

SELECTION POLICY

2008 French Open
28th May – 2nd June, 2008
France (Venue TBC)

Format of Competition:	Senior Category: Full FIG Code of Points and Technical Regulations
	Age Group 1: Junior Categories: FIG Code of Points for World Age Group Rules and Technical Regulations.
	Age Group 2: Junior Categories: FIG Code of Points for World Age Group Rules and Technical Regulations.
Eligibility:	Senior Category: British Citizen, age criteria, 18 in the year of the competition
	Junior Category Age Group 1: British Citizen age criteria, 12-14 years in the year of the competition
	Junior Category Age Group 2: British Citizen age criteria 15-17 years in the year of the competition
	British Gymnastics' member in good standing
	Signed up to the current BG Gymnast Agreement
Performance Target:	Top 1/3
Selection Event 1:	Controlled Competition, 3 rd February 2008, Waterside
Selection Event 2:	Alex Strachan, 23 rd – 24 th February, Rivermead Leisure Complex, Reading

Entry forms for the controlled competition can be found at the end of this document. Please see Appendix for entry criteria. All entries must be sent to Martine Griffiths, National Squad Manager, using the address provided and must be received no later than the 20th January, 2008. Please note the Aerobic Gymnastics Technical Committee decision in respect of all entries will be final.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure for the G.B. Team is as follows:

A gymnast's two highest scores from the selection events will be averaged. Based upon this the highest ranked gymnasts will be selected provided the benchmark score criteria is met per age and competition category (see below).

In the event of a tie, the tied gymnasts will be ranked firstly according to the average of the execution, then the artistic or difficulty score at these two events.

Numbers of gymnasts / routines selected per age group and per category will depend on the numbers accepted by the organising committee.

All selected Gymnasts and Coaches are required to attend a team training session scheduled for the 25th May, 2008 (Venue TBC).

Benchmark Scores

Age Group	Score
Senior	17.000
Group 2	16.500
Group 1	16.500

ILLNESS OR INJURY

A gymnast who becomes ill or injured prior to / during one of the selection events must provide written authentication of that illness or injury by British Gymnastics approved medical personnel. If written authentication of injury or illness is provided, the gymnast will be ranked according to his/her score from the one selection event.

REMOVAL

A gymnast may be removed from the 2008 French Open Squad or from any stage of the selection process in the event that injury or illness would inhibit performance at that event. Verification of injury or illness will be made by British Gymnastics approved medical personnel. All procedures in respect of confidentiality will be in accordance with the British Gymnastics 'Gymnast Agreement', signed by the gymnast.

A gymnast or coach may be removed from the 2008 French Open Squad in the event of non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the team, a violation of the 'Gymnast Agreement', or rules of membership.

The removal of a coach or gymnast will be in compliance with British Gymnastics procedures and any decision will be subject to review through the British Gymnastics Appeals Process.

RESERVES

The selection of reserves to replace a gymnast or coach who has been removed from the 2008 French Open Squad will be at the discretion of the National Coaching Team and must be justified in writing and approved by the Technical Committee.

COACH SELECTION

The coaches will be selected by the National Squad Manager based upon the following criteria:

- The Squad's needs.
- The ability to lead, organise and control under high responsibility and stress situations.
- International experience and performance.
- Current H.P.C. qualifications or prospective H.P.C. qualifications in 2007.
- Attendance at all required meetings, training camps and events.

4 coaches will be selected. Notwithstanding this selection, the British Gymnastics support staff will contain at least one female and one male member in order to meet British Gymnastics' Child Protection Policy.

The best of endeavours will be used to secure accreditation for the nominated personal coach(es) who in the opinion of the National Coaching Team would best contribute to the coaching strategies for the 2008 French Open. There is no guarantee however that the Organising Committee will approve such a request.


British Gymnastics acknowledges the role of the personal coach in competition preparation. However personal coaches that attend the competition outside of the delegation will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation at their expense and by their own arrangement.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Great Britain Aerobic Gymnastics Team for the 2008 French Open will be announced on or before Monday 7th April, 2008.

SELECTION FOR 2007 EUROPEAN AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

APPROVED BY:

Signed  _____

Matthew Greenwood MPhil, BA(Hons)
Director (Technical and Performance)

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

Mr John Aldridge FRCS

Dr Mark Batt

APPENDIX – ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligible to trial at the Controlled Competition:

1. All 2008 National Squad gymnasts
2. 2008 Group 1, Group 2 and Senior FIG individuals and / or compilations who did not compete in the 2007 National Squad selection events *i.e. individuals and compilations 'unseen' in 2007*
3. FIG gymnasts who have attained the score criteria published in 2007 for international representation in 2008 *i.e. Senior FIG gymnasts with an international benchmark score of 17.00 and Group 1 and 2 FIG gymnasts with an international benchmark score of 16.500*

Eligible to trial at the Alex Strachan:

1. All 2008 National Squad gymnasts
2. Any gymnast ranked in 1st or 2nd position after the Controlled Competition

Competition Registration Form

Controlled Competition - Sunday 3rd February 2008 Waterside Gymnastics Club

Entry Closing Date - Sunday 20th January 2008

CLUB DETAILS	
Club Details:	
BGA Membership No:	
Address:	
Telephone No:	
Fax No:	
E-mail Address:	

CONTACT DETAILS	
Name:	
Positon in Club:	
Address:	
Telephone No:	
Fax No:	
E-mail Address:	

COACHES RESPONSIBLE AT COMPETITION (One coach per category)			
Name	Qualifications	Telephone No.	BGA No.

JUDGES WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED TO JUDGE AT THE COMPETITION			
Name	Qualifications	Telephone No.	BGA No.

Total no. of gymnasts entered No. of gymnasts

Total no. of gymnasts entering extra categories No. of gymnasts

I declare that all competitors named on the entry form are up to date members of B.G. I have read, agreed and abide by the rules and regulations governing the competition.

Signed

Please send registration and entry form to:

Martine Griffiths, 37 Trevor Street, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, CF44 7NN

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 20th January 2008

Competition Entry Form
Aerobic Gymnastics Controlled Competition
Sunday 3rd February, Waterside Gymnastics Club

Write in block capitals. Please enter youngest categories first: Group 1 (12-14 yrs), Group 2 (15-17 yrs) & Seniors (18 yrs & over)

Name of Club:								Please tick all categories gymnast is entered in. Please indicate partnerships by listing corresponding number from far left column (1-20) in Partnership Numbers column.				
No.	First Name	Surname	Age in the year of comp	D.O.B.	Age Group	Gender	B.G. Number	Ind	Pair	Trio	Group	Partnership Numbers
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Entry Closing Date 30th January 2008

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