

MARLBOROUGH GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Circular:** An invitation to join us at our Marlborough Open Competition
- Date:** Saturday and Sunday 25/26 June 2016
- Venue:** Marlborough Lines Stadium, Kinross Street, Blenheim
- Exercises & Grades:** A gymnast may not enter both a Competitive and a Recreational Grade
- Entry Fee:**
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| Recreational: | \$25.00 per gymnast |
| Competitive: | |
| MAG Levels 1 to 3 | \$30.00 per gymnast |
| MAG Levels 4 to 6 | \$35.00 per gymnast |
| WAG Steps 1 to 4 | \$30.00 per gymnast |
| WAG Steps 5 & 6 | \$35.00 per gymnast |
| WAG Steps 7 & Up | \$50.00 per gymnast |
| MAG Levels 7, 8 & 9 | \$50.00 per gymnast |
| MAG Levels 4 & Up | \$ 7.00 per apparatus
(Apparatus event – Sunday) |
| Pre International IDP 1 & 2 | \$30.00 |
| IDP others | \$50.00 |
| Junior & Senior International | \$50.00 |
- Music:** For WAG competitive Steps 6 & up individual music on CDs, clearly marked, must be provided on the competition day.
- For recreational grades which allow for floor music - CDs please. There must be only 1 piece of music on each CD cut to the exact floor exercise length.
- Judges:** Judges are an essential part of any competition. For the Competitive Levels/Steps the ability to run a qualifying event will depend on the availability of sufficient qualified Judges.
- Note:** There will be no protests.
- Recorders:** Clubs please supply one recorder for each competitive Level/Step where a Club has more than four competitors in the competitive Levels. We do our best to keep requirements to a minimum and finalise allocations once we know recorder numbers needed and how many we can provide from our Club.
- GSNZ Sanction:** Sanction is held for WAG Steps 5 to 10, IDP, International and MAG Levels 1 to 10. The MAG apparatus event on the Sunday is not a sanctioned event.
- Warm-ups:** Marshalling will take place, followed by warm-ups. These will be slightly different depending on the Step, Level, or Grade involved. For most Junior, Levels and Recreational Grades it will be based on general stretch then warm up on an apparatus and compete that apparatus before moving on and doing the same for the next apparatus.
- Warm-up for WAG Steps and ILs will be in terms of the WAG Programme.
- Presentations:** Medals are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place-getters and certificates for 4th, 5th and 6th place-getters. There are no team or apparatus presentations for WAG, Recreational or MAG (Saturday).
- Lunches:** There is a Subway and CPR Coffee shop at the Stadium providing, between them, a full range of food.
- Billets:** The Club is unable to arrange gymnast billets for the event.
- Programme:** Programme details will be sent following receipt of all entries. No assurance is given that all Steps/Levels/Grades will be on the Saturday. Expected numbers mean some Steps/Levels/Grades will continue on to the Sunday.
- The MAG apparatus event will be held on the Sunday.
- Aim:** This is a friendly competition. Our aim is to ensure gymnasts, coaches, judges, officers and parents enjoy themselves – we are not perfect, however, and seek your forbearance should there be any hitches.

Marlborough Gymnastics Open Competition 2016

Exercises/Grades

Girls and Boys – General Gymnastics

Exercises are in accordance with the 2016 Top of the South Association exercises. Should anyone not have the 2016 Edition, please ask urgently so a copy may be forwarded.

Grades

Gym Fun

Grade 1

Grade 2

Iron

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Elite

Age Group

Women's Open and Adult Open

Note:

1. Coaches are urged to enter gymnasts in the level in which they are best suited especially in the Elite/Age Group and above grades.
2. The old incentive award descriptions are used since the Tots exercises are still based on those descriptions.

Competitive MAG

Levels – Saturday

Levels 1 to 10 – GSNZ Requirement.

Apparatus Event – Sunday

Following trials held in 2012 and further events held in 2013, 2014 and 2015, the NZ MAG SDC has agreed to continue with the Apparatus Challenge event. One of those events will be at the Marlborough Gymnastic Championships in 2016.

Challenges

Challenge 4 – any four skills, two element groups to be met, A value dismount, if dismount chosen.

Challenge 6 – any six skills, three element groups to be met, A value dismount, if dismount chosen.

Challenge 8 – any eight skills, four element groups to be met, B value dismount, if dismount chosen.

Open Challenge – full FIG requirements

In all challenges the rules are as per full FIG requirements. All skills presented must be in the Code of Points and gymnasts cannot include any development or additional skills as in the Levels manual for D score.

There is no doubling of difficulty.

For the Challenge gymnasts may do as many skills in a routine as required with the hardest (top) 4, 6, 8 or 10 skills counting towards their D score. The Element Group Requirements (EGRs) must be within the top 4, 6, 8, 10 counting skills to be credited with the 0.5 EGR bonus.

Gymnasts may enter any apparatus at any challenge level in which they believe they will be competitive, eg a competitor may enter Challenge 4 floor, Challenge 6 vault and Open High Bar should they wish. However if a gymnast wins an apparatus at a Challenge event it is expected they will move up a Challenge level for the next Challenge competition.

Competition Structure and Judging Panels

Clubs must indicate at the time of entry in which Challenge levels their gymnasts will enter and pay the required entry fees. This may be subject to change at the competition due to injury or other issues affecting the gymnast. The requirement is that any changes are notified by 5.00 pm on the Saturday so details may be adjusted in the computer system.

Each apparatus will be timetabled individually by the event Control Judge and prize giving for each apparatus will take place prior to the warm-up for the next apparatus.

There will be two judging panels on each apparatus with a minimum of two judges on each panel, one of whom must be a senior judge. If, however, at the time of entry closing there is no Challenge 8 or Open then the two judges may be junior judges. A Brevet judge must be present at the event if an Open Challenge is to be completed.

The event will run non-stop with alternating challenges on each apparatus. The same judging panel must judge the same challenge level in all cases to ensure fairness to the gymnasts.

The event is open to any affiliated gymnast including adult class members, coaches, judges, parent, ex gymnasts and is also open to any WAG gymnasts wanting to compete in the Open Apparatus Challenge restricted to floor and vault only.

The entry fee for the event set by the MAG Sport Development Committee is \$7 per apparatus with \$1 of that to be returned to the SDC to further grow development of the Challenge event.

Awards will be medals for the 3 top place getters on each challenge apparatus. If there are less than 6 competitors on an apparatus the event organiser may choose to only award certificates, however a medal will be awarded for the first place getter in all events.

Entries

There is an entry form for the MAG Apparatus entries. We ask that this be used for entries and that payment of the entry fee for each apparatus entered is included in payments made by the club with all other entries.

If additional entries are received at the event by the 5.00 pm Saturday deadline the required entry fees must be paid at that time.

Competitive Girls

International and Levels (Competitive)

(This will be a GSNZ sanctioned competition for all Steps and ILs **provided sufficient accredited judges are available**).

Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be as per GSNZ Text.

International Levels ILs 1-2 as per GSNZ requirements.

NB: It is a one day event for WAG.