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Selection Policy - Part 2

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1. Definitions & Purpose of this Policy

1.1. Definitions and Interpretation - All defined terms in this Selection Policy Part 2 carry the same meanings as in the British Gymnastics Selection Policy Part 1, unless otherwise specified.

1.2. Purpose of this Policy

- a) This Selection Policy Part 2 for Women's Artistic Gymnastics outlines the specific eligibility and selection criteria for selecting gymnasts and coaches to represent Great Britain at the 2026 Senior European Championships in Zagreb, Croatia.
- b) This Policy must be read in conjunction with British Gymnastics Selection Policy Part 1 and the Performance Nomination and Selection Appeals Procedure, collectively forming the British Gymnastics Selection Policy for team selection.

2. Apply for Extenuating Circumstances

2.1. Gymnasts unable to compete at one or more Designated Selection Events (DSEs) may apply to the Selection Panel for consideration of extenuating circumstances. For a complete overview of the application process and criteria, please refer to Selection Policy Part 1 – Section 6.

2.2. Gymnasts or Coaches are required to apply for consideration via the following link: [Apply for Extenuating Circumstances](#).

3. Selection Panel

3.1. The selection panel for the 2026 Senior European Championships will consist of:

- a) Head of Performance Strategy and Operations/representative – (Chair – non-voting member)
- b) Performance Director/representative (voting member)
- c) GBR Head National Coach (voting member)
- d) National Technical Committee Representative (voting member)
- e) GBR National Coach (non-voting member)
- f) Performance Analyst (non-voting member)
- g) Medical representative (non-voting member)
- h) Nominated note taker (non-voting member)
- i) Independent Observers (Up to two, non-voting members inc. representative of the British Elite Athlete's Association)

3.2. Any amendments to the panel will be updated in this selection policy when required.

3.3. In the circumstance that one of the voting members were not available for the selection meeting, their vote would transfer to the Performance Director (b) as a voting reserve to ensure three voting member quorum met.

4. Performance Nomination and Selection Appeals Procedure

4.1. Appeals may only be submitted within the specified timeframe stipulated for each individual competition. For detailed information regarding the timelines for submitting appeals, please consult the Selection Process Timelines for each competition in Section 7.

4.2. The British Gymnastics appeals policy can be found here: [Appeals Policy & Procedures](#)

5. Communication of Selections & Formal Announcements

5.1. Communication timelines for both the internal announcement of selections and the formal public announcement can be found within the specified timeframes outlined below.

5.2. All eligible individuals are not permitted to publish or communicate any information regarding selections until a formal announcement has been made after the appeals process has

completed. Further details on this and related rules and regulations can be found in Selection Policy Part 1 – Section 14.

6. 2026 Senior European Championships

Dates	13 th – 16 th August 2026
Location	Zagreb, Croatia
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A) Competition Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Senior European Championships is a performance milestone competition as part of the LA 2028 Olympic cycle. ▪ This is a UK Sport milestone event, which relates to the trajectory toward success at the LA 2028 Olympic Games. ▪ As a performance competition, selections will be made based on the gymnasts most capable of performing and challenging to maximise individual medal potential for Great Britain at the LA 2028 Olympic Games.
B) Additional Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasts must meet the age requirements set out for each competition: Women’s Artistic gymnastics - Senior 16+ in the year of competition.
C) Performance Targets	<p>The priority performance targets for 2026 European Championships are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2-4 medals ○ Team top 3 finish ○ 2 gymnasts achieving Top 12 in the All Around ○ 4 apparatus finals <p><i>The performance targets are designed to support the attainment of annual Performance Goals as per the World Class Programme agreement with UK Sport.</i></p>
D) Selection Process Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selection Panel Meeting – will take place on the 1st of July 2026 ▪ Internal Communication of selections – will take place on 1st of July 2026 ▪ Appeals window – will be in effect from 48hours after internal communication on the 1st of July to 3rd of July 2026 ▪ These dates are subject to change pending confirmation of the nominative deadlines as per the directives.
E) Designated Selection Events	<p>Gymnasts must have competed in at least ONE of the following Designated Selection Events (DSEs) listed below to be considered for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World Championships (Jakarta, INA) – October 2025 ○ Home Nation Championships – February - March 2026 ○ British Championships – March 2026 ○ European Championships DSE (LNSC) – June 2026 ○ Any GBR International (October 2025 – June 2026)
F) Performance Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasts wishing to be considered for selection are expected to achieve the Performance Standards from Table 1 during the Designated Selection Events listed in section E. ▪ Achievement of the Performance Standards does not guarantee team selection. ▪ In the absence of a sufficient number of gymnasts achieving the performance standards, the selection panel may take into consideration, gymnasts who do not reach the performance standards due to injury, illness or other key performance factors in training and competition plans based on supporting the longer-term direction of the national programme. <p>Table 1:</p>

Minimum Performance Standards*						
Score	AA	Vault	Vault Av (finals)	Bars	Beam	Floor
Total	53.50	13.60	14.00	13.60	13.60	13.40
Difficulty		4.6	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.4

* British Gymnastics reserve the right to adjust these scores following analysis of international and national scoring in relation to the FIG Code of Points (2025-2028).

<p>G) Performance Factors</p>	<p>a) Gymnasts scoring potential to win a medal or achieve the performance targets at the 2026 Senior European Championships.</p> <p>b) Current and most recent performances in the build-up to nomination, including performances at the DSE's.</p> <p>c) Gymnast's potential to compete at the 2028 Olympic Games.</p> <p>d) Major Championships and performances at FIG/European Gymnastics recognised events in 2025.</p> <p>e) Current medical and injury status including recent training history and any additional extenuating circumstances that the panel feels necessary to consider at its discretion.</p> <p>f) Engagement with the World Class Programme including adhering to agreed Gymnast Plan (GP).</p> <p>g) Longer term aims of the World Class Programme and/or multi-cycle Olympic potential.</p> <p>h) In the opinion of the Head National Coach and the Selection Panel, deems competing at the event a suitable performance development opportunity.</p>
<p>H) Competition Selection Categories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The competition format will be delivered as per FIG and European Gymnastics technical regulations. ▪ Scoring at the Senior European Championships will be delivered as per the FIG Code of Points (2025-2028). ▪ A Senior Team consists of 3 - 5 gymnasts, of which up to 4 compete on each apparatus. The 3 best scores on each apparatus are added together to make the total score for the Team on that apparatus. ▪ The competition format British Gymnastics will be selecting for will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualification Competition – inc. All-Around final and qualification for apparatus finals and team final - Apparatus finals - Team final ▪ Top 8 gymnasts (maximum of 2 gymnasts per federation) from qualification will compete in the apparatus finals ▪ The 8 best Teams from the Qualifying Competition will participate in the Team Final. Teams consist of 3 to 5 gymnasts. 3 gymnasts will compete on each apparatus with all 3 scores counting towards the total score for the Team on that apparatus.
<p>I) Team Composition and Size</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Women's Artistic Gymnastics competition team size for the Senior European Championships is up to five (5) gymnasts. ▪ The Selection Panel are not required to select the maximum possible number of Gymnasts to a Team. ▪ The number of coaches selected for the team will adhere to European Gymnastics technical regulations. Coach accreditations will be issued in strict accordance with the provisions outlined for the European Championships.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ British Gymnastics will select coaches on the basis of the needs of the selected team. As such British Gymnastics reserves the right not to select the maximum number of coaches permitted.
J) Technical Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2025-2028 FIG Women’s Artistic gymnastics Code of Points will be utilised in all selection activities and decisions.