

Athlete Advisor

Women's Artistic Gymnastics – Leanne Olsen



Hello everyone, my name is Leanne, I am very excited to take on this role and am looking forward to meeting many of you in the future.

I have been involved in artistic gymnastics my whole life - you could say I grew up in the gym! I was raised in the United States and competed up to level 10 before retiring to attend university in Paris. My Mum and Sister are both coaches in the US, and I have continued my involvement in the sport through coaching, clinics and (most of all) choreography. I eat, sleep and breathe gymnastics – I listen to Podcasts, read blogs and websites and always try to keep well-informed of developing news and trends in the global gymnastics community.

I moved to New Zealand in 2018 and was privileged to become part of such a tight-knit and passionate community through working in Events at Gymnastics NZ. I then moved to Tri Star where I was the Events and Athlete Wellbeing Coordinator. Currently I am an Event and Conference Planner at the University of Auckland.

I love gymnastics and I believe that under the right circumstances, it can be the most rewarding sport, with benefits that stay with us throughout our whole lives. I would like to continue to give back to our athletes and community in a positive and impactful way through implementing measures to increase wellbeing within our sport. I firmly believe that gymnastics can and should be both fulfilling and enjoyable, no matter the level of participation. I look forward to advocating for you as athletes – your voices deserve to be heard, and you deserve to feel valued as individuals.

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