

GymSports NZ Incorporated

National Championships Regulation

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1 January 2008**

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1. Purpose and Status of Regulation

- 1.1 GymSports NZ is responsible for owning, managing and otherwise being responsible for all national Gymsports competitions and events in New Zealand which GymSports NZ has control over and authority to own or manage. (Rule 3.2h of the Constitution). These competitions include the GymSports NZ National Championships.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Regulation is to set out the structure of the GymSports NZ National Championships and the procedures governing it. The rules governing the programme, hosting rights, the competition rules and other matters related to the GymSports NZ National Championships are set out in the GymSports NZ National Championships Manual. To the extent of any inconsistency between this Regulation and the Manual, this Regulation shall apply.
- 1.3 This Regulation was adopted by the Board on 14 February 2008 in accordance with Rule 25 of the Constitution.

2. Commencement Date

- 2.1 This Regulation shall take effect and come into force on 1 January 2008.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 Every reference to the Constitution shall mean the GymSports NZ Constitution unless specified otherwise.
- 3.2 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution unless otherwise specified.
- 3.3 In addition to clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of this Regulation, the following words and phrases used in this Regulation shall mean as follows:

“Event Director” means the person or persons appointed by the Board to be responsible for organising the Gymsports NZ Championships.

“GymSports NZ National Championships” and **“the Championships”** means the official national competition(s) held annually and sanctioned and authorised by GymSports NZ for each of the following Gymsports Disciplines: Men’s and Women’s Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Rhythmic Gymnastics. The Championships for each of these Gymsports Disciplines may be held alone, simultaneously or concurrently.

“Sanctioned Event” means a Gymsports event held by or on behalf of a Club or Clubs or Regional Board which has been sanctioned by the Board as such. The criteria for a sanctioned event shall be determined by the Board and notified to Regional Boards and Member Clubs annually. For the purposes of this Regulation, the Sanctioned Events for each Gymsports Discipline must be held between 1 March and completed no later than the second week of August in the year of that Gymsport’s Discipline’s Championships.

“Team Officials” means the coach, manager and any other person appointed by a Provincial National Championships Committee (specified in clause 4.5) to support athletes of the Province’s team competing at the Championships.

4. Representation at National Championships

- 4.1 **Representation for a Province:** For the sole purpose of the GymSports NZ Championships, athletes shall enter and compete in the Championships as representatives of a geographical area, known as a Province. The Provinces (and the geographical boundaries which define them) shall have no other status under the Constitution other than for the Championships.
- 4.2 The Championships shall be contested in each of the Gymsports by a team of athletes from each Province against teams of athletes from other Provinces.

- 4.3 There will be 15 Provinces comprised as follows:
- a. **Northland:** Kaipara and Northland
 - b. **North Harbour:** Rodney and North Shore
 - c. **Auckland:** Central Auckland, Waitakere and Waiheke Island
 - d. **Counties Manukau:** Manukau, Papakura and Franklin
 - e. **Waikato:** Waikato, Hauraki, Thames, Coromandel, Taupo and Rotorua
 - f. **Bay of Plenty:** Tauranga, Kawerau and Whakatane
 - g. **Taranaki:** South Taranaki, New Plymouth and Stratford
 - h. **Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay:** Hawkes Bay and Gisborne
 - i. **Wanganui/Manawatu:** Wanganui, Horowhenua, and Manawatu
 - j. **Wellington:** Wairarapa, Kapiti Coast, and Wellington
 - k. **Top of the South:** Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman, Kaikoura and Buller, Hokitika, Greymouth
 - l. **Canterbury:** , Canterbury, Ashburton
 - m. **Aorangi:** Timaru, Oamaru, Mackenzie District
 - n. **Otago:** Central Otago, , Haast
 - o. **Southland:** Queenstown, Invercargill, Te Anau, Fiordland, Gore, Stewart Island
- 4.3 **Provincial Boundaries:** The boundaries for each Province shall be the geographical areas of the district and city councils specified in clause 4.2 as depicted in **Appendix 1** of this Regulation. Should there be any doubt or difference regarding the interpretation of the boundaries, this will be determined by the Board after consultation with the Regional Board(s) governing the Region in which the relevant Province(s) are situated.
- 4.4 Each Member Club shall be part of the Province in which its Gymsports facility, or the facility that it primarily uses, is physically situated.
- 4.5 For the purposes of the Gymsports NZ National Championships only, each of the Member Clubs in a Province shall appoint, in such manner as they

determine, a committee on their behalf to be the Provincial National Championships Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for:

- a selecting the team(s) of athletes and Team Officials to represent the Province at the Championships, including determining the criteria for such selection;
- b communicating with GymSports NZ National Office and the Event Director regarding all matters related to the Championships (other than entries and entry fees which are the responsibilities of each Member Club that has athletes or team officials desiring to compete in the Championships); and
- c liaising with the relevant Regional Board in which the Province is situated regarding its representation at the Championships.

5. Qualification and Eligibility to Compete

5.1 **Membership:** Every athlete, Team Official and technical official desiring to compete or officiate in the GymSports NZ Championships must be a current financial member of a Member Club and/or GymSports NZ. All technical officials must be current financial Technical Members of GymSports NZ as defined in Rule 9.1 of the Constitution.

5.2 **Eligibility:** In addition to clause 5.1, in order for any athlete, Team Official or technical official to be eligible to compete or officiate in a GymSports NZ National Championships,

- a Every athlete and Team official must:
 - i. have achieved the applicable Championships standards and requirements specified by the Sports Development Committees of GymSports NZ at Sanctioned Events (in the case of athletes) and specified by GymSports NZ (in the case of Team Officials);
 - ii. have fully paid any outstanding debts he or she owes to GymSports NZ and/or their Member Club, and
 - iii. not be the subject of a ban, suspension or otherwise be serving other penalty or sanction for disciplinary matters imposed by their Club, an Affiliate, GymSports NZ, FIG or

any criminal offence punishable by imprisonment of not less than three months that has been imposed by any court in New Zealand.

b The athlete's Member Club must have fully paid any outstanding debts it owes to GymSports NZ including membership or other fees.

5.3 The Board shall invite Technical Members who have met the criteria for judging and officiating to be technical officials for the Championships.

6. Entries and Entry Fees

6.1 **Entries:** Entries for each Provincial team of athletes and Team Officials desiring to participate in the Championships must be completed in full on the prescribed GymSports NZ form(s) and received by the GymSports NZ National Office by the time and date specified on the form(s).

6.2 **Late Entries:** Any entries that do not comply with clause 6.1 shall be regarded as late entries. These may only be accepted in the sole discretion of the Event Director.

6.3 **Entry Fees Set by Board:** The entry fee for each category of athlete for a GymSports NZ Championships will be set by the Board and communicated to all Member Clubs and Regional Boards by no later than three months prior to a Championships.

6.4 **Payment of Entry Fees:** Each Member Club that has athletes or Team Officials participating in the Championships will be sent an invoice by GymSports NZ by no later than two months prior to the Championships. The invoice must be paid by the due date specified on the invoice otherwise the late payment penalty in clause 6.5 may apply.

6.5 **Penalties for Late Payment:** Any payment for entries which are made after the due date for payment, may at the discretion of the Event Director incur a late payment fee being 50% of the entry fee.

- 6.6 **Changes to Athlete Entries:** Changes to individual entries for athletes may be allowed prior to the commencement of the Championships at the discretion of the Event Director upon payment of an administration fee of \$50 incl GST.
- 6.7 **Substitute athletes:** Substitute athletes are permitted to compete provided they are specified on the entry form either as reserve substitutes or additional individual athlete substitutes, and in the case of reserve substitutes the Event Director is notified of the athlete that is being replaced and the reasons for such replacement as specified in this clause. Reserve athletes must compete in the case of injury, illness or bereavement of an athlete entered for that team who is unable to compete. Additional individual athletes specified as substitutes may, at the discretion of the Team's officials, compete in place of an athlete entered for that team at any time during the Championships. No other substitute will be accepted in the Championships other than those specified as such on the entry form.
- 6.8 **Reimbursement of Entry Fee:** If a substitute athlete (as defined in clause 6.7) competes in a Championships, there shall be no reimbursement of the entry fee.

For avoidance of doubt, no reimbursement of any entry fee will be payable for any athlete that withdraws for non injury or medical reasons. 80% of the entry fee will be refunded on receipt of a medical certificate and completed withdraw form signed by the Event Director. No reimbursement will be payable for any athlete that withdraws at any time for any reason other than that specified in this clause.

7. Uniforms

- 7.1 **Athletes:** All athletes representing a Province at a Championships must only wear the competition uniform at all times whilst in the competition facility. The competition uniform shall be determined by the Provincial National Championships Committee. It shall be in the colours of the Province as specified in **Appendix 2** or such other colours determined by the Provincial National Championships Committee provided it has been prior approved by the Board (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld). Athlete uniforms must comply with FIG rules and guidelines.

- 7.2 **Team Officials:** All Team Officials supporting a Provincial team at a Championships must wear a team uniform (such as a tracksuit or other similar attire) at all times whilst in the competition facility. This uniform shall be determined by the Provincial National Championships Committee and be in colours of the Province as specified in **Appendix 2** or such other colours determined by the Provincial National Championships Committee provided it has been prior approved by the Board (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld).
- 7.3 **Ownership and Costs:** Uniforms will be the property of the Member Clubs in the Province as represented by the Provincial National Championships Committee. The cost of uniforms shall be borne by the Member Clubs and/or athletes in the Province as determined by the Provincial National Championships Committee.
- 7.4 **Technical Officials:** All technical officials are required to wear the official GymSports NZ Technical Uniform. Current FIG brevet judges are permitted to wear the FIG Brevet judge's uniform.
- 7.4 **Other Uniforms:** Athletes, team officials and technical officials must not wear any other items of attire whilst in the competition facility other than specified in this Regulation including international uniforms.

8. Accreditation

- 8.1 No athletes, Team Officials or technical officials will be entitled to access the competition facility and associated facilities for a Championships without an Accreditation Card.
- 8.2 Accreditation cards will be allocated by the Event Director upon approval of entries and appointment of technical officials by GymSports NZ. The Event Director shall determine the number and criteria for allocation of Accreditation Cards.

9. Competition Numbers

- 9.1 Every entry for an athlete to the Championships must specify the athlete's GymSports NZ competition number. An entry will not be accepted without such number.

- 9.2 The following competition numbers are allocated to each Province for all registered competitive gymnasts/athletes for Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic, Rhythmic, Trampoline and Aerobics as follows:

Province	From	To
AORANGI	1000	1299
AUCKLAND	1300	1999
BAY OF PLENTY	2000	2499
CANTERBURY	2500	3199
HAWKES BAY POVERTY BAY	3200	3699
GYMSPORT MANUKAU	3700	4399
NORTH HARBOUR	4400	5099
NORTHLAND	5100	5399
OTAGO	5400	6099
SOUTHLAND	6100	6499
TARANAKI	6500	6799
TOP OF THE SOUTH	6800	7099
WAIKATO	7100	7799
WANGANUI MANUWATU	7800	8099
WELLINGTON	8100	8899

- 9.3 The Provincial National Championships Committee in each Province is responsible for allocating the numbers designed under clause 9.2 to athletes and for reporting them to Gymsports NZ National Office annually.
- 9.4 Once a number is allocated the athlete shall retain that number as long as they participate in Gymsports competitions whether at club, regional/provincial or national level. Numbers can be reallocated following retirement from competition of an athlete.
- 9.5 The competition numbers for each athlete shall be submitted on entry forms for all club, regional/provincial and national competitions. The competition number must be stated on the official competition results reports.
- 9.6 Artistic gymnasts are required to wear their competition numbers at all club, provincial, regional and national competitions. The penalty for incorrect attire (as specified in the FIG rules) shall apply if an athlete fails to wear their correct competition number. If overseas gymnasts are competing in competitions the host province is required to provide temporary numbers for the overseas participants.

Appendix 1

Provincial Boundaries

The line in black marks the Provincial boundaries. See attached

Appendix 2

Provincial Colours

REGIONAL COLOURS

Aorangi	AOR	Green/White
Auckland	AUC	Blue/White, Blue/Silver
Bay of Plenty	BOP	Blue/Gold/White
Canterbury	CAN	Red/Black
Gymnastics Otago	OTA	Blue/Gold
Gymnastics Southland	SOU	Jade/Blue/White
Gymsport Manukau GMA		Teal/White/Black/Orange or Gold
Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay	HBP	Black/White
North Harbour	HAR	Black/Burgundy
Northland	NTH	Navy/Light Blue/White
Taranaki	TAR	Yellow/Black
Top of the South	TOP	Blue/White/Red
Waikato	WAI	Black/Gold/Red
Wanganui/Manawatu	WAN	Navy/Green
Wellington	WEL	Black/Gold/White