



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Trampoline Gymnastics

Junior European Championships, Sochi, RUS

29 Apr - 2 May 2021

1. Introduction	<p>The Junior European Championships is a PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT competition. A Performance Development event means that selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and demonstrating potential to win medals in the 2021-2024 cycle.</p> <p>The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2021 Junior European Championships will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for the Junior European Championships, each delegation may enter a maximum of 4 entries in total for men and 4 entries for women per age group.</p>
2. Performance Targets	<p><i>These Performance Targets and the selection principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and aims of the Trampoline Performance Programme to win Olympic Medals in 2020 and beyond.</i></p> <p>Performance targets for the Junior European Championships 2021 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medal Target – 1
3. Selection Process / Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Selection Events – To be determined based upon expression of interest • Nomination Selection Meeting – 22nd February 2021 • Nomination to Approval Panel – 23rd February 2021 • Approval of selection – 23rd February 2021 • Communication of selection – 23rd February 2021 • Appeals Deadline – 25th February 2021 • Nominative Entry – TBC
4. FIG Entry deadlines	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the UEG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the European Championships 2021 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Entry – TBC • Definitive Entry – TBC • Nominative Entry – TBC
5. Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG World Age Requirements, Code of Points • Individual Men • Individual Women
6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a British Citizen, holding a British passport 2. a minimum age of 13 in the year of competition.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. a maximum age of 17 in the year of competition*1. 4. a current British Gymnastics member 5. eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG <p>*1 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 event being postponed to 2021, Gymnasts born in 2004, have the choice to compete as either junior or senior in the postponed 2020 Trampoline Europeans in 2021. They must follow the age rules stipulated in FIG's Technical Regulations in all other international competitions in 2021 and compete in the senior category (17+).</p>
7. The 'Team'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 'Team' means the team which is selected by British Gymnastics and includes athletes, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, judges, Team Leaders, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the Performance Sport staff.
8. Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy, the TRA Head National Coach will consult with the National Coaches, Technical Chair, Judging representative and Lead Physiotherapist for the discipline. The panel may also take into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the athletes and coaches. 2. The nominated athletes and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the TRA Head National Coach, most able to achieve the targets as listed in the section 'Performance Targets'. 3. Following the Nomination Panel meeting, the Head National Coach will forward the completed Nomination documentation including a list of nominated athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on 22nd February 2021.
9. Approval Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Performance Director and Head of Performance Programmes will consider the nominations for athletes and coaches received from the Nomination Panel and ratify if appropriate. 2. In the event that the Nomination Panel provides insufficient athletes to fill the available Team places, the Approval Panel will make referral back to the Nomination Panel for their reasoning at which point their list of nominations may be amended. 3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team no later than 23rd February 2021.
10. Communication of selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, an email communication will notify all age eligible British Squad athletes and personal coaches. 2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes in effect. 3. Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the appeals window has closed.
11. Athlete Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday 23rd February up to midday 25th February 2021, for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. 2. The selection of coaches and judges is not open to appeal under any circumstance. 3. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' Appeals Process. Details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website; https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-information/performance-gymnastics/document-downloads/9101-performance-appeals-procedure-november-2017/file.
12. Designated Selection Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Due to the unprecedented local and global challenges as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, there are currently no scheduled British Gymnastics domestic competitions prior to the nominative entry deadline for the 2021 European Championships. 2. Therefore, the athletes selected, on an unconditional basis, to represent Great Britain at the 2020 Junior European Championships, will be automatically transferred to the 2021 European Championships, including those athletes who are 17 years old in the year of competition (as per section 6.3)

3. Any athlete who wishes to be considered for any remaining Great Britain entries needs to submit an expression of interest to the TRA Programme Officer by 5pm on 29th January 2021 stating why they should be considered based upon the provision of any evidence that supports their ability to achieve the performance standards listed in section 13.
4. Expressions of Interest should be submitted to stacy.sargent@british-gymnastics.org
5. Based on a review of Expressions of Interest a trial event may be delivered at Lilleshall National Sports Centre which will be considered as a stand-alone Designated Selection Event.

13. Nomination Process

1. Athletes will be nominated on the basis of achieving the best result for Great Britain.
2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.
3. Athletes selected, on an unconditional basis, to represent Great Britain at the 2020 Junior European Championships, will be automatically transferred to the 2021 Junior European Championships. However, at the time of nomination a review of form and current fitness will be taken into account by the Nomination panel on the basis of achieving the performance targets (section 3).
4. Any remaining entries for Great Britain will be subject to the expression of interest and any subsequent Designated Selection Event.
5. Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination based upon section 12.3 to 12.5 are expected to achieve the following performance standards. Achieving the scores listed below does not automatically result in selection:

Class	Primary Consideration 3 Round Score	Secondary Consideration 2 Round Score
Junior Men	150.860	96.765
Junior Women	144.625	93.905

After Individual consideration, and only if deemed appropriate for the Team/Synchronised result and the longer-term interest of the World Class Trampoline Programme the following may be considered:

Class	Team Consideration 2 Round Score
Junior Men	91.030
Junior Women	90.495

6. Should athletes not reach the required standards of performance, the Nomination Panel may nominate athletes who are deemed capable of achieving the best result for Great Britain or whose inclusion reflects the long-term direction and aims of the World Class Trampoline Programme of winning Olympic Medals.
7. Nominated athletes and coaches will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Trampoline Head National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.
8. Nominated athletes must agree European Championships 2021 competition routines with the Trampoline Head National Coach

	<p>9. Nominated athletes and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2017 – 21 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.</p> <p>10. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria:</p> <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. • Supporting multiple athletes or athletes who have the potential to multi medal at the event (if applicable).
<p>14. Injury & Replacement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, any athlete may be called upon to join the Team at any time. 2. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Approval Panel, all selected athletes 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 athletes 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. An athlete 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 athlete 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 athlete fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the TRA Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the athlete 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 athlete fail to reach <u>performance</u> expectations in training or competition, the TRA Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to Head of Delegation. The Head of Delegation will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the athlete 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 an athlete to compete to the best of his ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The athlete 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 athlete 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 athlete passes the initial medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer but British Gymnastics still has concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the athlete will be required to undertake British Gymnastics' designated "Fitness Test". c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the athlete to perform routine(s) to 0.3 of their expected start value and final score. d) In the event that an athlete 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 TRA Head National Coach 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 will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the 2021 Activity Planner (subject to change). 2. The Team will transfer to Sochi on/around 23rd April and depart the Championships on 3rd May 2021. Further details will be confirmed in February 2021. 3. In the event that they have not already done so, all athletes within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2017 - 21. 4. In the event that they have not already done so, all coaches within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics' 'International and National Representative Coaches Code of Conduct'.
16. Announcement	1. 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. Additional Information	<p>Nomination for athletes will be conducted and based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current members of the GBR Trampoline Programme. 2. Current form demonstrated at National Training Camps. 3. Previous European and World Age Group competition history. 4. Future major championships medal potential. 5. Petitioning athletes achieving the performance standard as outlined in the selection policy. 6. Scoring potential based on objective data for 2 & 3 round competition. 7. Physical fitness and/or injury status, taking into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance Sport Science & Medical staff. 8. Psychological fitness, taking into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance Sport Science & Medical staff. 9. Full adherence to the National Trampoline Programme.
18. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	1. 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.

APPROVED BY:



Signed

Sharon Wood
Chair, TRA Technical Committee



Signed

James Thomas
Performance Director

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

Chris Tomlinson (British Gymnastics' Chief Medical Officer | Louise Fawcett (British Gymnastics' HoPS) |
Jonny Bucke (British Gymnastics' Physiotherapist) | Jason Laird (British Gymnastics' Physiotherapist) |
Lindy Laszig (British Gymnastics' Physiotherapist) |

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Gymnast Name	
Gymnast BG number	
Gymnast / parent email address	
Age group (e.g. 13-14yrs Men)	
Club	
Personal Coach Name	
Personal Coach email address	

Evidence of Performance Standards as per point 12:4

Competition Event	Competition Date	Two Round Score Achieved

Please email to stacy.sargent@british-gymnastics.org BEFORE 5pm on the 29th January 2021. Late petitions will NOT be accepted.