



## BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY

Acrobatic Gymnastics  
 6<sup>th</sup> World Age Group Competition  
 Wroclaw (POL)  
 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Competition Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIG Competition I, II and in accordance with FIG Technical Regulations</li> <li>• Competition I: Qualification for the individual final, [Competition II].</li> <li>• Competition II: Individual Final, (Top 8 unless 12 Federations, in which case Top 6, with a maximum of 1 per Federation).</li> </ul>
Performance Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 – 19 Age Group – Individual Finals in all categories selected.</li> <li>• 11 – 16 Age Group – Individual Finals in all categories selected.</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A British Citizen holding a British passport / sanctioned to compete by FIG.</li> <li>• Age Group 11 – 16 years old in the year of competition, [1999-1994 year of birth].</li> <li>• Age Group 12 - 19 years old in the year of competition [1998-1991 year of birth], and no greater than six years of difference between the partners.</li> <li>• Eligible to hold a Gymnast Licence with FIG; [If not in possession, undertake to apply to FIG and evidence a valid licence to British Gymnastics before the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010]. A partnership will only be entered in the nominative entry where every gymnast within the partnership, has a Licence registered with FIG.</li> <li>• A member of British Gymnastics.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
The 'Team'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 'Team' means the team that is selected by British Gymnastics and includes gymnasts, judges, coaches, medical support personnel, Team Leader(s), the Head of Delegation, and any associated members of the Programme staff for British Gymnastics.</li> </ol>
Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the completion of the designated Selection Event listed within this Policy, the Technical Director, Acrobatics, will consult with the Technical Chairman, taking into account any relevant input deemed necessary from the medical staff in relation to the nomination of the gymnasts.</li> <li>2. The nominated gymnasts and team coach(es) selected will be those most able to achieve the targets listed within the section, 'Performance Targets'.</li> <li>3. A full team will be nominated within both Age Groups; 11-16 and 12 – 19. There will be up to four additional places selected, from either Age Group, nominated by the Technical Director.</li> </ol>
Approval Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A British Gymnastics Approval Panel, comprising the Technical Manager and the Director of Technical will consider the nominations for gymnasts and team coaches received from the Nomination Panel, and will ratify them, as appropriate.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. In the event that the Nomination Panel provide too few gymnasts to fill the 'team' allocation in all categories, the Approval Panel will seek clarification from the Nomination Panel before ratifying the nominations.</li> <li>3. The Approval Panel will confirm the selection of the Team on or before 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.</li> </ol>
Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appeals can only be submitted for a non-selected partnership on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to.</li> <li>2. Appeals should be made following British Gymnastics Appeals Process (details can be found on the British Gymnastics' website (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>)).</li> </ol>
Designated Selection Event(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Loughborough University (timetable to be published)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The Selection Event may be filmed, and subsequently analysed by the Technical Director or National Staff. Competition attire will be a requirement for the Selection Event.</li> <li>3. In order to be considered for selection, a gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the designated Selection Event, must provide written authentication of the injury or illness by a medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics (listed at the end of this Policy).</li> </ol>
Nomination Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By entering the selection process, gymnasts and personal coaches agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy and declare injuries or illness to Programme Co-ordinator (Acrobatics) from the point of the Selection Event, up until the Championships in Wroclaw (Poland)</li> <li>2. To be considered for the World Age Group Competitions gymnasts must complete a declaration of intent / entry form (below) and return it to Sandra Sargeant no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010.</li> <li>3. Age Groups; 11 - 16 the sum of the scores for Balance and Dynamic routines, will be totalled from the Selection Event.</li> <li>4. Age Groups; 12 - 19 the sum of the scores for Balance and Dynamic and Combined routines, will be totalled from the Selection Event.</li> <li>5. The top three partnerships from the Selection Event, in the 11 - 16 Age Group, will gain automatic selection for the 2010 World Age Group Competitions. The Technical Director will use his discretion to select up to two partnerships based on their ability to perform in competition and input from the judging panel.  The top four partnerships from the Selection Event, in the 12 - 19 Age Group, will gain automatic selection for the 2010 World Age Group Competitions. The Technical Director will use his discretion to select the remaining partnership based on their ability to perform in competition, input from the judging panel, past international experience and future potential to contribute to Great Britain's success at the 2010 Competition.</li> <li>6. Selections will be documented and approved by the Approval Panel.</li> <li>7. In the event of a tie, the count-back procedure will be evoked following</li> </ol>

	<p>FIG Technical Regulations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Non-travelling reserves [partnership(s)] <u>may</u> be identified, where they have the potential to replace one of the existing partnerships selected for the Team.</li> <li>9. Nominated gymnasts and coaches (including the reserve(s)) will be expected to undertake programmes / recommendations, (including the specific training sessions, and competitions), as identified by Technical Directors as part of the preparation for the Competitions to prove 'readiness' to compete.</li> <li>10. Nominated coach(es) and Judges will be members of British Gymnastics and will have a valid and appropriate qualification and enhanced CRB.</li> <li>11. The coaches for the 2010 Age Group Competitions team will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Technical Director;</li> <li>b) Additional team coach(es), up to the accreditation maximum outlined within FIG regulations.</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. The nominated team coach(es) for the 11-16 Age Group Competition, and 12-19 Age Group Competitions will be short listed by the Technical Director based on their ability to complement the performance and function of the team whilst at the Competition.</li> <li>13. Considerations will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Team's needs;</li> <li>b) Ability to lead, organise and control under situations of high responsibility and stress;</li> <li>c) International experience and performance;</li> <li>d) Current HPC / IPC qualification or equivalent;</li> <li>e) Professional member in good standing;</li> <li>f) Ability to operate as part of a team and follow the request of the Technical Director and Head of Delegation.</li> <li>g) The potential of individual partnership to win medals at the 2010 World Age Group Competition.</li> </ol> </li> <li>14. Notwithstanding this selection, a minimum of one of the coaches will be female, in order to comply with British Gymnastics, Child Protection Policy.</li> <li>15. All discussions will be in a constructive manner. Team Coaches will be required to work in close co-operation, under the leadership of the Technical Director, and work in accordance with a Code of Conduct.</li> </ol>
Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Once the Team selection has been confirmed by the Approval Panel, selected gymnasts must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or readiness to compete at any time until, and including, the point of the final competition within the Competition.</li> <li>2. All selected gymnasts must declare any medications they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to Chief Medical Officer for medical approval before the Competition.</li> <li>3. A gymnast or coach may be removed from the Team in the event of non-compliance of training requirements, a breach of responsibility to the Team or a violation of the Codes of Behaviour adopted by the Team.</li> </ol>

	<p>Prior to removal, the gymnast or coach must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Technical Manager / Head of Delegation, (or their appointed representative), and where possible one other independent person. All removals will be documented. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p>4. 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 pre-competition, the Technical Director may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation, provide an opportunity for the personal coach and gymnast to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. Documentation must be provided for all removals. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p>5. 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 podium training, ultimately the Technical Director may choose to recommend withdrawal of the partnership to the Head of Delegation and the Technical Manager. The Head of Delegation and Technical Manager will consider the recommendation, where practical provide an opportunity for the gymnast to attend an interview to make a counter-argument, and then pass judgement. All removals will be documented, however decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p>6. At any stage following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of a gymnast / partnership to compete to the best of their 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 the partnership or other competitors, officials or spectators.</p> <p>b) If the gymnast passes the initial medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer designated by British Gymnastics, but Technical Director is still has concerns whether or not the gymnast is able to compete to the best of their ability, due to the underlying injury or illness, the gymnast will be required to undertake a designated "Fitness Test".</p> <p>c) The Fitness Test is an objective assessment, which will require the partnership to perform, to the Technical Director, their full routine(s) at an agreed time date, and venue. If there is not a suitable opportunity this <u>may</u> include a 'web-cam' performance, rather than physical presence.</p> <p>d) In the event that a gymnast / partnership 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>7. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Technical Director on the basis of the needs of the Team and normally come out of the pool of nominated non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p>
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Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This event will be self – funded.</li> <li>2. Selections will be made on the basis of <u>ability</u> to perform.</li> <li>3. Gymnasts <u>and</u> coaches should only enter the Selection Event if there is a commitment and ability to fund the event in its entirety. The signature of the coach will be taken to mean that the gymnast / parent(s) or legal guardian are aware, and in agreement with the entry.</li> <li>4. It is <u>anticipated</u> that the Competition will cost between £1200.00 and £1450.00 including GBR clothing, but excluding FIG licence where this is not previously in place.</li> </ol>
Team Organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Selected gymnasts and personal coaches (including the reserve(s)) will be expected to undertake all programme recommendations, (including the specific training sessions), as identified by Technical Directors as part of the preparations for the Championships to demonstrate ‘readiness’ to compete..</li> <li>2. In the event that they have not already done so, all gymnasts within the Team will be required to sign and comply with British Gymnastics’ Gymnast Agreement 2010.</li> </ol>
Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 official web site (<a href="http://www.british-gymnastics.org">www.british-gymnastics.org</a>).</li> </ol>

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**APPROVED BY:**

Signed 

Judith Wootton  
Chairman – Acrobatics and Tumbling  
Technical Committee

Signed 

Steve Green  
Technical Manager

**MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS**

Pippa Bennett, Chief Medical Officer – British Gymnastics  
Mr John Aldridge  
Dr Susie Northover  
Roz Brawn  
Dominic Dentry  
Louise Fawcett  
Lindy Laszig  
Elizabeth Lane  
Rob Smart





**ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION EVENT**  
**Senior & Age Groups World Championships 2010**  
**Senior & Junior European Team Championships**  
**/ 6th European Age Group Games 2010**

Date: **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
 Venue: **Loughborough University**

Entry Closing Date: **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010**

Club:	Region:
Contact Name:	Tel No:
Address:	E-mail:
Post Code:	

Section:  WCh Senior  WAG 11-16  Euro SNR  Euro JNR  EAGC 11-16 *Delete as appropriate*

Gymnast Full Name	D.O.B.	Membership No	Event	Coach

\* Coach – name of coach for event must be listed beside gymnasts. Coaches full details must be completed on the back of the form.

“When submitting entries for a British Gymnastic Event the onus is on the club and coaches to ensure that the coaches attending to the participants are qualified to the level of the participants’ performance”.

I can confirm that the above criteria have been adhered to, and entries are made having read and understood the Selection Policy:

**PRINT NAME** ..... **Signed:** .....

- Accredited photographers may be present at BG events and BG may publish images. By entering the event, there is an acceptance that the child/participant may be photographed and his or her photograph may be published.
- It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that all parents or carers are aware of this policy before returning the entry form.
- NB: These images will be published in line with the guidance on “Use of Imagery”, on the Internet and other forms of media, contained in the BG Health, Safety and Welfare Policy 2007.

Entry fee enclosed at £30.00 per competitor £ \_\_\_\_\_ cheque payable to “British Gymnastics” with Acro Selection Event Loughborough Uni written on the back of the cheque, send to:

**Sandra Sargeant, 2 Petworth Crescent, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees. TS17 0PD**



NB – Incorrect or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

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THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED IN.

COACHES NOT LISTED WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.

NAME	QUALIFICATION	CYCLE of Award (include any update)	MEMBERSHIP No.	CRB STATUS

PLEASE LIST BELOW DETAILS OF ANY ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE CONTACT DETAILS TO THOSE LISTED OVERLEAF:

NAME	CONTACT ADDRESS	POST CODE	E-MAIL