



# BRITISH GYMNASTICS TEAM CONFIRMATION POLICY

## Tumbling Gymnastics

### Senior European Championships, Sochi, RUS

29 April - 2 May 2021

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>“The European Championships is a PERFORMANCE competition. For a Performance event means selections will be made based on the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals.’</p> <p>This Policy sets out the process of Confirmation for the GB TUM Team to represent Great Britain at the 2021 TUM Senior European Championships.</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p><i>These Performance Targets and the selection/confirmation principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and aims of the Performance Programme to win World Championships medals.</i></p> <p>Performance targets for the Senior European Championships 2021 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual (Men) – 2 in Final and Medal</li> <li>• Individual (Women) – 2 in Final and Medal</li> <li>• Team (Men) - Final and Medal</li> <li>• Team (Women) - Final and Medal</li> </ul>
<p>3. Confirmation Process / Timelines</p>	<p><b><u>Due to the unprecedented local and global challenges because of the Covid-19 pandemic, there are unlikely to be any scheduled British Gymnastics domestic competitions prior to the nominative entry deadline for the 2021 European Championships.</u></b></p> <p><i>Therefore, gymnasts selected <u>on an unconditional basis</u> to represent Great Britain at the 2020 European Championships, will be automatically transferred across to the 2021 European Championships Team pending a review of form and current fitness. This review will include assessment at all GBR Squads to February 2021 including the Control Competition outlined below. Form and fitness will be assessed against delivering the Performance Targets in section 2 above.</i></p> <p><i><u>For any gymnasts selected conditionally</u> in March 2020 then these places would be open for selection to current GBR Squad gymnasts in the 2021 selection process.</i></p> <p><i><u>Control Competition</u> Due to the lack of competition experience available in early 2021, there will be a control competition to support the TUM Team’s preparation for the 2021 European Championships. This event will also be used confirm any reserves that may be required up to the Championships.</i></p> <p><b><i><u>Please see the revised process and timelines below: -</u></i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Control Competition – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 – MK Springers Club (TBC)</li> <li>2. Nomination Panel Meeting – Monday 22 Feb 2021 (TBC)</li> <li>3. Approval of selection – Mon/Tues 22/23 Feb (TBC)</li> <li>4. Communication of selection to gymnasts and coaches – Wed 24 Feb (TBC)</li> </ol>

	<p>5. Appeals window open – Wed 24 Feb (TBC)</p> <p>6. Appeals Deadline – Friday 26 Feb (TBC). 7. Team Announcement – w/s 1<sup>st</sup> March (TBC)</p>
4. FIG/UEG Entry deadlines (whole timeline)	<p>Definitive entries must be returned to the UEG Secretariat by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021</p> <p>Nominative entries must be returned to the UEG Secretariat by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p>
5. Competition Format (for Confirmation event)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points</li> <li>• Gymnasts will be expected to demonstrate 3 runs, (2 prelim and 1 team final)</li> </ul>
6. Eligibility Criteria	<p>Gymnasts are eligible for Confirmation provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A British Citizen holding a British passport</li> <li>• A minimum of 17 years old in the year of competition (born 2003 or older)</li> <li>• In possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG</li> <li>• A British Gymnastics member in good standing</li> </ul> <p>NB. All eligibility is subject to the current rules of FIG as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</p> <p><b><i>Please note that under FIG rules any GB Juniors competing at the European Championships 2021 will not be eligible for the Senior Worlds selection in 2021.</i></b></p>
7. The 'Team'	<p>The 'Team' means the team which is selected by British Gymnastics and includes gymnasts, coaches, nominated reserves, medical support personnel, Judges, Team Managers, Heads of Delegation and any associated members of the World Class Programmes' staff.</p>
8. Nomination Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TUM Nomination Panel is headed by the Performance Manager, Chair of Trampoline Technical Committee, the TUM National Coach(es), and the National Judging Officer.</li> <li>• This Panel will assess the GBR Team selected <u>unconditionally</u> for the 2020 Euros at the Control Event - Milton Keynes Springers Club on 21 Feb (TBC). and will also consider performances at any GBR Squad Training Camps preceding this event. (See also sections 3 and 13)</li> <li>• If any of the above team are either unfit to compete or deemed not to have met the required criteria during this review process then the Panel will use the Control Event to identify any reserves if they are required (see section 13). These reserves will be assessed against their ability to support the delivery of the Performance Targets in section 2 above. This process is at the absolute discretion of the Nomination Panel.</li> <li>• Following this confirmation event, the Performance Manager will forward a list of the confirmed /selected TUM gymnasts and coaches to the Approval Panel – 22 February 2021</li> </ul>
9. Approval Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Approval Panel will confirm the selection no later than 24 February 2021 (TBC)</li> </ul>
10. Communication of selections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the Approval Panel confirm the Team, the Performance Director (or a Performance representative) will notify all age eligible British Squad athletes and personal coaches.</li> <li>• Once the communication of confirmations has taken place, the 48 hour appeals window comes in effect (see section 11 below)</li> <li>• Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements regarding team confirmation until the appeals window has closed and the Team announced formally.</li> </ul>
11. Athlete Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appeals can only be submitted in the window 24-26 Feb 2021 (dates TBC) for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Confirmation Policy has not been adhered to.</li> <li>• The selection of coaches and judges is not open to appeal under any circumstance.</li> <li>• Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics' Appeals Process. Details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website; <a href="https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-">https://www.british-gymnastics.org/technical-</a></li> </ul>

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12. Designated Confirmation Event	<p><b>Control Competition</b> - Milton Keynes Springers 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 (TBC)</p> <p><b>Men's individual:</b> Prelim &amp; Team Final</p> <p><b>Women's Individual:</b> Prelim &amp; Team Final</p> <p><b>NB. Mandatory technical requirements: 1 straight run, 1 twisting run in Prelims</b></p> <p><i>NB. Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the Control Event above must <b>provide immediate written authentication</b> of the injury or illness by a registered medical practitioner or chartered physiotherapist. This documentation must be submitted to the Performance Officer, Ellie Round (<a href="mailto:ellie.round@british-gymnastics.org">ellie.round@british-gymnastics.org</a>). (Please see Section 8)</i></p>						
13. Nomination and Registration Process	<p>The <u>Minimum Standards</u> listed below will be used during this review process by the Nomination Panel to assess the selected Team (see section 8) on their ability to support the delivery of the Performance Targets in section 2 above.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Minimum Standards for Selection (prelim score)</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Men</b></td> <td>72.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Women</b></td> <td>65.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Nominated gymnasts (including replacements)</b> will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) as laid out by the Performance Manager as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.</p> <p><b>Nominated gymnasts (including replacements)</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Registration</b> - TBC</p>		<u>Minimum Standards for Selection (prelim score)</u>	<b>Men</b>	72.5	<b>Women</b>	65.5
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14. Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>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>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 &amp; Medicine at British Gymnastics for medical approval.</li> <li>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>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 TUM National Coach 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>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 TUM National Coach 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</li> </ol>						

	<p>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.</p> <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 his 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 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 0.3 of their expected final score.</p> <p>d) If 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 TUM 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.</p>
15. Team Organisation	<p>The Euros Team will attend two pre-Championship Preparation Camps – <b>April 2021 (dates and venues TBC)</b> These camps will be fully funded (pending confirmation of the 2021/22 budgets).</p> <p>If 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	<p>The 2021 Euros Team will be announced w/s 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (TBC.)</p> <p>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>

Confirmation policy for 2021 TUM Senior European Championships (Sochi, RUS)

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