



Welsh Gymnastics
Gymnasteg Cymru

Sgwad Acrobatig Polisi Dewis 2025

Acrobatic

Squad 2025

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 Acrobatics Squad.</p> <p>Selections will be made by the Welsh Acrobatics selection panel. Details of which can be found in this document.</p>
<p>2. Selection Timelines</p>	<p>This squad will be selected in November 2024 and run until May 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Championships – 16th / 17th November 2024 • Selection panel – W/C 18th November 2024 • Selection communication – No later than 25nd November 2024
<p>3. Gymnast Eligibility Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only partnerships eligible to compete for Wales will be considered for selection. Please see eligibility policy. • Gymnasts turning 9 in year and above in 2025 will be eligible. • Partnerships must have competed in one of the below levels at the Welsh Championships 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior (15+) ○ Junior (13-19) ○ Age Group (12-18) ○ Age Group (11-16) ○ Youth ○ IDP 2 ○ IDP 1 ○ Grade 5
<p>4. Selection criteria general</p>	<p>The Welsh National Programme will select partnerships, who in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel, have the best capability of representing Wales now and / or in the future.</p> <p>Partnerships will be considered based on the following factors:</p> <p>Primary Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final overall scores from the Welsh Championships 2024 providing partnerships have achieved a minimum difficulty of at least half of the FIG specified difficulty*. • Levels will be considered in the below priority order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior (15+) ○ Junior (13-19) ○ Age Group (12-18) ○ Age Group (11-16) ○ Youth ○ IDP 2 ○ IDP 1 ○ Grade 5 • Partnerships scoring the below will achieve automatic selection up to the maximum number of places available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical score of 8.5 ○ Minimum Difficulty Score of at least half of the Difficulty requirement for the grade*

	<p>Secondary Factors</p> <p>The Selection Panel may, using discretionary selection, consider gymnasts using additional below factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routines performed at the Welsh Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performance and execution of technical skills ○ Ability to further develop technical skills • Participating in Performance (FIG) levels • Work ethic, attendance, and behaviour • Potential to represent Wales in future international competitions <p>* Difficulty Requirements for FIG Grades are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-16: Maximum routine value - 5, respective Difficulty score - 0.5. • 12-18: Maximum routine value: Balance - 80, Dynamic- 70, Combined - 100, respectively Difficulty scores - 0.8, 0.7 and 1.0. • 13-19: Maximum routine value: Balance - 120, Dynamic - 110, Combined - 140, respectively Difficulty scores - 1.2, 1,1 and 1.4. • Seniors: Difficulty score - 3 - 4 or higher
<p>5. Selection Specific</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be considered for this squad, a declaration of interest needs to be submitted by the coach / club of the partnership to performance@welshgymnastics.org by 3rd November 2024. Within this declaration of interest, the following needs to be included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evidence of Welsh eligibility (if not submitted already) ○ Identified competition level for 2024/25 ○ Skills training ○ Previous competition results ○ Long term goals • The Acrobatics National Coach will either be present at the Welsh Championships 2024 or be provided with videos of routines following the competition. • The Panel will limit the Squad for 2025 to a maximum of 9 partnerships. <p>Wildcards – The Panel will have the capacity to select wildcard partnership for reasons listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership is injured or ill, impacting on their ability to attend or complete routines at the Welsh Championships 2024. • The partnership demonstrated some areas of poor performance but show potential in other areas <p>Reserve list – Upon completion of selections, the selection panel may create an additional list of partnerships where they periodically check in with these individuals or invite to a squad session to monitor development.</p>
<p>6. Selection Panel</p>	<p>The selection panel will consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acro Head National Coach 2. Acro TP Members (where no conflict of interest is identified) 3. WG Performance Director/Programme Manager/Programme Officer

	<p>4. Athlete Representative (if available)</p>
<p>7. Injury/illness/ other reasons for being unable to complete testing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any partnership currently holding a place on the squad or showing exceptional levels of performance who is ill or injured prior to or during the trial, must provide written documentation of the injury or illness performance@welshgymnastics.org by 18th November 2024. This information can be taken into consideration in the selection process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Partnership Names & Club II. Partnership's 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. Partnerships who are not able to compete must express in writing reasons why they cannot attend. If agreed by the selection panel, the partnership may be considered during the selection panel or attend the first squad session as a trial. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> V. If a partnership cannot attend due to reasons listed above, may on the agreement of the selection panel, submit video evidence if this is prior to the first squad session.
<p>8. Complaints</p>	<p>1. If you are unhappy with the process or wish to put in a complaint, please email contactus@welshgymnastics.org.</p>