



# Rhythmic Gymnastics

## 2023 National Squad Selection Policy

<p><b>1. Purpose</b></p>	<p>1.1 To work collectively to help improve the standard of Rhythmic 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. Only gymnasts on The National Squad will be eligible to trial for “performance” events.</p>
<p><b>2. The Rhythmic Gymnastics National Squad</b></p>	<p>2.1 The 2023 Rhythmic 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, only senior international athletes can be selected to the National Squad.</p> <p>2.2 Any athlete or group wishing to be part of either 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 Jan 2023 – 31 Dec 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 16 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 of one key event as outlined below.</li> </ul>

<p><b>5. Key Events</b></p>	<p>5.1 The following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships – July 2022</li> <li>• Results from any FIG Competition in 2022</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Performance Criteria</b></p>	<p>6.1 Athletes must achieve the following at Key Events:</p> <p>Senior International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoop – 23.00</li> <li>• Ball – 23.00</li> <li>• Clubs – 22.00</li> <li>• Ribbon – 20.00</li> <li>• All Around – 88.00</li> </ul> <p>Senior International 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Moving from Jr to Sr)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoop – 22.00</li> <li>• Ball – 22.00</li> <li>• Clubs – 21.00</li> <li>• Ribbon – 19.00</li> <li>• All Around – 84.00</li> </ul> <p>6.2 Athletes may be added to the squad during the 2023 Squad Term season if they achieve the score criteria at FIG Events or at any NZ trial event.</p>
<p><b>7. Extenuating Circumstances</b></p>	<p>7.1 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> <ol 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> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>3) Athletes Residing Overseas-criteria for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must achieve the required scores at any FIG International Event</li> <li>• Achieve the scores at any National Level Competition and submit video evidence and judging panels.</li> <li>• Submit video evidence and judging panels from a competition to be judged by NZ Brevet judges (not withstanding declared conflicts of interest).</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Selectors</b></p>	<p>8.1 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>• Two Brevet Judges (not withstanding declared conflicts of interest).</li> <li>• Gymnastics New Zealand Performance Manager</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Selection Announcement</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 9.1 Squads will be updated after each FIG event or NZ trial.</li> <li>2. 9.2 The public announcement of the Squads will be made by gymnastics NZ.</li> </ol>