



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Rhythmic Gymnastics

36th European Championships – Kiev (UKR)
21 – 24 May 2020

Junior Individuals, Senior Group & Senior Individuals

<p>1. Introduction and Competition Format</p>	<p>The European Championships is one of the most prestigious of international competitions for junior and senior gymnasts.</p> <p>To compete in the team competition, 2-4 junior individuals and a senior group must compete.</p> <p>The senior individual competition is a qualifying event for the Olympics in 2020 and so in addition to the top 24 gymnasts qualified from the European Championships 2019, each federation which does not have a gymnast in that top 24, may send 1 individual gymnast to compete in the senior individual all-around competition. There is also a Senior Group competition which allows nations to compete in the Team competition and obtain a Nation Ranking in Europe.</p> <p><u>Junior Individuals format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition I: 2 to 4 gymnasts perform 8 routines (2 x rope, 2 x ball, 2 x clubs, 2 x ribbon), all 8 scores to count towards Team competition (combined junior individual + senior group). Also constitutes qualification Competition III. • Competition III: Apparatus finals for individual gymnasts (top 8 per apparatus from Competition I, max 1 gymnast per federation). <p><u>Senior Groups Format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition I: group to perform 2 routines (1 with 5 balls, and 1 with 3 hoops and 2 pairs of clubs). Both scores count towards Team competition (combined junior individual + senior group). All-around ranking will also be established by adding the two scores from Competition I together. Also constitutes qualification for group Competition III. • Competition III: Apparatus finals for Senior Groups (top 8 per apparatus in Competition I) <p><u>Senior Individuals Format:</u></p> <p>Competition II: the top 24 gymnasts qualified from the European Championships 2019 plus 1 gymnast from each federation with no gymnasts in the top 24 to perform 4 routines (hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon).</p> <p>The selection of athlete(s) to represent Great Britain at the 2020 European Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>For each junior individual gymnast selected to score an average of 13.000 per exercise competed.</p> <p>For the senior group selected to score 15.000 on one of the two routines competed.</p> <p>For the senior individual gymnast selected to score an average of 15.000 across her best 3 pieces of 4 competed.</p>

<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<p>Designated Selection events for all those registered to Trial</p> <p><u>Event 1</u> – 25/26 Jan 2020 LNSC; <u>Event 2</u>- 15/16 Feb (exact time tbc) 2020 LNSC;</p> <p>Nomination and Approval meetings 16 /17 Feb 2020</p> <p>Definitive Entry Deadline - 19 Feb 2020</p> <p><u>Selection Event 3</u> – 20/22 March 2020 (exact time tbc) Fenton Manor.</p> <p>Nomination meeting for all Nominative Entries –11/12 April 2020 (tbc)</p> <p>Approval process – 13 to the 15 April 2020</p> <p>Communication of selections to Coaches – 15 April 2020</p> <p>Appeals Deadline -1 7 April 2020</p> <p>Announcement of the Team – (date tbc)</p> <p>Nominative Entry - 21 April 2020</p>
<p>4. FIG/UEG Entry deadlines (whole timeline)</p>	<p>Definitive entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 19 February 2020.</p> <p>Nominative entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 21 April 2020.</p> <p>The Nominating body will be British Gymnastics.</p>
<p>5. Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are a British Citizen holding a British passport • born in 2005, 2006 or 2007 if entering as a junior, or born in 2004 or earlier if entering as a senior • have current British Gymnastics membership (minimum silver) • are eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG • register their request to be considered for selection and pay the fee of £25 per gymnast/group via the following link: https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/26316/rhythmic-gbr-selection-event/?location= • The payment system will be opened on Tuesday 14th January and must be paid no later than noon on Friday 17th January 2020. Groups should submit one named entry per group and email Marie Johnson with the names of the group members. <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 email to alan.edge@british-gymnastics.org and c.c. vicki.hawkins@british-gymnastics.org no later than 17th January , 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 will not be accepted.</i></p>
<p>6. The ‘Team’</p>	<p>The ‘Team’ means the team which may be selected by British Gymnastics which can include gymnasts, coaches, nominated non-travelling reserves, medical support personnel, Judges, Team Managers, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the World Class Programmes’ staff.</p>
<p>7. Nomination Panel</p>	<p>1. The Nomination Panel consists of the Performance Manager for Rhythmic Gymnastics, the Chair of the Rhythmic Technical Committee, the National Coach and the Judging Coordinator of the Rhythmic Technical Committee (collectively known as the ‘Nomination Panel’).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Definitive Entries for Junior (3 Individual) and Senior (1 individual)</u> – will be made subject to satisfactory performance against the performance targets outlined in section 2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Definitive entry in Senior Group</u> - the Panel will consider the results of Selection Events 1 & 2 against the performance targets outlined in section 2. A funded definitive entry or if deemed more appropriate, a self-funded group entry may be considered. <p>A place nominated for Senior Group Definitive Entry will be based on at least one Group demonstrating that they have the potential to operate at the standard required to meet the performance targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets' - and therefore justify a definitive entry being made.</p> <p>For the Nominative Entries the Panel will consider the results from Selection Event 3 (along with results from Selection Events 1 & 2 and any international results from Jan 1st to April 12th) and nominate those gymnasts and Group who have demonstrated that they can achieve the standards required to deliver the performance Targets listed in Section 2 of this Policy. The Performance Manager for Rhythmic Gymnastics will then forward the list of nominated gymnasts and coaches no later than midnight on 12 April 2020 to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny.</p>
8. Approval Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team with the Performance Manager no later than midday on the 15 April 2020.
9. Communication of Selections	<p>Once the Approval Panel confirm the selection of the team, the Performance Manager will notify all age eligible nominated Athletes and their personal coaches by 16.00hrs Wednesday 15 April 2020.</p> <p>Once selections have been communicated, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until after the official Team Announcement on the 20 April 2020 (see also section 15)
10. Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The 48 hour appeals window would open once the selected gymnasts had been informed on the 15 April 2020. • Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics selection appeals process (details can be found on the British Gymnastics website link below) - https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file
11. Designated Selection Event(s) and qualification criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Individual and Group gymnasts wishing to be considered for selection for the European Championships must compete at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a control competition (Selection Event 1) to be held on Saturday 25 / Sunday 26 January 2020 (exact time tbc) at Lilleshall National Sports Centre • a control competition (Selection Event 2) on the 15/16 Feb 2020 (exact time tbc) at Lilleshall National Sports Centre 2. To finalise the Nominative entries for the European Championships, a final control competition (Selection Event 3) will be held alongside the <u>Open Apparatus / Group Seeding competition on 20-22 March 2020, Fenton Manor.</u> (again, exact timing tbc) <p>All scores for each individual gymnast / group from this competition as well as selection events 1 & 2 will be taken into account in the final nominative selection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In addition, the Nomination Panel will take into consideration individual & group scores from international competitions between 1 January 2020 and 12 April 2020. <p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the Designated Selection Events above must provide to the Performance Manager 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).</i></p>

<p>12. Nomination Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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/individual results 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 no junior and/or senior individual gymnasts and/or senior group is selected (including if that means that no Team is sent). 2. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy. 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. 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. 5. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of available accreditations. • 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 • Their holding a coaching qualification of at least Level 2
<p>13. Injury & Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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 & Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval. 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. 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. 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. 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>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.</p> <p>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".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <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>
14. Team Organisation	<p>1. The Team may attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions as specified by the Rhythmic Gymnastics National Technical Committee. (dates tbc)</p> <p>2. As part of the strategy outlined above, gymnasts may be required to focus on certain pieces of apparatus for certain periods of time.</p> <p>3. The Team will transfer to Kiev on or around 19 May 2020 (TBC).</p> <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>
15. Team Announcement	<p>The team will be announced on or before 20 April 2020 TBC. 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 (www.british-gymnastics.org)</p>
16. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<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>

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APPROVED BY:

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