



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

Senior World Championships,

Liverpool, Great Britain

29th October- 6th November 2022

Schedule of information

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<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>1. 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 2022 Senior World Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that there are a maximum of 5 places available for this Team World Championships. This is subject to GB qualifying in one of the Top 13 Team places at the European Championships in Munich in August 2022.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>1. 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>2. Performance targets for the Senior World Championships 2022 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Top 5 placing • 2 Gymnasts in AA Final, 1 Top 8 placing • 2 -3 Apparatus finals, 1-2 Medals <p>*Equipment Supplier for this event will be Gymnova</p>
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<p>1. 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"> • Provisional Entry – 28th May 2022 • Definitive Entry – 19th July 2022 • Nominative Entry – 20th September 2022 (TBC) • Designated Selection Events – October 2021 to September 2022 • Coaches Pre-Selection Meeting- 10th September 2022 • Selection Meeting – 12th September 2022 • Selection to Approval Panel – 12th September 2022 • Approval of selection – 13th September 2022 • Communication of selection – 13th September 2022 • Appeals Deadline – 15th September 2022 <p>2. World Championships preparation camp: 4-7, 10-14, 17-21, 23-25 October at LNSC</p>
<p>4. Competition Format</p>	<p>1. FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points</p> <p>2. Senior Men’s Team Championships, Team Final, AA Final, Apparatus Finals</p> <p>3. 5,4,3 for Qualification. 5,3,3 for Top 8 Team Final. Top 24 AA, 2 per country. Top 8 Apparatus Finals, 2 per country.</p> <p>4. Up to 2 travelling reserves will also be selected for this event and will be named at the selection meeting.</p>
<p>5. Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>1. 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 2004 or older) • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have competed in at least 2 of the following Designated Selection Events (DSEs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Home Nations Championships in Feb/March 2022 b) British Championships in March 2022 c) World Cup Series May/June 2022 d) National Squad Official control comps Jan-July 2022 e) European Championships Aug 2022 f) Any official trials and selection competitions Jan-Sept 2022 g) Any other GB Senior Internationals between Sept 2021 and Sept 2022 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Any gymnast unable to compete at the listed Designated Selection Events can petition to the HNC for consideration. Gymnasts are required to send a petition in writing explaining the reasons for being unable to compete at the DSE's to chris.hughes@british-gymnastics.org by 12pm 15/08/2022. Any gymnast who is considered based upon a petition will be required to submit agreed competition routine footage to an independent British Gymnastics judging panel no later than 01/09/2022 from events between January and August 2022. The judging panel will evaluate the performances to determine if they meet the standards listed in Section 6. The scoring of submitted routines is not open for appeal. 3. Achieved at least 2 of the minimum Performance Standards, listed in section 6. 4. 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. 5. Have signed a World Class Programme Athlete Agreement (2021-2025) with British Gymnastics at the time of the nomination meeting. 6. 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). 																							
6. Performance standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination are expected to achieve a minimum of one start value and two final score values listed in table 1 at competitions from the Designated Selection Events. 2. Table 1. 2022 World Championships standards <table border="1" data-bbox="453 1245 1445 1442"> <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>6.0</td> <td>6.3</td> <td>6.1</td> <td>5.6*¹</td> <td>6.1</td> <td>6.1</td> <td rowspan="2">83+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final</td> <td>14.5</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>14.6</td> <td>14.6 (av)</td> <td>14.8</td> <td>14.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="408 1496 1493 1621">* 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 10th April 2022 following analysis of international and national scoring prior to that date. Any adjustments will be retrospectively applied to events from January 2022.</p> 3. Please note, achieving Start Values and/or Performance Standards does not guarantee selection. 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. 	Values	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	Pbar	HBar	AA	Start	6.0	6.3	6.1	5.6* ¹	6.1	6.1	83+	Final	14.5	14.8	14.6	14.6 (av)	14.8	14.0
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7. Additional Performance Factors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The panel will consider the following Additional Performance Factors (APF), when nominating gymnasts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gymnasts scoring potential to win a medal or achieve the performance targets at the World Championships b) Current and most recent performance form in the build-up to nomination, including performances at the Designated Selection Events (DSEs) c) Gymnasts' potential to contend for medals at the 2024 Olympic Games 																							

	<p>d) Major Championship and International performance calibre in 2022</p> <p>e) Engagement with the World Class Programme including adherence to agreed Individual Athlete Plan (IAP)</p> <p>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</p> <p>g) Longer term aims of the World Class Programme and/or multi cycle Olympic potential</p> <p>2. The Performance factors will be viewed in a ranked, priority order from a to g, with 'a' being the most important factor for consideration.</p>
8. Selection Panel	<p>1. The selection panel will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance Director/Representative*1 (chair) - Head National Coach (voting) - National Coach (voting) - Technical Committee Chair (voting) - Nominated Performance Representative (non-voting) (Optional) - Appointed Judging Representative (non-voting) (Optional) - Chief Medical Officer or Medical representative (non-voting) - Independent Observers (up to two, non-voting)*2 (Optional) <p>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.</p> <p>3. At the start of the meeting the chair will log any conflicts and confirm any arrangements based on any registered conflicts.</p> <p>4. The selections for all available places will be made through discussion of the eligible gymnasts, reviewing the performance factors (section 7), and the ability to deliver the performance targets (section 2).</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>*1 Or equivalent Performance Department member based on availability & suitability</i></p> <p><i>*2Independent 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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analytics related to performances at the Designated Selection Events b) Analytics related to performances of other nations c) Injury, illness, and training information related to gymnasts achieving the performance standards <p>2. The selection panel will meet to consider any relevant input from the British Gymnastics Sport Science & Medicine staff, National Coaches, judging representatives and Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts.</p> <p>3. Gymnasts meeting the eligibility criteria, including Performance Standards, will be considered against the Additional Performance Factors.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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'.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>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 12/09/2022</p> <p>9. The selection panel will meet on/before 12/09/2022</p> <p>10. The Performance Director/representative will then communicate the nominations to all eligible gymnasts and coaches by midday 19/09/2022.</p>
10. Selection Process for Team Coach places	<p>1. Based upon the number of athlete places qualified, British Gymnastics will confirm the number of Team Coach accreditations available at the Senior World Championships.</p> <p>2. British Gymnastics will consider its long-term Olympic strategy when selecting team coaches, to support the achievement of the performance targets.</p> <p>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 following priority order:</p> <p>a) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with the Head National Coach, National Coach and Head of Delegation to support the team's needs. At least one of the accredited Team Coaches will be a BG National Coach.</p> <p>b) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with gymnasts who possesses the highest probability of delivering medals at the World Championships.</p>
11. Expectations of selected gymnasts and coaches	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
12. Communication of selections	<p>1. The Performance Director/representative will communicate the selections to all eligible gymnast and coaches by midday on 12/09/2022</p> <p>2. The communication of selections is strictly confidential and is not to be publicised.</p>
13. Selection appeals	<p>1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday on 13/09/2022 to midday on 15/09/2022 for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</p> <p>2. The British Gymnastics appeals policy can be found here: Selection Appeals Process</p> <p>3. Support for athletes when considering or pursuing an appeal is available from the British Athletes Commission (www.britishathletes.org)</p>
14. External communication of selection	<p>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.</p>
15. Injury and replacement	<p>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.</p> <p>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 World Championships.</p> <p>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 (CMO) at British Gymnastics for medical approval.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <u>performance</u> 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</p>

	<p>extent that it leads the Head National Coach to reasonably believe that such athlete cannot perform to their expected ability at the 2022 World Championships, 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.</p> <p>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 their ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 the gymnast is able to compete to the best of their ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the gymnast will be required to undertake British Gymnastics designated "Fit for purpose evaluation". The "Fit for purpose evaluation" is an objective assessment that will require the gymnast to perform routine(s) to minimum selection policy standards with appropriately qualified judges appointed by the Technical Committee.
16. Team Organisation.	<p>3. 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> <p>4. The Team will attend pre-event Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance with the Activity Planner (subject to change).</p> <p>5. The team travel dates will be confirmed by 01/09/2022</p> <p>6. If they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021-2025.</p> <p>7. 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'.</p>
18. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<p>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.</p>

Selection policy for World Championships 2022- Liverpool

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