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Selection Policy

1. Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games is a performance competition and culmination of the 2021-2024 cycle. 2. As a Performance competition, selections will be made based on the gymnasts most capable of performing at a level to achieve British Gymnastics performance targets and maximise medal opportunities. 3. The nomination of athletes and coaches to represent Team GB at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games will be made according to this selection policy. 4. Athletes should note that British Gymnastics nominates athletes and support staff to the British Olympic Association (BOA), who in turn ratify and confirm selections. 5. Athletes should also note the maximum competition team size for Women's Artistic Gymnastics at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games is five and is comprised of the following: Team = maximum of five gymnasts 6. Equipment Supplier for this event is Gymnova
2. British Gymnastics Qualification strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FIG and IOC's Olympic Qualification System for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games provides seven routes to gain qualification for a National Olympic Committee (NOC) (FIG Olympic Qualification Information). 2. British Gymnastics' Olympic Qualification strategy targeted the following route (as numbered in the IOC-FIG Qualification System) to gain the maximum qualification to enable the performance target to be achieved: Criteria 1 – Achieving a Top 3 team ranking in the finals at the 2022 World Championships. <u>This has been achieved and GBR have qualified a team of five gymnasts to the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic games.</u> 3. At the time of nomination, British Gymnastics will make a strategic decision regarding the best option to maximise medal opportunities in the delivery of the performance targets.
3. Performance Targets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British Gymnastics is targeting a minimum of 1-2 medals from the Women's Artistic Gymnastics discipline with an overall British Gymnastics medal target range of 4-6.
4. Selection and nomination Timelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nomination timeline will follow the details below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games Qualification phase for Women's Artistic finishes after the completion of the European (Continental) Championships on 5th May 2024. b) The FIG shall inform the National Olympic Committee and the National Federation of their allocated quota places immediately after the Continental Championships. c) The NOC will have two weeks to confirm the use of their allocated quota places. d) Nomination Panel meeting –will take place over the 20th & 21st May 2024. e) Internal Communication of nominations – 24th May 2024. f) Appeals window – 12pm on 24th May- 12 pm on 28th May 2024. g) Submission of Nominations to the British Olympic Association – 3rd June 2024. h) BOA ratification no later than 12th June 2024. i) NGB Sport Entries deadline to BOA – 8th July 2024. j) Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) (Team Entry by BOA) – 12th July 2024.

5. Competition Format	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The competition format will be delivered as per FIG Competition rules and regulations. 2. Scoring at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games will be delivered as per the FIG Code of Points. 3. The competition classes at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Team b) Individual All-Around c) Individual Apparatus 4. Team Qualification: 5,4,3 format. A team of 5 gymnasts, with 4 competing on each apparatus and the best 3 scores on each apparatus contributing to the team score. 5. Team finals: 5,3,3 format. A team of 5 gymnasts, with 3 competing on each apparatus, and all 3 scores on each apparatus contributing to the team score. 6. All-Around and Individual Apparatus qualification is from the team qualification event, which have separate finals.
6. Athlete Eligibility Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes are eligible for consideration provided they: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) are a British Citizen holding and hold a British passport, b) are born on or before 31 December 2008 (16 years), c) are a current British Gymnastics member, d) are eligible to compete for Great Britain by possession of a current Gymnast Licence held with FIG and with no membership or doping violations at the time of nomination, e) are not currently under any sanctions, f) have competed in at least one of the following Designated Selection Events (DSEs) listed below: 2. Designated Selection events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) European Championships- April 2023 b) FIG World Challenge Cups – May-September 2023 c) National Club Team Championships - October 2023 d) Senior World Championships September 2023 e) Apparatus World Cup – Cairo (EGY) - 15th-18th February 2024 * f) Apparatus World Cup – Cottbus (GER) – 22nd-24th February 2024 * g) English Championships – Telford (ENG) - 1st-3rd March 2024 h) Apparatus World Cup – Baku (AZE) - 7th – 10th March 2024 * i) British Championships – Liverpool - 17-21st March 2024 j) Apparatus World Challenge Cup – Antalya (TUR) – 29th – 31st Mar 2024 * k) Apparatus World Challenge Cup – Osijek (CRO) – 4th – 7th Apr 2024 * l) Apparatus World Cup -Doha (QAT) – 17th – 20th Apr 2024 * m) Senior European Championships – Rimini (ITA) – 2nd – 5th May 202 <p>* Events subject to any date change, any world cup/challenge cup competitions from January 1st – May 15th 2024, current dates as listed above.</p> 3. 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 Performance Services Officer (performance@british-gymnastics.org)

	<div><div>4. Any athlete unable to compete at the listed Designated Selection Events can petition to the HNC for consideration. Athletes are required to send a petition in writing explaining the reasons for being unable to compete at the DSE's to performance@british-gymnastics.org by 12pm 1st May 2024. Any athlete who is considered based upon a petition will be required to submit agreed competition routine footage to an independent British Gymnastics judging panel no later than 5th May 2024 from events between 1st January and 5th May 2024. The judging panel will evaluate the performances to determine if they meet the standards listed in Section 7. The scoring of submitted routines is not open for appeal.</div><div>5. Athletes must have completed any additional third-party agency requirements (such as, but not limited to, FIG, UK Anti-Doping, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the BOA).</div><div>6. Athletes must have signed a World Class Programme Athlete Agreement with British Gymnastics at the time of the nomination meeting.</div><div>7. Athletes must have registered with the BOA team management system, sign and comply with the BOA Team Member's Agreement and comply with all anti-doping requirements.</div></div>												
7. Performance Standards	<div><div>1. Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination are expected to achieve the performance standards from Table 1 within competition during the Designated Selection Events listed in section 6.</div><div>Table 1. Performance Standards</div><table><tr><th>Value</th><th>Vault</th><th>Uneven Bars</th><th>Balance Beam</th><th>Floor</th><th>AA</th></tr><tr><td>Score</td><td>13.6/4.6</td><td>13.4/5.5</td><td>13.0/5.4</td><td>13.0/5.0</td><td>53.0</td></tr></table><div><div>* 13.6 is the average final score required for 2 vaults in any 1 competition.</div><div>2. The above scores reflect the change in the Code of Points from January 2022, and BG reserve the right to adjust these scores following analysis of international and national scoring throughout the cycle. Any adjustments will be communicated at least 3 months prior to selection.</div><div>3. Achieving the Performance Standards does not guarantee selection.</div><div>4. In the absence of a sufficient number of athletes achieving the performance standards, the selection panel may take into consideration athletes who do not reach the performance standards due to injury, illness or other key factors in training and competition plans based on supporting the longer-term direction of the programme and winning medals at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games.</div></div></div>	Value	Vault	Uneven Bars	Balance Beam	Floor	AA	Score	13.6/4.6	13.4/5.5	13.0/5.4	13.0/5.0	53.0
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8. Performance Factors	<div><div>1. The panel will consider the following Performance Factors, when nominating athletes:</div><div><div>a) Athletes scoring potential to win a medal or achieve the performance targets at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games</div><div>b) Current performance form in the build-up to nomination at the Designated Selection Events (DSEs)</div><div>c) Consistent performance form in the build-up to nomination at the Designated Selection Events (DSEs)</div><div>d) Major Championship and International performance standards in 2023 & 2024</div><div>e) Engagement with the World Class Programme including adherence to agreed Individual Athlete Plan (IAP)</div><div>f) Current medical and injury status including recent training history and any additional extenuating circumstances that the panel feels necessary to consider at its discretion</div></div></div>												

	2. Factors are listed in priority order from a) to f).
9. Nomination Panel	<p>1. The nomination panel will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Head of Performance Programmes – (Chair – Non-voting member) b) Performance Director (Voting member)*¹ c) Head National Coach (Voting member) d) Judging Representative (Minimum brevet level) (Voting member) e) Medical representative (non-voting) f) Performance Analyst (non-voting) g) Independent Observers (up to two, non-voting) *² <p>2. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, and no later than 72 hrs before, all panel members must declare any conflicts of interest to the chair.</p> <p>3. At the start of the meeting the chair will log any conflicts and confirm any arrangements based on any registered conflicts.</p> <p><i>*¹ Or nominated Performance Department member based on availability & suitability</i></p> <p><i>*² Independent observers are in appointed to provide assurance that the policy is applied in a fair, consistent and transparent manner. Independent observers could be appointed from (but not limited to) British Elite Athletes Association, UK Sport, British Olympic Association, Sports Lawyers and other Olympic/Paralympic Sports Management professionals.</i></p>
10. Nomination Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following confirmation from FIG, the BOA will confirm the number of qualified NOC places for gymnastics at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games. 2. Prior to the nomination panel meeting information will be compiled from relevant personnel to support the panel's decision making during the meeting. This would include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analytics related to performances at the Designated Selection Events. b) Analytics related to performances of other nations. c) Injury, Illness and training information related to gymnasts achieving the performance standards. 3. The nomination panel will meet to consider any relevant input from the British Gymnastics Sport Science & Medicine staff, National Coaches, Judging representatives and Performance staff to discuss the nomination of the gymnasts. 4. The nominations for all available places will be made through discussion of the eligible athletes, reviewing the Performance Factors (section 8), and the ability to deliver the Performance Targets (section 3). 5. An athlete who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the DSEs 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). 6. An athlete who meets the eligibility criteria but does not meet the Performance Standards can be considered for nomination by the panel and these athletes will be identified at the start of the nomination panel discussions using relevant information aligned to the Performance Factors. 7. The nominated athletes (all NOC Quota places) and coaches will be those, in the expert opinion of the Nomination Panel, most able to achieve the targets listed in section 3 'Performance Targets'. 8. As part of the nomination process, an athlete's allocation of apparatus/exercise requirements may be identified as part of the conditions of nomination.

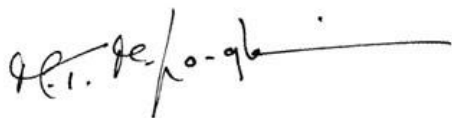
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Whereby proposed nominations can't be agreed through reaching a consensus, each decision maker will have 1 vote per available team place. Panel members must cast a vote for the nomination to proceed. 10. At the Nomination Panels discretion, it may identify travelling or non-travelling reserves. Whereby multiple reserves are identified, the travelling reserve will be confirmed no later than 22nd May 2024. The process for the selection of reserves will follow the same approach as the selection of the team and they will be discussed in the same selection meeting. 11. The nomination panel will meet on 20th & 21st May 2024. 12. The Performance Director/Named representative will then communicate the nominations to all eligible gymnasts and coaches by 12pm on 24th May 2024.
11. Nomination Process for Team Coach places	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based upon the number of athlete places qualified, the BOA will confirm the number of Team Coach accreditations available for Gymnastics at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games. 2. British Gymnastics will consider its Olympic strategy (see 2.3) when nominating team coaches, to support the achievement of the performance targets. 3. Based upon the qualification of a team and the pursuit of medals, the allocation of coach accreditations will be made based upon the in the following priority order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Head National Coach b) National Coach/Primary Coach c) Any additional coach accreditations will be based upon the number of accreditations available, and the teams needs to support the achievement of the performance targets. 4. The nomination panel will base the nomination of coaches upon the following factors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with the Team Leader, Head National Coach and National Coach to support the team's needs. b) A coach who can support the achievement of the performance targets through working with athletes who possesses the highest probability of delivering Olympic medals.
12. Expectations of nominated/selected athletes and coaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominated/Selected athletes and coaches, including reserve(s), (where agreed) will be expected to undertake all identified pre-games activities (Camps and Competitions) laid out by the Head National Coach as part of the preparations for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Games to prove their readiness to compete. 2. Nominated athletes and coaches (including the reserve(s)) must also agree to observe all obligations outlined within the British Gymnastics' Performance Athlete Agreement 2021 – 25 and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by British Gymnastics. 3. Nominated athletes and coaches (including the reserve(s)) must also agree to observe all obligations outlined by the British Olympic Association Team Members agreement and any subsequent Codes of Behaviour adopted by Team GB.
13. Communication of Nominations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Performance Director/Named representative will communicate the nominations to all eligible gymnast and coaches by 12pm on 24th May. 2. The communication of nominations is strictly confidential and is not to be publicised. 3. 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 the British Olympic Association have announced the Team.

14. Nomination Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals can only be submitted from 12pm 24th May to 12pm 28th May 2024, for a non-selected athlete on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. 2. The British Gymnastics appeals policy can be found here: Selection Appeals Process 3. Support for athletes when considering or pursuing an appeal is available from the British Elite Athletes Association www.britisheliteathletes.org
15. Injury & Replacement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of injury and/or the need for replacement, any athlete, from the pool of nominated reserves, may be called upon to join the Team at any time. 2. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the BOA Approval Panel, all selected athletes (including the reserve(s)) 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 Olympic Games. 3. All selected athletes (including the reserve(s)) must declare any medications they are taking, the use of any restricted medications, and submit these to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) 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 Performance Director (or their appointed representative) and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals by the Performance Director. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal. 5. At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting (the date the team is formally entered), should any athlete fail to reach performance expectations in training or competition or suffer a loss of form to such an extent that it leads the Head National Coach to reasonably believe that such athlete cannot perform to their expected ability at the Games, the Head National Coach may recommend de-selection to the Approval Panel. The Approval Panel will consider this recommendation in full, set out the reasons for such decision to the affected athlete and provide an opportunity for the gymnast to make a counterargument, 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 selection announcement but prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting (the date the team is formally entered), should there be a doubt over the ability of an athlete to compete to the best of their ability due to an injury or illness (physical or psychological), 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 or psychologically 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' designated performance assessment.

	<p>c) The performance assessment is an objective measure that will require the athlete to perform routine(s) at least equivalent to Paris Olympic Games Performance Standards at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated.</p> <p>d) In the event that an athlete fails to complete the performance assessment 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 Head National Coach based on the needs of the Team and will normally come out of the pool of nominated travelling or non-travelling reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.</p> <p>8. Following the DRM, athlete de-selections and replacements are to be only allowed in accordance with the IOC's "Late Athlete Replacement Policy". Athletes may be de-selected at this stage due to the athlete no-longer being eligible, or due to injury/illness (physical or psychological). In such circumstances, should the British Gymnastics CMO, Performance Director or Head National Coach believe injury/illness (physical or psychological) will impact upon an athlete's potential to deliver a performance at the Games at least equivalent to Paris Olympic Games Performance Standards at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated due to injury or illness the following process will be undertaken:</p> <p>9. The Team GB CMO, in conjunction with the British Gymnastics CMO (or designated medical representative), will request that the athlete undergoes a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to compete. If the athlete is deemed not fit to compete or refuses to undergo the examination, his/her nomination will be withdrawn, and British Gymnastics will nominate the relevant reserve athlete.</p> <p>10. If the athlete satisfies the Team GB CMO that they are 'fit to compete' and yet the British Gymnastics and/or the BOA believe they will not be able to deliver a performance at least equivalent to Paris Olympic Games Performance Standards at the date of the selection meeting at which they were nominated as a consequence of the underlying injury or illness (physical or psychological), the Team GB Chef de Mission, at his sole discretion, may request the athlete undergoes a set of performance tests. The test(s) will be agreed by each of the Performance Director, Head National Coach, the British Gymnastics CMO (or designated medical representative) and the BOA. If the athlete is unable to perform in the tests at a reasonably equivalent level to what they could have done at the date of nomination in the opinion of the Performance Director, Head National Coach and the BOA, or refuses to undertake the test, they will be withdrawn by the BOA from Team GB under the IOC Replacement Policy. At this stage the BOA will nominate the relevant reserve athlete.</p>
16. Team Announcement	<p>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 and the BOA have announced the Team selection.</p>
17. Any additional matters not covered by this Policy	<p>1. Any matters arising from the selection process that are not covered within this policy shall be determined by the chair acting at their sole discretion.</p>

APPROVED BY:

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