



Welsh Gymnastics
Gymnasteg Cymru

Mens artistic
Development & Performance Squad 2024
Selection Policy

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>The Welsh National Programme hereby outlines the selection process, key timescales and important criteria that are required to be eligible for squad selection for the Welsh Foundation Squad.</p> <p>The Welsh National Programme will select gymnasts, who in the expert opinion of the Welsh Men’s Artistic Gymnastics National Coach and appointed selection panel, have the best capability of representing Wales at Development and Performance Level now and / or in the future.</p>
<p>2. Selection Timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection panel meeting - WC 25th March 2024 • Selection communication - No later April 1st, 2024 • Squad commence – April 2024
<p>3. Gymnast Eligibility Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only gymnasts eligible to compete for Wales will be considered for selection. Please refer to the Men’s Artistic Welsh Gymnastics Competition Handbook, 2024 • Gymnasts aged 11 – 18 in the year of competition will be eligible for the Development Squad. • Gymnasts aged 18+ in the year of competition will be eligible for the Performance Squad. <p>Policies & Procedures - Welsh Gymnastics</p>
<p>4. Selection criteria general</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Around gymnasts will be considered for selection for Development and Performance Squads • Apparatus Specialists will be considered for the Performance Squad only. • Gymnasts will be considered based on the following factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current Apparatus ‘D’ values ▪ Scores from relevant competitions ▪ Placings at relevant competitions ▪ Performance of technical skills ▪ Ability to further development technical skills ▪ Work ethic attendance and behaviour ▪ Progression • Gymnasts must have participated in one or more of the following events in the preceding year or year of selection unless extenuating circumstances apply:

- Welsh Championships 2024
- British Championships 2024

Gymnasts' scores and placings in the above competitions will be considered.

5. Selection Specific

- U12 Gymnasts selection will be primarily based on future potential to represent Wales and the Selection panel will take competition scores as guidance as well as the additional factors stated in the 'general' section of this policy.
- U14 gymnasts will be considered based on an All-Around score stipulated below. Gymnasts who do not make the below stated scores but show evidence on at least 3 apparatus will be considered for selection based on the expert opinion of the National Coach and appointed National Coaches.
- U16 & U/18 gymnasts will be selected based on their All-Around scores, with individual apparatus scores used as a guidance. Please refer to the scores table below.
- Performance gymnasts will be selected based on All-Around and / or individual apparatus scores. Gymnasts must meet or exceed a minimum of **two** of the scores on the same or different apparatus. Please refer to the scores table below.

Age Group	All Around	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	P. Bars	H. Bar
U12	N/A						
U14	66.150						
U16	66.600	11.550	10.450	11.200	12.350**	11.150	10.800
U18	68.550	11.650	10.900	11.750	12.700**	11.400	11.000
Senior	72.700	12.650	12.200	12.800	13.900**	12.750	12.500

** Vault scores are representative of 1 vault score (Not averaged)

	<p>Wildcards – National coaches will have the capacity to select wildcard gymnasts for reasons listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual is injured or ill, impacting on their ability to attend or complete the any of the nominated events. • The individual demonstrated some areas of poor performance during one or both nominated events above but show potential in other areas. <p>Reserve list – Upon completion of selections, the selection panel will create an additional list of gymnasts where they periodically check in with these individuals or invite to a squad session to monitor development.</p>
6.Selection Panel	<p>The selection panel will consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MAG Planning Lead / National Coach – WG 2. MAG National Coach – WG 3. Performance Programme Officer – WG 4. Independent staff member - WG 5. Athlete Representative – TBC
7. Injury/illness/ other reasons for being unable to complete testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during the trial period, must provide written documentation of the injury or illness to mensartistic@welshgymnastics.org. This information can be taken into consideration in the selection process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Gymnast Name & Club II. Gymnasts Squad (if applicable) e.g., Foundation, Development or Performance III. Injury / Illness Details - Length of time injured, Diagnosis, Treatment and expected recovery timescales (If known) IV. Gymnasts who are not able to complete any event must express in writing reasons why they cannot attend the trial event. If agreed, national coaches will take performances at previous year competitions and squad sessions as part of the selection. <p>OR</p> V. If a gymnasts cannot attend or complete testing due to reasons listed above, can on the agreement with the NC team submit video evidence to mensartistic@welshgymnastics.org by 16th February 2024
8.Appeals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appeals must be submitted within 3 days of communication of selection for a non-selected gymnast on the grounds that the process outlined within this Selection Policy has not been adhered to. 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 while making a nomination decision, or against the content of the applicable selection criteria.

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Appeals should be sent to performance@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. |
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