



Rhythmic Gymnastics

2019 Junior Squad Selection Policy

<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>1.1 To work collectively as a nation to help improve the standard of Rhythmic Gymnastics in New Zealand.</p> <p>1.2 To select athletes and groups who have the potential to achieve the Gymnastics New Zealand (“Gymnastics NZ”) performance targets in 2019 and beyond.</p> <p>1.3 To select athletes and groups to represent New Zealand at selected FIG Events in 2019</p>
<p>2. The Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior Squad</p>	<p>2.1 The 2019 Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior Squad (“Junior Squad”) refers to the athletes who have been selected to the Junior Squad. There is no minimum or maximum number of athletes and only junior international athletes can be selected to the Junior Squad.</p> <p>2.2 Any athlete or group wishing to be part of the Junior Squad must intend to travel to represent New Zealand on a Gymnastics NZ Tour during the Squad Term.</p>
<p>3. Squad Term</p>	<p>3.1 The 2019 Junior Squad will be selected for the period of 1 December 2018 until the commencement of the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships in 2019.</p>
<p>4. Squad Eligibility</p>	<p>4.1 In order for athletes to be eligible for selection they must meet the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Be age eligible-juniors turning 13 - 15 years of age during the Squad term. B. Athletes must be New Zealand citizens. C. Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand Passport D. Achieve the performance criteria at a minimum of

	<p>one key event as outlined below.</p> <p>4.2 Groups must keep the majority of their team members from the previous year (the year they qualified for the squad).</p>
<p>5. Key Events</p>	<p>5.1 Any FIG sanctioned event from 1 January until 30 September 2018.</p> <p>5.2 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships (Junior International and final year Stage 4 Individual and Group categories).</p> <p>5.3 Other events that may also be considered by the Technical Committee include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland Championships • Counties Manukau Invitational • Canterbury Championships • South Island Championships • Xtreme International
<p>6. Performance Criteria</p>	<p>6.1 Athletes must achieve the following minimum scores in at least one of the Key Events:</p> <p>Individual – Junior International and final year Stage 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Around – 40.000 • Hoop – 11.000 • Ball – 11.000 • Clubs – 11.000 • Ribbon – 9.500 <p>Group – Junior International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Around – 20.000 • Apparatus – 12.000 <p>6.2 Athletes who reach the required score at the selected competitions during the Squad Term can also apply to be part of the Junior Squad.</p>

<p>7. Selectors</p>	<p>7.1 The Selectors for the Junior Squad will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Technical Committee (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest) • Two Brevet Judges (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest)
<p>8. Selection Process (athletes)</p>	<p>8.1 Individual and group athletes who meet the selection criteria will be considered for selection.</p> <p>8.2 Following the completion of the final key event, the Technical Committee will contact coaches of the athletes who have met the eligibility and performance criteria, to invite them to be considered for selection to the Junior Squad.</p> <p>8.3 All invitations to the Junior Squad must be accepted within 7 days.</p> <p>8.4 The Technical Committee will consider all invitation acceptances and make their selections.</p> <p>8.5 The Technical Committee will then submit their selections to Gymnastics NZ for ratification.</p> <p>8.6 Athletes who wish to apply for consideration under extenuating circumstances, must provide sufficient evidence to show an extenuating circumstance and why they should be considered for the Junior Squad. The Selectors will then decide if an extenuating circumstance has been met and dispensation granted. Any dispensation granted will enable an athlete to be considered for selection to the Junior Squad and does not mean automatic selection to the Squad.</p> <p>8.7 Previous behaviour and performance will be considered by the Selectors for selection onto the Junior Squad.</p>

<p>9. Extenuating Circumstances</p>	<p>9.1 For the purpose of this Selection Criteria, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend events (including the key events), or other required attendances arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) injury or illness of the athlete; b) equipment failure; c) travel delays; d) bereavement; and/or e) other such circumstances as the Selectors reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances. <p>9.2 Any application for extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee, no later than two weeks prior to the final key event Or within 48 hours of an extenuating circumstance occurring if within two weeks of the final key event.</p>
<p>10. Removal and Withdrawal</p>	<p>10.1 The athletes and groups in the Junior Squad are expected to improve their performance each year (all-around score)</p> <p>10.2 An athlete or group can be removed from the Junior Squad for any of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they fail to maintain the performance standard required in section 5. • The athlete/s fail adhere to the behavioral guidelines as outlined in the Gymnastics NZ Tours Manual (regardless of touring or not) • A change in citizenship circumstances <p>10.3 An athlete may withdraw from the Junior Squad at any time, on the “Withdrawing from a Tour” terms as published in the <u>International Tours Manual</u>. Financial and other penalties may be incurred by the athlete if they have been selected for a NZ Tour at time of withdrawal. Re-admittance to the Junior Squad at a later date would be at the discretion of the Technical Committee and in consultation with the Selectors if required.</p>

11. Selection Announcement	<p>11.1 Athletes and Groups will be advised of their selection no later than 4 weeks after the conclusion of the NZ Gymnastics Championships.</p> <p>11.2 The public announcement of the Junior Squad will be announced by Gymnastics NZ.</p>
12. Squad Meets	<p>12.1 All Athletes and Groups on the Junior Squad will be expected to attend a minimum of one Squad Meet per year.</p> <p>The Squad Meets will likely be attached to a Gymnastics NZ qualifying Event.</p>
13. Camps	<p>13.1 Prior to any major international competition (i.e. Junior World Championships and Pacific Rim) there may be a team camp held for a minimum of 3 days with the team coach and judge. Camp attendance is compulsory for tour members.</p> <p>13.2 Coaches of Junior Squad Members will collaborate at the camps to prepare athletes most effectively for upcoming tours.</p>