



Welsh Gymnastics
Gymnasteg Cymru

Sgwad Datblygiad Gymnasteg Artistig
Menywod Polisi Dewis 2026

Women's Artistic
Development Squad 2026
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 Development Squad.</p> <p>Selections will be made by the Welsh Women’s Artistic selection panel. Details of which can be found in this document.</p>
<p>2. Selection Timelines</p>	<p>These squads will be selected in June 2026. Selections may be made throughout the year at the discretion of the national coaching team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection panel – June 2026 • Selection communication – June 2026 • Squad commence – June 2026 • Squad conclusion – December 2026 <p>2027</p> <p>The 2027 Development Squad will be selected in December 2026 and will run from January-December 2027, based on 2026 competition results identified in Section 4.</p>
<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 see eligibility policy. • Gymnasts aged 11 in year to 15 in year (2015 – 2011) by the 31st December 2026 will be eligible for the Development Squad. • Gymnasts must be current members of Welsh / British Gymnastics and must be training in a Welsh / British Gymnastics registered environment. • Have no outstanding fees or any unresolved bans via Welsh / British Gymnastics. • Always comply with UKAD Clean Sport Policy.
<p>4. Performance Standards</p>	<p>The Welsh National Programme will select gymnasts, who in the expert opinion of the National Coaching Team, have the best capability of representing Wales now and / or in the future.</p> <p>Gymnasts will be considered based on the following factors, please see trial criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance in Excel Grades competition (Regional and British) • Performance in voluntary competitions, for example, but not limited to FIG Development & Classic Challenge Competitions, Welsh Championships, and British Championships • Gymnasts on or meeting consideration for the British Squad Pathway (Aspire & Junior Squad) • Working towards full CRs across all apparatus
<p>5. Additional Performance Factors</p>	<p>Gymnasts may be selected as a wildcard based upon the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury preventing full participation / performance • Potential for further technical and skill development • Opportunity for club or coach development <p>Gymnasts may be added to the squad throughout the year at the discretion of the National Coaching team.</p>
<p>6. Selection Panel</p>	<p>The selection panel will consist of:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAG National Coach(es) • WG Performance Director/Programme Manager/Programme Officer • WG Independent Staff Member • Athlete Representative (if available)
7. Selection Processes for Gymnasts	<p>All gymnasts must hold up to date silver membership.</p> <p>If a gymnast not already holding a place on a Welsh Squad wishes to be considered for the development squad, their club / coach should contact performance@welshgymnastics.org and confirm eligibility where necessary. They may then be considered upon factors outlined in Section 4.</p>
8. Expectations of Selected Gymnasts and Coaches	<p>All gymnasts and coaches will be expected to follow the Welsh Gymnastics Membership Rules, Terms and Conditions, and sign up to the Performance Pledge.</p>
9. Communication of Selections (including non-selection)	<p>Decisions regarding selections and non-selections will be sent to the email address associated with the gymnasts Sport80 account. Where possible we will also send to any identified club contacts.</p> <p>We ask clubs to share this information with relevant individuals.</p>
10. Complaints	<p>If you are unhappy with the process or wish to put in a complaint, please email complaints@welshgymnastics.org.</p>
11. Injuries and replacements	<p>Any gymnast who is ill, injured, or where extenuating circumstances are identified, must provide written documentation to performance@welshgymnastics.org. This information can be taken into consideration in the selection process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Gymnast Name & Club II. Gymnasts Squad (if applicable) e.g., Foundation, Development, Performance Development or Performance III. If relevant injury / Illness Details - Length of time injured, Diagnosis, Treatment and expected recovery timescales (If known). <p>If a gymnast has not competed in the competitions identified in Section 4 and you believe they should still be considered for this squad, please email performance@welshgymnastics.org to request assessment at the first training session.</p>
12. Any additional matters not covered by the policy	