

BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Tumbling Gymnastics

World Age Championships, St Petersburg, RUS

15th-18th November 2018

<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 2018 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 in total for men and 4 entries for women per age group. Please see 'Team Size'.</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 DMT Performance Programme to win World Games Medals in 2021 and beyond.</i></p> <p>Individual Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-12 Years – Final • 13-14 Years – Final • 15-16 Years – Final • 17-21 Years - Final <p>Individual Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-12 Years - Final • 13-14 Years - Final • 15-16 Years - Final • 17-21 Years – Final <p>6 Medals</p>
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Selection Events – April to September 2018 • Nomination Selection Meeting – 23rd September 2018 • Nomination to Approval Panel – 24th September 2018 • Approval of selection – 26th September 2018 • Communication of selection – 26th September 2018 • Appeals Deadline – 28th September 2018 • Nominative Entry – 1st October 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27-28th October 2018, Lilleshall National Sports Centre (LNSC TBC)

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4. FIG Entry deadlines	<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 2018 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Entry – 6th June 2018 • Definitive Entry – 8th August 2018 • Nominative Entry – 1st October 2018
5. Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG World Age Group Competition • Boys Individual • Girls Individual
6. Eligibility Criteria	<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
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 TUM Junior National Coach will consult with the Assistant National Coach(es) & the Non-Olympic Performance Manager and take into account 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 Sunday 23rd September 2018 and will be chaired by the Non-Olympic Performance Manager. In attendance will be the appointed National Coach(es), 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'. 4. Following this consultation, the Non-Olympic Performance Manager will forward a list of nominated athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on 24th September 2018
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 on 26th September 2018.
10. Communication of selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, the Non-Olympic 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 26th September up to midday 28th September 2018, 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. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior European Championships, 12-15th April 2018 2. British Championships, 22-23rd September 2018 3. National squad training (including controlled/trial event results), domestic competitions, and International competitions, which take place between (April 2018 – September 2018) <p>Priority consideration will be given to an Athlete that wins a medal at the European Championships 2018.</p> <p>In order 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 Olympic Programme Manager.</p>																		
13. Nomination Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes will be selected 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 meeting the eligibility criteria and who are members of the British Gymnastics National Squad will automatically be considered for nomination. 4. Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria who are not members of British Gymnastics National Squad may petition the Nomination Panel for inclusion, presenting evidence against the standards outlined in this section. Petitions should be sent in writing to the Non-Olympic Programme Officer (TUM) by the deadline of noon Friday 11th May 2018. 5. Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination are expected to achieve the following performance standards. <u>Achieving the score listed below does not automatically result in selection.</u> <table border="1" data-bbox="675 1473 1222 2089"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Prelim Score (2 runs)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>11-12 Men</td> <td>59.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13-14 Men</td> <td>60.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15-16 Men</td> <td>61.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17-21 Men</td> <td>65.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11-12 Women</td> <td>59.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13-14 Women</td> <td>59.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15-16 Women</td> <td>60.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17-21 Women</td> <td>63.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Prelim Score (2 runs)	11-12 Men	59.0	13-14 Men	60.5	15-16 Men	61.0	17-21 Men	65.5	11-12 Women	59.0	13-14 Women	59.5	15-16 Women	60.0	17-21 Women	63.0
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6. **Team Size** - *Please note that the numbers of available selected places for GBR Teams at the World Age Group Competition 2018 will be confirmed on the BG Website within 1 week of the finish of the Spring Series 2 event. This is to allow the TUM Technical Panel to assess the strength of each class relative to the required selection criteria published in the policy. This will allow more accurate entries to be made for the World Age Group Competition 2018 ahead of the selection process in September.*
7. Following the final selection event (British Championships, 22-23rd September 2018), the World Age Group Team will be nominated for selection based on athletes who are deemed the most capable of achieving the best result for Great Britain at the World Age Group Competition 2018.
8. 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.
9. 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 performed at the designated selection events and in consultation with the TUM National Coach.
10. 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.
11. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria:
 - 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.

Injury & Replacement

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 performance 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 performance 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.

	<p>7. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a athlete to compete to the best of his ability <u>due to an injury or illness</u>, the following procedure will be adhered to:</p> <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 or final score. d) In the event that a 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. <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>
Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team will attend pre-Championship Preparation Camps and competitions in accordance to the 2018 Activity Planner (TBC). 2. The Team will transfer to Russia on/around Monday 12th November 2018 and depart the Championships on Monday 19th November 2018. 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’.
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)
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 TUM World Age Group Championships (St Petersburg, RUS)

APPROVED BY:



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