



# Aerobic Gymnastics

## *2023 National Squad Selection Policy*

<p><b>1. Purpose</b></p>	<p>1.1 To work collectively as a nation to help improve the standard of Aerobic Gymnastics in New Zealand.</p> <p>1.2 To select athletes and groups who have the potential to achieve the Gymnastics New Zealand (“Gymnastics NZ”) performance targets in 2023 and beyond.</p> <p>1.3 To select athletes and groups to represent New Zealand at selected FIG Events in 2023</p>
<p><b>2. The Aerobic Gymnastics National Squad</b></p>	<p>2.1 The 2022 Aerobic Gymnastics National Squad (“National Squad”) refers to the athletes who have been selected to the National Squad. There is no minimum or maximum number of athletes and only senior international athletes can be selected to the National Squad.</p> <p>2.2 Any athlete or group wishing to be part of the National Squad must intend to travel to represent New Zealand on a Gymnastics NZ Tour during the Squad Term.</p>
<p><b>3. Squad Term</b></p>	<p>3.1 The 2023 National Squad will be selected for the period of 1 January 2023 until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.</p>
<p><b>4. Squad Eligibility</b></p>	<p>4.1 In order for athletes to be eligible for selection they must meet the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Be age eligible-seniors turning 18 years of age during the Squad term, or older.</li> <li>B. Athletes must be New Zealand citizens.</li> <li>C. Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand Passport</li> <li>D. Achieve the performance criteria at a minimum</li> </ul>

	<p>of one key event as outlined below.</p> <p>4.2 Groups must keep the majority of their team members from the previous year (the year they qualified for the squad).</p>
<p><b>5. Key Events</b></p>	<p>5.1 Any FIG sanctioned event from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023.</p> <p>5.2 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships (Senior International Individual, Multi or Age Group 2) - 2022</p> <p>5.3 Other international events during the above dates may also be considered by the Technical Committee.</p> <p>5.4 First year Seniors must have competed Age Group 2 internationally in 2022.</p>
<p><b>6. Performance Criteria</b></p>	<p>6.1 Athletes must achieve the following minimum scores in at least one of the Key Events:</p> <p><b>Individual – Senior International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.500</li> </ul> <p><b>Mixed Pairs, Trios and Group – Senior International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.000</li> </ul> <p><b>First year Seniors (Age Group 2 in 2022)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19.200</li> </ul> <p>6.2 Athletes who reach the required score at the selected competitions during the Squad Term can also apply to be part of the National Squad.</p>
<p><b>7. Selectors</b></p>	<p>7.1 The Selectors for the National Squad will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Technical Committee (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest)</li> <li>• Gymnastics New Zealand Performance Manager</li> </ul>

**8. Selection Process  
(athletes)**

8.1 Individual and group athletes who meet the selection criteria will be considered for selection.

8.2 Following the completion of the final key event, the Technical Committee will contact coaches of the athletes who have met the eligibility and performance criteria, to invite them to be considered for selection to the National Squad.

8.3 All invitations to the National Squad must be accepted within 7 days.

8.4 The Technical Committee will consider all invitation acceptances and make their selections.

8.5 The Technical Committee will then submit their selections to Gymnastics NZ for ratification.

8.6 Athletes who wish to apply for consideration under extenuating circumstances, must provide sufficient evidence to show an extenuating circumstance and why they should be considered for the National Squad. The Selectors will then decide if an extenuating circumstance has been met and dispensation granted.

**Any dispensation granted will enable an athlete to be considered for selection to the National Squad and does not mean automatic selection to the Squad.**

8.7 Previous behaviour and performance will be considered by the Selectors for selection onto the National Squad.

<p><b>9. Extenuating Circumstances</b></p>	<p>9.1 For the purpose of this Selection Criteria, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend events (including the key events), or other required attendances arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) injury or illness of the athlete;</li> <li>b) equipment failure;</li> <li>c) travel delays;</li> <li>d) bereavement; and/or</li> <li>e) other such circumstances as the Selectors reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>9.2 Any application for extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee, no later than two weeks prior to the final key event Or within 48 hours of an extenuating circumstance occurring if within two weeks of the final key event.</p>
<p><b>10. Removal and Withdrawal</b></p>	<p>10.1 The athletes and groups in the National Squad are expected to improve their performance each year (all-around score)</p> <p>10.2 An athlete or group can be removed from the National Squad for any of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they fail to maintain the performance standard required in section 5.</li> <li>• The athlete/s fail adhere to the behavioral guidelines as outlined in the Gymnastics NZ Tours Manual (regardless of touring or not)</li> <li>• A change in citizenship circumstances</li> </ul> <p>10.3 An athlete may withdraw from the National Squad at any time, on the “Withdrawing from a Tour” terms as published in the <u>International Tours Manual</u>. Financial and other penalties may be incurred by the athlete if they have been selected for a NZ Tour at time of withdrawal. Re-admittance to the National Squad at a later date would be at the discretion of the Technical Committee and in consultation with the Selectors if required.</p>

<p><b>11. Selection Announcement</b></p>	<p>11.1 Athletes will be advised of their selection no later than 4 weeks after the conclusion of the final key event.</p> <p>11.2 The public announcement of the National Squad will be announced by Gymnastics NZ.</p>
<p><b>12. Squad Meets</b></p>	<p>12.1 All Athletes and Groups on the National Squad will be expected to attend a minimum of one Squad Meet per year.</p> <p>The Squad Meets will likely be attached to a Gymnastics NZ qualifying Event.</p>
<p><b>13. Team Trainings</b></p>	<p>13.1 Prior to any international competition (World Cups, World Championships) there will be a minimum of two team trainings held prior to the tour departure. Attendance to at least one training is compulsory for tour members.</p> <p>13.2 Coaches of National Squad Members will collaborate at the camps to prepare athletes most effectively for upcoming tours.</p>