



Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition Calendar 2020

March 2019

This document outlines the Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Competition Calendar Framework for 2020 and beyond and has been developed in consultation with the RG Technical Committee.

2020 Event Framework

The qualifying and non-qualifying competition season is recommended as a split season model as outlined in the table below.

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Junior/Senior Competitive		Endorsed Qualification				NZ Nationals			*NZ Club event
Elementary Competitive				Pre-season comps	Non-Qualification/Elementary				

*Potential for a NZ Club Championship Event.

March – May **Endorsed Qualifying Events**

Junior Levels: 5-7, Stage 3 Grade III & IV Group
 Senior Levels: 8 – 10, Stage 4, Junior & Senior International, Grade V + Group

June – Sept **Endorsed (Non-Qualification) Events**

Elementary Levels: 1-4, Stage 1-2, Groups 1-2

A split season has been identified as offering some of the following benefits:

- The separation of qualifying and non-qualifying events could support better use of resources in the gym, such as not having to run routines with music for all gymnasts at the same time of year.
- A better competition lead in for athletes attending the Level 3-4 National Festival in September or at a potential national club event in October, in the future.
- Opportunity to develop RG GfA participation alongside Elementary RG competitions, which is already offered at some competitions. This could support growth of an RG base where much needed coach and judge resource to sustain different competition seasons could come from.

Please note: -

Project 2020 has identified the need for the recruitment and development of judges across all gymnastic codes and therefore a Judge Development Programme is one of the projects in the 2020 Club Support Plan.

Qualifying Season

A general review of event calendar allocation recommended the following;

- **Spread of Events:** A reasonable spread of events of 2-3 weeks, for athlete and coach well-being. Where back to back competitions have to be held, these should be limited. It is a preference that RG qualifying competitions across the country are all placed on separate weekends.
- **Qualifying Period:** Based on an ideal spread of events a qualification period would be approximately 10-12 weeks long. If a qualifying competition needs to be held earlier than the outlined dates in the calendar, a reason for this request needs to be submitted with the event application.
- **New Events:** Applications to host new events in the qualifying season will be made based on the need of each code. The RG Technical Committee believe there are currently sufficient competitions in the North Island but ideally there would be more competition opportunities in the South Island in future.

Based on the above recommendations the RG Calendar has been proposed in the following tables;

Table 1: Shows how the current number of RG qualifying events could be spread across the proposed qualifying period.

Event dates have not been allocated to specific events, the actual calendar will be developed based on the dates provided by the host club in their application. The process to develop the calendar will be as it is currently where second options for dates may need to be used to avoid clashes and ensure there is a reasonable spread of events.

Table 2: Shows how the current number of RG Elementary events could be spread across the proposed non-qualifying period.

Applications to host Elementary events can be applied for from the end of the qualifying period. If a club wishes to host an Elementary competition inside the qualifying period, the reason for this needs to accompany the application.

Please note: -

Pacific Rim 2020

In 2020 the International Pacific Rim Competition (RG, WAG, MAG, TRA) will be held in NZ on the weekend of 17 – 18 April. This is a black out weekend on the calendar and no other endorsed events will be scheduled for this weekend. In the future this weekend will be available to host events.

Easter

It is not mandated by GNZ, only a recommendation that Easter is not considered for an event date. If clubs wish to host events at Easter, the request can be made and will be considered by GNZ Events and the RG Technical Committee.

TABLE 1: 2020 RG Endorsed Qualifying Calendar Split Season Calendar (example spread of events)

	MARCH					APRIL				MAY					JUNE				JULY	
	29/1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29	4/5	10/11	17/18	25/26	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	4/5	11/12
							Easter	PAC RIM	ANZAC						QB				NZ Champs	
REGION SPREAD		1	2	3	4	5			6	7	8	9	10	11						
Northern																				
*Greater Auckland		Comp 1.			Comp 4.															
Midlands									Comp 6.		Comp 8.		Comp 10.							
Central			Comp 2.																	
Upper South						Comp 5.				Comp 7.										
Southern				Comp 3.								Comp 9.								

Note: - For the purpose of this calendar the Greater Auckland Region includes – Gymsport Manukau, Auckland and Harbour provinces.

TABLE 2: 2020 RG Endorsed Event Calendar Split Season Calendar (example spread of events)

	MAY		JUNE				JULY				AUG					SEP				OCT
	23/ 24	30/31	6/7	13/1 4	20/ 21	27/ 28	4/5	11/ 12	18/ 19	25/ 26	1/2	8/9	15/ 16	22/ 23	29/ 30	5/6	12/13	19/ 20	26/ 27	
			QB				NZ Nationals						NZSS				AIMS			*NZ Clubs
REGION SPREAD		1	2	3	4	5			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
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