



# BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

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1. Introduction	<p>The European Youth Olympic Festival is a <b>performance competition</b> and a milestone target event for 2022</p> <p>As a <b>Performance competition</b>, selections will be made on the basis of the gymnasts most capable of performing and challenging to <b>win as many medals as possible</b>.</p> <p>The nomination of gymnasts and coaches to represent Great Britain at EYOF 2022 will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Gymnasts should also note the maximum competition team size for EYOF 2022 is: 3 gymnasts</p>
2. Performance Targets	<p>British Gymnastics is targeting: <b>Team Top 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AA Top 8- 1 gymnast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4 Apparatus finals, 2 medals</b></p>
3. Selection Timelines	<p>a) Selection Panel meeting –will take place on Tuesday 17/05/2022 at 11am</p> <p>b) Internal Communication of selections – will take place on 18/05/2022</p> <p>c) Appeals window – will be in effect from 12pm on 18/05/2022 to midday on 20/05/22</p>
4. Competition Format	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The competition format will be delivered as per FIG Competition rules and regulations.</li> <li>2. Scoring at the [event] will be delivered as per the FIG Code of Points.</li> <li>3. The competition classes at EYOF are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QC: Qualification, All Around Final and Team Final: 3,3,2</li> <li>• MPF: WAG and MAG Mixed Pair Final</li> <li>• AF: Apparatus Finals</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
5. Gymnast Eligibility Criteria	<p>Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. are a British Citizen holding or eligible to hold a British passport.</li> <li>2. are born in the years 2004/5/6 for 2022 competition.</li> <li>3. are a current British Gymnastics member</li> <li>4. are eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG and no membership or doping related violations at the time of nomination</li> <li>5. have competed in at least 2 of the following Designated Selection Events (DSEs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>British Champs September 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Home Nations Championships- February/March 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>Stuttgart Team Invitational- March 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>British Championships- March 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>London Open- May 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>Any other GB Junior Internationals between January and May 16<sup>th</sup> 2022</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Achieved 2 of the minimum Performance Standards start and/or final scores listed in section 6.</li> <li>7. Due to the unprecedented challenges faced by the Covid-19 pandemic competitions in 2022 are subject to constant review. In light of any competition cancellations or postponements, British Gymnastics will reserve the right to review and amend the list of DSE's to provide opportunities, where possible, to demonstrate performance potential and form prior to nomination and selection.</li> </ol>

	<p>8. have signed a World Class Programme Athlete Agreement (2021-2025) with British Gymnastics at the time of the nomination meeting.</p> <p>9. have completed any additional third-party agency requirements (such as, but not limited to, UK Anti-Doping, the World Anti-Doping Agency and/or the British Olympic Association).</p>																							
6. Performance Standards	<p><b>Table 1. 2022 EYOF Championships minimum selection scores. (Junior Code).</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 488 1469 743"> <thead> <tr> <th>Values</th> <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>Start</td> <td>5.0</td> <td>5.0</td> <td>4.5</td> <td>4.8/5.2</td> <td>5.0</td> <td>4.5</td> <td rowspan="2">78.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final</td> <td>13.6</td> <td>12.8</td> <td>12.8</td> <td>14.0 (av)*</td> <td>13.0</td> <td>12.8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* 13.5 is the average final score required for 2 vaults in any 1 competition.</p> <p>The above scores reflect the change in the Code of Points from January 2022, and BG reserve the right to make adjustments to these scores by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 following monitoring of international and national scoring prior to that date.</p>	Values	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	Pbar	HBar	AA	Start	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.8/5.2	5.0	4.5	78.5	Final	13.6	12.8	12.8	14.0 (av)*	13.0	12.8
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7. Additional Performance Factors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The panel will consider the following Additional Performance Factors (APF), when nominating gymnasts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gymnasts scoring potential to win a medal or achieve the performance targets at EYOF 2022</li> <li>b) Current and most recent performance form in the build-up to nomination, including performances at the Designated Selection Events (DSEs)</li> <li>c) Gymnasts' potential to contend for medals at the 2024/28 Olympic Games</li> <li>d) Major Championship and International performance pedigree between January and May 2022</li> <li>e) Engagement with the World Class Programme including adherence to agreed Individual Athlete Plan (IAP)</li> <li>f) Current medical and injury status including recent training history and any additional extenuating circumstances that the panel feels necessary to consider at its discretion</li> <li>g) Longer term aims of the World Class Programme and/or multi cycle Olympic potential</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Performance factors will be viewed in a ranked, priority order from a to f, with 'a' being the most important factor for consideration.</li> </ol>																							
8. Selection Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The selection panel will consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance Director/Representative (chair)</li> <li>- Head National Coach (voting)</li> <li>- Junior National Coach (voting)</li> <li>- Technical Committee Chair (non-voting)</li> <li>- Nominated Performance Representative (non-voting) (Optional)</li> <li>- Appointed Judging Representative (non-voting) (Optional)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>																							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Medical Officer or Medical representative (non-voting) (Optional)</li> <li>- Independent Observers (up to two, non-voting)*<sup>1</sup> (Optional)</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, and no later than 72 hrs prior, all panel members must declare any conflicts of interest to the chair.</li> <li>3. At the start of the meeting the chair will log any conflicts and confirm any arrangements based on any registered conflicts.</li> <li>4. The selections for all available places will be made through discussion of the eligible gymnasts, reviewing the performance factors (section 6), and the ability to deliver the performance targets (section 2).</li> <li>5. Whereby proposed selections can't be agreed through reaching a consensus, each decision maker will have 1 vote per available quota place. Panel members must cast a vote for the nomination to proceed.</li> </ol> <p><i>*<sup>1</sup> Independent observers are in appointed to provide assurance that the policy is applied in a fair, consistent and transparent manner. Independent observers could be appointed from (but not limited to) British Athletes Commission, UK Sport, British Olympic Association, Sports Lawyers and other Olympic/Paralympic Sports Management professionals.</i></p>
9. Selection Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to the selection panel meeting information will be compiled from relevant personnel to support the panel's decision making during the meeting. This would include, but is not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Analytics related to performances at the Designated Selection Events</li> <li>b) Analytics related to performances of other nations</li> <li>c) Injury, Illness and training information related to gymnasts achieving the performance standards</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The selection panel will meet to consider any relevant input from the British Gymnastics Sport Science &amp; Medicine staff, National Coaches, Judging representatives and Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts.</li> <li>3. Gymnasts meeting the eligibility criteria, including Performance Standards, will be considered against the Additional Performance Factors.</li> <li>4. A gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the DSEs 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).</li> <li>5. A gymnast who meets the eligibility criteria but does not meet the Performance Standards can be considered for selection by the panel and these gymnasts will be identified at the start of the selection panel discussions using relevant information aligned to the Additional Performance Factors.</li> <li>6. The nominated gymnasts and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the Nomination Panel, most able to achieve the targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets'.</li> <li>7. As part of the selection process, a gymnast's allocation of apparatus/routine requirements may be identified as part of the conditions of selection.</li> <li>8. Based on the events requirements, when reviewing eligible gymnasts, their performances and the additional performance factors, it may identify travelling or non-travelling reserves. Whereby multiple reserves are identified, the travelling reserve will be confirmed no later than 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022</li> <li>9. The selection panel will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</li> </ol>

	10. The Head National Coach and/or Performance Director/Representative will then communicate the nominations to all eligible gymnasts and coaches by midday on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
10. Selection Process for Team Coach places	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Based upon the number of athlete places qualified, British Gymnastics will confirm the number of Team Coach accreditations available at EYOF 2022</li> <li>2. British Gymnastics will consider its long-term Olympic strategy when selecting team coaches, to support the achievement of the performance targets.</li> <li>3. Based upon the availability of accreditations, competition strategy and longer term strategy for the Olympic Games, the allocation of coach accreditations will be made based upon the in the following priority order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with the Team Leader, Head National Coach and National Coach to support the team's needs.</li> <li>b) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with gymnasts who possesses the highest probability of delivering Olympic medals.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
11. Expectations of selected gymnasts and coaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Selected gymnasts and coaches, including reserve(s), (where agreed) will be expected to undertake all identified pre-competition activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Head National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.</li> <li>2. Selected gymnasts and coaches (including the reserve(s)) must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021 – 25 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.</li> </ol>
12. Internal Communication of Selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The HNC/PD will communicate the selections to all eligible gymnast and coaches by midday on 18/05/2022</li> <li>2. The communication of selections is strictly confidential and is not to be publicised.</li> </ol>
13. Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday on 18/05/2022 to midday on 20/05/2022 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 British Gymnastics appeals policy can be found here: <a href="#">Selection Appeals Process</a></li> <li>3. Support for athletes when considering or pursuing an appeal is available from the British Athletes Commission (<a href="http://www.britishathletes.org">www.britishathletes.org</a>)</li> </ol>
14. External Communication of Selections	<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.</li> </ol>
15. Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, a selection panel will be formed and any gymnast listed as a reserve 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 gymnasts (including the reserve(s)) 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 [event].</li> <li>3. All selected gymnasts (including the reserve(s)) 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.</li> </ol>

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 (plus a companion) will be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Performance Director (or their appointed representative) with 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 the Delegation Registration Meeting (the date the team is formally entered), should any gymnast fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition, or refuse to commit to the allocation of apparatus/routine assigned by the Head National Coach or suffer a loss of form to such an extent that it leads the Head National Coach to reasonably believe that such athlete cannot perform to their expected ability at the [event], the Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation in full, set out the reasons for such decision to the affected athlete and provide an opportunity for the gymnast 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 selection announcement but prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting (the date the team is formally entered), should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast to compete to the best of his ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:
  - 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 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 his ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the gymnast will be required to undertake British Gymnastics' designated "Fitness Test".
  - c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the gymnast to perform routine(s) to 0.3 of their expected start value or final score with appropriately qualified judges appointed by the Technical Committee.
  - 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.
7. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Head National Coach on the basis of the needs of the Team and will normally come out of the pool of nominated travelling or non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.
8. Following the DRM, athlete de-selections and replacements are to be only allowed in accordance with the FIGs "Late Athlete Replacement Policy". Athletes may be de-selected at this stage due to the athlete no-longer being eligible, or due to injury/illness. In such circumstances, should the British Gymnastics CMO or Performance Director believe injury/illness will impact upon an athlete's potential to deliver a performance at the [Event] at least equivalent to Performance Standards (see section 6) at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated due to injury or illness the following process will be undertaken:
9. The British Gymnastics CMO (or designated medical representative), will request that the athlete undergoes a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to compete. If the athlete is deemed not fit to compete or refuses to undergo the examination, his/her nomination will be withdrawn, and British Gymnastics will nominate the relevant reserve athlete.
10. If the athlete satisfies the CMO that he/she is 'fit to compete' and yet the British Gymnastics Coaching team believe he/she will not be able to deliver a performance at least equivalent to Performance Standards at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated as a consequence of the underlying injury or illness, the Performance Director, at his sole discretion, may request the athlete undergoes a set of performance tests. The test(s) will be

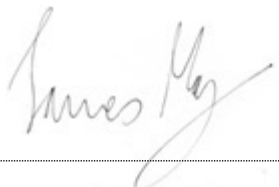
	agreed by each of the British Gymnastics CMO (or designated medical representative) and the Head National Coach. If the athlete is unable to perform in the tests at a reasonably equivalent level to what they could have done at the date of nomination in the opinion of the Performance Director, or refuses to undertake the test, they will be withdrawn from EYOF 2022. At this stage a reserve athlete will be selected.
16. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Team will attend pre-event Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the Activity Planner (subject to change).</li> <li>2. The team travel dates will be confirmed on or around 01/07/2022</li> <li>3. If they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with the Team Members' Agreement and British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021-2025 (If they are funded).</li> <li>4. If 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>
17. 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.</li> </ol>
18. 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>

Selection policy for European Youth Olympic Festival, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia in 2022

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