

Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Qualification Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games



Gymnastics NZ, in consultation with the High Performance Development Advisory Group, recognises that World Championships is intrinsically linked to the Group qualification pathway to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The FIG Qualification Pathway states that a group must finish in the top 24 at the 2018 World Championships, to then be invited to participate in the 2019 World Championships for eligibility in the 2020 Continental Championships.

For this reason, the Olympic opportunity has overridden the standard performance objective. In saying this, Gymnastics NZ must be clear that this is still a performance pathway, not a participation pathway. As such, the expectations for a group to qualify through the FIG pathway and build evidence to be nominated to the NZ Olympic Committee (NZOC) is as follows:

1. 2018
 - a. The submission of a full 2-year Key Event and Performance Plan – this should include all competition events, training camps, and KPIs – this must be submitted with the group's nomination for the 2018 World Championships. As the 2 years eventuate, the group's performance results should be showing an upward trajectory.
 - b. 2018 World Cup events – Top 80% finishes should be achieved to qualify for 2019 World Cups.
 - c. 2018 World Championships – a top 24 finish must be achieved to be eligible for 2019 World Championships.
2. 2019
 - a. September 2018 – 30 April 2019 – international results achieved during this period will be used for qualification to 2019 World Championships.
 - b. At least 2 x FIG International events should be attended during this period.
 - c. Top 70% finishes should be achieved at 2019 World Cups to qualify for 2020 World Cups.
 - d. 2019 World Championships - the performance goal should be to show a top 8 potential and to place above Australia
3. 2020
 - a. September 2019 – 30 April 2020 – international results achieved during this period will be used for nomination (if qualified) to the Gymnastics NZ Selectors.
 - b. At least 2 x FIG International events should be attended during this period.
 - c. Top 60% finishes should be achieved at 2020 World Cups to qualify for 2021 World Cups.
 - d. The performance goal should be to show top 8 potential and to place above Australia.
 - e. May 2020 – Continental Championships. Group must beat Australia to win the Oceania spot.
4. June 2020 – Group nomination to the Gymnastics NZ Selectors must show evidence that the Group meets the NZOC over-riding objective of a top 16 capability with a top 8 potential
5. August 2020 – Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games