



BRITISH GYMNASTICS'

TOP Squad Selection Policy

Men's Artistic Gymnastics 2023-2024

Introduction	The TOP Junior and Senior National Squads for Men's Artistic Gymnastics outlines the selection process, key timescales and important criteria that is required to be eligible for selection.
Selection Process & Timescales	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Squad Nominations – Any gymnast not already in a GB squad should apply in writing using the attached form by November 1st in the preceding year of selection. Squad Selections will be circulated by December 10th of the preceding year, following a selection panel meeting.• Squad selection period (Length of time a gymnast can expect to be on the squad from the point of selection)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- January- December 2023- January – December 2024• Squad selections will be reviewed following the Home Nations and British Championships, and gymnasts may be moved or deselected based on competition results and attendance and performance at Squads. Any changes will be communicated by the end of April of the Squad year.• UK Sport Athlete Performance Awards are agreed and awarded from January – December of each year. (Please refer to the APA Policy for terms and conditions)
Eligibility Criteria	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a British Citizen, holding a British passport• 14-18 years old for Junior Squad, 18+ years old for Senior Squad in the year of competition.• a current British Gymnastics member• eligible to compete for Great Britain

Selection Criteria	<p>Consideration will be given to gymnasts who have participated in one or more of the following events in the preceding or current year of selection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. British Championships.2. Home Nations Championships3. London Open4. GB Internationals5. Official trials and GB National Squad Trainings. <p>The World Class Programme will select Gymnasts who, in the expert opinion of the National Coaching Team, have the best capability of representing GB at Senior International level. In order to be considered, the minimum scoring criteria at the above events is detailed below.</p> <p>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).</p> <table><tr><th>Apparatus</th><th>Floor</th><th>Pommel</th><th>Rings</th><th>Vault</th><th>P Bars</th><th>Bar</th><th>AA</th></tr><tr><td>U16</td><td>13.0</td><td>12.5</td><td>12.5</td><td>13.0</td><td>12.5</td><td>12.5</td><td>73+</td></tr><tr><td>U18</td><td>13.5</td><td>13.0</td><td>13.0</td><td>13.5ave</td><td>13.0</td><td>13.0</td><td>76+</td></tr><tr><td>Senior</td><td>14/5.5</td><td>14/5.5</td><td>13.5/5.5</td><td>14 ave</td><td>14/5.5</td><td>13.5/5.2</td><td>78+</td></tr></table>	Apparatus	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	P Bars	Bar	AA	U16	13.0	12.5	12.5	13.0	12.5	12.5	73+	U18	13.5	13.0	13.0	13.5ave	13.0	13.0	76+	Senior	14/5.5	14/5.5	13.5/5.5	14 ave	14/5.5	13.5/5.2	78+
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Nomination Panel	<p>Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy, the MAG Head National Coach will meet with the National Coaches in November preceding the Squad selection year in order to select the Squads.</p> <p>The Panel may also consider any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the athletes.</p> <p>The nominated athletes and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the MAG Head National Coach and based on competition results as well as training, have the potential to represent GB at Senior International level.</p>																																
Communication of Selections	<p>Once the nomination panel confirm the selection of the Squad, the Olympic Programme Officer will notify all successful Gymnasts, Parents and Personal Coaches, followed by this being placed on the British Gymnastics website.</p>																																
Nomination Process (How the decision is made)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Athletes will be nominated/selected on the basis of achieving agreed performance targets for Great Britain.2. Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria and who are already members of the British Gymnastics National Squad Programme will automatically be considered for nomination.3. Should athletes not reach the required standards of performance the Nomination Panel may nominate athletes who are deemed capable of reflecting the long-term direction and aims of the World Class Performance Programme of winning Olympic Medals.4. Nominated athletes and coaches will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the MAG Head National Coach.5. Nominated athletes and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics’ Performance Athlete Agreement 2021-2025 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.6. Selected Coaches for competitions and National/international camps associated with this squad will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria:																																

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team's best needs; • 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.
Available Places	<p>The following places are available for TOP Squads from 2023-2024:</p> <p>Junior TOP Squad:</p> <p>Up to 14 full places, with up to 6 of these places allocated to a 'Junior Euro' Squad. Reserve gymnasts may be offered places on their relevant Home Nations Squad, and may be called up for Individual GB Squads should places become available.</p> <p>Senior TOP Squad:</p> <p>Up to 12 full places, with up to 6 of these places allocated to a 'Senior Development' Squad. Where relevant, individual gymnasts may also be named in the GB Squad, but not required to attend training.</p> <p>Reserve gymnasts may be offered places on their relevant Home Nations Squad, and may be called up for Individual GB Squads should places become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Squads will be named but will be monitored and adjusted from the full squad according to progress. • The Planner will be circulated in December of the preceding Squad year, detailing all relevant competitions and trainings. • Squads will be reviewed in November of each year. <p>An athlete or coach may be removed from the Squad in the event of a non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the Squad or a violation of the Codes of Behaviour adopted by the Squad.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 train or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other squad members.</p> <p>Any replacement(s) required will be made by the MAG National Coaching Team based on the needs of the squad. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
1. Announcement	<p>Selected Squad 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 squad selection on the British Gymnastics website (www.british-Gymnastics.org)</p>

Appendix 1: Athlete Nomination Application

Name:
Date:
Club:
Please detail in this section evidence to support your application to become a member of the TOP Junior National Squad, as outlined within the policy.
Parental Name:
Parental Signature:
Personal Coach Name:
Parental Signature: