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The second day of qualification continues Saturday morning at the 46th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships at the SSE Hydro Arena in Glasgow, Scotland.

The competition is the first of two qualifications for next year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Only the top eight countries will clinch berths to send teams to the Olympics. Teams finishing ninth to 16th will advance to the second Olympic qualification next April in Rio, where four more teams will earn tickets to the Olympics. Also at stake are spots in the all-around final (top 24) and apparatus finals (top eight on each event). Individual gymnasts competing without teams can earn automatic berths to Rio by winning a medal in Glasgow.



Gaelle Mys (Belgium) on floor during podium training



Mixed Group 15: Vault

Mixed Group 15 includes Turkey and Malta. Turkey's top hope is **Tutya Yilmaz**, who was 10th all-around, and eighth on vault and floor at last year's Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. The island nation of Malta has two young entrants, both born in 1999.



Korea: Uneven Bars

The Republic of Korea, 18th at the 2014 Worlds, is one of many teams just hoping for a top 16 finish in Glasgow. Korea has historically struggled as a women's team, unable to match the success of the Korean men or of their northern neighbors, North Korea.



Mixed Group 12: Balance Beam

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Mixed Group 12 includes Azerbaijan, Indonesia and Vietnam. Azerbaijan is represented by three former Russian gymnasts, including 2011 world silver medalist **Yulia Inshina**. **Anna Pavlova**

was slated to return but is still sidelined by injury. 2011 world vault medalist

**Phan Thi Ha Thanh**

, Vietnam's only world medalist to date, is surprisingly only doing one vault and not attempting to qualify to the finals.



Belgium: Floor Exercise

Belgium, 11th in 2014, is one of the few women's teams making great strides. The Belgians just missed qualifying to the 2012 Olympic Games, finishing fifth at the second qualifier. Two-time Olympian **Gaelle Mys** is doing all four events, while **Julie Croket** will be limited by yet another untimely injury. Croket tore her ACL months before the 2012 Olympics and then suffered an elbow injury right before the 2013 Worlds in Antwerp. French coach

**Yves Kieffer**

, who coached

**Isabelle Severino**

and

**Emilie Lepennec**

, now leads the team and is aiming his squad for a top-16 finish to advance to the second qualifier next spring. Next year Belgium will have additional reinforcements in in top juniors

**Axelle Klinckaert**

and

**Nina Derwael**

(too young for this year's competition) who will add considerable points.

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