

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY POLICY

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Wyndham City Gymnastics is committed to ensuring a safe, fair, and developmentally appropriate competitive environment for all athletes. To maintain high standards of safety, readiness, and professionalism, the following criteria apply to all gymnasts participating in competitions or placed within competitive programs.

1. Skill Requirements for Each Apparatus

Gymnasts must consistently demonstrate all required skills for each apparatus as outlined in the competition criteria. This ensures that every athlete is physically prepared, confident, and safe when performing these skills in a competition environment.

2. Apparatus-Specific Eligibility

If a gymnast cannot consistently and safely perform all required elements on a specific apparatus, they will not be permitted to compete on that apparatus. They may compete once they can demonstrate every required skill reliably and under coach supervision.

3. Overall Competition Eligibility

If a gymnast is unable to perform the required skills across all apparatus by the competition closing date, they will be considered ineligible for that competition. This maintains fairness among competitors and upholds the integrity of the event.

4. Attendance Requirements & Competition Readiness

Attendance is a significant factor in both competition eligibility and ongoing placement within a competitive program. Consistent training is essential for skill development, physical readiness, and safe performance.

- Attendance is monitored throughout the year, and patterns of absence may impact an athlete's placement in a competitive program.
- Gymnasts must not miss training during the week leading up to a competition, unless for approved medical or exceptional reasons. Missing training during this period can affect performance readiness and may result in removal from the competition for safety and preparedness reasons.

5. Coaching, Preparation & Athlete Responsibility

Coaches will guide gymnasts in skill development, highlight areas requiring improvement, and support each athlete in meeting the necessary competition standards. Gymnasts are expected to train diligently, take onboard coach feedback, and actively work toward meeting performance criteria.

6. Communication & Support for Athletes

If a gymnast is experiencing difficulty with a skill, apparatus, or attendance requirement, families are encouraged to communicate with the coaching team promptly. Early communication allows us to provide appropriate support, guidance, and adjustments where necessary.

Our Commitment

This policy is designed to promote a supportive, safe, and fair competitive environment. By maintaining clear expectations around skill readiness and consistent attendance, we empower gymnasts to perform at their best and support their long-term development. These guidelines ensure that all athletes enter competitions confidently, knowing they are well-prepared and supported, with their well-being as our highest priority.

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO POLICY

Recommended changes to this policy may be submitted to the Wyndham City Gymnastics General Manager for consideration at any time. Should changes be accepted, the policy will be updated, dated, and circulated to all relevant stakeholders.

Wyndham City Gymnastics is committed to ensuring all policies are up-to-date and reflect current times, therefore reviews are undertaken annually. The next review date is detailed at the beginning of each policy.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

Wyndham City Gymnastics administration is responsible for implementing this Policy and will work within the legal requirements of the Privacy Act 1988 and the Clubs Privacy Policy.