

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 18 June 2020	STATUS: High
TO: MAG Community	FROM: Gymnastics New Zealand
CC:	ATT:
RE: GNZ Super Series 2020 – MAG Format and further detail	NOTE:

Dear MAG Community,

As advised last week, Gymnastics New Zealand (GNZ) has created the ‘Gymnastics New Zealand Super Series’, a 2020 specific Endorsed Event Series for athletes who are at Nationals eligible levels. This series will run in conjunction with elementary regional events.

Why a Super Series?

Without the usual competition season and Nationals to work towards, we wanted to put something in its place that gives athletes something to work towards but that is modified to fit within the time constraints, removes any barriers to participation and is manageable for Clubs to run.

The intention of these events is to give athletes a platform to perform but without the pressure, allowing them to set goals and push themselves based on what they wish to achieve.

We are aiming to create hype around the MAG events, both regionally and nationally, and will be promoting the series on all GNZ media channels. We want to celebrate getting back to business for the athletes and showcase what they can do.

How do I apply for an event?

Information on how to apply to host an Artistic event and the link to submit an expression of interest is available in the memo released on 15 June [available here](#).

Timeline:

22 June (9am) – deadline for expressions of interest (Artistic)

25 July – 4 October – Elementary Regional Events

8 August – 4 October – Super Series



INFORMATION

GNZ Super Series MAG Format

The GNZ Super Series will be run as the Apparatus Challenge Format which many of you will be familiar with. This is for level 4 – Senior Open, effectively those levels eligible for National Championships. There are no compulsory routines as set out in the MAG National Programme Manual. All routines are voluntary and allow athletes to showcase their best apparatus and skills. By removing the need to do compulsory routines, athletes can continue to focus on skill development to align with this stage of the year (Aug – Oct) which would have been a natural skill development stage with a view to the 2021 competition year.

Apparatus Challenge Format

Challenge 4 – any 4 skills, 2 Element Groups to be met, “A” value Dismount if dismount chosen – **Open to level 4 and 5 Gymnasts only.**

Challenge 6 – any 6 Skills, 3 Element Groups to be met, “A” value Dismount if dismount chosen – **Open to level 6 and 7 Gymnasts**

Challenge 8 – any 8 Skills, 4 Element Groups to be met, “A” value Dismount – **Open to level 8 and 9 gymnasts**

Open Challenge – Full FIG Requirements – **Open to anyone who can meet the requirements.**

Athletes can compete in higher challenges if they choose to, but must compete any of their chosen apparatus in the same challenge level. **Note – Gymnasts do not have to do all 6 apparatus as there is no All Around event.**

In all challenges, the rules are as per full FIG requirements. All skills being presented must appear in the Code of Points and gymnasts cannot include any development or additional skills from the MAG National manual for D score.

There is no doubling of difficulty.

Gymnasts may do as many skills in a routine as required with the hardest (top) 4, 6, 8 or 10 skills counting towards their D score. The Element Group Requirements (EGR's) must be within the top 4, 6, 8, 10 counting skills to be credited with the 0.5 EGR bonus.



Example score in Challenge 6

Gymnast on floor does running tuck front, Scale Balance, Standing back Tuck, running full twist layout front, splits, Round off Flic Flac = A, A, A, C, A, A. This would be 0.8 in difficulty plus 1.5 in Element Group for a total starting score of 12.3.

Example score in Challenge 4

Pommel – Loop, Scissor, Back Scissor, Circle = A, A, A, A. This would be 0.4 in difficulty plus 1.0 in Element Group for a starting score of 11.4.

Competition Structure and Leader boards

There will be two MAG ‘zones’, the North Island and the South Island. Athletes can choose to compete in as many events as they like in either island (zone), however to be eligible to be on the leaderboard, athletes need to attend a minimum of two events. Results will go onto the leaderboard for their zone (an athletes’ island/zone is determined by the location of the Club the athlete is affiliated).

There will be a leaderboard for each apparatus based on rankings (placings), rankings for each apparatus correlate to points e.g. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points. The athletes’ top 2 rankings (marked in blue in example below) on an apparatus will be counted towards the leaderboard, which will display the top 10 athletes for each Challenge level in each zone. The Apparatus Challenge has been developed to meet the needs of our community to provide a fun and flexible format whilst the leaderboard recognises the competitive nature of the sport.

Example workings to display the point system:

Name	Club	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Total points
Ryan Smith	Example club 1	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	Not attended	3
Sam Jones	Example club 2	4 th	Not attended	2 nd	6 th	6

Example Leader board that would be displayed publicly:

North Island Challenge 6 Leader board – Rings			
Position	Name	Club	Total points
1	Ryan Smith	Example club 1	3
2	Sam Jones	Example club 2	6



Clubs must indicate at the time of entry which Challenge levels their gymnasts will enter.

Each apparatus should be timetabled individually and run one after the other by the event organisers. The prize giving for each apparatus should take place prior to the beginning of the next apparatus. We envisage that each complete Apparatus Challenge event should take no more than 4 hours. By having prizegiving after each apparatus, athletes are then free to leave the venue if they have competed all their events. We acknowledge that GNZ Super Series event hosts will also be running WAG events and that scheduling will need to complement this.

Judging

There will be two judging panels on each apparatus with a minimum number of two judges on each panel, one of which must be a Senior Judge. If at the time of entries closing, there is no Challenge 8 or Open, then the two judges may be Junior Judges. A Brevet judge must be present at the event, where possible, if the Open Challenge is being competed.

The event will run non-stop with alternating Challenges on each apparatus. The same judging panel must judge the same Challenge level in ALL cases to ensure fairness for the gymnasts. If numbers are high, the Challenges may be split into 2 sessions, or each Challenge can be run individually as a session to help with timetabling.

These reduced requirements are necessary for events to successfully run without Clubs incurring additional costs to meet panel requirements. These are minimum panel requirements and panels can, of course, include more judges if they are available and a good opportunity for newer judges to be mentored.

Regional Elementary Events

Regional Elementary events will be run as per normal, with standard routines and judging requirements as per the MAG National Programme Manual. Therefore, Level 1-3 will still compete the MAG National Manual routines as less time is required to prepare for these levels and there is less chance of injury.

These levels can run alongside the GNZ Super Series Apparatus events for MAG. For example, on the Saturday morning level 1-3 could be run and then a MAG Apparatus Challenge run in the afternoon.





GNZ Super Series Event Organiser Information

- GNZ levy - GNZ will not collect any levies from Clubs hosting GNZ Super Series events or Elementary Regional events, however all competitors need to be affiliated through your Friendly Manager database
- Registration for the GNZ Super Series – details will be sent directly to clubs in the upcoming weeks.
- Event Health and Safety plans will be required for every event; these will need to be sent to GNZ 2 weeks prior. There are numerous examples on GNZ Club Portal to aid clubs, if needed.

We will be holding a Zoom Webinar on Wednesday 24 June for anyone interested in hearing more about the structure of the GNZ Super Series. If you have any questions please send them to events@gymnasticsnz.com

The webinar will be recorded and available for those that cannot attend. Details below;

Topic: GNZ MAG Super Series webinar

Time: Jun 24, 2020 01:00 PM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95072005925?pwd=bUFSdmFXUW9XU2dReWIKT1BCRmN4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 950 7200 5925

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Many thanks

Gymnastics New Zealand and the MAG Technical Committee

