



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Tumbling Gymnastics

World Age Championships, Baku, AZE

25th – 28th November 2021

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The World Age Group Competition is a self-funded PERFORMANCE competition. A Performance event means that selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals.</p> <p>The selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the 2021 World Age Group Competition will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for the World Age Group Competition, each delegation may enter a maximum of 4 entries for Men and 4 entries for Women per age group. (Please also see 'Team Size' in Section 13)</p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<p><i>These Performance Targets and the selection principles applied in this policy reflect the long-term direction and aims of the TUM Performance Programme to consistently challenge for finals & medals at WAGC & European Junior Championships during the 2021- 2024 cycle and beyond.</i></p> <p>Individual Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-14 Years – Final • 15-16 Years – Final • 17-21 Years – Final <p>Individual Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-14 Years - Final • 15-16 Years - Final • 17-21 Years – Final <p><u>Total WAGC TUM Medal Target – 3-4 Medals</u></p> <p><u>11-12 Age Groups</u></p> <p><i>Following a period of consultation and reflection, the Performance Team has made the difficult decision not to enter gymnasts in the 11-12 Age Groups for the 2021 WAGC - this decision to be reviewed on an annual basis. For 2021/22 these Age Group gymnasts will have their own dedicated training & competition programme. More details on this will become available once the Return to Club Training process is underway.</i></p>

<p>3. Covid Update Selection Process / Timelines (see also Section 12)</p>	<p>Due to the unprecedented local and global challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and the continuing uncertainties as we emerge from lockdown, the timelines below are all subject to change. We have managed to put together a viable selection timetable selecting in Sept/Oct to allow gymnasts, coaches, and clubs as much time as possible to prepare. Uncertainties of competing abroad continue to challenge and we reserve the right to change the programme in response to changing conditions due to COVID. The safety of the GBR delegation will remain our priority.</p> <p>Designated Selection Events – 19 Sept LNSC; 2/3 October Telford. Nomination Selection Meeting – 3rd October 2021 Nomination to Approval Panel – 4th October 2021 Approval of selection – 10.00am 6th October 2021 Communication of selections to gymnasts/coaches – 12.00 noon 6 Oct 2021 Appeals Deadline – 12.00 noon 8th October 2021. Team Announcement – 11th October 2021 Nominative Entry – 15th October 2021</p>
<p>4. FIG Entry deadlines</p>	<p>British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/Organiser. The timelines for entry to the World Age Championships 2021 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Entry – 23rd June 2021 • Definitive Entry – 21st July 2021 • Nominative Entry – 22nd October 2021
<p>5. Competition Format</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG World Age Group Competition • Individual Men • Individual Women
<p>6. Eligibility Criteria</p>	<p>Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a British Citizen, holding a British passport • a minimum age in the age group category in the year of competition. • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG
<p>7. The 'Team'</p>	<p>1. The 'Team' means the team 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.</p>
<p>8. Nomination Panel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy, the TUM National Junior Coach will consult with the Assistant National Coaches & the Performance Manager and consider any relevant input deemed necessary from the Performance Sport Science & Medical staff to discuss the nomination of the Athletes and coaches. 2. The Nomination Panel will take place on 3 Oct 2021. This will be chaired by the Performance Manager. In attendance will be the appointed National Coaches, Trampoline Technical Committee Chair and Judging Coordinator. 3. The nominated Athletes and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the Nomination Panel, most able to achieve the targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets'.

	<p>4. Following this consultation, the Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated Athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on the 4 Oct 2021</p>
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 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 on 6th October 2021
10. Communication of selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once the Approval Panel confirm the selection of the team, the Performance Manager 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 6th Oct 2021 up to midday 8th Oct 2021. Appeals can only be 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 for consideration	<p>The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Control Competition 19 Sept 2021 LNSC (details tbc) 2. BG Age Group Open Competition 2nd/3rd October 2021 – Telford 3. Video submission of competitive runs by 31st August 2021 (details in section 13 below) 4. Control competitions at GB National Squads 2021 may also be considered provided Brevet level judging is used. 5. Training sessions observed by a National Coach may also be considered (May-Sept 2021) <p>To be considered for selection, a gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the Designated Selection Events must provide written authentication of the injury or illness by one of the medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics (listed at the end of this Policy). This documentation must be submitted to the Performance Manager.</p>
13. Nomination Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes will be selected based on achieving the best results for Great Britain, against the performance targets outlined in Section 2 2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.

3. Athletes who are members of the British Gymnastics Performance Pathway/Development Programmes 13-16yr and 17-21yrs will be considered automatically for nomination.
4. Athletes who can meet the eligibility criteria but who are not members of the British Gymnastics Performance Pathway/Development Programmes 13-16yr and 17-21yrs may petition the Nomination Panel for inclusion, presenting evidence against the standards outlined in the table below. Petitions should use the form at the end of this policy and be sent to the TRA TC Chair - Sharon Wood sharon.wood@british-gymnastics.org by midnight 16th July 2021.
5. **Video Submission of Competition Runs** – All gymnasts being considered for selection are invited to submit video of their competition runs to the **TRA TC Chair - Sharon Wood** sharon.wood@british-gymnastics.org by 31st Aug 2021. This video may be used to inform the selection process should Covid, illness/injury disrupt selection in any way.
6. As a reminder all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination will be expected to achieve the following performance standards in the table below. NB Achieving the score listed below does not automatically result in selection.

Class	Prelim Score (2 runs)
13-14 Men	59.9
15-16 Men	62.0
17-21 Men	64.0
13-14 Women	59.9
15-16 Women	59.9
17-21 Women	61.0
Final runs will be taken into consideration in the selection process	

6. Following the end of relevant selection period, the TUM World Age Group Teams will be nominated for selection based on athletes deemed the most capable of achieving the best result for Great Britain at the World Age Group Competition 2021.
 7. 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 TUM Performance Programme.
 8. Nominated athletes and coaches will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the TUM National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete. All passes must be the ones agreed in consultation with the TUM National Coaches.
- Nominated athletes and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021 – 24 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics.
- The TUM National Coaches will support these Championships. At the discretion of the Nomination Panel other coaches may be invited depending on the selected Team's needs.

<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 TUM 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 TUM 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 final score. d) If 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.
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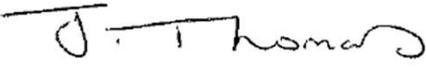
	<p>8. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the TUM National Coach based on the needs of the Team and will normally come out of the pool of nominated non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
15. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps during Oct/Nov 2021 in accordance with the 2021 Activity Planner (TBC). 2. The Team will transfer to Baku on/around 22nd November 2021 and depart the Championships on 29th November 2021. (all dates to be confirmed) 3. If not already done so, all athletes within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021 - 24. 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 Financial Commitments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As the WAGC is a self-funded event, each selected gymnast will be responsible for the full costs associated with their travel and accommodation at the event. The anticipated cost of the trip is £2,000 per person. (tbc) 2. For all selected gymnasts, on confirmation of selection a 50% deposit will be required by the deadline of midday 15 October 2021 to allow the necessary travel arrangements to take place. 3. The outstanding balance of the trip will then be required by 1st November 2021(tbc) 4. No gymnast can travel to the competition without first completing the payments required by the given deadlines.
17. Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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)
18. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Selection policy for 2021 TUM World Age Group Championships (Baku, AZE)

APPROVED BY:

Signed 
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Sharon Wood
Chair, TRA Technical Committee

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James Thomas
Performance Director

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

Chris Tomlinson (British Gymnastics' Chief Medical Officer)
Louise Fawcett (British Gymnastics' Head of Performance Support)
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Petition for Inclusion in Selection - Tumbling Gymnastics

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

Supporting evidence to be considered for inclusion as detailed in section 13.

To be emailed to the TRA TC Chair - Sharon Wood sharon.wood@british-gymnastics.org by midnight 16th July. Late petitions will NOT be accepted.