



Welsh Gymnastics
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Eligibility Policy

Approval

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Document History

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1.1	Additional wording for 'guests'	Draft	20/09/2024
1.2	Page numbers added, wording around biases amended and Impact and Procedure headings removed.	Live	30/12/2024

Background

This policy has been created to provide clarity in defining eligibility requirements across the variety of domains, outlining the key principles which will be utilised when assessing eligibility.

Purpose

The principles included in the policy will ensure consistency, fairness, and transparency across all levels in each discipline. This policy serves to minimise possible biases and prevent discrimination, contributing to the overall equity and reputation of Welsh Gymnastics.

Scope

The policy covers the eligibility of gymnasts in relation to international events, Welsh Championships, Welsh Squads, Regional Representation and Commonwealth Games.

Policy information / policy statement

For gymnasts to be considered to represent Wales at various levels of competition and enter Welsh Championships, there is a set criterion which need to be satisfied by the individual, regardless of discipline.

In addition, individuals must;

- Be a member of a registered Welsh or other Home Nation Gymnastics Club
- Hold current Welsh Gymnastics/British Gymnastics membership
- Not be under any disciplinary or suspension
- Not have any outstanding fees to Welsh Gymnastics without extenuating circumstances

Please note that the Commonwealth Games eligibility is different and can change at any time as directed by the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Selections for British Squads and GBR representative competitions are managed by British Gymnastics and can be found on the British Gymnastics website.

Welsh Representation at International Events

To be considered for international representation, individuals (and all individuals in partnerships/groups) must meet the requirements outlined above, as well as holding a valid United Kingdom passport. Individuals must also meet a minimum of one of the criteria below;

- **Be born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate required)
- **Have one or more parent born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate for gymnast and parent)
- **Have one or more grandparent born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate for gymnast, parent and grandparent)
- **Live in Wales and have done so for a continuous period that exceeds 36 months** (proof of addresses through utility bills, mortgage statements, bank statements, letter of confirmation from school)

To have Welsh eligibility confirmed, please email performance@welshgymnastics.org and where appropriate, forward original documentation.

Gymnasts representing Wales internationally, will be eligible to receive a Welsh feather.

Welsh Championships (all disciplines)

Only those who are eligible to represent Wales at international events (set out above) and do not hold a FIG licence for another member federation are eligible to be ranked in the official competition results, where a Welsh Championships title is being contested.

Gymnasts (including partnerships/groups) who are based outside of Wales who wish to be ranked in the official results must have completed their application for Welsh eligibility with Welsh Gymnastics.

Gymnasts (including partnerships/groups) based in Wales, who do not meet the eligibility criteria (set out above) will be eligible to compete as a guest at the Welsh Championships but not eligible to medal or be ranked, where a Welsh Championships title is being contested.

Welsh Gymnastics Squads

To be considered for a place on a Welsh National Squad, individuals must;

- **Be born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate required)
- **Have one or more parent born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate for gymnast and parent)
- **Have one or more grandparent born in Wales** (proof of birth certificate for gymnast, parent and grandparent)
- **Live in Wales and have done so for a continuous period that exceeds 36 months*** (proof of addresses through utility bills, mortgage statements, bank statements)

To have Welsh eligibility confirmed, please email performance@welshgymnastics.org and where appropriate, forward original documentation.

In gymnastics disciplines where partnerships or groups are selected for a squad, all individuals in the partnership/group must meet the eligibility policy to be considered.

*Gymnasts residing in Wales, who are eligible (or will be eligible by the time they turn senior) for a UK passport but not currently meeting the 36-month residency may be considered for a squad position but will remain as a 'guest' until they meet the eligibility criteria. Individuals will not be considered as 'guests' in a Welsh Gymnastics programme if they are;

- Moving to Wales to access further education
- A current member of another National/Home Nation Squad

Regional Representation

To be considered for regional representation, individuals must;

- Be a member of a registered Welsh Gymnastics Club
- Hold current Welsh Gymnastics membership.
- Not be under any disciplinary or suspension.
- Not have any outstanding fees to Welsh Gymnastics without extenuating circumstances.

Commonwealth Games

Eligibility is as determined by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). To be eligible to compete for Wales in the Commonwealth Games, an athlete must hold a passport of the Commonwealth country (UK). Further information on eligibility is available on both the CGF website and on the Commonwealth Games Wales website ([Team Wales | Tîm Cymru](#)).

If you have any specific questions relating to Welsh eligibility please email performance@welshgymnastics.org or speak to a member of the Performance Team on 03003003127.

Definitions

Regional Representation – This refers to competitions where gymnasts will represent Wales in British Gymnastics competitions against regions across the UK.

Welsh Championships – The highest domestic level competition (in Wales) for each discipline.

Welsh National Squad – Any recognised Welsh Squad in the discipline's National Squad structure (Foundation, Development, Performance Development and Performance).