

Welsh Gymnastics RHY Development Squad Selection Policy

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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection to the Rhythmic Development Squad the following conditions apply:

- a) Gymnasts must be current members of Welsh Gymnastics.
- b) Gymnasts must fulfil the eligibility criteria to compete for Wales as published on the Welsh Gymnastics website.
- c) Gymnast's payment for Welsh Squad membership fees and / or contribution payments for training camps must be up to date for Squad selection or re-selection consideration.
- d) Gymnasts who are turning 10 – 15 in year. Those aged 10 – 12 will be eligible for the Espoir squad, and those 13-15 for the Junior squad.

Selection Criteria

Numbers are selected at the discretion of the Welsh National Coaches and are dependent on identified potential within each age group. In October 2022, 5 gymnasts were selected onto the Espoir and 6 onto the Junior squad. For junior gymnasts, selection for this squad takes place every October and gymnasts are selected for the year. An additional trial will occur in April for the remaining 6 months. For Espoir gymnastics, selection takes place every 6 months in October and April. In extenuating circumstances, gymnasts may be added throughout the year at the discretion of the national coaches.

Primary factors

- a) Testing on BQT relevant for the age group. When trialling in October, gymnasts will trial using the criteria for the age they will be in the next calendar year.
- b) Scores from competitions over the previous 6 months taken into account.

Wildcards

In some cases, athletes may be selected as a wildcard based upon the following criteria:

- a) Injury preventing full participation / performance.
- b) Potential for further technical and skill development.

- c) Unable to attend trial / selection day for significant reason (e.g., illness / injury / pre booked holiday).

Appeals Process

1. Appeals must be submitted within 3 days of communication of selection for a non-selected gymnast.
2. The Appellant can only make appeals or, where they are under the age of 18, their parent or guardian.
3. The Appellant does not have a right of appeal against any judgment or discretion exercised in the course of making a nomination decision, or against the content of the applicable selection criteria.
4. Appeals should be sent to holly.broad@welshgymnastics.org outlining grounds for appeal.
5. An appeals panel consisting of a National Coach alongside three persons who are knowledgeable of the selection process, however, have not been involved in the non-nomination of the Appellant.
6. Upon the receipt of the Notice of Appeal the Independent Appeal Panel will convene a meeting to take place as soon as reasonably possible.
7. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel shall be reached by majority vote and all members of the Panel shall have a vote each.
8. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel shall be final, and the Appellant will be notified following the Independent Appeal Panel meeting.