

Qualifying for a New Zealand Tour

Understanding your qualification criteria.



There is a qualification criteria published for every New Zealand tour. This tells you:

- What you have to do to be eligible for consideration for nomination and selection to a NZ tour; and
- How and when a NZ team will be selected and announced.

All athletes and their coaches must read and understand the qualification criteria published for the event that they wish to be considered for nomination and selection to.

The qualification criteria can be found on the [international tours calendar](#) under each tour.

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1.0 Introduction

This clause tells you:

1. The event/s that the criteria covers
2. The Selection process
 1. Who nominates eligible athletes
 2. When they have to nominate by
 3. When the team will be announced
3. Who the Selectors are

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2.0 Over-riding Objective

The Over-riding objective is the performance expectation set by Gymnastics NZ for the tour. These are currently as follows:

- World Championships – top 50% finish
- Performance events – top 50% finish
 - FIG World Challenge/Cups, Universiade, Pacific Rim
- Participation events – top 75% finish
 - Australian Championships, ANAC, FIG International Tournaments

The Over-riding objective is used as a starting point when setting performance criteria.

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3.0 Eligibility

This clause sets out what an athlete **MUST** do in order to be eligible for consideration. These include:

1. Athlete must be a current member of Gymnastics NZ; and
2. Athlete must have submitted an Intention to Travel (ITT); and
3. Athlete must have competed in the required number of key events; and
4. Athlete must be a member of the current National Squad (for performance events only).

There is a separate clause for overseas based athletes.

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4.0 Performance Criteria

This clause shows the scores that athletes need to achieve at the named key events in clause 3.3.

Achieving a score does not mean that the athlete is automatically selected.

It may also contain other information such as:

- All around athletes may be prioritised over apparatus specialists
- FIG may limit the number of athletes we can enter on each apparatus (i.e. World Cups)
- For a Team event the combination of athletes who make up the best team score may be prioritised (versus the highest scoring athletes)

This clause also provides a time frame in which selectors can take into account athlete results at other events not named in clause 3.3.

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5.0 Over-riding Discretion

This clause allows the Selectors to consider other relevant factors in their decision to select. This can include:

- An athlete's attitude and behaviour
- An athlete's current fitness or performance level
- An athlete's consistency of performance and results over the previous 12 months
- Considering an athlete under extenuating circumstances
- Prioritising the over-riding objective over performance criteria

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6.0 Extenuating Circumstances

This clause caters for athletes who have been unable to attend key events due to (but not limited to):

- Injury or illness
- Equipment failure
- Travel delays
- Bereavement

If any of the above apply, the athlete must first give notice of extenuating circumstances as per clause 6.2. If extenuating circumstances are granted, the athlete must then submit a case to show the Selectors that they are capable of achieving the over-riding objective and / or performance criteria.

Extenuating circumstances does not mean automatic selection.

The Athlete still needs to present a case to the Selectors showing that they are capable of achieving the over-riding objective and / or the performance criteria.

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7.0 Maintain Performance Criteria

This clause is to ensure that athletes maintains the fitness and performance that they were selected on.

Athlete appraisals may be undertaken at the discretion of Gymnastics NZ and the Technical Committees.

If a selected athlete does not continue to meet the performance criteria in which they were selected, then the Selectors may recommend a replacement of the athlete with a reserve athlete.

If a reserve athlete has not been named, the Selectors may stand the non-performing athlete down from the tour.

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8.0 Team Announcements

It is Gymnastics NZ who make all team announcements for NZ Tours.

The announcement first will be sent to all athletes and officials who submitted an ITT, and it will be published on the [Gymnastics NZ website](#).

It can then be published also on Facebook.

The timing of a team announcement is outlined in clause 1.1.

More Information

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