



Women's Artistic Gymnastics

2023 National Squad Selection Policy

1. Purpose	<p>1.1 To work collectively to help improve the standard of Women's Artistic Gymnastics in New Zealand.</p> <p>1.2 To select athletes 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 to represent New Zealand at selected FIG Events in 2023.</p>
2. The Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Squad	<p>2.1 The 2023 Women's Artistic 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 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>
3. Squad Term	<p>3.1 The 2023 National Squad will be selected for the period of 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023. Athletes who are on the National Squad for 2023 are eligible to compete at International Tours until 31 December 2023.</p>

4. Squad Eligibility	<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"> A. Be age eligible-seniors turning 16 years of age during the Squad term, or older. B. Athletes must be New Zealand citizens. C. Athletes must hold a valid New Zealand Passport D. Achieve the performance criteria at a minimum of one key event as outlined below.
5. Key Events	<p>5.1 The following international events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any FIG World Challenge/Cup event from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022. • 2022 Oceania Championships <p>5.2 The following domestic events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Endorsed Domestic Event 2022 with full FIG Judging panel requirements. • 2022 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships <p>5.3 Other international events during the above dates may also be considered by the Technical Committee.</p>
6. Performance Criteria	<p>6.1 Athletes must achieve the following at Key Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meet the AA score: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46.5 AA score in Senior international <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Meet the final score on an apparatus as follows in Senior International: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vault – 12.5 average of two vaults • Uneven bars –11.8 final score • Beam – 11.60 final score

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor – 12.0 final score <p>6.2 Athletes who reach the required scores at selected competitions during the Squad Term can also be added to the Squad. These include Domestic events with Full FIG Judging panels.</p>
7. Selectors	<p>7.1 The Selectors for the National Squad will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Technical Committee (notwithstanding declared conflicts of interest) • Gymnastics New Zealand Performance Manager

<p>8. Selection Process (athletes)</p>	<p>8.1 Individual athletes who meet the selection criteria will be considered for selection.</p> <p>8.28.5 The Technical Committee will then submit their selections to Gymnastics NZ for ratification and announcement by the 30th of October each year for the following year's squad.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8.7 Previous behaviour and performance will be considered by the Selectors for selection onto the National Squad.</p>
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<p>9. Extenuating Circumstances</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"> a) injury or illness of the athlete; b) equipment failure; c) travel delays; d) bereavement; and/or e) other such circumstances as the Selectors reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances. <p>9.2 Any application for extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee, at any stage once the National Squad has been announced</p>
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10. Removal and Withdrawal	<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 can be removed from the National Squad for any of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they fail to maintain the performance standard required in section 5. • The athlete/s fail adhere to the behavioral guidelines as outlined in the Gymnastics NZ Tours Manual (regardless of touring or not) • A change in citizenship circumstances <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>
11. Selection Announcement	<p>11.1 Athletes and 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>
12. Squad Meets	<p>12.1 All Athletes and Groups on the National Squad will be expected to attend a minimum of two Squad Meets per year.</p> <p>The TC will advise squad members of Squad meets dates and times.</p>

13. Camps	<p>13.1 Prior to any major international competition (World Cups, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games) there may be a team camp held for a minimum of 3 days with the team coach and judge. Camp attendance 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>
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