



BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

World University Games, Chengdu, China

18-29 August 2021

<p>1. Introduction & Overview</p>	<p>The World Universiade provides an opportunity for our best students to participate in a multi-sport event and to gain valuable experience in their competitive and future coaching careers.</p> <p>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 Universiade will be made according to this selection policy.</p> <p>Athletes should note that for this major championship, each delegation may enter a maximum of 5 athletes: 3 to make up a Team and up to 2 Individuals. The Team selection will be dependent on acceptance by the Organising Committee, and agreement by BUCS.</p> <p>NB. The cost of participation for this event is in excess of £3000 per athlete. Each selected athlete will be required to make an Athlete Personal Contribution of £750 (or £1000 for athletes at non-BUCS member institutions). The balance of the costs of participation will be met in full by the NGB.</p> <p><i>Athletes should speak to their institution in the first instance to see if their institution is able to assist with coverage of the costs.</i></p>
<p>2. Performance Targets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 finals- Apparatus or All Around- 1 medal • Team Top 5 placing
<p>3. Selection Process / Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated Selection Events – February 2021-June 2021 • Video submissions* • Nomination Meeting – 20th June 2021 • Nomination to BUCS– 22nd June 2021 • Approval of selection – 28th June 2021 • Appeals Deadline – 25th June 2021 • Team Announcement – 30th June 2021 <p>*Athletes that currently do not have access to DSE's should contact the Lead WAG coach to register their expression of interest. A video submission protocol will be agreed.</p>

4. BUCS Entry deadlines	British Gymnastics is the selecting body that enters the GBR team to the FIG/FISU Organiser. The timelines for entry to the World Universiade 2021 are listed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitive Entry – 18th April 2021 • Nominative Entry – 1st July 2021
5. Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG Competition, FIG Code of Points • Senior Women’s Team and AA Qualification: C1 Format • All Around Final: Top 18, 2 per Country • Apparatus Finals: Top 8, 2 per Country
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 • Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 01/01/1996 and 31/12/2003). • a current British Gymnastics member • eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG • Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a Level 4 qualification (on the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or equivalent or above* • *Students graduating in 2020 will be eligible to compete in 2021, as former students who have obtained their qualification in the calendar year preceding the event. <p>Please note that any athlete who is currently suspended or expelled by FISU, WADA, International or National Federation is ineligible for selection.</p>
7. The ‘Team’	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. The ‘Competing Team’	1. The ‘Competing Team’ means the team of up to 5 gymnasts who will compete at the World Universiade.
9. Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the completion of the Designated Selection Events listed in this Policy, the WAG Lead National Coach will consult with the BG Senior National Coach, National Coaches, 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 WAG Lead National Coach, most able to achieve the targets as the Competing Team, listed in the section ‘Performance Targets’. 3. Following this Nomination Panel meeting, the Lead National Coach will forward the completed Nomination documentation including a list of nominated athletes and coaches to the Approvals Panel on 22nd June 2021.
10. Approval Panel	1. The completed nomination will be forwarded to the relevant representatives from BUCS for approval.

	2. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team by 28 th June 2021
11. Communication of Selections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once the Approval panel confirm the selection of the team, BUCS will notify those confirmed via email, as well as those that were considered but not selected. 2. Once the communication of selections has taken place, the 48-hour appeals window comes into effect. 3. Athletes and Coaches shall refrain from making any public statements with regard to team selection until the official announcement of the Team.
12. Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals can only be submitted from midday 22nd June to midday 24th June for a non-selected athlete on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. 2. The selection of coaches <u>and judges</u> is not open to appeal under any circumstances. 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. 4. A Final Appeal may be lodged to an independent BUCS led panel, following the First Appeal process. A Final Appeal must be made in writing by email to GBStudents@bucs.org.uk, by the athlete who is appealing, within 24 hours of being informed of the outcome of the First Appeal. No appeals will be considered by third parties including relatives of athletes.
13. Designated Selection Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIG recognised International Competitions between February and June 2021 • Control Competitions Lilleshall Feb-June 2021 • Olympic Selection Events Lilleshall – March-May 2021 • BUCS Championships 19-20 June 2021 : Leicester (TBC) • Performances at Squad training if GBR athletes. • Video submission for athletes who are unable to attend DSE's (athletes must have submitted an expression of interest to the Lead WAG Coach). <p>In order to be considered for selection, an athlete 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 Lead National Coach.</p> <p>Any gymnast unable to compete at the listed Designated Selection Events can petition for consideration. Gymnasts are required to send a petition in writing explaining the reasons for being unable to compete at the DSE's to Amy.nixon@british-gymnastics.org by 12pm 11th June. Any gymnast who is considered based upon a petition will be required to submit competition routine footage to an independent judging panel no later than 18th June 2021. The judging panel will evaluate the performances to determine if they meet the performance standards listed in 14. Appeals on the scoring of submitted routines are not open for appeal.</p>

14. Nomination standards	1. The minimum standards that are required to be achieved during the Designated Selection Events (13) to be considered for nomination are the ability to deliver the performance target at the World University Games.
15. Nomination Process	<p>1. Athletes will be nominated/selected on the basis of achieving the performance targets for Great Britain as part of the Competing Team.</p> <p>2. By entering the selection process, athletes and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.</p> <p>3. Athletes meeting the eligibility criteria and who are members of British Gymnastics will automatically be considered for nomination.</p> <p>4. Following the <u>final</u> selection event (BUCS championships), the Universiade Team will be nominated for selection based on athletes who have demonstrated the performance standards at one, or more of the designated selection events and deemed the most capable of achieving the performance targets for Great Britain.</p> <p>5. Nominated athletes and coaches will be expected to undertake all programme activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the WAG Lead National Coach as part of the preparations for the Championships to prove their readiness to compete.</p> <p>6. Nominated athletes and coaches must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the competition rules and the stipulations made by BUCS.</p> <p>7. Team Coaches will be nominated based upon consideration of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To optimise medal winning potential • 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. <p>The nomination panel will take place no later than 22nd June 2021. This will be chaired by the Lead National Coach with National Coaches, Technical Committee Chair and Judging representative in attendance.</p>
16. Injury & Replacement	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. All selected athletes must declare any medications they are taking, the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to the Chief Medical Officer at British Gymnastics for medical approval.</p> <p>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 Performance Director (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be</p>

	<p>provided for all removals by the Performance Director. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 WAG Lead 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 WAG Lead 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 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: <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 their ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the athlete will be required to undertake British Gymnastics’ “Fitness Test” which is determined by the Lead WAG Coach and British Gymnastics medical team. c) 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 WAG Lead 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.
17. Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event that they have not already done so, all athletes within the Team will be required to sign and comply with the BUCS Athlete Agreement for this event. 2. 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’. 3. All Team members will be required to travel with the GBR team and stay within the identified team hotel for the duration of the competition.

18. 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 BUCS have officially announced the Team selection.
19. 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.