

# Rhythmic Gymnastics: 2020 Squad Selection Policy for National and Junior Squads



## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To work collectively to help improve the standard of Rhythmic 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 Rhythmic Gymnastics National and Junior Squads

2.1. The 2020 Rhythmic 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 The 2020 Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior Squad ("Junior Squad") refers to the athletes who are 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.

2.3 Any athlete or group wishing to be part of either 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 and Junior Squads will be selected for the period of:
  - 1 November 2019 until 31 March 2021.

Athletes who are on the National and Junior Squads 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) For National Squad athletes must be age eligible-seniors turning 16 years of age during the Squad term, or older; OR
- c) For Junior Squad athletes must be age eligible juniors turning 13 years of age during the Squad term, up to 15 years of age; and
- d) Athletes must be New Zealand citizens; and
- e) Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand Passport for the duration of the Squad term; and
- f) Athletes must achieve the performance criteria at a minimum of one key event as outlined below.

## 5. Key Events

5.1 The following are key events:

- a) Any FIG World Challenge/Cup or International Tournament from 1 November 2018 until 31 October 2019
- b) 2019 Australian Gymnastics Championships – May 2019
- c) 2019 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships – October 2019

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

## 6. Performance Criteria

6.1 For the National Squad, athletes must achieve the following at a key event:

### **Individual – Senior International**

- Hoop – 13.000
- Ball – 12.800
- Clubs – 12.800
- Ribbon – 11.600

- All around – 50.900

### **Individual – First year senior**

- Rope – 10.000
- Ball – 11.500
- Clubs – 11.500
- Ribbon – 10.000
- All Around – 43.000

### **Group – National Squad**

- Apparatus – 14.900
- All around – 30.300

6.2 For the Junior Squad, athletes must achieve the following at a key event:

### **Individual – Junior International**

- Rope – 9.500
- Ball – 11.000
- Clubs – 11.000
- Ribbon – 9.500
- All around – 39.000

### **Group – Junior International**

- Apparatus – 10.000
- All around – 20.000

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

## **7. Selectors**

7.1 The Selectors for the Squads will be:

- a) Members of the Technical Committee (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest); and
- b) Two Brevet Judges (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 Squads.

## 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 Squads will be updated after each domestic key event.

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

## 12. Squad Meets

12.1 All Athletes and Groups on the National and Junior Squads will be expected to attend a minimum of one Squad Meet per year.

12.2 The Squad Meets will likely be attached to a Gymnastics NZ qualifying Event.

## 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 for a minimum of 3 days with the team coach and judge. Camp attendance is compulsory for tour members.

13.2 Coaches of Squad Members will collaborate at the camps to prepare athletes most effectively for upcoming tours.