

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gymnastics NZ Member Clubs	FROM: Gymnastics NZ
CC:	ATT:
RE: NZ Secondary School Events 2020	NOTE:

Dear Community,

This memo is to advise member clubs of changes to the structure and calendar of NZ Secondary School (NZSS) Gymnastic events starting in 2020. Please forward to members of your club who are of secondary school age and coaches who may be involved with the events.

Feedback to Gymnastics New Zealand (Gymnastics NZ) through discussions with host clubs, coaches and athletes over the past few years has highlighted a range of issues related to the NZSS events, and therefore, a need to review the structure. A review with representatives from the current host clubs of the NZSS Gymnastics events (Tristar, Aspire Aerobix, Xtreme RhythmiX) also identified a number of issues and recommendations.

The council that oversees secondary school sport, School Sport NZ, has also been undertaking an event review in 2019 focussed on new opportunities that cater for a wider range of participants and better meet their needs. School Sport NZ have approved the proposed changes for NZSS Gymnastics events as it aligns with their vision for Secondary sport events and changes other sports are also making.

The changes to the NZSS Gymnastics events are as follows;

1. **NZSS Gymnastic Championship events** – Competitive gymnastics pathway athletes compete for NZSS Championships alongside nominated Gymnastics NZ Endorsed Qualifying events (open and closed events for each division).

This structure provides a quality event for competitive athletes to compete at with their qualified coach. The structure also makes the championship events more accessible, raising the profile of competitive gymnastic athletes in their schools and improves opportunities for recognition.



2. **NZSS Gymnastic Sports Event/Festival** – Gymnastic Event that caters for novice and retired athletes. Competitive gymnastics pathway athletes may choose to compete a different gymnastic sport at this event.

The following dates have been published by School Sport NZ on the 2020 NZSS Sports Calendar;

21-22 March	NZSS Aerobic Gymnastics Championships/Greater Auckland Aerobic Champs, AUCKLAND - hosted by Aspire Aerobix
10-12 April	NZSS Trampoline and Tumbling Championships/Midlands Trampoline and Tumbling Champs, ROTORUA - hosted by Mid-Island Gym Sports
16-17 May	NZSS Artistic Gymnastics Championships/Mason Gillespie, AUCKLAND - hosted by Tri Star Gymnastics)
30-31 May	NZSS Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships/North Shore Rhythmic Invitational, AUCKLAND - hosted by Xtreme RhythmiX/North Harbour Gymnastics. TBC
22-23 Aug	NZSS Gymnastic Sports 'Festival' event (novice event), AUCKLAND (TBC)

These changes may impact on regional secondary school events and therefore discussions will be had with the relevant stakeholders in each region. The next level of detail around the new structure will be communicated in due course.

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