

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE:</b> July 2019	<b>STATUS:</b> High
<b>TO:</b> Member Clubs	<b>FROM:</b> GNZ Events
<b>CC:</b>	<b>ATT:</b>
<b>RE:</b> Athlete Dispensation Procedure – 2019 Nationals	<b>NOTE:</b>

Dear Member Clubs,

In order to streamline and facilitate the Nationals Athlete Dispensation process, we have put together the below memo for your review. As in prior years, Provincial Coordinators will be solely responsible for submitting dispensation applications and accompanying documentation.

### **Note to Provincial Coordinators:**

This year, you will be receiving a unique link to access the Google Form by which to submit Dispensation Applications. This form will permit users with a Google account to upload documentation directly. If you do not have a Google account, please email the required documentation to [leanne.olsen@gymnasticsnz.com](mailto:leanne.olsen@gymnasticsnz.com).

Please note: This year we have added an additional line to the Dispensation Form: **“What, specifically, is the dispensation being requested for?”** This will provide clarity for the TC whilst deliberating. (i.e. *“to replace Athlete A with Athlete B in Aerobics GROUP X”*).

Additionally, we have added a Declaration of Information disclaimer, requiring an e-signature and date.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. The Provincial Coordinator must fill out and submit this Google Form (including supporting documentation) by the event entry deadline: **14 August 2019**.
2. The dispensation submission must come from Provincial Coordinators (PNCs) and not from coaches, parents, athletes or team managers.
3. GNZ will consult with the appropriate Technical Committee on all applications.
4. The Technical Committee will make a recommendation to GNZ no later than seven days after the application deadline.
5. GNZ will ratify the recommendation and inform the Provincial Coordinator of the decision.
6. Gymnastics New Zealand’s decision is final. There is no appeal right or ability to enter into further correspondence on any decision issued.

Dispensations are only granted for those athletes who have failed to meet the qualifying criteria due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- a) Injury or illness of the athlete;
- b) Travel delays;
- c) Bereavement; and/or
- d) Such other circumstances as GNZ reasonably considers constitutes extenuating circumstances.

**Athletes who have not competed at any qualifying events during the 2019 competition season are not eligible to apply for dispensation. This applies to all codes.**

Dispensations for the following reasons will **not** be considered:

- a) Small numbers of athletes in a particular STEP/Level;
- b) For the purposes of making up a regional team;
- c) Due to an athlete in their last year of competition wanting to compete; or
- d) In order to qualify for an overseas tour for which the Championships is a trial.

**WAG dispensations:**

Dispensation will not be considered or granted for cases where:

- The gymnast did not utilise all competitions available to gain the remaining required scores;
- The gymnast has no qualifying scores during the year; or
- Accepting the gymnast would make up a team for the region.

All supporting documents should be submitted to: [leanne.olsen@gymnasticsnz.com](mailto:leanne.olsen@gymnasticsnz.com)

Regards,  
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