



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Rhythmic Gymnastics

37th European Championships – Varna (BUL)
9 – 13 June 2021

Junior Group, Senior Group & Senior Individuals

<p>1. Introduction and Competition Format</p>	<p>The European Championships is one of the most prestigious of international RHG competitions for junior and senior gymnasts and is a Performance event. This means that selections will be made based on the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to achieve the performance targets listed in Section 2 below.</p> <p><i>However, with the 2020 European RHG Championships being postponed due to Covid 19 and then not being available at their revised date to GBR Teams due to Covid Lockdown measures, normal preparation for the 2021 European Gymnastics Championships has been compromised. This policy sets out a policy reflecting the unique circumstances that we now must deal with in selecting the GBR Teams to represent Great Britain at the 2021 European RHG Championships for Senior Group/Individual & Junior Group.</i></p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>For the Junior Group selected to score an average of 13.500 per exercise competed. Target placing – bottom quarter of the field.</p> <p>For the Senior Group selected to score 15.000 on one of the two routines competed. Target placing – bottom third of the field.</p> <p>For the Senior Individual Gymnast(s) selected to score an average of 15.000 across the best 3 pieces of 4 competed. Target placing - one gymnast in the top half of the field.</p>
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines/Video details</p>	<p><u>Selection Process for Current GBR Senior Individual/Group Squad and Junior Group gymnasts.</u></p> <p><u>Definitive Nomination process</u></p> <p><i><u>Due to the Covid Pandemic and travel/training restrictions and the lack of opportunities to run live trials the following Video Nomination process has been agreed with British Gymnastics. Please note also that due to Covid restrictions - only existing GB Senior Individual Squad & GB Senior and Junior Group gymnasts will be eligible for this Selection process.</u></i></p> <p>a) there will be a 'Video Submission 'Window' open to current GB Senior Squad Gymnasts individual and Group and GB Junior Group gymnasts up to the 28th February 2021</p> <p>Videos submitted will then be judged/assessed by the RHG Selection Panel over the period 29 Feb – 4 March 2021 after which nominations for definitive entries will be made.</p> <p>(NB Videos already submitted by GB Squad gymnasts prior to the 22 January will be also assessed)</p> <p><u>Definitive Approval meeting</u> – by Friday 5 March 2021</p> <p><u>Definitive Entry date</u>- 8 March 2021</p> <p><u>Final Selection</u> 24/25 April 2021 - Telford International Centre</p>

<p>Details on Video Submission</p>	<p><u>Nomination meeting for Nominative Entries</u> – 26 /27 April 2021</p> <p><u>Approval process</u> – 27 /28 April 2021; <u>Communication of selections to Coaches</u> – 28 April 2021</p> <p><u>Appeals period</u> – 29/30 April 2021. <u>Nominative Entry</u> - 10 May 2021</p> <p>See details below for Videos submitted for assessment during the ‘window’ up to the 28 February 2021: -</p> <p>a) Each routine to be performed as a whole in one go from start to end. .</p> <p>b) All videos submitted must be accompanied by a written tariff sheet showing all elements and the values of each element which the gymnast/group is attempting to perform.</p> <p>c) Videos to be submitted to the link below by midnight on the 28 February 2021</p> <p>The link for uploading video will be made available by the Programme Officer in further correspondence distributed to clubs & personal coaches. Please contact joy.fern@british-gymnastics.org should you have any questions.</p> <p><i>NB at the time of publishing this policy, the Directives for the Championships are available but have many sections to be confirmed. Accordingly, the timescales above are provided on the basis of British Gymnastics’ best understanding of the position but may be subject to change in light of any changes made by European Gymnastics, or required by British Gymnastics, as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.</i></p>
<p>4. FIG/European Gymnastics Entry deadlines (whole timeline)</p>	<p>Definitive entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 8 March 2021.</p> <p>Nominative entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 10 May 2021.</p> <p>The Nominating body will be British Gymnastics.</p>
<p>5. Competition Format</p>	<p>To compete in the team competition, 2-3 senior individuals and a senior group must compete. There is also a Junior Group competition.</p> <p>The selection of athlete(s) to represent Great Britain at the 2021 European Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p><u>Senior Individuals format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition I: 1 to 3 gymnasts perform 8 routines (2 x hoop, 2 x ball, 2 x clubs, 2 x ribbon), all 8 scores to count towards Team competition (combined senior individual + senior group). Also constitutes qualification for Competition II and Competition III. • Competition II: All-around final (top 24 from Competition 1 based on the best 3 scores from Competition 1, max 2 gymnasts per Federation) • Competition III: Apparatus finals for individual gymnasts (top 8 per apparatus from Competition I, max 2 gymnasts 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 senior 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>Junior Groups Format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition I: group to perform 2 routines (1 with 5 balls and 1 with 5 ribbons). All-around ranking will also be established by adding the two scores from Competition I together. Also constitutes qualification for group Competition III. <p>Competition III: Apparatus finals for Junior Groups (top 8 per apparatus in Competition I)</p>

6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration to trial provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are a British Citizen holding a British passport • born in 2006, 2007 or 2008 if entering as a junior, or born in 2005 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 • <u>for Individual and Group registration</u> – see section 3 above.
7. The 'Team'	<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>
8. Nomination Panel	<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 Senior Individual (1 to 3 Individuals)</u> – will be made subject to satisfactory assessment of the video footage (see section 3) against the performance targets outlined in section 2 • <u>Definitive entries for Senior and Junior Group</u> - the Panel will consider the video footage submitted against the performance targets outlined in section 2. A funded definitive entry or if deemed more appropriate, a self-funded group entry may also be considered. <p>A place nominated for Senior Group Definitive Entry will be based on at least one Senior 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>A place nominated for Junior Group Definitive Entry will be based on at least one Junior 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 the video evidence submitted for Definitive entry and any international results (if available) from Jan 1st to April 26th2021) and nominate those gymnasts and/or Group(s) 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 27 April 2021 to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny.</p>
9. 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 28 April 2021.
10. Communication of Selections	<p>Once the Approval Panel confirm the selection of the team, the Performance Manager will notify all personal coaches of gymnasts who participated in the selection process by 16.00hrs Wednesday 28 April 2021.</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 5 May 2021 TBC (see also section 15)
11. 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 personal coaches of gymnasts who participated in the selection process had been informed on the 28 April 2021. • 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
12. Designated Selection Event(s) and qualification criteria	<p>a) As described in Section 3 of this policy there will be a ‘Video Submission Window’ open to current GB Senior Squad Gymnasts individual and Group and GB Junior Group gymnasts from 22 January 2021 through to the 28th February 2021</p> <p>Videos submitted will then be judged/assessed by the RHG Selection Panel over the period 29 Feb – 4 March 2021 after which nominations for definitive entries will be made.</p> <p>(NB Videos already submitted by GB Squad gymnasts prior to the 22 January will be also assessed)</p> <p>b) Selection Event – Saturday 24 / Sunday 25 April 2021 Int Centre Telford. TBC</p> <p>NB See section 3 above for more detail on the video process requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration the performances and scores from the Selection Event and certain international competitions (if available), as set out in section 8 of this policy. 2. If it is not practicable to hold the selection event listed above due to the ongoing coronavirus epidemic and its consequences, the Nomination Panel reserve the right to cancel a selection event and/or change the format, dates and venues of the selection events and shall give the personal coaches of all gymnasts registered to trial as much notices as reasonably practicable of any such changes. In such a scenario, the performances and results to be considered by the Nomination Panel in reaching its nomination shall be adjusted accordingly. <p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the Designated Selection process outlined 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).</i></p>
13. Nomination Process	<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 senior individual gymnasts and/or senior group and/or junior 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.

	<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 • Their holding a coaching qualification of at least Level 2
14. Injury & Replacement	<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 their ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to: <ol 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 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. 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 their 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 a level at least equivalent to that demonstrated in the most recent Designated Selection Events. 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. 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.

15. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team may attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions as specified by the Rhythmic Gymnastics National Technical Committee. (dates tbc) 2. As part of the strategy outlined above, gymnasts may be required to focus on certain pieces of apparatus for certain periods of time. 3. The Team will transfer to Varna on or around 7 June 2021 (TBC). <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>
16. Team Announcement	The team will be announced on or before 5 May 2021 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)
17. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	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.

**Selection Policy for Rhythmic Gymnastics 37th European Championships 2021,
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