

Gymnastics NZ Incorporated

Anti-Doping Regulation

Commencement Date

31 July 2025

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Gymnastics New Zealand Incorporated Anti-Doping Regulation

1. Purpose and Status of Regulation

- 1.1 The purpose of this Regulation is to meet one of the objects of Gymnastics NZ to encourage and promote Gymnastics as an activity that is free from doping.
- 1.2 This Regulation is also made to comply with Gymnastics NZ's obligations under, and to give effect to:
 - a. the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code);
 - b. the FIG Anti-Doping Rules;
 - c. the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006 and
 - d. the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.
- 1.3 This Regulation replaces the previous Gymnastics New Zealand Incorporated Anti-Doping Regulation (June 2011).
- 1.4 This Regulation was adopted by the Board on 31 July 2025 in accordance with Rules 15.16 and 25 of the Constitution.

2. Commencement Date

- 2.1 This Regulation shall take effect and come into force on 31 July 2025.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meanings as defined in the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, unless specified otherwise.
- 3.2 The following words and phrases used in this Regulation shall mean as follows:

"Act" means the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, as amended from time to time.

"Board" the Board of Gymnastics NZ.

"Constitution" means the constitution of Gymnastics NZ as amended from time to time.

"the Commission" means the Sport Integrity Commission.

"Member" means any person or organisation who is a member of Gymnastics NZ under the Constitution.

"FIG" means the Federation Internationale de Gymnastique.

"FIG Anti-Doping Rules" means the anti-doping rules promulgated by FIG as amended from time to time. These can be obtained from <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com>.

"FIG Registered Testing Pool" means the Registered Testing Pool established by FIG in accordance with the FIG Anti-Doping Rules.

"Sports Anti-Doping Rules" means the Sports Anti-Doping Rules which took effect from 1 July 2007 (made under the Act) and as amended from time to time by the Commission. These may be obtained from <https://sportintegrity.nz/integrity/anti-doping/rules-rights/sports-anti-doping-rules>

"TUE" means Therapeutic Use Exemption.

"WADA" means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

4. Application of Regulation

4.1 This Regulation applies to:

- a. All Members of Gymnastics NZ; and
- b. All other persons who have acknowledged in writing that they are bound by this Regulation or who are otherwise deemed to be bound by reason of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules or the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, which shall include all Athletes, and Athlete Support Personnel.

5. Incorporation of other Anti-Doping Rules

- 5.1 This Regulation incorporates by reference:
- a. The FIG Anti-Doping Rules;
 - b. The Sports Anti-Doping Rules;
- 5.2 By agreeing to the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, Gymnastics NZ, its Members and all persons to whom this Regulation applies to:
- a. Recognise and accept the authority and responsibility of the Commission as the sole National Anti-Doping Organisation in New Zealand for implementing the Code; and
 - b. Authorise the Commission to carry out Doping Control, to investigate Anti- Doping Rule Violations before the Sports Tribunal.
- 5.3 Where there is a conflict or inconsistency between this Regulation, the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, then to the extent of any inconsistency or conflict in interpretation, the following shall apply in the following order:
- a. The FIG Anti-Doping Rules;
 - b. The Sports Anti-Doping Rules;

6. Roles and Responsibilities of Gymnastics NZ

- 6.1 To achieve the objectives of this Regulation, Gymnastics NZ will:
- a. Comply with its obligations under the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and Sports Anti-Doping Rules including:
 - i. reporting to FIG or have the Commission report to FIG, the results of all doping controls (as described in article 7.3 of the FIG Anti- Doping Rules);

- ii. keeping FIG and WADA fully apprised as to the status of any pending case and the results of any hearings (as described in article 8.2.3 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules);
 - iii. reporting to FIG, or have the Commission report to FIG, at least twice per year the results of all anti-doping controls (as described in article 14.2 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules); and
 - iv. reporting to FIG and WADA, or have the Commission report to FIG and WADA, information regarding Adverse Analytical Findings (as described in article 14.3 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules).
- b. Educate and inform Members about issues concerning doping in sport;
- c. Assist the Commission, FIG, and other relevant anti-doping organisations to develop and undertake testing programmes and assist with any Anti-Doping Rule Violation investigations;
- d. Enforce the sanctions imposed by the Sports Tribunal, FIG or other national or international sporting bodies, or national doping organisations, on any Member, or other persons over whom Gymnastics NZ has jurisdiction, who is found by a competent authority to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

7. Anti-Doping Education

- 7.1 Gymnastics NZ will educate and inform Members about issues concerning doping in sport by:
 - a. Circulating or providing Members with information, materials and resources on doping in sport; and
 - b. Cooperating with the Commission, FIG, WADA and other relevant Anti-Doping Organisations to implement drug education and information programmes for Members.

8. Application for a TUE

- 8.1 Athletes who form part of the FIG Registered Testing Pool or who intend to participate in an International Event who wish to apply for a TUE must apply to FIG in accordance with the procedures prescribed by FIG (regardless of whether the Athlete has received a TUE by the

Commission).

- 8.2 All other Athletes may apply to the TUE Committee established by the Commission.

9. Whereabouts Information

- 9.1 Athletes who form part of the FIG Registered Testing Pool must comply with the gymnast whereabouts requirements as set out in the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and must provide a copy of such information to the Commission at the same time.
- 9.2 Athletes who form part of the Commission Registered Testing Pool must comply with the whereabouts information requirements as set out in the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

10. Hearing of Anti-Doping Rule Violations

- 10.1 With the exception of Anti-Doping Rule Violations arising from testing or investigations carried out by FIG (which shall be dealt with in accordance with the FIG Anti-Doping Rules) all Anti-Doping Rule Violations shall be heard before the Sports Tribunal in accordance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.
- 10.2 Any appeal from a decision of the Sports Tribunal shall be in accordance with any appeal rights conferred by the Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

11. Sanctions

- 11.1 In addition to the sanctions prescribed by the FIG Anti-Doping Rules and the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, where a Member or other person bound by this Regulation is found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, the Board may direct that the person be ineligible:
- a. To receive direct or indirect funding or assistance from Gymnastics NZ and Sport New Zealand for the complete period of ineligibility; and/or
 - b. From holding any position within Gymnastics NZ or being involved in any other way within Gymnastics NZ for the complete period of ineligibility; and
 - i. From utilising any facilities, premises, grounds or resources of Gymnastics NZ and/or Member Clubs and/or Associate

Members of Gymnastics NZ for a sporting purpose for the complete period of ineligibility, except as a spectator or supporter; or

- ii. For participating in a doping education programme or counselling;
- iii. To participate in out of competition testing to facilitate a reinstatement after the period of ineligibility expires.

11.2 Before making any decision under clause 11.1, the Board shall give 14 days' notice of its intention to the person so affected. The person so affected may provide written submissions to the Board in mitigation prior to the Board's decision. The decision of the Board under this clause shall be final and not subject to appeal save to the extent that the person is successfully able to appeal the Anti-Doping Rule Violation in accordance with the FIG Anti-Doping Rules or Sports Anti-Doping Rules.

12. Amendments

12.1 This Regulation may be amended by the Gymnastics NZ Board in accordance with Rule 25 of the Constitution provided that such amendments are not inconsistent with the Constitution.