



## BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

### Rhythmic Gymnastics

38<sup>th</sup> World Championships – Kitakyushu (JPN)  
27 – 31 October 2021

### Senior Group & Senior Individuals

<p>1. Introduction and Competition Format</p>	<p>The World Championships is one of the most prestigious of international RHG competitions for 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>FIG allocation of places to compete in the Senior Individual section of the Championships is by reference to a quota system. GBR will only be able to send one senior individual gymnast to the Championships if the requisite results are achieved at the European Championships 2021.</p> <p>The Senior Group section is open for the 2021 Championships.</p> <p>The selection of athlete(s) to represent Great Britain at the 2021 World Championships, to the extent Great Britain is eligible to participate, will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p><i>The processes set out in this policy are based upon our current understanding of how training, selection events and warm-up competitions will be able to proceed, however these will remain under review in light of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and changes may be required to be made in due course to reflect any changes in restrictions.</i></p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p>For the Senior Group selected to score 17.000 on one of the two routines competed. Target placing within the top two thirds of groups.</p> <p>For the Senior Individual Gymnast selected to score an average of 17.000 across the best 3 pieces of 4 competed. Target placing of top 60 individuals.</p>
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<p>Gymnasts must apply to be considered for selection, using the following link [ <a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/27499/rhythmic-gbr-selection-event?location=">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/27499/rhythmic-gbr-selection-event?location=</a> ] by no later than Friday 9 July 2021, and paying the fee of £25 per gymnast/group.</p> <p>Definitive approval meeting and process – to be completed by no later than 19 July 2021</p> <p>Definitive entry deadline – 22 July 2021</p> <p>Selection Event: control competition at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on Sunday 22 August 2021, time to be confirmed</p> <p>Nominative approval meeting and process – by Wednesday 25 August 2021</p> <p>Communication of selections to coaches of gymnasts in the process – Wednesday 25 August 2021</p> <p>Appeals window closes – Friday 27 August 2021</p> <p>Announcement of the team – by Friday 3 September 2021</p> <p>Nominative entry deadline – 25 September 2021</p> <p>Preparation competition for the selected team: Portimao World Challenge Cup, Portugal on 8-10 October 2021 on a self-funded basis (nominative deadline 3 September 2021)</p>

	<p><i>NB at the time of publishing this policy, the Directives for the Championships are not available. Accordingly, the timescales above are provided on the basis of British Gymnastics' best understanding of the position but may be subject to change once the Directives have been published and/or in light of any changes made by FIG or required by British Gymnastics, as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.</i></p>
4. FIG Entry deadlines (whole timeline)	<p>Definitive entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 22 July 2021.</p> <p>Nominative entries must be returned to the FIG Secretariat by 25 September 2021.</p> <p>The Nominating body will be British Gymnastics.</p>
5. Competition Format	<p><u>Senior Individuals format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification: 1 gymnast to perform 3 or 4 exercises out of hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. The results obtained in the Qualification determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the qualification for the All-Around competition made by adding the 3 best scores obtained in the Qualification</li> <li>○ the qualification for the Apparatus Finals</li> <li>○ the ranking of the All-Around competitors ranked from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the last place</li> <li>○ the ranking of the competitors ranked from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the last place on each individual apparatus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All-Around Final: The 18 best gymnasts from Qualifications participate in the All-Around Final (max. 2 per NF). The programme consists of 4 exercises with the four prescribed apparatus and the ranking is made by adding the 4 scores obtained with the four apparatus.</li> <li>• Apparatus Finals: The 8 best ranked gymnasts from Qualification participate in the Apparatus Final (max. 2 gymnasts per NF). The ranking is established according to the results obtained in each Final.</li> </ul> <p><u>Senior Groups Format:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification and All-Around: group to perform 2 routines (1 with 5 balls, and 1 with 3 hoops and 2 pairs of clubs). All-around ranking will also be established by adding the two scores together. Also constitutes qualification for Apparatus Finals.</li> <li>• Apparatus Finals: The 8 best Groups from the Qualification participate in the Apparatus Finals. The ranking is established according to the results obtained in each Final.</li> </ul>
6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>Gymnasts are eligible for consideration to trial provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a British Citizen holding a British passport</li> <li>• born in 2005</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> <li>• have registered for selection – see section 3 above.</li> </ul> <p><i>The Nomination Panel's decision on numbers of gymnasts to be invited to trial shall be final. Decisions on numbers will be determined by the standard of the gymnasts seen by the National Coaches at camps, performances at controls and competitions during 2021, and the safety protocols required by Covid 19. These decisions are not open to appeal.</i></p>
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 Performance Programme staff.</p>
8. Nomination Panel	<p>The Nomination Panel consists of the Head of Performance Programmes, 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>

	<p><u>Definitive entry for one Senior Individual</u> (subject to eligibility for a quota place) will be made subject to satisfactory assessment of performance of gymnasts at GBR control competitions and FIG international competitions prior to 12 July 2021, against the performance targets outlined in section 2.</p> <p><u>Definitive entry for one Senior Group</u> will be made subject to satisfactory assessment of performance of groups at GBR control competitions and FIG international competitions prior to 12 July 2021, 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> <p><u>For the Nominative Entries</u> the Panel will consider the results from the Selection Event on 22 August 2021 (along with results from FIG international competitions from 1 January to 22 August 2021) and nominate the gymnast and/or Group who have demonstrated that they can achieve the standards required to deliver the performance targets listed in Section 2 of this Policy.</p> <p>The Head of Performance Programmes will forward the list of nominated gymnasts and coaches no later than midnight on 23 August 2021 to the Approval Panel for their scrutiny.</p>
9. Approval Panel	<p>The Approval Panel, comprising of the Performance Director and a member of the Performance Leadership Team will consider the nominations for gymnasts and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team with the Head of Performance Programmes no later than midday on the 25 August 2021.</p>
10. Communication of Selections	<p>Once the Approval Panel confirm the selection of the team, the Head of Performance Programmes will notify all personal coaches of gymnasts who participated in the selection process by 16.00hrs Wednesday 25 August 2021.</p> <p>Once selections have been communicated, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect.</p> <p>Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until after the official Team Announcement.</p>
11. Appeals	<p>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 25 August 2021.</p> <p>Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics selection appeals process (details can be found on the British Gymnastics website link below) -</p> <p><a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/selection/rhythmic/12224-performance-nomination-selection-appeals-procedure-2018/file">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/selection/rhythmic/12224-performance-nomination-selection-appeals-procedure-2018/file</a></p>
12. Designated Selection Event(s) and qualification criteria	<p>All gymnasts and groups wishing to be considered for selection for the Championships must compete at the control on Sunday 22 August 2021, Lilleshall National Sports Centre. All scores from this control will be taken into account. In addition, the Nomination Panel will take into consideration each gymnast's scores from FIG registered competitions between 1 January and 22 August 2021</p> <p>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 that selection event and/or change the format, dates and venues of the selection event(s) and shall give the personal coaches of all gymnasts registered to trial as much notice 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>

	<p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the 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>
<p>13. Nomination Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gymnasts selected will be proposed by the Nomination Panel on the basis which it considers is most likely to lead to the best 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 gymnast and/or senior group is 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. In particular, this includes competing at the World Challenge Cup competition in Portimao, Portugal on 8-10 October 2021, on a self-funded basis.</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>14. 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 Performance Support 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 their ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <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 their 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>
15. Team Organisation	<p>1. The Team may attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions as specified by the Nomination Panel.</p> <p>2. The Team will transfer to Kitakyushu on or around 24 October 2021.</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 the current form of British Gymnast Agreement.</p>
16. Team Announcement	<p>The team will be announced on or before 3 September 2021. 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>
17. 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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