominated athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on 13<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ol>
<p>4. Approval Panel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team no later than 14<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ol>
<p>5. Communication of selections</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, the Performance Director will notify all age eligible British Squad athletes and personal coaches by 12:00 on 14<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes in effect.</li> <li>4. Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the appeals window has closed.</li> </ol>
<p>6. Athlete Appeals</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appeals can only be submitted from 12:00 on 14<sup>th</sup> September up to 12:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</li> <li>2. The selection of coaches and judges is not open to appeal under any circumstance.</li> <li>3. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' Appeals Process. Details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website; <a href="https://www.britishgymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/documentdownloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file">https://www.britishgymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/documentdownloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file</a>.</li> </ol>

<p>7. 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"><li>• FIG World Cups - 2020</li><li>• Olympic Control events - 2021</li><li>• European Championships - 2021</li><li>• Tokyo Olympic Games - 2021</li><li>• FIG World Challenge Cups - 2021</li><li>• British Senior Champs - 2021</li></ul> <p>In order to be considered for selection, a gymnast 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).</p> <p>This documentation must be submitted to the Performance Services Officer (<a href="mailto:chris.hughes@british-gymnastics.org">chris.hughes@british-gymnastics.org</a>)</p>
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8. Nomination  
Process

1. Athletes will be nominated/selected on the basis of achieving the performance targets for Great Britain as part of the Competing Team.
2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.
3. Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria and who are members of the British Gymnastics World Class Programme will automatically be considered for nomination.
4. 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 and any video evidence should be sent to the MAG Performance Services Officer ([chris.hughes@british-gymnastics.org](mailto:chris.hughes@british-gymnastics.org)) by the deadline of 12:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
5. Any gymnast who is considered based upon a petition will be required to submit competition routine footage to an independent judging panel no later than September 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. The judging panel will evaluate the performances to determine if they meet the performance standards listed in 14.5. Appeals on the scoring of submitted routines are not open for appeal.
6. Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination are expected to achieve a minimum of one start value and one final score value within competition during the Designated Selection Events listed in table 1. *Table 1. 2021 World Championships standards*

Values	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	Pbar	HBar	AA
Start	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.6*1	6.1	6.1	83+
Final	14.5	14.8	14.6	14.6 (av)	14.8	14.0	

7. Please note, achieving Start Values and/or Performance Standards does not guarantee selection.
8. Performances at Major Championships in 2021 will be considered by the nomination panel as the highest level DSE's in the presence of multiple gymnasts achieving the performance standards.
9. In the absence of a sufficient number of athletes achieving the performance standards, the nomination panel may take into consideration athletes who do not reach the performance standards due to injury, illness or other key factors such as the impact of the covid pandemic on training and competition plans based on supporting the longer-term direction of the programme of qualifying for and winning medals at the Olympic Games in 2024.
10. 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.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. 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.</li><li>12. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To optimise medal winning potential</li><li>• Their ability to lead, organise and control under situations of high responsibility and stress</li><li>• Their international experience and performance</li><li>• Their attendance at all required meetings, squad training and events.</li><li>• Supporting multiple athletes or athletes who have the potential to multi medal at the event.</li></ul></li><li>13. The nomination panel will take place no later than 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This will be chaired by the Head National Coach and attended by National Coaches, the Technical Committee Chair, a Judging representative, discipline physiotherapist, a nominated performance representative and any support staff deemed necessary.</li></ol>
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Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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 &amp; Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval.</li><li>4. An athlete or coach may be removed from the Team in the event of a noncompliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Team, a violation of the Codes of Behaviour adopted by the Team or failing to reach performance expectations. 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.</li><li>5. 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 Performance Director (or their appointed representative). The Performance Director 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.</li><li>6. 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:</li></ol>
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	<p>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 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 will be done in the presence of an independent brevet 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>7. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the MAG Head National Coach. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the 2021 Activity Planner (subject to change).</li> <li>2. The Team will transfer to Japan on/around 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (TBC) and depart the Championships on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</li> <li>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 2021.</li> <li>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’.</li> </ol>
Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>)</li> </ol>
Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<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 acting at their sole discretion.</li> </ol>

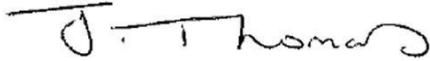
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APPROVED BY:



Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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- Jason Laird (British Gymnastics' Physiotherapist)
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