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Team UK squads for the 2019 World Tchoukball Championship confirmed

Tchoukball UK is pleased to announce its Team UK Women's and Men's squads for the 2019 World Tchoukball Championships (WTC). The tournament is due to take place on the outskirts of the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, in the town of Nilai on 8-11 August 2019 – followed by the World Youth Tchoukball Championships (WYTC) in Singapore on 16-18 August 2019.

The UK Women's team qualified directly by placing fourth at last year's European Tchoukball Championship (ETC) in Castellanza, Italy while the men, who finished fifth, gained their qualification as the first reserve when Austria declined their place. This is the 9th official WTC and it will be the 9th attended by the UK Women's and Men's teams – whom in the last WTC in Taiwan (2015) finished 3rd and joint 7th, respectively.

The Team UK WTC 2019 squads can be found below, along with comments from the coaches on the exciting time ahead as they gear up for the WTC 2019:

Team UK Women (2019)

Hannah Norman (Leeds Tchoukball Club) – Coach

Ruth Brazier (Leeds Tchoukball Club)

Mari Haugen (Guildford Tchoukball Club)

Elle Jones (Portsmouth Tchoukball Club)

Amber Longhurst (Fareham Tchoukball Club)

Eithne McCarthy (Guildford Tchoukball Club)

Janine Norman (Leeds Tchoukball Club)

Sara Parker (Bury St Edmunds Tchoukball Club)

Louisa Whatmore (Fareham Tchoukball Club)

Team UK Women's coach, Hannah Norman, said: "I am excited to announce the women's team who will be representing Team UK in Malaysia this summer. I know the players are proud of their achievements and looking forward to representing our squad. It is a fantastic opportunity to be able to compete at a World Championship and play against the very best nations. Having enjoyed a successful tournament at the last WTC four years ago, I am looking forward to working hard with the squad over the upcoming months to ensure we are ready for the challenge and hopefully enjoy another successful Championship."

Team UK Men (2019)

Ian Parker (Bury St Edmunds Tchoukball Club) – Coach Stuart Blakemore (TuS Oeckinghausen Tchoukball Club, Germany)

Richard Gosling (Bury St Edmunds Tchoukball Club)
Liam Green (Portsmouth Tchoukball Club)
Richard Jackson (Bury St Edmunds Tchoukball Club)
Abdullah Muhammad (Bury St Edmunds Tchoukball Club)

Mike O'Donnell (Leeds Tchoukball Club)

James Skilton (Guildford Tchoukball Club)

Will Waters (Guildford Tchoukball Club)

Team UK Men's coach, Ian Parker, said: "I'm delighted to be able to announce the UK men's team for this year's World Championships; everyone has worked so hard in trials so those that have been selected should be very proud of their efforts. It will be great experience and challenge to play against teams from other continents and I look forward to working with my players to ensure we are technically, tactically and physically ready for the competition."

Tchoukball UK is looking forward to supporting its teams in their journey to the WTC 2019 – and we hope you join us in congratulating our Team UK 2019 players for their achievement in making the squads.

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