



Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2023


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Version history

The Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2023 Organiser reserves the right to make amendments to this handbook.


Notification of a change to the handbook will be communicated through the [British Gymnastics Website](#)  and an updated version will be made available to download at the time of change.

All versions will be listed on this page, with reference to amendments made;

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Definition of Terms

- Assisting Coach(es) are coaches who are permitted on the competition floor and/or warm up hall, but who work under the guidance and responsibility of the Supervising Coach. Assisting coach(es) must meet all of the relevant eligibility requirements.
- BGF means British Gymnastics Foundation.
- British Gymnastics Nomination Panel – Performance Team, Senior Performance Manager & Technical Committee Chair.
- Championships means any British Championship organised by or on behalf of British Gymnastics.
- Chaperone In exceptional circumstances, chaperones may be permitted to fulfil a pastoral care role. Chaperones under no circumstances shall be permitted to coach gymnasts.
- Choreographers will create and develop new routines.
- CJP – means Chair of Judging Panel.
- Coach(es) are those Coach(es), Lead, Supervised, Assisting Coaches submitted in the online entry process and who are responsible for the gymnast(s) for the entire event. This coach(es) must have the relevant qualifications and British Gymnastics membership as defined in the eligibility section of this handbook. Any changes to these coach(es) submitted on the online entry system must be notified to the Events Department prior to the event and in exceptional circumstances if changes are required during the event, these must be notified to the Organisers. Changes to these coach(es) will only be permitted where the replacement coach meets all of the relevant Eligibility requirements
- Code means the Code of Points used for the competition, from which technical information and regulations are taken.
- CPSU means Child Protection in Sport Unit.
- DBS means Disclosure and Barring Service, Access NI Eligibility or PVG.
- DJ means Difficulty Judge.
- Event means any national and international competition and championships organised by or on behalf of British Gymnastics.
- FIG means Federation International de Gymnastique.
- IDP means International Development Pathway.
- Independent means gymnasts who are not members of a British Gymnastics registered club but hold appropriate British Gymnastics membership.
- Lead Coach The coach taking overall responsibility for all the gymnasts from their club/region. The Lead Coach must be present in the competition arena throughout the event to take responsibility for their coaches and gymnasts. The Lead Coach must possess sufficient qualification to cover all the skills that any of their gymnasts will be performing within the competition.
- NDP means National Development Plan.
- Officials are people recruited to assist with the delivery of the overall event e.g. Floor Manager, Ceremonies Manager, Spectator Tickets Manager.
- OOA means Out of age
- Organiser means the Adult Gymnastics National Competition Organiser (NCO) or their designated representative, who is authorised by, or on behalf of British Gymnastics
- Supervised Coach means a coach under the responsibility of the Lead Coach, as they are coaching skills to a maximum of 1 level higher than their current qualification, but are in the process of qualifying at the next level.
-  means it is a [hyperlink](#) to official policy statements and other event related information.

Contact information

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National competition calendar

Event & date	Opening date	Closing date	Venue
 Adult Gymnastics British Championships 5 th – 6 th August 2023	Friday 12 th May	Friday 23 rd June (12:00 noon)	Lilleshall National Sports Centre

For a complete domestic and international calendar of events please follow link 

Event introduction

If you're eighteen or over, the Adult Gymnastics British Championships provides an opportunity to test yourself in a range of different activities. Whether you're looking to take your first steps in gymnastics or get back into the sport, this competition is for you. There's a big social element too, which makes the competition a lot of fun.

Whatever challenge you set yourself, there's nothing better than knowing you can do it.

Competition categories

Discipline	Artistic		Trampoline		Tumbling		Acrobatic		
Level	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Pairs	Women's Group	Men's Group
Introductory		Over 18	Over 18	Over 18					
		Over 30	Over 30	Over 30					
		Over 45	Over 45	Over 45					
Novice	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Combined age group	Combined age group			
	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30					
	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45					
Intermediate	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Combined age group	Combined age group	Single competition with one balance and one dynamic routine		
	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30					
	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45					
Pro	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Over 18	Combined age group	Combined age group			
	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30	Over 30					
	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45	Over 45					
Open			Over 18	Over 18					
			Over 30	Over 30					
			Over 45	Over 45					
Teams	Min. 3 gymnasts, max. 6 gymnasts. Mixed abilities and ages allowed. Minimum of 2 ability levels represented within any one team. Competitors may only represent one team each. Non-British Citizen competing as guests can form part of the team but the team will not be eligible to rank in the official competition results.		Min. 3 gymnasts, max. 6 gymnasts. Mixed abilities, ages and genders allowed. Minimum of 2 ability levels represented within any one team. Competitors may only represent one team each. Non-British Citizen competing as guests can form part of the team but the team will not be eligible to rank in the official competition results.		Min. 3 gymnasts, max. 6 gymnasts. Mixed abilities and genders allowed. Minimum of 2 ability levels represented within any one team. Competitors may only represent one team each. Non-British Citizen competing as guests can form part of the team but the team will not be eligible to rank in the official competition results.		1 pair and 1 group + 1 other. Mixed genders allowed. Competitors may only represent one team each. Non-British Citizen competing as guests can form part of the team but the team will not be eligible to rank in the official competition results.		

To compete for All Around Titles: - MAG must compete on at least 4 out of 6 pieces of apparatus. WAG is 3 out of 4 pieces of apparatus. *Please note: Some categories/levels may be combined if entry numbers are low.*

Team Score Age Bonus Calculation:

- Men's, Women's, Trampoline – 0.1 for every 2 years over 20.
- Acro – 0.1 for every 5 years over 24
- Tumbling – 0.1 for every 3 years over 22

Where no specific point is addressed in the regulations, the current FIG rules apply. However, the Technical Committee and its appointed officials reserve the right to define any regulation conflict as is deemed appropriate to ensure a fair and equitable competition.

Eligibility

Membership



All persons attending British Gymnastics events in an official capacity, whether as a gymnast, coach or judge are required to hold a current British Gymnastics membership in line with the level of competition entered and awards held.


- **Gymnasts**
Membership level must be Bronze Gymnast, Coach or Life Member of British Gymnastics, in order to enter a British Gymnastics Event.

In normal circumstances, gymnasts should also be a member of a British Gymnastics registered club.

In exceptional cases, where a gymnast does not belong to a British Gymnastics registered Club, they must contact the Events Department and request entry into the Event. If granted, such gymnasts will be given the classification as being "Independent". In such circumstances independent gymnasts must nominate a coach and must also meet all other membership requirements.

For all Grades/NDP Events, gymnasts must hold current British Gymnastics Competitive Gymnast membership at the time of the Regional Qualification Events. Anyone discovered to have been without the correct level of membership for these qualification Events will be disqualified.


- **Lead Coaches**
Lead Coaches' membership level must be Coach or Life Member of British Gymnastics and coaches must be qualified to the level of all the skills being performed by all gymnasts in the club/region before being allowed to participate in a British Gymnastics Event. Lead Coaches must have current safeguarding and DBS certificates, please see Safeguarding section. The Lead Coach may authorise other coaches from their club/region to coach skills at a maximum of 1 level higher than that coaches' qualification (Supervised Coach) but has responsibility for ensuring that they are competent to do so. For further information on the changes introduced for Lead and Supervised Coaches, please click here 
- **Coaches**
Coaches' membership level must be Coach or Life Member of British Gymnastics and Coaches must be qualified to a minimum of level 2. Coaches must be qualified to the level of all the skills being performed by the gymnasts for which they are responsible. Coaches must have current safeguarding and DBS certificates. Please see Safeguarding section.
- **Supervised Coaches**
Please note that Supervised Coaches requirements have now reverted to pre-COVID levels.
To be a Supervised Coach you must be a minimum of Level 2. With the explicit authorisation of the Lead Coach, Supervised Coaches may coach skills at the maximum of 1 level higher than their current qualification. Before being allowed to participate in a British Gymnastics Event, the Supervised coaches must have completed the relevant course or module of the next coaching level covering those skills, although they may not yet be signed off as qualified. For further information on the changes introduced for Lead and Supervised coaches, please click here 
- **Assisting Coaches**
Assisting Coaches' Membership level must be Assistant Coach (if Level 1), Coach or Life Member of British Gymnastics before being allowed to participate in a British Gymnastics Event. Assisting coaches must have current safeguarding and DBS certificates, please see Safeguarding section. Assisting Coaches cannot be responsible for the gymnasts.
- **Choreographer**
Choreographers' Membership level must be Competitive Gymnast, Assistant Coach (if Level 1), Coach or Life Member of British Gymnastics before being allowed to participate in a British Gymnastics Event. Choreographers must have current safeguarding and DBS certificates. Please see Safeguarding section.

- **Disability Chaperone**
Disability Chaperones may be permitted to provide pastoral care to gymnasts in certain circumstances. Under no circumstances may a Disability Chaperone coach a gymnast. In the case where a gymnast has a disability, the nature of which indicates that it is deemed necessary to have additional support, they will be entitled to have a carer present with them throughout the competition. This Disability Chaperone will not be insured by British Gymnastics to take part in any type of recognised gymnastic activity. The Disability Chaperone will be required to sign a code of conduct to ensure they understand the role they are fulfilling within the event environment. The Disability Chaperone will be required to be dressed appropriately (please refer to the relevant section of the discipline specific code of points) if entering the warm-up hall or field of play.
- **Medical Chaperone**
In exceptional cases, upon written request, a Medical Chaperone may be approved to provide pastoral care to a gymnast with a medical condition. Written medical verification of the need for this carer (from a GP or other medical practitioner) will be required to be submitted to the Events Department at least 1 week prior to the start of the Event. The Medical Chaperone will not be insured by British Gymnastics to take part in any type of recognised gymnastic activity. The Medical Chaperone will be required to sign a code of conduct to ensure they understand the role they are fulfilling within the event environment. The Medical Chaperone will be required to be dressed appropriately (please refer to the relevant section of the discipline code of points) if entering the warm-up hall or field of play.
- **Supervising Chaperone**
The TC may authorise Supervising Chaperones to assist with pastoral care for gymnasts. These entitlements, if applicable, will be defined in the specific competition pages. In these circumstances the Supervising Chaperones must either be qualified as a Level 1 Assistant Coach or be a club/regional Welfare Officer and hold the relevant membership and qualifications, DBS & SPC for their position(s). Supervising Chaperones will not be permitted to enter the field of play.
- **Judges**
Judges' membership level must be Judge or Life Member of British Gymnastics for Club/County/Regional Judges, and National/Brevet Judge or Life Member of British Gymnastics for National and Brevet Judges before being allowed to officiate at a British Gymnastics Event. Members with coaching memberships that also have the required judge qualifications as laid out above are also applicable. 

From time-to-time British Gymnastics may invite international judges to officiate at British Gymnastics events, as such they will not require British Gymnastics membership.

Judges must also hold a current cycle of judging award (Cycle 15)

British Gymnastics does not require judges to complete a criminal record check to judge at British Gymnastics competitions, as the role that judges fulfil at the event no longer falls within DBS or Access NI Eligibility*. However, some judges are actively involved in club gymnastics and may provide judging instruction to children in a training environment or carry out a supervisory role (or may complete a criminal record check by virtue of another role they undertake e.g. coach). As not all judges use their qualification in the same way, it is the club's responsibility to assess the role the judge is undertaking and determine whether the activities involved fall within the eligibility criteria for a criminal record check. British Gymnastics no longer requires all judges to complete safeguarding training, but clubs should ensure any judge who supervise or instruct children has completed appropriate training.

* Judges who hold Scottish Gymnastics membership should refer to [Scottish Gymnastics](#)  for further guidance as to whether a check is required.

For further information on membership levels please visit the British Gymnastics website. 

Competitive levels

As a Gymnastics for All event, we would like to make this competitive opportunity as accessible as possible for all adult gymnasts. Subsequently, there is now no need for gymnasts to be retired from national domestic competition for two years, and the strict guidelines around who can compete in which ability category has been relaxed. As such, the below should be treated as guidance.

- **Introductory (Women's Artistic & Trampoline Gymnastics only)**
Suitable for competitors that are brand new to the sport
- **Novice**
Suitable for competitors that have previously competed at club level within the relevant discipline
- **Intermediate**
Suitable for competitors that have previously competed at a county/regional level within the relevant discipline
- **Pro**
All competitors must have officially retired from GB and/or home nation domestic competitions and squads prior to entry. Suitable for competitors that have previously competed at national level
- **Open (Trampoline Gymnastics only)**
For experienced gymnasts capable of performing a routine with difficulty totalling 6.3 or above.

All competitors must not be simultaneously competing in national development plan or performance national domestic competitions in the year of entry into this event.

We would like to encourage competitors to enter the correct competitive level to ensure the Adult Gymnastics British Championships is a fair and enjoyable event for all involved. The Organiser retains the right to move a gymnast into the correct competitive level whilst the competition is in progress if it is felt they are performing skills above what is expected for that competitive level.

For reference and examples of level of ability and skill types used within the competition, please see the competition videos of previous years' events within GymNET – Under "My Account" & "Competition Videos".

Competitors cannot enter an ability level lower than they have previously entered e.g. from Pro in 2019 to Intermediate in 2020 (unless in exceptional circumstances which must be discussed and agreed by the Competition Organiser).

Level appropriate skills and requirements for each discipline are stated within the relevant discipline specific rules. Each discipline will follow the British Gymnastics or FIG Code unless otherwise stated within the discipline specific rules document. If you have any queries regarding the eligibility of a competitor or which competition category to enter, please ensure you contact the Organiser prior to submitting your competition entry.

Please note: If competitors perform a skill above the difficulty of the competitive level entered then a 1.0 mark penalty will be applied to their score as well as any execution deductions for the skill.

Coach qualifications

When submitting entries for the Adult Gymnastics British Championships, clubs must ensure that where applicable, the nominated Lead Coach is qualified to the level of performance of all the participants from their club. Supervised Coaches must be a minimum of level 2. With the explicit authorisation of the Lead Coach, Supervised Coaches may coach skills at the maximum of 1 level higher than their current qualification. If coaching at one level higher than their current qualification, coaches must have completed the relevant course/ module of the next coaching level covering those skills, although they may not yet be signed off as qualified.

All Coaches must have completed the [British Gymnastics Positive Coaching module](#) 

All Coaches entered into the event entry MUST be the same as those attending the event. It is unacceptable to enter a coach you know will not be attending. The Lead Coach has the ultimate responsibility for all the participants from their club/region and that of the Supervising Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Chaperones & Choreographers.

It is the club/region's responsibility to ensure that only accredited coaches are on the Field of Play and warm up areas.

Coaches who are used to push mats must be at least a level 2.

Lead Coaches have a duty of care towards their performers and have responsibility to ensure that all of the coaches under their supervision are both qualified and competent to teach at the appropriate level, as well as ensuring that the participant is adequately prepared, physically and psychologically, for performing their routines in a competition situation.

Additional Assisting Coaches (Level 1 and above) may be accredited, at the discretion of the Organiser, to be present in the competition arena to assist with the pastoral care of the gymnasts. Assisting coaches may not coach the gymnasts unless they fulfil the requirement of holding a recognised qualification suitable to the level of skills being performed.

Additional Medical and Supervising Chaperones may be accredited, at the discretion of the Organiser, to be present in the warm up hall and where applicable the Field of Play, to assist with the pastoral care of the gymnasts. Chaperones may not coach the gymnasts.

If it is found that a club is in breach of these policies British Gymnastics reserves the right to reject an entry on the grounds of gymnast safety or, if discovered post performance, to disqualify the competitor and remove their score(s) from the official results.

Safeguarding

All Coaches, Lead Coaches, Supervised Coaches and Assisting Coaches are required to hold a valid DBS certificate, or Home Nation equivalent, and have current Safeguarding and Protecting Children Awareness training at the time of the event.

Coaches who do not fulfil this requirement will not be accredited or allowed to participate at British Gymnastics Events.

All gymnasts must have an accredited coach, present on the field of play and in the warmup hall at all times. If a gymnast attends a competition without a suitably qualified coach or supervised coach, they will not be allowed to compete.

More information about our safeguarding requirements and the training/certificates that we accept, can be found on our website via the [Safeguarding and Safe Sport page](#) under 'Safeguarding', and by scrolling down to 'Training'.

Coaches must also have a valid home country criminal record check both at the time of entry and through to the end of the event before being allowed to participate at a British Gymnastics Event.

Nationality

Participation in all British Gymnastics Events is subject to the requirements of membership, club/regional registration and other conditions of entry.

In addition, the following regulations concerning Nationality are applicable to British Gymnastics Events.

British Championships

Only those in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport (and do not hold a FIG licence for another member federation) are eligible to be ranked in the official competition results, where a British Championships title is being contested. This is effective for individual competitions. In team competitions or where gymnasts compete together as part of a group/partnership, all of the gymnasts must be in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport in order for that team/group/partnership to be ranked in the official competition results.

At the discretion of the British Gymnastics Technical Committee and with agreement from the British Gymnastics Performance Director (or their appointee), those who are not in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport may take part in competitions where a British Championships title is being contested. Participation is also subject to approval from their own FIG Member Federation in accordance with FIG statutes. They will receive score(s) but will not receive a ranking in the official competition results. In such circumstances gymnasts will be referred to as Guests.

Gymnasts holding dual citizenship (including a valid United Kingdom passport) are only eligible to receive a ranking in the official results (either as an individual or as part of a team/group/partnership) if they do not hold a FIG Licence registered by another FIG Member Federation or have not represented another FIG Member Federation.

Gymnasts who are not in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport and who are not members of British Gymnastics may be invited by the British Gymnastics Technical Committee or Performance Director to take part in the British Championships. They will receive score(s) but will not receive a ranking in the official competition results.

Other British Gymnastics Events

At the discretion of the British Gymnastics Technical Committee and with agreement from the British Gymnastics Performance Director (or their appointee), non-British citizens may take part in other British Gymnastics' Competitions. Participation is also subject to approval from their own FIG Member Federation in accordance with FIG Statutes.

Those gymnasts who are not in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport must have been a member of British Gymnastics for at least one year prior to the date of the competition in order to be eligible to take part. During this period the gymnast's sole or main residence must be within the United Kingdom.

They will receive score(s) and will receive a ranking in the official Competition results. This is effective for both individual competitions and competitions where gymnasts compete together as part of a team/group or partnership.

Where a Competition provides a qualification route to take part in a British Championships, the results of a non-British citizen will not lead to the displacement of a British citizen who would have otherwise qualified for the British Championships.

In exceptional circumstances, gymnasts who are not in possession of a valid United Kingdom passport and who are not members of British Gymnastics may be invited by the British Gymnastics Technical Committee or Performance Director to take part in British Gymnastics Events. The Technical Committee with approval from the Performance Director will have the discretion to determine whether their scores will contribute towards the official Competition results.

Disclosure


It is the responsibility of the person making the event entry to ensure that all of the gymnasts have declared their nationality by contacting the events team at point of entry.

Policy for the Participation of Trans People in Gymnastics Competition

For information on Transgender, please refer to the Policy for The Participation of Trans People in Gymnastics Competition 

Competition Entries

Entry Process

Entry to all National British Gymnastics Events are Online Only. Complete instructions for adding an entry via the GymNET online Entry Portal are available to download from the British Gymnastics website 

All entries must be fully submitted electronically to British Gymnastics by the stipulated closing date and time. Prior to the event, an entry may only be amended by the person making the original entry.

Guests

If a gymnast wishes to compete as a guest (see Nationality section above for details of guest gymnasts) at a British Gymnastics event the club/coach should contact the events department in the first instance before the closing date. Guest gymnasts will be placed on a waiting list. Following the competition closing date, a decision will be made between the Technical Committee, the Events Department, and the Performance Department as to whether the entry can be accepted. If the entry is accepted the entry fee will then become payable and entered into the club basket.

Disability Gymnastics

British Gymnastics is focused on ensuring fair and equal opportunities are provided to all gymnasts.

Disabled gymnasts may compete in both mainstream and dedicated disability British Gymnastics competitions, providing they meet the eligibility criteria for the competition. Disabled gymnasts may switch between mainstream and disability competitions within the same or different disciplines. Only those disabled gymnasts who meet the eligibility criteria may compete in disability competitions.

All gymnasts competing within a mainstream competition will be judged by the same rules and criteria regardless of ability and/or disability.

Where an event includes both mainstream and disability competitions, disabled gymnasts may enter both competitions providing there are no scheduling conflicts. If there are scheduling conflicts the gymnast must choose which competition, they wish to enter.

As part of the development of Disability Gymnastics, British Gymnastics has produced its own sport specific Disability Gymnastics Classification Certificate. The classification certificate is contained in a pack which also clearly defines the eligible impairments for Disability Gymnastics Competition. All disabled gymnasts should complete a classification certificate as good practice when competing at regional level or above. A classification certificate is compulsory for gymnasts competing at a British Gymnastics National Event.

Disabled gymnasts will be required to provide proof of Disability at least six weeks before the event. Please note that unless there are any significant changes, a Disability Classification Certificate only needs to be completed once in most cases. Please complete and return the Disability Gymnastics Classification Certificate by following the instructions in the [Disability Classification Pack](#)



Although there are 44 different eligible classifications (Profile groups) in the Classification Pack, this does not mean that there are 44 different competition categories for Disability Gymnastics competition.

The Disability competition classification categories available can be found within the information pages for each competition which has integrated disability.

All clubs and coaches must inform the British Gymnastics Events Team of any gymnasts who have medical conditions or impairments that require special consideration at British Gymnastics events. This information should be shared with the British Gymnastics Events Team at the point of competition entry and will enable the British Gymnastics Events Team to endeavour to make any reasonable adjustments in line with the Equality Act and where possible to cater for the additional needs of each gymnast.

Methods of Payment

Payment can be made by Debit Card, Credit Card or BACS payment. BACS payment however may slow the entry process. Payments should be received by British Gymnastics within 48 hours of the entry being submitted.

Cheques are no longer accepted, therefore clubs and regions must arrange alternative payment methods.

Entry fees are non-refundable after the closing date.

British Gymnastics Foundation Hardship Grants

Our Charity, the British Gymnastics Foundation, runs a Hardship Grants programme which provides grants of up to £500 for individual members of British Gymnastics, who are experiencing significant financial hardship. If you are unable to afford the costs of participating in gymnastics, and are in danger of dropping out of gymnastics because of this, then please do apply for a hardship grant [here](#). The cost of competitions is an eligible item of expenditure within the Hardship Grants criteria. Please note that the Hardship Grants programme is not continually open for applications, but details on grant round timings can be found on the Hardship Grants application page in the link above.

Late Entries

Late entries will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and only up to 7 days after the closing date.

In the unlikely event of a late entry being accepted, payment of three times the normal entry fee stated for the competition will be required for individuals (including partnerships and groups). For team late entries the fee will be double (including clubs and regions). However, the late entry payments will be capped at £1000 (i.e. the additional payment over and above the normal entry fee per gymnast / partnership / group / team will be capped at £1000).

Late entries must be made in writing to the British Gymnastics Events department and will then be referred to the Organiser for consideration. The Organiser and British Gymnastics Events department will have absolute discretion whether to accept a late entry.

Late entry requests may be placed on a reserve list and clubs notified if their entry is accepted following a withdrawal, up to 1 week prior to the event.

Withdrawals and Substitutions

Amendments to an entry before the closing date will not incur a penalty and in the case of withdrawals, the entry fee will be refunded. Entry fees are non-refundable after the closing date.

For NDP Individual & Regional Team Finals, if a Region wishes to make a substitution (due to the withdrawal of a previous regional entry) of a gymnast, they can only do so up to one week before the event, in writing to the British Gymnastics event department after the entry is closed. Proof of qualification of the substitute must also be provided if applicable, at the time of the request. Substitutions will not incur a fee however there is no guarantee that the substituted names will be included in the spectator programme or other event related items.

Where it is necessary to substitute a Coach the club must inform the British Gymnastics Events Department, so the Coach can be checked for membership, awards and safeguarding, before they can be accredited for the Event.

Where, through unforeseen circumstances, this is not possible or, where information has not previously been supplied, the substitute must inform the Organiser immediately on arrival at the venue and produce their coaching award certificate, and current British Gymnastics specific DBS.

Where there are specific rules and/or processes relating to withdrawals and substitutions please refer to the specific event page.

Non-Participation Fee

By entering a gymnast (individual/partnership/group) or a team (team events) into an event, the enterer accepts that, should any gymnast or team fail to register to compete by the end of registration for a competition, the appropriate fee for non-participation will be added to the club basket or in the case of regional entries, basket of the person making that entry.

Fees will be charged as follows:

£25 – Individual / Pair

£50 – Trio / Group / Team

Should a gymnast be withdrawn, for whatever reason, the club or coach must inform the Organiser and Events Department in writing via email or notifying a member of the events team at the registration desk up to the close of registration for the relevant session. Email addresses are listed in the Contact Information on page 6 of this Competition Handbook. Withdrawals will only be accepted via email. Failure to inform the Events Team or the Organiser as laid out above will result in the non-participation fee being charged.

General Regulations

Terms & Conditions of Entry to All Competitions

In addition to British Gymnastics General Rules & Regulations -

- All entrants agree to be treated by British Gymnastics appointed medical staff only and be bound by the decision of British Gymnastics medical staff in relation to their ability to compete in the competition.
- By submitting an inquiry about a score awarded by the judges, you agree to pay a fee which will be added to the club/region basket.
- You agree to the storing of competition scores. If requested British Gymnastics will redact your details from the published results unless there is a justifiable reason to reject an objection to publication. 
- You agree to abide by the British Gymnastics Photography at Gymnastics events policy. 
- The person making the online entry on behalf of gymnast(s), a club or a region, undertakes to ensure that those who they are making an entry on behalf of are fully aware of and agree to abide by the contents of this handbook.
- By submitting an entry to a British Gymnastics event, you must ensure those individuals whose personal data you are providing may be used by British Gymnastics in relation to the event (this includes gymnasts and people who have parental responsibilities (where the gymnast is a child) coaches, judges and volunteers) are aware and would expect their information to be used, where necessary for pre-event and accreditation information, post event surveys and, where applicable to send out electronic certificates of participation which are sent to gymnasts via their email address registered on their membership account. Please refer to the British Gymnastics membership privacy notice available on our website for further details and information about individual rights 


Competition Attire

- **Gymnasts**


In order to make British Gymnastics' events more inclusive and accessible, a new policy has recently been approved by the Board, following consultation with the National Technical Committee and having adopted feedback received from the community.

In principle this policy overarches but should be read in conjunction with the discipline specific policies and references in the Codes of Points and other documents.

In essence the policy seeks to break down barriers to participation by for example removing gender specific requirements for competition attire. e.g. girls may now wear shorts or leggings.

These overarching principles may be found in the [Competition Attire at Events for Gymnasts Policy](#) 

The implementation of this policy will be monitored for the first year and reviewed accordingly, but coaches are encouraged to contact British Gymnastics office, or their respective Competition Organiser should they have any queries about the attire that they propose for their gymnast to wear at British Gymnastics events.

Advertising must adhere to the [Advertising on Clothing & Competition Attire at Events Policy](#) 

When representing your Club (excluding NDP Individual and Regional Team Finals – Home Nations only), the wearing of GBR or Home Country attire at British Gymnastics Events is strictly forbidden. For the avoidance of doubt, any inclusion of the Union Flag (or home nation flag) within the design of any leotard is expressly forbidden.


Strapping – a suitable colour of tape should be used, i.e. no bright colours or patterns

The removal of leotards on the field of play is not allowed.
- **Coaches**

Coaches must wear a tracksuit with full length tracksuit bottoms or full-length tracksuit bottoms with a collared polo shirt or club/regional t-shirt and appropriate gym/training shoes.

The wearing of GBR or Home Nation attire at British Gymnastics Events is strictly forbidden

Long hair should be braided or tied back so as not to obscure vision.

Coaches will not be allowed on the competition floor if wearing ANY jewellery. If it is impossible to remove items of jewellery they should be taped. Exceptions are as per [Health & Safety Guidance: Safe Coaching](#) 
- **Judges**

Male: Blazer or suit, trousers, white shirt, British Gymnastics/FIG or plain dark tie, black or blue shoes

Female: Blazer or jacket, skirt or full-length trousers, white blouse, black or blue shoes (without heels)

Recorders, computer operators and other officials who may be working alongside the judges should dress similarly.

Please refer to discipline specific rules in the [FIG General Judges' Rules 2022-2024](#) for further information. 

For gymnasts, coaches and judges, chewing gum is not allowed at any phase of the competition, including the opening ceremony and presentation of the awards or closing ceremony.

Music (where applicable)

All music for competition routines must be uploaded onto the GymNet portal at the latest one week before the competition date (see event page for specific time and date). If your gymnast does not require music, please tick the 'Music not required'.

Instructions for submitting music electronically may be found within the [Online Entry Guide](#) 


Coaches are advised to carry a backup copy of all music files (contained within an USB storage/flash drive) that can be used in the event of any technical issues with the music submitted. Each track on the USB drive must be in MP3 format and clearly labelled with the following format:

Gymnast Names -Club-Category-Routine

Late Music Submission (where applicable)

Late submission of music will attract a fee of £20.00 per gymnast/partnership/group/team. This fee will be added to the club basket. In the case of regional entries, the fee will be added to the basket of the person that has made the entry. Music not uploaded by the deadline cannot be guaranteed to be uploaded on the day.

Music Licensing (where applicable)

All music used in competition routines must conform to the relevant licensing requirements. Details may be found upon logging into the Club Hub Resources Website and accessing the PPL/PRS page via the "Places" tab. 

Certain tracks belonging to Disney, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Cirque du Soleil can be used but this should be checked on the PPL Website to confirm the track is included within their repertoire.

To check tracks, go to  and enter the artists name and title. Any music listed as part of the search can be used.

If the track is not included within the listed tracks the club must apply directly to Disney, Andrew Lloyd Webber, or Cirque du Soleil to use the track and pay the relevant licensing fees.

Order of Performance

The order of competing for individual events and team events shall be decided according to the competition arrangements made by the Organiser or such officials as may be authorised by the Technical Committee. For the purpose of maintaining a smooth and timely running of the event, or where the safety, security and good performance of the gymnasts is a concern, the Technical Committee reserve the right to alter the grouping of gymnasts and/or running order of performances as may be deemed necessary by the Organiser or authorised officials, up to the start of warm up.

Wherever practical the Organiser shall produce and circulate to all participating clubs a provisional start list and running order for an event at least 2 weeks before the day thereof.

Registration

Coaches must make adequate provision for the supervision of their gymnasts upon arrival at the venue. Gymnasts will not be allowed to register or begin warm up without their coach present.

Only register your Gymnast(s)/Club/Region when those competing in that section of the event have arrived at the event and intend to compete. Please inform the registration desk of any withdrawals as soon as possible.

During registration accreditation/passes will be issued. Abuse of accreditation/passes may result in disciplinary action taken by British Gymnastics.

Specific registration processes where appropriate can be found in the event work plan.

Access to Warm up Hall

Access to the warm up hall will be limited to the appropriate number of Coaches and Chaperones (where applicable) as defined in the specific details section for each Event.

On arrival, coaches will need to register and collect their accreditation from registration.

In the case of events spanning more than one day, accreditation will be issued for each day.

At larger national events the FIG/UEG recognised accreditation system will apply.

Abuse of accreditation may result in disciplinary action being taken by British Gymnastics.

Judges will not be allowed into the warm up hall, once the judges meeting has taken place.

Food and Drink

There may be restrictions within the competition areas with regards to food and drink. This is to manage food intolerances and allergies.

Babies and Young Children

In the interests of safety, for the smooth running and professional presentation of the events, babies and young children are not permitted to enter the warm up hall or field of play, even if they are being supervised by an adult.

Medical Provision

Anyone requiring First Aid assistance should speak to either the Organiser or British Gymnastics medical team. It is recommended that all coaches have a First Aid kit with them for minor injuries.

At all British Gymnastics Events an official medical team will be appointed and will be available to treat gymnasts who sustain an injury at the event. The medical team are not able to treat pre-existing or chronic injuries.

Any injury occurring during the official training or competition must be reported to the medical team, to ensure a record can be kept of treatment given and by whom.

The decision of the British Gymnastics appointed medical officer as to the gymnast's health, medical status, and their ability to compete at the event is absolute and final.

Medal Ceremonies

Except in exceptional circumstances, gymnasts who win a medal at a British Gymnastics Event are expected to remain in the venue until the completion of the competition and participate in the medal presentation ceremony in order to collect their award in person.

Medals will only be distributed at events, not by post.

Attire for medal ceremonies is according to FIG World Championships or European Gymnastics rules. 

Tenure of Trophies

All perpetual trophies remain the property of British Gymnastics.

Perpetual trophies are the responsibility of the winning club or region. The club or region are responsible for the inscription of, as well as safekeeping and maintenance of, the trophy and for returning it to the Organiser prior to the competition the following year by either; -

- Making arrangements for it to be delivered to the competition venue on the day.
- Returning it to the competition organiser at least one week prior to the competition.
- Returning it to the British Gymnastics offices at least one week prior to the competition.

Failure to do this or loss of a trophy will incur a cost to the individual / club.

Pat English Trophy

Pat was an inspiration as both a coach and competitor; right up to the day he died. He amazed everyone when performing a front somersault in his routine, especially when in his 60s. He was so kind, and always willing to help fellow competitors.

The Pat English Trophy is awarded to a competitor, coach or official who shows great sportsmanship; supporting fellow competitors/coaches/officials and spreading infectious spirit throughout the competition.

If you wish to submit a nomination, the form can be found in the Work Plan.

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The winner is responsible for the safekeeping and maintenance of the trophy and for returning it to the Organiser prior to the competition the following year by either;

- Making arrangements for it to be delivered to the competition venue on the day
- Returning it to the Organiser at least one week prior to the competition
- Returning it to the British Gymnastics offices at least one week prior to the competition
- Failure to do this or loss of the trophy will incur a cost to the individual.

Social event

The Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2023 social event will take place on the evening of Saturday 5th of August. Further details of the social event will be included within the event Work Plan.

Please note: The social event is for coaches, competitors, and officials and will be dependent on numbers. There will be an additional cost to attend.

We recommend booking accommodation at Lilleshall National Sports Centre if you'd like to attend the social event so that you do not need to travel outside of the venue. Accommodation is limited and will be on a first come first served basis, so we recommend booking as soon as possible. To book or make an enquiry, please call: 01952 225903 or follow this link .

Privacy

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At many events, British Gymnastics may produce event merchandise (eg event tshirts). These may include the names and/or clubs of the gymnasts taking part.

Where competing gymnasts have a disability, it may be necessary to share the details of this disability with Performance staff and the Technical Committee in order to discuss if modifications to rules and processes are appropriate arising from this disability.

The scores, results and "Judgecam" videos from British Gymnastics events, where BGScore is present will be made available in the BGScore App and also published on the British Gymnastics website in the specific event page.

Video, Film and Photography

Photographs and video footage will be captured at British Gymnastics events.

British Gymnastics accredited photographers and the media may be present and in some cases events may be live streamed by the British Gymnastics TV production team, or broadcast partners. The images taken at events may be used by British Gymnastics, GEL and the British Gymnastics Foundation for the purposes of promotion, education and development of the sport.

They may also be shared with journalists, through social media outlets e.g. Facebook, Instagram, YouTube etc. and our third-party partner organisations for general promotional purposes.

Anyone who does not wish themselves or their child to be photographed/filmed at the event must advise the British Gymnastics Events Department or the Event Organiser. Although it is not always practical to manage the content of live streamed footage, we will make every effort to ensure any identifiable images of the participant are not published.

British Gymnastics will display clear signage and make announcements about photography and filming at relevant events. Any footage of children and individuals who are vulnerable will be published in accordance with our relevant safeguarding policy.

To make our events entertaining and easy to follow for our audience and fans, we announce and publish information about participants, including nationality, scores and achievements.



Videos of routines performed by participating gymnasts taking part in our major events are made available on the BG Score App and website but access is restricted to British Gymnastics members.

We delete event photographs and videos after five years unless we consider them to be of public interest and should consequently be archived for historical purposes. Where images have been published on social media, these platform providers may continue to process your data after the retention period has lapsed.

Any person wishing to use video, film or take photographs must abide by the [British Gymnastics Health Safety and Welfare Policy](#)



Photos may only be taken for personal use. Unless specifically accredited to do so, you may not take photos for sale, other commercial use, or publication in printed or electronic form, such as on websites.

Clubs may publish some photos but this may only be done in accordance with [British Gymnastics Photography Policy](#)  and in conjunction with the [British Gymnastics Safeguarding Policy and Health Safety & Welfare Policy](#) 

Flash photography may not be used at any time while gymnasts are warming up or competing.

Photography on the Field of Play by gymnasts, coaches and officials is not permitted.

If you have concerns about the identity or actions of any photographer or if you believe that any unsuitable photos are being taken, you should report your concerns to the British Gymnastics appointed Welfare Officer at the event.


Health & Safety

The health, safety and welfare of all participants (gymnasts, coaches and officials) is the primary consideration.


All British Gymnastics policies and procedures will be rigorously applied with regards to health, safety, welfare and Safeguarding & Protecting Children.

Drug Free Sport

The testing programme may affect any elite gymnast performing at a national standard.

Please follow the link to read the [British Gymnastics policy](#) 

Manipulation of Competition

British Gymnastics, as a sports organisation bound by the Olympic Charter and the International Olympic Committee Code of Ethics, declares our commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and by requiring their members to do likewise. Please follow the link to read the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions Policy 

Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2023

Date:	Saturday 5 th August – Sunday 6 th August
Venue:	Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9AT
Opening date:	Friday 12 th May
Closing date:	Friday 23 rd June (12:00 noon)
Music Deadline:	Friday 28 th July (12:00 noon)
Entry Fee:	Individuals £45 per person per discipline, £20.00 per person per additional discipline Teams £45 per team Social Event cost TBC

Eligibility:

- Minimum of “Gymnast” (previously Bronze) membership
- 18 years or over (in the year of competition)
- Individuals can enter more than one discipline
- Teams must consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of six gymnasts with a minimum of two ability levels represented within any one team
- Individuals within teams must all be competing within the same discipline, but differing ages, genders (except WAG and MAG) and ability levels are encouraged
- Individuals can only represent one team per discipline
- Level appropriate skills within each discipline are stated within the relevant discipline specific rules document
- Please refer to the [Competition levels](#) section for information on retirement from the sport and eligibility to compete within specific categories


Competition Structure

Competition format is as per the [Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2023 Discipline Specific Rules](#) 

Coach Qualifications & Passes

Competition	Lead Coach Minimum Qualification Required
All competitions	Level 2

Competition Entries	Coach
1	1
2	2
3	3

A Level 1 coach will be allowed on the field of play if the Lead Coach is Level 2 or above. Please follow the link to check your awards using the equivalent qualifications table  Maximum one Coach per entry.

Tie Breaks

Ties will not be broken. With the exception of Acro.

Awards

TRA, ACRO, TUM

- Gold, silver and bronze medals for each competition category (all differing ages and abilities)

WAG, MAG

- All-around gold, silver and bronze medals for each competition category (all differing ages and abilities)

Teams for all disciplines

- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Pat English Trophy