

Welsh Gymnastics WAG Foundation Squad Selection Policy

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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection to the Women's Artistic Foundation Squad the following conditions apply:

- a) Gymnasts must be current members of Welsh / British 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 8, 9, or 10 in year (for 2023 this is 2015, 2014, and 2013 born gymnasts).

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, 26 gymnasts were selected (6 2012, 10 2013, 10 2014). Selection for this squad takes place every 6 months in April and October and is based upon:

Primary factors

- a) Scores on conditioning tests.
- b) Performance of skills on each apparatus.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z6t5g7bc46d796t/AACFr7bwo50coSiNNAIbAl6pa?dl=0>

**Please note the ages in this video are now incorrect, 8 in year will follow 7 in year, 9 in year the 8 in year, and 10 in year the 9 in year.*

Wildcards

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

- a) Injury preventing full participation / performance
- b) Opportunity for club or coach development

- c) Potential for further technical and skill development
- d) Unable to attend trial / selection day for significant reason*

*Gymnasts who are unable to trial due to extenuating circumstances e.g., illness / injury, or a pre-booked holiday will be able to trial at the first session of the squad. They will still have to be entered on GymNet and a Dr's note provided in the case of injury / illness.

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 elle.langham-walsh@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.