



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION REVIEW

TeamGym

13th European Championships, Guimares (Portugal)

29th November to 5th December 2021

To review the status of Selected Gymnasts and Trial New Talent for the GBR Team (as required)

Foreword

The GBR team for the 13th European TeamGym Championships was selected in April 2020 for the event in October 2020 (in Copenhagen, Denmark). This date was then pushed back to April 2021 due to the global coronavirus pandemic. Denmark later withdrew as the hosts which left the status of the championships uncertain until the 29th January 2021 when Guimares, Portugal was announced as the new host with 1st – 4th December (actual championship days) 2021 as the new date.

On May 20th 2020, the European Gymnastics Executive Committee decided to grant an exception to the age limits for the rescheduled TeamGym Europeans in 2021. This means that juniors who turn 17 in 2020 can either compete as juniors or seniors at the ECH in 2021.

Introduction

British Gymnastics are optimistic for the new date and venue. In order to progress towards this event, BG has opted for a Selection Review as an update to the original Selection Policy for the following reasons:

- ✚ BG does not wish to waste the preparatory work that has been invested in this event thus far.
- ✚ BG must ensure that the gymnasts selected in April 2020 are the best gymnasts to represent GBR in December 2021 (19 months from original selection to competition).

Therefore, the Selection Review is an important check and challenge exercise, which is required for BG to invest in the TeamGym ECH 2021.

The Selection Review will consist of:

1. Declaration of interest. This is to clearly show who is committed to working towards the ECH 2021.
 - 1.1 For the selected gymnasts & coaches.
 - 1.2 For new talent (gymnasts / coaches)
All declarations via this form.
2. Reviewing standards
 - 2.1 Tasks set for review by Unit Leaders
 - 2.2 Feedback and review based on a traffic light system

Maintaining standards is a condition outlined in the Selection Policy. BG has lobbied most strongly to allow the selected GBR gymnasts to train throughout the pandemic. Where home nation / regional rules have not permitted access to facilities there is still an expectation of conditioning being maintained at home.

Resignation:

Should existing GBR members wish to reconsider their position in light of the new date and venue, please email peter.tranckle@british-gymnastics.org and copy in their Unit Leader. Resignation will be respected and will in no way influence future selection decisions. Failure to make contact by the 26th February 2021 (deadline for declaration of interest) will be taken as a resignation.

Process

Standards	Status	Description
Tasks set by Unit Leaders to assess standards	<i>GREEN</i>	Meeting standards. Working towards the preparations of a specific team. A green status gymnast can still be moved to another team if their expertise in that team significantly optimises the GBR performance targets (as per item 12 of the Selection Policy).
	<i>AMBER</i>	Meeting most of the standards. Working towards the preparations for one or more teams.
	<i>RED</i>	Failing to meet the required standards. Working to specific time-phased action plans agreed between the Unit Leads, Gymnast and Personal Coaches.
	<i>WHITE</i>	Working towards the standards of the delegation. Not yet assigned to the delegation but invited on a provisional basis whilst working towards preparations for one or more teams.

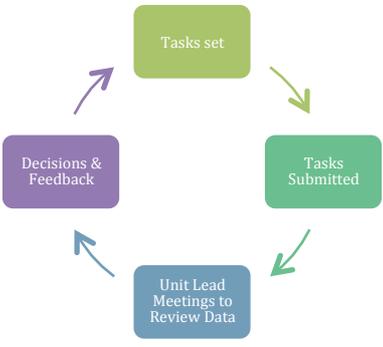
The traffic light system is intended to optimise the potential of the talent pool. Gymnasts who are meeting standards continue with their preparations to maximise their potential; Gymnasts who are not meeting standards are given every opportunity to make improvements / be relocated within other teams. Where gymnasts are unable to meet the standards they will have the option of retiring from this specific delegation or continuing to work remotely under White Status.

Decisions:

Traffic light status will be decided by the consensus of the Unit Leaders in consultation with the Team Leader.

For conclusions within the Selection Review, the Selection Policy will be followed.

Schedule

Date (end of)	Description	Notes
February	Declaration of Interest Tasks Set for Review	Declarations to be in by 26 th February 2021
March	Unit Leaders will set tasks at the beginning of the month for submission by the end of the month.	<p>The Selection Review will last until 1st June but may be shortened to meet deadlines set by the ECH Competition Directives (which are out of our control) when they become known.</p>
April		
May	 <p>Based on the needs of the delegation*, a number of trialling gymnasts will be sent tasks to work on and submit by the end of the month</p>	
June	End of Selection Review Confirmation of Team Assignments	
July	Remote Training	
August	Remote Training	The exact number of days is dependent on the BG budget meetings to be concluded in early March 2021.
September	GB Camp 1 GB Camp 2	
October	GB Camp 3	
November	GB Camp 4 Travel on 29 th November 2021 (TBC)	
December	Return on 5 th December 2021 (TBC)	

* The delegation will require a finite number of male and females within the junior and senior age groups. As the selection review progresses these numbers will be refined and inevitably finalised. Tasks set will take into account local rules regarding access to facilities.

Logistics

There are variables with the costs such as flights, accommodation packages and the new competition kit, which are not yet known. Based on previous years, a reasonable estimation on cost for the ECH is £1,200 per gymnast. This does not include preparations in the lead up to the event, although if gymnasts have done 10 GB Squad / Zonal sessions in 2019/2020 there will not be any additional charges for this. As per the Selection Policy, if the fee is due for GB training it would be £400 (Reduction of £40 per day of zonal training attended in 2019/2020).

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Declaration of Interest

I _____ (full name) wish to be considered for selection to the British Team for the TeamGym 2021 European Championships in Guimares (POR).

I acknowledge that I have read, been given opportunity to discuss, understand, and agree to follow:

1. British Gymnastics' Selection Policy for the TeamGym 2020 European Championships <https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/selection/teamgym/11153-team-gym-europeans-2020-selection-policy-final-27012020/file> ;
2. British Gymnastics TeamGym Selection Review Document for the 2021 European Championships (this document)
3. British Gymnastics' Code of Conduct and Rules of Membership;
4. British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement;

By registering for selection, I acknowledge that the selected Team will be expected to attend the programme of Pre-Championship Competition & Preparation outlined below and this will be fully-funded (budget dependant): -

There will be 8-10 days of pre-competition preparation as detailed below:

4th & 5th September 2021 (TBA)

25th & 26th September 2021 (TBA)

30th & 31st October 2021 (TBA)

13th & 14th November 2021 (TBA)

28th November 2021 (TBA)

5. Pay £400 for GB Training dates listed above (Reduction of £40 per day of zonal training attended in 2019/2020). Therefore, gymnasts who have attended 10 days of zonal training/GB Squad will not have a fee to pay.
6. Pay the costs associated with this trip (travel, accommodation & required kit), estimated at £1,200 (TBC). Payment is usually made in two instalments in the latter third of 2021.
7. I have completed this Google form <https://forms.gle/AawKsejMMMeHUUqD9> with further information concerning the Selection Review.

This acknowledgement ensures that I will be afforded fair and equal opportunity to gain selection to the Team in accordance with the Selection Policy but does not guarantee my selection in any way.

Signature of athlete*:	Signature of witness:
Date:	Name of witness:

*If you are under the age of 18 years at the date of signing this form, it must be signed by your parents/guardians.

I/We*, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s)* of the athlete agree (and if more than one agree jointly and severally) that:

- a) the athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the Acknowledgement Form;
- b) I/We* have read and understood the selection policy and have fully explained to the athlete the terms and effects of the selection policy and have sought and obtained independent clarification and advice wherever it was necessary;
- c) the athlete has read the details of the selection policy and together with our full explanation understands its terms and effects;

Signed by:

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s)* Signature(s)

Name and address (es) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)* (if different from above)

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*Delete as appropriate

Please scan this form (pages 4 & 5) and return via email to: Dr Peter Tranckle, TeamGym TC Chair (on behalf of the TeamGym Selection Panel) by 26th February 2021 peter.tranckle@british-gymnastics.org