# **WAG 2025 Aspiring Tour**



### **Qualification Criteria**

#### 1.0 Introduction

This Qualification Criteria applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for selection by Gymnastics New Zealand (Gymnastics NZ) for the:

- NSW Build for Tomorrow Coaching Clinic
- NSW/NZ Training Camp

#### 1.1 Selection Process

The process for an athlete to qualify and be selected is as follows:

- a) Athletes must satisfy this qualification criteria to be eligible for nomination; then
- b) The Technical Committee (TC) nominates eligible athletes (and reserves) to Gymnastics NZ; then
- c) The Selectors will select the final team (including reserves) and will announce within 10 business days of receiving nominations.

An athlete's ability to meet this qualification criteria in no way guarantees nomination and/or automatic selection to the team.

#### 1.2 Selectors

The Selectors who will determine the athletes to be selected are:

- Gymnastics New Zealand Head of Gymnastics
- GNZ Selection Committee WAG Technical Expert

#### 2.0 Overriding Objective

The Selectors are to take into account the over-riding objective when determining the selection of athletes.

### 2.1 Over-riding Objective

The over-riding objective is that:

• The individual(s) are on the competitive pathway and capable of representing New Zealand at their respective levels.

#### 3.0 Eligibility

This eligibility criteria forms part of the qualification process and identifies athletes as being eligible for consideration for nomination and selection. This eligibility criteria in no way guarantees nomination and/or selection to the team.

In order to be eligible to be considered for nomination and selection an athlete must satisfy all eligibility clauses below:

#### 3.1 Membership

Athletes must be a fully affiliated member of Gymnastics NZ as a competitive member and comply with Gymnastics NZ regulations and policies.

#### 3.2 Intention to Travel

Athletes must have submitted a valid Intention to Travel for the event that they wish to be eligible for.

#### 3.3 Performance Pathway

Athletes must be on the performance pathway in 2025 including the following groups:

- National Squad members
- Senior International athletes
- Junior International Athletes
- Step 9-10 athletes who are intending on / capable of competing international divisions in 2026.

#### 3.4 Age

Athletes must be 14 years or over at the time of tour departure.

#### 3.5 Level

Athletes must have competed Step 9, Step 10, Junior International or Senior International in 2025.

#### 4.0 Ranking for selection

Due to limited registration numbers athletes and officials will be ranked for selection:

#### Athletes:

- 1. National Squad athletes who have not already travelled in 2025
- 2. Senior International athletes
- 3. Junior International Athletes
- 4. Step 9-10 athletes who are intending on / capable of competing international divisions in 2026.

#### Officials:

- 1. Coaches of selected athletes.
- 2. Coaches of Step 9-Senior International athletes (but whose athletes are not seeking selection for this tour).
- 3. Any other GNZ affiliated WAG coach with GNZ Senior Coach qualifications.
- 4. Any additional Athlete Support officials deemed necessary.

## This ranking criteria in no way guarantees nomination and/or selection to the team.

The maximum number of athletes selected to travel on this tour will be determined by the event requirements. If more athletes meet the performance criteria as set out in clause 4.0 than the number of available positions then selections will be based on the ranking criteria above.

Athletes and officials must meet the ranking criteria as set out in clause 4.0

#### 5.0 Overriding discretion

In addition to the aforementioned clauses, the following factors may be taken into account in considering athletes to be selected, at the discretion of the Selectors:

- a) The attitude and behaviour (past and current) of the athlete; and/or
- b) The athlete's current level of performance, skill, and fitness; and/or
- c) The consistency of the athlete's performance and results from the previous 12 months; and/or
- d) The selectors will have the overriding discretion to select a gymnast if they do not meet any of the performance criteria in clause 4.0 due to extenuating circumstances in clause 6.0, if there is evidence that the gymnast may achieve the overriding objective in clause 2.0; and/or
- e) The selectors will have the overriding discretion to not select a gymnast, regardless of having met any of the performance criteria in clause 4.0, if in the opinion of the selectors there is insufficient evidence that the gymnast may achieve the overriding objective in clause 2.0.

Recent performance will be weighted more heavily than eligibility or past performances outside of the qualification period.

#### **8.0 Team Announcements**

In accordance with this qualification criteria, Gymnastics NZ will formally announce the tour Team via their website and / or e-News and / or any other way deemed appropriate. All team announcements will be posted to the website.