

## **International Representation**

In 2006, we are currently in the fortunate position, where competition amongst our National Squad gymnasts for all international representation is fierce. It is therefore proving increasingly difficult to select our international teams by the established rank order procedure.

This is far too rigid a process for determining rank order for international selection as it does not indicate the gymnasts currently in form. Hence, the introduction of a trial competition in February to select gymnasts for our 2006 World Championship Squad.

Admittedly, the introduction of this trial competition raised several issues regarding re-determining rank order but following my requests to the Technical Committee for their views on the matter, changes to procedure in 2007 have now been formulated.

### **Changes to International Selection Procedure for 2007**

In order to select the best teams possible for international representation, trial competitions will be introduced to produce regular updates for national squad rank order.

This rank order will be referred to as **in form** rank order.

**In form** rank order will be determined by updated personal benchmark scores i.e.

averaging the gymnasts' scores from the trial competition and the national selection event, closest to the international competition, in question.

In order to accommodate this procedure, it will be necessary to re-align the national selection events within the competition season:-

- Beginning of June Alex Strachan - A.N.A.C.
- Beginning of September Welsh Open Championships - European Championships
- Beginning of March British Open Championships - World Championships

The Technical Committee reserves the right to:-

1. Hold trial competitions to produce **in form** rank order for **all** or **selected** international events.
2. Hold trial competitions to produce **in form** rank order for **all** categories at an international event or for **selected** categories only.

3. Grant direct eligibility for trial competitions to national squad gymnasts achieving automatic entry for testing – i.e. with the score criteria of 16.50 for Juniors (Group 1 and 2) and 17.00 for Seniors.
4. Invite any other national squad gymnasts to trial on the recommendation of the National Coaching Team. Recommendations must be in writing and adhere to the specified “Wild Card” criteria.
5. Use **In form** rank order as the current update for rank order within the national squad

### **Selection for National Squad Testing**

The procedure for 2007 National Squad Selection will be as that established:

1. The average of a gymnast's two highest scores from the three selection events will determine personal benchmark scores.
2. Gymnasts will gain automatic entry to testing if personal benchmark scores meet the score criteria below:-
  - 16.50 Group 1 and Group 2
  - 17.00 Seniors
3. Gymnasts may also be selected for testing via invitation.

N.B. Please also see Section 6 Entry restrictions in 2006 Handbook.

### **Movement Between Codes**

Information regarding assessment procedures for Movement between Codes is in Appendix 12 of the 2006 Handbook

Please note the two changes in procedures:-

1. 1.3 Coaches will determine whether Foundation Gymnasts compete in National Development level at FIG or NAC.
2. 1.5 Movement from FIG to NAC will be assessed biannually.

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