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# **General Information**

## **Technical Regulations Purpose**

This is to be read in conjunction with the **GNSW General Regulations Section**.

The FIG Code of Points and Technical Regulations, and the Gymnastics Australia Technical Regulations provide governance for Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG). This handbook provides RG in NSW with general and program information, technical regulations, event information and selection process, policies and forms.

The RG Gymsport Committee shall be master of its own procedures.

Where any event occurs that is not elsewhere provided in these regulations, any decision or action required shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the Committee, whose determination of the matter shall be final and not to be construed as having set a precedent.

Whereby error or omission any of the foregoing regulations shall require interpretation, the original intent of the Committee in the framing of the subject regulation shall prevail, rather than the letter of the law.

### **Abbreviations**

ALP	Australian Levels Program
СоР	Code of Points
ЕРРО	Events, Pathways and Performance Officer
FIG	Federation International Gymnastics
GA	Gymnastics Australia
GNSW	Gymnastics New South Wales
HP	High Performance
NCC	National Clubs Carnival (GA Event)
RG GC	Rhythmic Gymnastics Gymsport Committee

### **Committees**

#### **National Commission**

The Functional Statement for GA RG National Commission can be found on the <u>GA Website</u>. Contact information for the commission can be found HERE.



## **GNSW RG Gymsport Committee**

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For more information on the function, specific roles and responsibilities please refer to the GNSW Websites.

LINK: GNSW Website Policy - Committees & Volunteer Policy

LINK: <u>Technical Regulations Website</u>- Committee Roles & Responsibilities

### **Key Focuses and Initiatives**

The GNSW RG GC have identified three key focus areas and initiatives to support our Gymsport Annual Plans. These include but not limited to;

Development	Strategic	Engagement
Coach and Judge Education Courses	HP Squads	Community Zoom Meetings
Resources	Working Groups	Facebook Groups
Community Workshops and Clinics	Mentor Programs	Newsletters/Updates

If you have any suggestions, feedback or would like to get involved in the key focuses and initiatives please get in touch via the <u>online form</u>.



All errata's or clarification documents can be found on the on the Updates and Clarifications

Section on the GNSW Technical Regulations Website.



## **Competition Framework**

The competitive stream offers a progression through various levels which aims to nurture gymnasts, build their ability and skills and prepare them for successful representation at national and international events. The competition framework and pathway diagram are shown in the **GA Regulations**.

Levels 1-4 and Development Individuals are implemented within the states and territories and have the goal of encouraging participation. Level 1-4 gymnasts do not compete at national events. Development Individuals (previously known as Stages) have the opportunity to compete in their own division at NCC, please refer to the GA Technical Regulations for more information.

# **General Regulations**

To access all club, coach, judge, athlete, volunteer and competition regulations, please visit the GNSW Technical Regulations Website.



### Additional Judge Regulations

### **Judge Accreditation**

In Addition to the Accreditation Table located on the <u>General Regulations Website</u>, Please see below additional information for each level of accreditation.

NSW Accreditation includes a different approach for L1-2 who are assessed on a variety of elements using a 3-tier scale.

NSW Accreditation	Execution Technical	Difficulty of Body	Difficulty of Apparatus	Artistry	Double Panelling Brevet Judges are first preference
Beginner (State and NCC)	<ul><li>ALP L1 – 9</li><li>Multiples</li><li>Cat 1 – 5</li><li>HP Dev Ind</li></ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intermediate (State and NCC)	As above	<ul> <li>ALP L1 – 9</li> <li>Multiples</li> <li>Cat 1 – 5</li> <li>HP Dev Ind</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advanced (State, NCC, and Australian Championships)	<ul> <li>SJ, PJ, Jnr, L10/Snr</li> <li>Dev, Jnr, Snr Group</li> </ul>	As above	<ul> <li>ALP L1 – 9</li> <li>Multiples     Cat 1 – 5</li> <li>HP Dev Ind</li> </ul>	MODIFIED for ALP  • ALP L1 − 9  • Multiples Cat 1 − 5	• D 1-4
Advanced Silver (State, NCC, and Australian Championships)	As above	<ul> <li>SJ, PJ, Jnr, L10/Snr</li> <li>Dev, Jnr and Snr Group</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As above <u>PLUS</u></li> <li>SJ, PJ, Jnr, L10/Snr</li> <li>Dev, Jnr and Snr Group</li> </ul>	As above PLUS  FULL FIG REQUIREMENTS  HP Development Ind SJ, PJ, Jnr, L10/Snr  Development, Jnr and Snr Group	• D1-4
Brevet (State, National and International)  All levels, all panels			<ul><li>D1-4</li><li>Execution</li><li>Artistry</li></ul>		

Please note: These are recommended accreditation requirements in NSW only and judges must refer to the FIG and GA Technical Regulations when attending as a Judge at any GA or International events.

### **Judges Participation & Development**

- All accredited Judges are eligible to judge line and time at GNSW events.
- All Judges are permitted to sit in for shadow judging at Junior, Intermediate, and Multiples Events.
- Judges Briefings held on zoom prior to events are open invite and all are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Please note: At any GNSW State Championships, sit ins will not be possible. Sit ins for club invitationals should be requested through the host club.



## **Judge Attire**

Judges must meet the dress requirements as listed in the **GA Technical Regulations**.

Judges who do not conform to the competition attire dress code requirements may be asked to leave the competition floor.

## Additional Athlete Regulations

## **Age Divisions**

**Senior Season:** \*Development Individuals is a state-based program. All other levels/divisions are listed below as per the <u>GA Technical Regulations</u>.

Level	Age Divisions	
Development Individuals*	Turning 8-10 (2016- 2014)  Divisions for Development may be split equally into smaller sessions by age/DOB. Divisions may vary in the same calendar year as they are pending the competition summary of entries received for each event.	
Sub Junior	Turning 10-12 (2014-2012)	
Pre Junior	Turning 12-14 (2012-2010)	
Level 9	Turning 14 or over (2010)  Divisions for L9 may be split equally into smaller sessions by age/DOB. Divisions may vary in the same calendar year as they are pending the competition summary of entries received for each event.	
Junior International	Turning 14 - 15 (2010-2009)	
Level 10	Turning 16 or over (2008)  L10 may be split equally into smaller sessions. These sessions may vary in the same calendar year as they are pending the competition summary of entries received for each event.	
Senior International	Turning 16 or over (2008)	
Sub Junior Group	Turning 10-12 (2014-2012)	
Pre Junior Group	Turning 12-14 (2012-2009)	
Junior Group	Turning 14-15 (2010-2009)	
Senior Group	Turning 16 or over (2008)	
* If Attending NCC, please refer to GA Regulations for age divisions and event requirements.		



### Multiples Grand Prix Series & State Championships:

The 2024 Grand Prix Series focus is the provision of additional competition opportunities and the promotion of a friendly competition spirit between clubs, as clubs accumulate points across the series for the Overall Multiples Grand Prix Champion Club rankings.

#### **Multiples Categories & Divisions**

There are additional categories/divisions offered in NSW. Please refer to the <u>GA Technical</u> <u>Regulations</u> for NCC categories/divisions.

Category	Age Divisions
Cat 1 Trio* (3)	Junior- Turning 6-8 (2018-2016) Senior- Turning 9-10*** (2015-2014)
Cat 1 Quad* (4)	+
Cat 1 Group FX* (4-6)	Development Individuals will have their own Cat 1 Divisions in NSW-Turning 8-10 (2016- 2014)  Development Category 1 can include non-development athletes competing in this division, however development individuals cannot compete outside of the Development Category 1.
Cat 2 Trio* (3)	Max age 12 years (2012)
Cat 2 Quad* (4)	486 == 704.0 (=0==)
Cat 2 Group FX* (4-6)	
Cat 3 Trio* (3)	
Cat 3 Quad* (4)	Max age 14 years (2010)
Cat 3 Group FX* (6-8)	
Cat 4 Trio* (3)	
Cat 4 Quad* (4)	Turning 13 or over (2011)
Cat 4 Group FX* (6-8)	
Cat 5 Trio* (3)	Turning 14 on aven (2010)
Cat 5 Group* (5)	Turning 14 or over (2010)
Masters Quad** (4)	18yrs + (Open to all genders)
Masters Group**FX (6-8)	18yrs + (Open to all genders)

<sup>\*</sup> Sub Junior, Pre Junior, Junior, Senior International and Level 10 athletes may enter Multiples as part of their club providing, they make up 50% or less of the group.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Masters Quads and Groups are open to all athletes over the age of 18 regardless of what individual division they are/ have competed in.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Where a club does not have enough athletes to make up a senior cat 1 trio, quad, or group, they may use athletes from the junior age division.



#### **Grand Prix Series Points & Overall Champion Club**

At each Grand Prix and the State Championships, event points as shown below, will be added together to determine the overall Grand Prix Champion Clubs. Points will be awarded for Overall places in each multiples level/division across the competitions in the series. At the conclusion of the Multiples State Championships the top 3 clubs with the highest accumulated points from the series will be awarded.

The following table outlines how points will be awarded to each club at Grand Prix 1 & 2, and State. Points will be awarded for each category.

AA Place	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Points	3	2	1

Intermediate Season: Divisions for Levels 5-8 may be split equally into smaller divisions by age/DOB, consideration will be given to group clubs together where possible.

Example 1; If there are in total 80 entries for Level 5 or 6;

**Division 1 (Session 1- Floor 1)** will be the youngest 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB.

Division 2 (Session 1- Floor 2) will be the next youngest 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB.

Division 3 (Session 2- Floor 1) will be the next youngest 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB.

Division 4 (Session 2- Floor 2) will be the oldest 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB.

Example 2; If there are in total 40 entries for Level 7 or 8;

Division 1- Session 1 will be the youngest 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB

Division 2- Session 2 will be the older 20 gymnasts sorted by DOB

Level	Age Divisions
Level 5	Turning 10 (2014) or over
Level 6	Turning 11 (2013) or over
Level 7	Turning 12 (2012) or over
Level 8	Turning 13 (2011) over

<sup>\*</sup>Divisions at State Championships will be determined after the close of entries. Division sizes above are examples only and will depend on final entries received. GA Divisions will not be implemented at NSW State Championships for 2024. If Attending NCC, please refer to <a href="GA Regulations">GA Regulations</a> for age divisions and event requirements.

#### Junior Season:

Level 1 minimum turning 6 (2018), Level 2 minimum turning 7 (2017), Level 3 minimum turning 8 (2016), and Level 4 minimum turning 9 (2015) in year of competition.

**Divisions:** For Level 1-4, entries may be split equally into smaller divisions by DOB. DOB groupings per division will be determined after the close of entries. Consideration will be given to group clubs together where possible.

#### Level 1-2

Level 1-2 in NSW is assessed using a "1, 2, 3" model of judging where 3 is the highest and 1 is the lowest. 0 is only applied if element being assessed is missing entirely from the routine. Each element is assessed individually then added together to determine the final score.



If there is more than 1 judge, each final score is averaged out. This score then falls into either a gold, silver or bronze banding to determine the athletes final award.

#### Level 3-4

Level 3-4 is assessed using FIG Judging Model where DB, DA/Artistry/Fundamentals and Execution is assessed then combined to achieve the final score. This final score then falls into either a gold, silver or bronze banding to determine the athletes final award.

### **Progressions**

### **HP Individuals and Groups**

HP Individuals and Groups staying in the HP Pathway must follow the age requirements listed in the FIG CoP/<u>GA Technical Regulations</u> to determine what division to compete in. This includes HP Group gymnasts transitioning to HP Individual divisions.

#### Levels 1-9 for 2024

There is no mandatory progression for Levels 1-9. However, the table below outlines the exceptions for gymnasts attending NSW State Championships.

Coaches/Clubs have two options for L1-9 gymnast progressions, however, must follow the age requirements listed in the <a href="Athlete Regulations Section">Athlete Regulations Section</a> for each level;

- 1. A Gymnast may stay in the same level
- 2. A Gymnast may progress to the next level depending on the level being appropriate for their current skills and training hours required for that progression.

Levels 1-9 for 2024		
Level	Progression	
Level 1-4	There is no mandatory progression.	
Level 5-6	Progression is effective immediately for gymnasts who competed in the 2024 GNSW State Championships and achieved AA gold banding awards and if age eligible	
Level 7-8	Progression is effective immediately for gymnasts who competed in the 2024 GNSW State Championships and achieved top 3 AA in their Level/Division and if age eligible	
Level 9	There is no mandatory progression, however a gymnast may wish to move to the High-Performance pathway after achieving a high standard at Level 9 if age eligible.	





## **Athlete Attire**

CHANGES for 2024\* For full details on changes of athlete attire please refer to the <u>GNSW</u> <u>Technical Regulations Website.</u>

Level/Division	Requirements				
<b>Senior Season:</b> which includes Sub Junior, Pre Junior, Junior, Senior, Level 9, Level 10 <b>Intermediate Season:</b> which includes Levels 5-8.	Optional leotard/unitards for individuals; same material, style, colour, and design for groups except for patterned material which may have slight variations.				
Development Individuals					
HP Groups & Multiples Cat 1-5	Same material, style, colour, and design for group with the exception of patterned material which may have slight variations.				
Masters (Quad & Group)	Comfortable Attire (tights, shorts, singlets, shirts) Please refer to the General Regulations for more information on attire.  Note: Torso must be covered. e.g., no crop tops only.				
Junior Season: Level 3-4	Level 3-4 compete in Club leotard/unitard, the colours of which are registered with GNSW.				
Junior Season: Level 1-2	Level 1-2 compete in a black/navy leotard OR a solid block coloured leotard. Skirts are not permitted however gymnasts may wear the same colour as their leotard or plain black/navy leg coverings. *				
<b>March on</b> will only be at Championship events. March on will be in leotards and presentations will be in club tracksuits. Please refer to the event briefings for any updates to uniform requirements.  Please refer to the <a href="NSW Technical Regulations">NSW Technical Regulations</a> for athlete attire regulations for NSW					
Events.					

Please refer to <u>GA Technical Regulations</u> for athlete competition attire regulations for Australian Championships.

Please refer to **GA Technical Regulations** for athlete attire regulations for NCC.





## **Event Information**

## **Competition Structure**

Competitions for Rhythmic Gymnastics in NSW are split into four seasons:

#### Senior Season

Which includes Sub Junior, Pre Junior, Junior, Senior, **Level 9\***, Level 10, Development Group, Junior Group and Senior Group.

- Senior Trial 1 & 2
- Senior State Championships

\*Level 9 remains out of the Intermediate Season only in NSW (not Nationally) and continues to be included into the Senior Season for a smoother transition for gymnasts in NSW moving into Level 10. Level 9 will not be included at Australian Championships and will remain in GA National Clubs Carnival.

### Multiples and Development Grand Prix Series

Which includes Categories 1-5 (Trios, Quads & Groups), Masters 18+ (Quads & Groups) - Development Individuals & **NEW IN 2024** MASTERS INDIVIDUALS! Masters Manual coming soon.

- Grand Prix 1 & 2 and Development Individuals Invitational 1 & 2
- Multiples & Development State Championships

#### Intermediate Season

Which includes Levels 5-8.

- Sanctioned Club Invitationals
- Intermediate State Championships

### **Junior Season**

Which includes Levels 1-4.

- Junior Invitational
- Junior State Championships

#### Additional Events

In addition to the four seasons, competitions are offered for;

- Country Championships
- Sanctioned Club Invitationals. Please access all Club Sanctioning Information HERE.





## **Apparatus and Music Requirements**

Apparatus with the official markings required by FIG must be used by Junior and Senior athletes at Australian Championships and at FIG sanctioned competitions. GNSW will not be checking these requirements at any of our GNSW events. Please refer to the <u>GA</u>
<u>Technical Regulations</u> for requirements.

Level/Division	NSW Set Apparatus 2022-2024	Music
	Junior Season	
Level 1	FX + Ball	NSW Level 1-4 State Compulsory Music
Level 2	FX + Hoop	can be downloaded from the <u>GNSW</u> <u>Website</u> .
Level 3	*Ball + Clubs	*New Music for L1-2 APP for 2024 L1-2;0.45
Level 4	*Hoop + Ribbon	L3-4; 0.45 – 1:00
Level/Division	GA Set Apparatus 2022-2024	Music
Level 5*	Hoop + Clubs	Level 5-6 State Compulsory Music can be downloaded from the GNSW Website.
Level 6*	Ball + Ribbon	*New Music for Level 5 2024 1.00 – 1:15
Level 7*	Ball + Clubs + Ribbon	1:15 – 1:30
Level 8*	Hoop + Clubs + Ribbon	1.15 1.50

\*GA NCC has the ability to cater for L5-8 gymnasts to perform a FX Routine at this event. In NSW L5-8 FX is not required.

Level/Division 2022-2024		Music				
Senior Season						
Development	FX + Rope + Ball	1:00 – 1:15 *New in 2024 – Club Compulsory Music per Routine				
Sub Junior	FX + Hoop + Ball + Clubs	1:15 – 1:30				
Pre Junior	FX + Hoop + Ball + Ribbon	1:15 – 1:30				
Level 9 Junior International Level 10 Senior International	Hoop + Ball + Clubs + Ribbon	1:15 – 1:30				
Sub Junior Group	5 Hoops	1:45-2:00				
Pre Junior Group	5 Clubs	2:00-2:15				
Junior Group	(5 Clubs) + (5 Hoops)	2:15 – 2:30				
Senior Group	(5 Hoops) + (3 Ribbons + 2 Balls)	_: <b>_:</b>				



Multiples Grand Prix Series & State Championships						
Cat 1 Trio (3)	Ноор					
Cat 1 Quad (4)	Ball	1.00 - 1:15				
Cat 1 Group FX (4-6)	FX					
Cat 2 Trio (3)	Ball					
Cat 2 Quad (4)	Ноор					
Cat 2 Group FX (4-6)	FX	1.30 – 1:45				
Cat 3 Trio (3)	Clubs	1.50 - 1.45				
Cat 3 Quad (4)	Rope					
Cat 3 Group FX* (6-8)	FX					
Cat 4 Trio (3)	Ribbon					
Cat 4 Quad (4)	Ball	1:45 – 2:15				
Cat 4 Group FX* (6-8)	FX					
Cat 5 Trio <b>*</b> (3)	2 Hoops + 1 set of Clubs					
Cat E Croup* (E)	3 Hoops + 2 Clubs (1 routine	2:15 - 2:30				
Cat 5 Group* (5)	performed twice)					
Masters Quad (4)	Ball	1:45 – 2:15				
Masters Group FX (6-8)	FX	1.45 - 2.15				

## Floor Requirements

- Level 1-2 competes on half of 2-3 strip mats, concurrent floors, 2-6 competing at same time
- Level 3-4 competes on 3 full strip mats, concurrent floors, 2-3 competing at same time
- Level 5-6 competes on 5 full strip mats- concurrent floors, 2 competing at same time\*
- Development Individuals compete on half a full floor, 2 competing at a time from the same
- All of the remaining levels/divisions compete on a full competition floor space (13x13m).

## **Group Number Requirements**

Group	Number of Gymnasts Competing
Categories 1-4 & Masters Quads	4 gymnasts
Categories 1-2 Groups (FX)	4-6 gymnasts
Categories 3-4 & Masters Groups (FX)	6-8 gymnasts
Category 5 Groups	5 gymnasts + Reserve
Sub & Pre Jnr, Junior & Senior Groups	5 gymnasts + Reserve



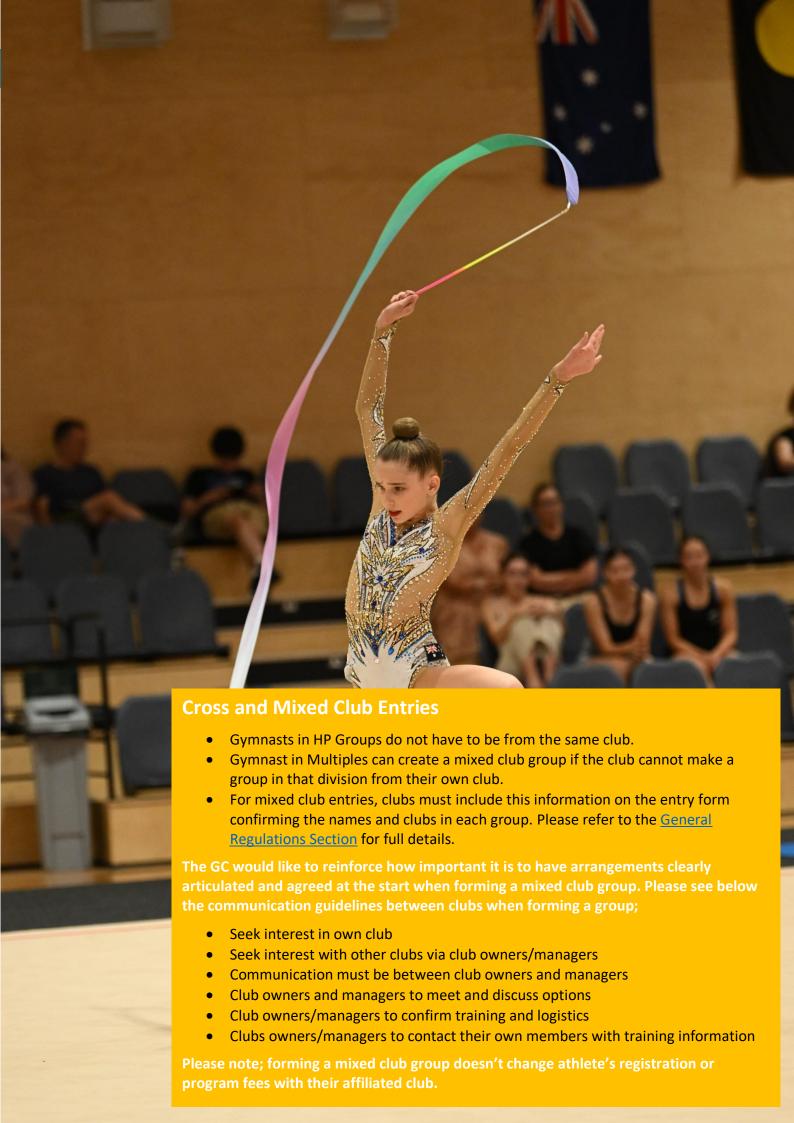
<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the GA Regulations if attending NCC.



# **Specific Event Requirements**

## **Entry and Qualification Requirements**

Season	Entry Requirements
	<b>Trials:</b> There are no entry restrictions to attend these events.
Senior Season	<b>Senior State</b> : A club may enter as many individual gymnasts and Groups as they wish in a division, as long as the gymnasts/groups have attended either GNSW Senior Trial 1 or 2.
Trial 1 Trial 2	Please note; If gymnasts in a Group change from Trial 1 to Trial 2, the new Group of gymnasts competing at Trial 2 must compete to be able to attend Senior State  Championships.
Senior State	Reserves for Groups must be nominated on the entry form. Should a club require additional reserves, Clubs must complete the <u>Special Request Form</u> prior to the event with supporting documentation.
	Applications for Interstate Entries can be submitted and may be accepted pending event capacity at Senior State.
	<ul> <li>There are no entry restrictions to attend either Grand Prix or Development Series.</li> <li>A gymnast can enter in as many routines as they wish if age eligible</li> </ul>
Multiples Grand Prix, Development	A gymnast cannot compete against themselves, so can only enter in one
	routine within the same category/sub section.
Series & State Championships	<ul> <li>Substitute gymnasts are permitted if a doctor's certificate for the withdrawal of a gymnast has been submitted.</li> </ul>
·	To attend State Championships, the group or development individual must attend one of the Grand Prix Events/ Development Invitationals.
Club Invitationals	Clubs are encouraged to apply to host Club Invitationals for Levels 5-8. There are no sanctioned qualifying events to attend Intermediate State Championships. For more information on hosting and applying for a Club Friendly Event please refer to the <a href="GNSW Technical Regulations Website">GNSW Technical Regulations Website</a> .
Intermediate State	Intermediate State: There are no qualifying or entry restrictions to attend Intermediate State.
Junior Season	<b>Trial:</b> There are no entry restrictions to attend this event. <b>Junior State</b> : A club may enter as many individual gymnasts as they wish in a level, as long as the gymnasts have attended the GNSW Junior Invitational or Country Championships.





### **Awards**

Awards							
Season	Apparatus  1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Around 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Teams AA 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Banding			
Senior	HP Individuals L10 HP Groups	HP Individuals L10 HP Groups	At State only for HP Individuals L10	N/A			
Level 9	Per Level/division. i.e If Level 9 was split into two divisions; Level 9 Division 1 will be awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> per Apparatus/AA as well as Level 9 Division 2.	Level 9 per Level/division.	At State & Country Championships only.	N/A			
Multiples & Development	Cat 5 Group Development Individuals	Categories 2-5 & Masters Development Individuals	At State only for Development Individuals.	Category 1; Each Division will be evenly split into three banding awards. i.e Using the AA Scores for 30x Cat 1 Junior Trios;  Gold/Blue= 10x Trios Silver/Red= 10x Trios Bronze/Green= 10x Trios			
Intermediate Level 5-6	Per Level/Division & Floor* i.e Level 5 was split into two divisions; Level 5 Division 1 (Floor 1) will be awarded 1st-6th per apparatus as well as Level 5 Division 2 (Floor 2).	N/A	At State & Country Championships only.	Level 5-6 AA*. Three AA Banding Scores to determine what award each athlete receives.			
Intermediate Level 7-8	Per Level/division. ie. Level 7 was split into two divisions; Level 7 Division 1 will be awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> per Apparatus/AA as well as Level 7 Division 2.	Level 7-8 per Level/division.	At State & Country Championships only.	N/A			
Junior	N/A	N/A	At State only.	Level 1-4 Per Routine* L3-4; Three Banding Scores to determine what award each athlete receives for each routine Scoring & banding for L1-2 will be based on the Basic Better Best principle as per previous codes.			

\*Banding scores for Level 3-6 will be released prior to their 2024 Competition Season on the <u>GNSW</u>
<u>Technical Regulations Website</u>- RG- Updates & Clarifications.



#### **Teams**

To be eligible for team awards at Senior, Intermediate, and Junior State Championships each club may enter a team in the below levels/Divisions.

- All Level 1-9 Divisions (determined after entries have closed/athletes allocated to Divisions)
- All HP Individual Divisions & Level 10

A team must have a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) athletes.

The individual athlete scores for each team member, will be ranked and the best ten (10) scores will be used to calculate the overall team score for HP Individual Divisions & Level 9-10 and the best six (6) for Levels 1-8. If a team member is injured during the competition and doesn't complete all their routines, those scores can still be used to calculate the total team score.

#### **Tied Scores**

Where a tie is awarded, the tied recipients each receive the relevant award. The next place is not awarded.

### **Protesting Scores**

There are no enquiries against the score at any GNSW RG events. Apparatus and All-Around Ties will not be broken.

### **Spare Apparatus**

Any athletes coach may place replacement apparatus as per requirements from FIG for each apparatus if required. i.e. along two of the four lines of the floor area (not including the entry point).

For the Multiples Grand Prix & Development Series and Intermediate State Championships, a coach can put up to two spare apparatus on the competition floor area as per requirements from FIG. Coaches are responsible for placing this around the floor and retrieving it at the end of each routine.

### Live Scoring

Live Scoring may be available at all GNSW RG Senior Season competitions, Intermediate State Championships and Multiples Grand Prix & Development Series & State Championships via the <u>online</u> app.

Please be aware that all scores displayed on the scoring program and at events are provisional until signed off by the respective committee members.

For the Junior Season, there are no score displays and results will not be published.

### **Country Championships**

Please refer to the Country Championships Handbook for full details of this event. The Handbook can be found on the <u>GNSW Website</u>.



# **Selection Process**

## Australian Championships NSW State Team

#### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee consists of the GNSW RG Gymsport Committee (unless any individual has a conflict of interest) and EPPO as the ex officio.

#### **Athlete Selection Criteria**

Please refer to the Gymnastics NSW Selection Policy covering eligibility criteria, selection requirements and roles and responsibilities available on the GNSW website and GNSW State Team Website. RG specific selection criteria can be found below.

Selection is based on performances and rankings at two (2) NSW selection Events. One (1) NSW State Trial where the gymnasts best ranking was achieved and the NSW State Championships. To be considered for State Team selection an athlete must enter and compete in both trials and the State Championships.

RG State Team							
Level	Number of Athletes Selected	Team Size	Reserves				
Sub Junior	6	6	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Pre Junior	6	6	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Level 10	6	6	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Junior International	8	6 (& 2 individuals)	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Senior International	8	6 (& 2 individuals)	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Sub Junior Group	3 Teams	6 gymnasts: 5 + 1 reserve	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Pre Junior Group	3 Teams	6 gymnasts: 5 + 1 reserve	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Junior International Group	3 Teams	6 gymnasts: 5 + 1 reserve	2 Non-travelling reserves				
Senior International Group	3 Teams	6 gymnasts: 5 + 1 reserve	2 Non-travelling reserves				

If changes to allowable number of athletes selected and/or team sizes for the Australian Championships is made by the National Commission and GA, the number of positions to be selected onto the NSW State Team will be adjusted accordingly.





Only gymnasts who have achieved the Australian Championship qualifying score in their division at a GNSW State Trial or State Championship will be eligible for State team consideration. Please refer to the <u>GA Regulations</u> for final qualifying scores.

Sub Junior	60			
Pre Junior	65			
Junior Int	70			
Level 10	75			
Senior Int	85			
Sub Junior Group	<b>23</b> (Total from 2 performances of one routine)			
Pre Junior Group	<b>27</b> (Total from 2 performances of one routine)			
Junior Group	<b>33</b> (Total from 1 performance of each routine)			
Senior Group	<b>38</b> (Total from 1 performance of each routine)			

The only exception for consideration of a qualifying score at an event other than a GNSW event (and including scores obtained outside Australia), will be at the discretion of the selection committee, prior to the GNSW Senior State Championships. Applications for exemption to the achievement of the qualifying score within a NSW event must be submitted in writing to the RG EPPO. Applications will be considered for national team members where the athlete is unable to compete in the NSW events due to selection for an Australian team. International events being used as a qualifier under this clause require approval from GNSW and GA to be considered. With the exception of where an athlete has been selected to an official GA Australian Team, GNSW events will always take precedence and the application will be denied if it is conflicting with any selection event. Individual circumstances of athletes, including National Squad members will be considered on a caseby-case basis, with an expectation that athletes should attend the NSW selection events wherever possible. Gymnasts selected to the Australia team between January and April in the year of the Australian Championships may be exempt from the qualification requirements but will also be required to fulfil the NSW team selection requirements to be selected to the state team.

#### **Athlete Selection Process**

Selection is based on performances and rankings at two (2) 2024 NSW State Trials and the 2024 NSW State Championships. Athletes seeking selection must submit a State Team Nomination form by the specified due date, nominations received after the final closing date will not be considered.

Gymnasts will be selected from the highest combined ranking points. This includes their best GNSW Senior Trial result, plus their GNSW Senior State Championship result.

The formula applied to rank individual gymnasts and groups for state team consideration is:

AA Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Trial Points	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
State Points	20	17	14	12	11	10	8	7	6	5	4	3

Gymnast/groups are not required to achieve a Q.S in order to be awarded points.

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#### Ties

• Where there is a tie in ranking points for a team position, the aggregated scores of the tied gymnasts will be reviewed to find the highest possible combined score (using the best State Trial score and the State Championship score). If a tie still exists, the gymnast with the highest combined total Execution Score at the State Championships will be selected (I.e., This is the gymnast who has the lowest number of execution deductions). If a further tie still exists, the gymnast with the highest combined total Difficulty Score at the State Championships will be selected.

If a special consideration has been received and approved by the RG GC prior to State Championships, the athlete with the special consideration will be reviewed against the lowest ranked gymnast on the team. The Selection Committee will review the gymnasts/groups most recent performances, their readiness for attendance at the Australian Championships and their ability to be able to contribute to the overall State Team performance.

#### **Special Considerations**

For a gymnast to be eligible for special consideration they must be unavailable for the required NSW selection competitions due to their selection on a GA Australian team or have received special dispensation through application to the Selection Committee via the RG EPPO for individual case-by-case circumstances relating to Australian team preparation or selection. The gymnast must have a proven track record of international event experience and have relevant results obtained at national and international events approved by the Selection Committee. Special Considerations will only be considered for Junior and Senior International divisions. The Selection Committee will take into consideration the athlete's ability to contribute to the team. The following factors will be considered:

- Present competition form and readiness
- Combined All-Around results and rankings achieved in recent international events
- Past National and International results
- GNSW Trials and State Championships results
- Relevant results achieved at Gymnastics Australia or a sanctioned FIG event in the year of the Australian Championships
- Possible team composition and possible individual and all-around and/or individual apparatus medals.
- Participation at State Team Training
- Satisfaction of all other State Team eligibility selection and participation criteria
- Ability to demonstrate active contribution and participation as a member of the NSW team and contribute positively to performance and the team environment.

A special consideration will be assessed against the team and individual positions in the respective level.

Athletes must apply for Special Consideration prior to the commencement of the State Team selection process. Special consideration must be received by 5pm 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Late applications after the State Team selection process has begun, will only be considered where the athlete is selected to an Australian team after the commencement of the NSW State Team selection process, making them unavailable for the NSW selection activities. An application for Special Consideration will be accepted or denied a week following the submission of application. Acceptance of a special consideration does not mean that the athlete has been selected to the NSW State Team.

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Athletes who have been accepted for Special Consideration may submit supporting information for consideration of their selection to the State Team. Supporting information will be accepted in the form of Video Selection Activities and International FIG Competition attendance, as well as current and recent results. Video Selection Activities must be competition video or routines performed in training environment under competition conditions witnessed by an International judge whom will verify a "one video take". Videos must be recorded within the NSW selection window (Jan-Apr 2024). Athletes with Special Consideration are not required to submit supporting information, however the selection committee may request video performances from athletes who have no supporting information to support their application.

A special consideration for a team position would replace the lowest ranked gymnast selected in the team (the top 6) (e.g. if one special consideration were accepted the gymnast would replace 6th place or if two were accepted, they would replace 5th and 6th for the team etc.).

- If a special consideration for a team position is unsuccessful, a special consideration for an individual position would replace the lowest ranked gymnast selected for the Australian Championships in the Level for Junior & Senior INT (i.e. if one special consideration were accepted the gymnast would replace 8th place or if two were accepted, they would replace 7th and 8th placed gymnasts etc.).
- Gymnasts who are replaced in the team would become the level individual athlete(s) and 1<sup>st</sup> team reserve. Gymnasts who are replaced as a NSW individual athlete will become the non-travelling reserve(s).

#### **Extenuating circumstances**

Extenuating Circumstances will be considered if the gymnast has attended the following two selection events;

- 1. GNSW Senior Trial 1\*
- 2. GNSW Senior Trial 2\*
- \*A gymnast must rank in the top eight (8) AA (Sub JNR, Pre JNR, L10) or top ten (10) AA (JNR INT & SNR INT) at both Senior Trials to apply for extenuating circumstances if the gymnast is unable to attend GNSW Senior State for the following reasons;
  - Illness/emergency resulting in withdrawal from GNSW Senior State. You must notify GNSW prior to the commencement of the gymnast's session and provide relevant documentation e.g., medical certificate.
  - Injury resulting in withdrawal from GNSW Senior State. You must notify GNSW within a week prior to Senior State until the day of the event and provide relevant documentation e.g., medical certificate.
  - Death within the family resulting in withdrawal from GNSW Senior State. You must notify GNSW prior to the commencement of the gymnast's session.

Gymnasts may not apply for extenuating circumstances if;

- The gymnast only attended one (1) of the Senior Trials and no Senior State
- The gymnast did not place in the top eight (8) AA (Sub JNR, Pre JNR, L10) at both Senior Trials
- The gymnast did not place in the top ten (10) AA (JNR INT & SNR INT) at both Senior Trials



To determine the score of the gymnast applying for extenuating circumstances, the gymnasts scores from Senior Trial 1 and 2 will be added together to generate a total score.

If an athlete has not competed in the NSW State Championships on medical grounds, the athlete must provide a written report from a Doctor / Physiotherapist which includes the athletes' injury details as well as the projected recovery timelines for consideration of the selection committee. Athletes who are unable to provide the required supporting medical information may not be selected in the team and the next ranked athlete may be considered instead. In accepting selection onto the team, the gymnast unable to participate in the NSW State Championships on medical grounds and/or parent or guardian must agree to incur all financial costs involved in State Team tour in the event that the athlete does not recover in time and is unable to prove routine fitness or does not receive the necessary medical clearance.

Any athlete selected for the NSW State Team who has not competed or is injured during the NSW State Championships event will be required to complete a final verification for routine performance at the State Team Training. Athletes who are unable to perform full routines to an acceptable level may be withdrawn from the team. Withdrawn athletes will be replaced by the named team reserve(s) as applicable.

# The GNSW RG State Team will be named after the completion of State Championships BUT will not be ratified until

- The Competition Coordinator has audited the State Championship scores
- 24 hours after the entire competition has concluded and the RG GC is in receipt of any special consideration requests; and
- The GNSW Board of Management has accepted all team members as being suitable to represent their State.

Should there be any changes to the team named at State Championships the RG EPPO will immediately advise the affected gymnasts.

Please note; The following criteria are to be used in conjunction with the Gymnastics NSW Selection Policy. Any gymnast, coach or judge, financially in debt, to GNSW or GA will not be eligible for selection in a State Team. Any financial difficulties should be referred to the EPPO and a payment plan can be considered.

#### **Official Selection Criteria and Process**

Please refer to the GNSW State Team Website and Selection Policy for information.

#### **State Team Information**

Please refer to the GNSW State Team Website for team information.





## **Squad Programs**

Our High-Performance programs provide a strong preparation for our athletes and officials aiming for selection onto Australian teams and the wrap around support needed to achieve this.

Please visit the **GNSW HP Website** for further information on these squads.

## Resources

All resources are available on the **GNSW Technical Regulations Website**.

# **Updates and Clarifications**

Any updates or clarifications will be available on the **GNSW Technical Regulations Website**.