

High Performance Pathway



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What is High Performance?

- High performance (HP) refers to the pinnacle of international sporting achievement. It is a culture of excellence and dedication that drives continuous improvement towards achieving a medal at the highest international standard.
- The highest international standard for high performance is The Olympic Games and World Championships
- High performance exists at the open international level only.
- High performance is achieved by a very small number of athletes in New Zealand.

High Performance Definitions

High Performance Athlete

- An athlete who has achieved a top 16 finish (Olympic) or a podium finish (non-Olympic) at a pinnacle event

High Performance Coach

- Having competed at a HP level or having an athlete in the HP space does not automatically define a HP coach

Judge

- Judges are classified as per the FIG Pathway

High Performance Definitions

High Performance Club

- GymSports NZ has not yet identified or recognised any gymnastics clubs in NZ as being a HP club
- Having HP athletes is not the sole measure of a HP Club

Tours

- Performance Tours = Athletes at this level will travel on these tours.
- Other NZ tours = participation tours
- Club Tours

Why a High Performance Pathway?

Clarity

- We are aware that there are different interpretations of the term 'high performance' within our community
- If we are going to create success in the performance space, then it is integral that everybody is on the same page
- Gymnastics NZ's role in the HP space should be clearly defined and understood

Transparency

- The performance standards need to be understood and made available for the community to access
- Clear targets for athletes and coaches
- A clear and transparent pathway allows for greater accountability in funding allocated and results achieved

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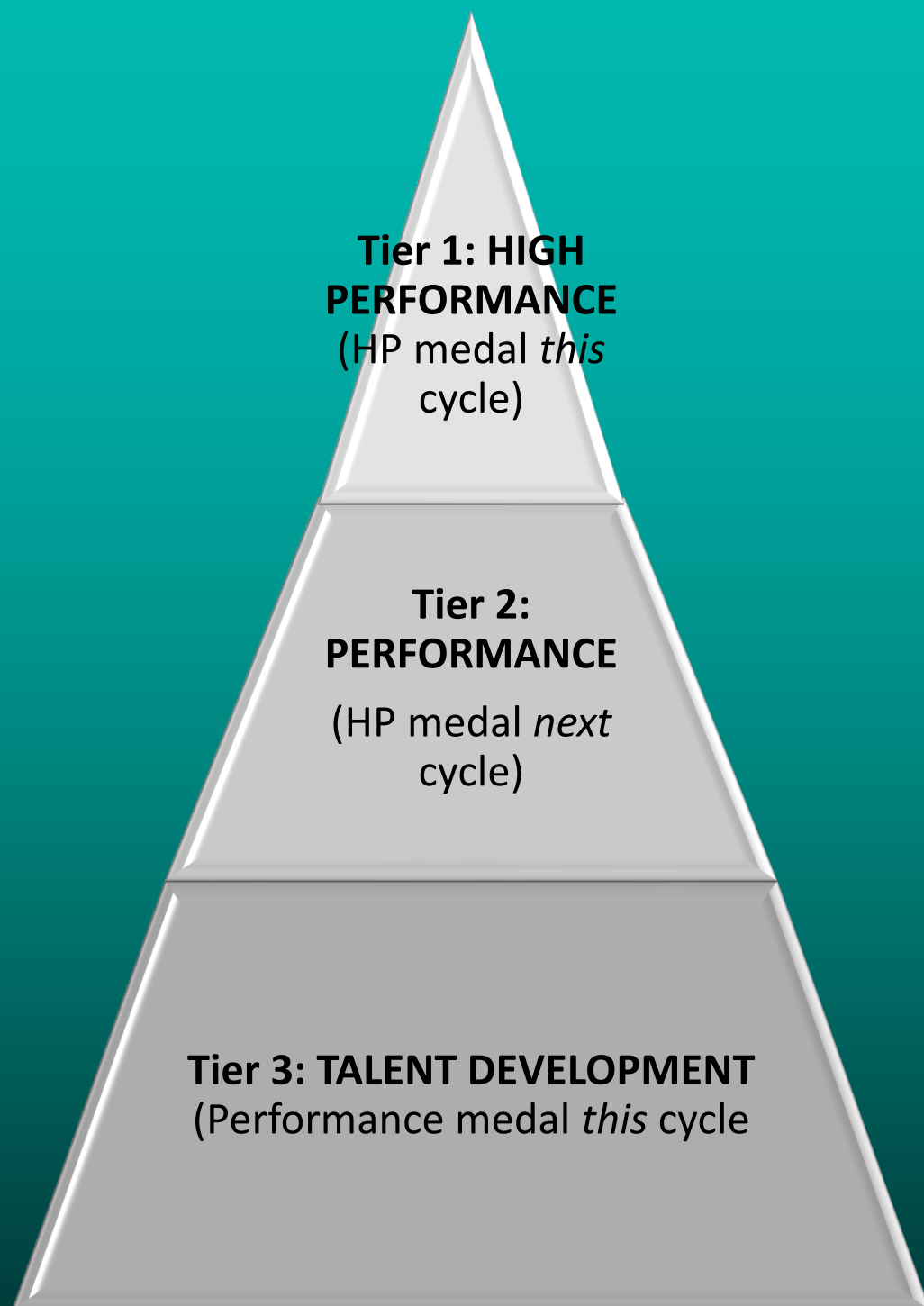
Strategy

- The community identified that leadership in the competitive pathways space is paramount
- High Performance Sport NZ
- NZ Olympic Committee
- Increase growth in the performance space nationwide

Financial

- It is members' expectations that any funding allocated to performance pathways is structured, consistent and transparent
- To provide a pathway to HPSNZ carding for athletes that is realistic and achievable
- Reward and further opportunities

The Pathway



Top 16 finish at a pinnacle event in the previous calendar year.
For e.g Olympic Games, World Championships

Podium finish at a pinnacle event in the previous calendar year; **OR**
Ranked top 3 in a non Pinnacle event year.
•World Championships

Top 24 finish at a pinnacle event; **OR**
A **podium finish** at the Commonwealth Games or Youth Olympics; **OR**
Have finished in the **top 30%** of the field at 2 other performance events.
e.g World Cups, Universiade, Pacific Rim

Top 8 finish at a pinnacle event in the previous calendar year; **OR**
Ranked top 8 in a non-pinnacle event year.
e.g World Championships

Top 30 finish at a pinnacle event; **OR**
A **top 8** finish at the Commonwealth Games or Youth Olympics; **OR**
Have finished in the **top 45%** of the field at 2 other performance events.
e.g World Cups, Universiade, Pacific Rim

Top 16 finish at a pinnacle event in the previous calendar year; **OR**
Ranked top 16 in a non pinnacle event year.
•World Championships

EMERGING TALENT
(A phase for athletes who have demonstrated potential to achieve high performance results – this level is not athlete funded)

1st place finish at NZ Nationals; **OR**
Have finished in the **top 60%** of the field at 2 other performance or named events.
e.g Pacific Rim, Universiade
•ANAC – top 60%
•Indos (Senior open only) – top 60%

How do we classify Athletes?

Qualification (Athletes)

Eligibility

Performance results at Pathway events

Nomination (TCs) - August

TCs nominate athletes to Gymnastics NZ

Selection (Gymnastics NZ) - November

Gymnastics NZ reviews athlete results and the depth and quality of field at the respective events

Gymnastics NZ reviews athlete key event plans

Gymnastics NZ consults with HPSNZ

Application Process & Timeline

1. Gymnastics NZ process

- At the completion of eligible events, Gymnastics NZ reviews results.

2. Eligible Athletes Notified

- Athletes & coaches meet with CEO



3. Athlete Agreements

- Gymnastics NZ prepare agreements and athletes review them.

4. Agreements Signed

- Before end of year

Coaches and Judges

Coaches

- Athletes will qualify a Coach
 - Development & podium funding is coach specific
 - Lead in and pinnacle event funding is non-coach specific

Judges

- A judge will be eligible for funding for a pinnacle event for each code on the HP pathway

