



ENGLAND SELECTIONS 2026 –European Technical Championships ONLY (Selection Entry for the World Freestyle & Rhythmic Championships TBC)

DATE: Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st February 2026

VENUE: Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth. PO2 9QA

DOORS OPEN: TBC once schedule is finalised.

SPECTATORS: £5 on the door

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the early date in 2026 for this competition (1st – 5th April), it is necessary to insist on deposits with entry basis. Hotels will be booked early December and I am unable to reserve your place without deposits being paid. Athletes not selected will have their initial deposits refunded within 3 days.

Athletes can enter selections for an unlimited number of events, however, please note the following restrictions for the competition. Any athletes that are selected for more events than they are entitled to have 3 days (until 4th February 2026) to inform Michelle Alderton of their chosen events for the competition entry.

Level B Athletes – can enter a maximum of 2 individual events

Level A Athletes – can enter a maximum of 3 individual events

Elite Athletes – can enter a maximum of 4 individual events

All athletes can enter 1 duet or 1 pair event (if not competing in any individual event, they may compete in both)

Any reserves must be named and paid for at a cost of £10 per athlete. The named reserve should not alter the age category of the original entry.

All athletes can enter a maximum of 2 teams and 1 group

Selected Athletes/Teams MUST compete at the Area Qualifiers

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES/DEADLINES:

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| 15th November - | CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – NO EXCEPTIONS |
| recently expired) | EMAIL COPY OF PASSPORT – SHOWING BOTH PAGES (only needed if not given last year or |
| | HEAD AND SHOULDERS PHOTO OF EACH ATHLETE (only needed if not given last year) |
| | SIGNED COPY OF CONTRACT |
| 30th November - | CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY PAYMENTS – NO EXCEPTIONS. This should include a £200 |
| | holding deposit per athlete (This will be refunded if not selected, within 3 days of competition) |
| 30th December - | Additional deposit of £100 per athlete (this will also be refunded if not selected) |
| 1st February - | NON-REFUNABLE DEPOSIT of £200 per ATHLETE TO BE PAID |
| 4th February - | CONFIRMATION OF EVENTS FOR THOSE SELECTED IN EXCESS OF THEIR ENTITLEMENT |



28th February - BALANCE OF TRIP COSTS – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please allow £800-£1,000 per trip. This includes travel, hotel accommodation (half board), hotel/arena transfers, entry fees, judge's costs etc. Whilst I appreciate that the timescale for this competition is tight, this has been dictated by the IBTF. Please only submit your entry if you can commit to the deadlines.

Invoices will be sent out to Club Leaders during early February. Information regarding TOTAL costs for the trip will be made available early January, once numbers are confirmed. Final payments will be due no later than 28th February 2026.

NO additional time can be or will be granted to any of the deadlines above, so please ensure that all parents and athletes are aware of these obligations.

Links for athletes & coaches selected to complete their forms will be available on the website once confirmed.

Date of Competition:

European Championships

Eindhoven

1st – 5th April 2026

No chaperones are provided by the England Squad and will be chaperoned by your own club/coaches. Travel to and from the country of competition will be arranged and advised by the England Squad Manager. Travel during the competition (to and from the hotel and venue will be provided). The hotels operate a stay and play policy and will be arranged by the England Squad Manager – this applies to ALL athletes and coaches to allow accurate numbers and arrangement of entry passes.

Parents/Others may also pay the fixed fee (TBC) to be included on the England Squad trip upon payment of the deposits as previously listed. They will need to arrange their own entry tickets for the competition.

All payments for entries MUST be sent to the following account:

England Baton Twirling Squad

NATWEST

Sort Code: 55-70-34

Account No: 87764822

Please contact me if you need any further information or clarification on any of these points.

Many thanks

Michelle Alderton

England Squad Manager

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