

# Women's Artistic Gymnastics: 2020 National Squad Selection Policy



## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To work collectively to help improve the standard of Women's Artistic Gymnastics in New Zealand.
- 1.2. To select athletes and groups who have the potential to achieve the Gymnastics New Zealand ("Gymnastics NZ") performance targets in 2020 and beyond.
- 1.3. To select athletes and groups to represent New Zealand at selected FIG Events in 2020 through to March 2021.

## 2. The Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Squad

2.1. The 2020 Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Squad ("National Squad") refers to the athletes who are selected to the National Squad. There is no minimum or maximum number of athletes and only senior international athletes can be selected to the National Squad.

2.2 Any athlete or group wishing to be part of the National Squad must intend to travel to represent New Zealand on a Gymnastics NZ tour during the Squad Term.

## 3. Squad Term

3.1 The 2020 National Squad will be selected for the period of:

- 1 November 2019 until 31 March 2021.

Athletes who are on the National Squad for 2020 are eligible to compete in International Tours until 31 March 2021.

## 4. Squad Eligibility

4.1 In order for athletes to be eligible for selection, they must meet the criteria below:

- a) Be affiliated to a Gymnastics NZ club; and
- b) Be age eligible-seniors turning 16 years of age during the Squad term, or older; and
- c) Athletes must be New Zealand citizens; and
- d) Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand Passport for the duration of the Squad term; and
- e) Athletes must achieve the performance criteria at a minimum of one key event as outlined below.

## 5. Key Events

5.1 The following are international key events:

- a) Any FIG World Challenge/Cup event from 1 November 2018 until 31 October 2019
- b) 2019 Australian Gymnastics Championships – May 2019
- c) 2019 Universiade – July 2019
- d) 2019 World Championships – October 2019

5.2 The following are domestic key events:

- a) Marlborough Championships – June 2019
- b) CSG Classic – July 2019
- c) Top of the South Championships – July 2019
- d) Mason Gillespie – July 2019 (tbc)\*
- e) Wellington Opens – July 2019
- f) Midlands Senior – July 2019 (tbc)\*
- g) Canterbury Championships – July 2019
- h) Auckland Manukau Championships – July 2019 (tbc)\*
- i) South Island Championships – August 2019
- j) 2019 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships – October 2019

\* These events are yet to be confirmed as key events. This is pending the confirmation of judging panels containing a minimum of 2 brevet judges and 2 senior advanced judges.

5.3 The Technical Committee may also consider other international events during the Squad term.

## 6. Performance Criteria

6.1 Athletes must achieve the following at a key event:

- a) Meet the All Around minimum D score and AA score:
- 17.60 minimum D score; and
  - 47.000 AA score for Senior International or STEP 10 in 2019; OR
  - 44.000 AA score for Junior International or STEP 10 under 16 in 2019;
- OR
- b) Meet the minimum D score (except vault) and corresponding final score on two or more apparatus:
- Vault – 13.300 average of two vaults (there is no D score for vault)
  - Uneven bars – 4.0 D score (all CRs) and 12.200 final score
  - Beam – 4.5 D score (all CRs) and 11.700 final score
  - Floor - 4.5 D score (all CRs) and 12.200 final score

STEP 10 athletes will have their competition D scores recalculated based on FIG rules.

6.2 Athletes who reach the required score at the selected competitions during the Squad Term can also be added to the Squad.

## 7. Selectors

7.1 The Selectors for the National Squad will be:

- a) Members of the Technical Committee (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest).

## 8. Selection Process (athletes)

8.1 Individual athletes who meet the selection criteria will be considered for selection.

8.2 Following completion of the final key event, The Technical Committee will then submit their selections to Gymnastics NZ for ratification and announcement.

8.3 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 National 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 National Squad and does not mean automatic selection to the Squad.

8.4 Previous behaviour and performance will be considered by the Selectors for selection onto the National Squad.

## 9. Extenuating Circumstances

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:

- 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.

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.

## 10. Removal and Withdrawal

10.1 The athletes and groups in the National Squad are expected to improve their performance each year (all-around score).

10.2 An athlete can be removed from the National Squad for any of the following reasons:

- a) If they fail to maintain the performance standard required in section 5;
- b) The athlete/s fail adhere to the behavioural guidelines as outlined in the Gymnastics NZ Tours Manual (regardless of touring or not);
- c) A change in citizenship circumstances.

10.3 An athlete may withdraw from the National Squad at any time, on the "Withdrawing from a Tour" terms as published in the International Tours Manual. Financial and other penalties may be incurred by the athlete if they have been selected for a NZ Tour at time of withdrawal.

10.4 Re-admittance to the National Squad at a later date would be at the discretion of the Technical Committee and in consultation with the Selectors if required.

## 11. Selection Announcement

11.1 Athletes and Groups will be advised of their selection no later than 4 weeks after the conclusion of the final key event.

11.2 The public announcement of the National Squad will be made by Gymnastics NZ.

## 12. Squad Meets

12.1 All Athletes and Groups on the National Squad will be expected to attend all Squad Meets each year. The TC will advise squad members of Squad meets dates and times.

## 13. Camps

13.1 Prior to any major international competition (World Cups, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games) there may be a team camp held with the team coach and judge. Camp attendance is compulsory for tour members.

13.2 If athletes are unable to attend the Camp, then dispensation must be sought from the MAG TC and the Head Coach, at least 14 days prior to the Camp taking place.