

GNZ Board Update - Nationals Date May 2022

Following the Annual General Meeting on May 5, 2021, the Board of Gymnastics NZ (GNZ) acted on the remit passed regarding the national's date. A follow-up memo was subsequently issued on July 19, 2021 and can be found [here](#).

In the update, the process of consultation was examined in the context of the independent review and the upcoming work of the GNZ Steering Committee. The process to establish this committee was run in the second half of 2021 and has now been operational for the first 4 months of 2022. During this time the committee has worked to construct the workplan which will drive the next phase engaging on how the recommendations are proposed to be implemented.

This phase will begin shortly and will involve community, sector and expert input into a raft of matters, including competition structure, volume, timing, age eligibility, local, regional and national events. Sitting behind this will be important contributing elements such as the training environment including structure, hours, methods, athlete physiology and development to name but a few.

In essence, there is a significant amount of mahi to be done regarding key elements of the sport that will lead in to defining the nature, structure and timing of the competition season across Aotearoa, including the national championships.

This work will progress significantly during the second half of 2022, it will however not come soon enough to alter the planning, operational and logistical requirements of the 2023 competition season, including the national championships scheduled for the first week of July. There are also significant contractual and commercial implications of any date change at this late stage.

In anticipation of the Steering Committee work and the potential for this to influence the timing of the competition season, including the national championships, the organization has booked venues for both the second and third term school holidays in 2024, to accommodate any potential change. To ensure adequate time to plan and organize those national's, the date and location will need to be confirmed in early 2023.



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The Board acknowledges the importance to the community of the national's date item put forward for discussion at this year's AGM and reaffirms its commitment to following the work done by the Steering Committee that contributes to the structure and timing of the competition season with appropriate consultation and engagement with our community. Should this result in a need to move the current date of the national championships, it will do so.

Quinton Hall – Chair
On behalf of the Board



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