



## BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

### Rhythmic Gymnastics

#### 37th World Championships – Baku (AZE)

16 – 22 September 2019

#### Senior Individuals

1. Introduction	<p>The World Championships is one of the most prestigious of international competitions for senior gymnasts.</p> <p>The selection of athlete(s) to represent Great Britain at the 2019 World Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p>
2. Performance Targets	For each individual gymnast selected to score an average of 15.000 per exercise competed.
3. Selection Process / Timelines	<p>1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration all performances at the designated events (see section 11 below) including the gap to the performance target score.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nominated gymnasts (including replacements)</b> will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) as laid out by the Performance Panel as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.</li> <li>• <b>Nominated gymnasts (including replacements)</b> must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017-2020 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.</li> </ul>
4. FIG/UEG Entry deadlines (whole timeline)	<p>Definitive entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 19 June 2019.</p> <p>Nominative entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 14 August 2019.</p> <p>The Nominating body will be British Gymnastics.</p>
5. Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition I: 3 to 4 gymnasts perform 10 routines (2 x hoop, 2 x ball, 3 x clubs, 3 x ribbon), best 8 scores to count towards Team competition. Also constitutes qualification for Competition II (best 3 scores to count) and Competition III.</li> <li>• Competition II: All-Around final for individual gymnasts (top 24 from Competition I, max 2 per federation)</li> <li>• Competition III: Apparatus finals for individual gymnasts (top 8 per apparatus from Competition I, max 2 per federation).</li> </ul>
6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a British Citizen holding a British passport</li> <li>• born in 2003 or earlier</li> <li>• have current British Gymnastics membership (minimum silver)</li> <li>• are eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a level 5 individual gymnast in 2019</li> <li>register for selection online using the following link: <a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/24896/rhythmic-gbr-selection-event/?location=">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/24896/rhythmic-gbr-selection-event/?location=</a> by no later than <b>noon on 19 July 2019</b>.</li> </ul> <p>If a gymnast does not meet any of the above criteria but wishes to attend a Designated Selection Event, the coach of the gymnast may petition the Approval Panel in writing by no later than <b>noon on 12 July 2019</b> requesting permission to attend. The Approval Panel's decision in this regard shall be final. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p><i>Late applications to trial shall <b>not</b> be accepted.</i></p>
7. The 'Team'	The 'Team' means the team which is selected by British Gymnastics and includes gymnasts, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, Judges, Team Managers, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the World Class Programmes' staff.
8. Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nomination Panel consists of the Performance Manager for Rhythmic Gymnastics, the Chair of the Rhythmic Technical Committee, and the Judging Coordinator of the Rhythmic Technical Committee (collectively known as the 'Nomination Panel'). They will consider the results of the Designated Selection Events and take into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance Sport Science &amp; Medical staff.</li> <li>The nominated gymnasts and coaches will be those most able to achieve the targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets', following the process laid out in the Designated Selection Events and Nomination Process sections of this policy.</li> <li>Following agreement from this consultation, the Performance Manager for Rhythmic Gymnastics will forward a list of nominated gymnasts and coaches no later than noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny, or, alternatively, suggest that no one is selected.</li> </ol>
9. Approval Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Approval Panel, comprising of the Performance Director and the Head of Performance Programmes will consider the nominations for gymnasts and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate.</li> <li>In the event that the Nomination Panel provides insufficient gymnasts to fill the available team places, the Approval Panel may make the referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended.</li> <li>The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team with the Performance Manager no later than midnight on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</li> <li>Coaches and Gymnasts of all registered gymnasts will then be informed of the selections by noon on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This will then trigger the Appeals process outlined in section 9.</li> </ul>
10. Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appeals can only be submitted for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</li> <li>Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics selection appeals process (details can be found on the British Gymnastics website link below) - <a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file</a></li> </ul>
11. Designated Selection Event(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All</b> gymnasts wishing to be considered for selection for the Rhythmic World Championships <b>must</b> compete at the <b>British Championships</b> on <b>25 – 28 July 2019, Echo Arena, Liverpool</b>. All scores for each individual gymnast from this competition will be taken into account.</li> <li>In addition, the Nomination Panel will take into consideration each gymnast's scores from FIG registered competitions between 1 January and 24 July 2019</li> <li><b>Qualification Target Score.</b> The score below will be used as the benchmark criteria for consideration to the World Championships and represents the minimum target score for Individuals to be aiming for at the Designated Selection Events outlined above. <b>Target Score:</b> 14.000 average across best 3 pieces.</li> </ol>

	<p>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the Designated Selection Events above must provide immediate written authentication of the injury or illness by medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics (BG approved medical staff listed at the end of this Policy).</p>
<p>12. Nomination Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of gymnasts selected, and the pieces which they are selected to perform, will be proposed by the Nomination Panel on the basis which it considers is most likely to lead to the best team result for Great Britain. However, if the scores from the Designated Selection Events indicate in the Nomination Panel's opinion that the gymnasts are unlikely to meet the Performance Targets, they may recommend to the Approval Panel that only 1-2 individual gymnasts are selected (and therefore no Team is entered) or that no gymnasts are selected.</li> <li>2. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.</li> <li>3. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including any reserve(s) will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Nomination Panel as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.</li> <li>4. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including the reserves) must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement 2017 – 2020 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.</li> <li>5. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of available accreditations.</li> <li>• The Team's best needs</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>• Their holding a coaching qualification of at least Level 2</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p>13. Injury &amp; Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, any gymnast 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 Championships.</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 Head of Science &amp; Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval.</li> <li>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 will be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Head of Delegation (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Head of Delegation. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</li> <li>5. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to departure to the competition, should any gymnast fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the Nomination Panel may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, 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.</li> <li>6. At any stage following the arrival of the Team at the competition and during the event, should any gymnast fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the Nomination Panel may recommend de-selection to Head of Delegation. The Head of Delegation will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the gymnast 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> </ol>

	<p>7. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast to compete to the best of his ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 or not 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.</li> <li>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".</li> <li>c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the gymnast to perform routine(s) to a level at least equivalent to that demonstrated in the most recent Designated Selection Events.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>8. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Nomination Panel 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>
<p>14. Team Organisation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions as specified by the Rhythmic Gymnastics National Technical Committee.</li> <li>2. As part of the strategy outlined above, gymnasts may be required to focus on certain pieces of apparatus for certain periods of time.</li> <li>3. The Team will transfer to Baku on or around 12 September 2019.</li> </ol> <p>In the event that they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnast Agreement 2017-2020.</p>
<p>15. Team Announcement</p>	<p>The team will be announced on or before 12 August 2019. 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>)</p>
<p>16. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy</p>	<p>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>

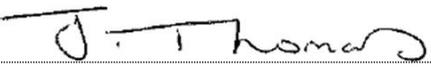
Selection Policy for Rhythmic Gymnastics 37<sup>th</sup> Senior World Championships 2019,

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