

MAG National Championship Format

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(Note: Changes this competition year are highlighted in red)

I. Overview

In order to ensure the continued competitiveness of the NAIGC MAG competition as well as maintain our commitment to inclusive opportunities for competitors of all skills and ages, the NAIGC MAG National Championships will have three **levels**: NAIGC Developmental, Intermediate, and Advanced (GymACT).

In order to offer competitive gymnastics opportunities to a range of athletes, finals qualification and awards will be given in placement categories which are based on collegiate eligibility and self-selected gender. The categories are broken into Collegiate/Community and Men+/Women+, resulting in four placement categories for each level: Collegiate Men+, Collegiate Women+, Community Men+, and Community Women+. These categories were created to define fair competitive fields and are defined in the NAIGC Nationals Competition Structure and Eligibility, linked in Section V of this document, and includes the reasoning for this structure.

Finals qualification and awards will be given in each of these categories and are treated as competing in separate competitions. The number of individuals and teams that qualify to finals will follow the placement categories and be proportional to registration numbers. We don't currently have capacity on our MAG equipment to offer finals for NAIGC Developmental. The NAIGC Registration and Scoring tool, ScoreFlippers, supports a wide range of results filters so athletes can evaluate their scores relative to a variety of competitors (effectively creating an unofficial/unique category if desired).

II. **Qualification to Finals and Awards Summary** (blue numbers are subject to change up to midnight the Sunday before Nationals).

A. Number of Finals Qualifiers and Number of Awards:

Level		Placement Cat.	Team	All Around	Events
NAIGC Advanced (GymACT)	Finals	Collegiate W+			2
		Collegiate M+	3	10	12
		Community W+		2	2
		Community M+	2	4	4
	Awards	Collegiate W+			2
		Collegiate M+	3	3	3
		Community W+		2	2
		Community M+	2	3	3
NAIGC Intermediate	Finals	Collegiate W+	2	2	2
		Collegiate M+	3	7	8
		Community W+	2	2	2
		Community M+	2	3	3
	Awards	Collegiate W+	2	2	2
		Collegiate M+	3	3	3
		Community W+	2	2	2
		Community M+	2	3	3
NAIGC Developmental	Finals	Collegiate W+	Finals Not Offered For This Level		
		Collegiate M+			
		Community W+			
		Community M+			
	Awards	Collegiate W+	3	3	3
		Collegiate M+	3	3	3
		Community W+	3	3	3
		Community M+		3	3

B. Finals qualification numbers are based on the total number of allowed qualifiers, distributed proportionally (based on registration) between awards categories. For categories and levels that take finals qualifiers, there will be a minimum of two qualifications per grouping unless that category only has one person/team, in which case they will qualify to finals as the sole person/team.

C. All awards categories will go out to 3 award places unless there are fewer than 3 participants in the category. If there are fewer than 3 participants in a category, each participant will receive an award.

III. **Levels**

A. The MAG National Championship will support three levels:

- NAIGC Developmental (Finals NOT Offered)
- NAIGC Intermediate (Finals Offered)
- NAIGC Advanced (Finals Offered)

IV. **Rules**

A. For detailed competition rules specific to each level, see the [NAIGC MAG Rules](#).

V. **Placement Categories**

A. For details about eligibility criteria and other properties of these categories, see the [Competition Structures and Eligibility Policy](#).

VI. Judging

- A. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel. Both judges will evaluate D and E scores.
- B. All events will be judged by the same judging panel for prelims and finals (excluding unforeseen circumstances).

VII. Schedule

- A. The meet will have preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday.
- B. There will be a single combined Finals session for each level offering a finals competition on Saturday.
- C. Any level and/or placement category not offering a finals competition will be announced one week after the regular registration deadline.
- D. Awards will be given at a time and place after competition concludes.

VIII. Format

- A. All sessions will be conducted using “warm-up - compete” format. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event. Each group of athletes on a rotation will be given at least 12 minutes to warm up each event. Athletes are allowed extra warm-up turns between competitors but must immediately dismount when the judges are ready to judge the next routine.
- B. Each preliminary session may accommodate multiple levels, depending on registration. Teams from the same club will be assigned to the same session regardless of level, unless a club requests otherwise. Competitors will compete in order of ascending level. Ex: All Developmental gymnasts will compete first (regardless of club), then Intermediate gymnasts, then Advanced gymnasts. Within each level teams can decide (prior to the deadline in ScoreFlippers) their preferred order.
- C. The combined Finals session will have, for each level offering a final, a Team Finals, an All-Around Finals, and an Event Finals for each competitive event: FX, PH, SR, VT, PB, HB.
- D. Individuals who qualify for multiple Finals involving the same competitive event will perform a single routine whose score will count towards each relevant Finals competition.

IX. Competitions

- A. Scope – Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed (possibly to zero) to accommodate variance in registration or the distribution of individuals among divisions. All changes will be announced by midnight the Sunday before Nationals begins.

B. Team Competition

- 1. In preliminary sessions, at least three non-zero scores must be received on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
- 2. To be eligible for a team score and award, all participating gymnasts must compete in the same session (but can be in separate rotations as needed). Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis for omnithon and decathlon

athletes, and all petitions shall be emailed to events@naigc.org at least one week prior to the first day of competition.

3. There is no cap to the number of gymnasts that can be on a team, or alternatively, clubs can choose to divide into two or more teams (during registration).
4. To be eligible as a team member in team Finals, an individual must have been registered for that team in the preliminary competition.
5. Each club can only qualify one team to finals in each level and placement category.
6. In team finals, a team may select up to four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score. To receive a team score, at least three non-zero scores must be received on each event. **Team finals lineups must be submitted electronically by 9pm Friday night via this form: <https://naigc.org/finals-roster-submission>. All teams are required to submit a team final lineup regardless of whether they believe they will qualify to finals or not, and each for each level AND placement category for which you have an eligible team. You can refer to your check-in email if you do not know which teams are eligible. For NAIGC National Championships, the start of competition is defined by the start of the playing of the national anthem. If you do need to change your roster after they've been submitted but before 9pm on Friday, you can do so by submitting the form again. After that point, you may change the roster for a given event up until the first person competes on that particular event by communicating the change to the judge at the event.**
7. The substitute competitor may be placed in any lineup position. Once the first competitor signals the Head Judge to begin their routine on any event, no substitutions for another competitor can be made on that event regardless of what occurs following the signal, including for reason of injury.
8. To be eligible for a team award, all contributing scores must be from gymnasts that are registered within the same placement category, with the exception of the mixed-team award, as defined in the NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility Policy.
9. Rotation assignments for finals will be automatically determined based on prelim placements.
10. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement category.

C. All-Around Competition

1. Competitors participating in the Team Finals who did not qualify for All-Around Finals in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the All-Around competition.
2. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement category.

D. Event Competitions

1. Competitors participating in the Team Finals who did not qualify for an event final in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the individual event competition. Similarly, competitors participating in the All-Around Finals who did not qualify for an event final in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the individual event competition).
2. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement category.

E. Inquiry Procedure

1. At NAIGC National Championships, the meet referee will be a MAG rules team member. The meet referee will oversee the enforcement of the NAIGC rules and interpretations and handle any inquiries.
2. Inquiries may only be made for the difficulty score and neutral deductions. Execution scores stand as final (including deductions for single large errors).
3. The inquiring party must completely fill out an inquiry form which can be found at the head table. This form must be provided to the meet referee (MAG rules team member) who will interface with the relevant judge. Video submissions may be submitted to mag-rules@naigc.org as optional evidence for the inquiry and must be submitted prior to providing the form to the meet referee. The meet referee will provide an update to the gymnast and handle any subsequent score updates (as needed).
4. A judge, *at the judge's discretion*, may elect to speak directly to the gymnast if they require more information to address the inquiry.
5. All Inquiries must be submitted prior to 10 minutes following the last routine of the session. The recommended time frame is before the end of the rotation following the one to which the inquiry applies. A last call for inquiries will be announced prior to the meet referee dismissing the judges.

X. Amendments

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Men's Rules Team or the Director of the Events Department if the changes are minor. If the sum total of changes are big enough that a majority of MAG members need to know about it, the changes must be approved by the NAIGC Board.
- B. Within Section II, any of the numbers in blue may be amended by the NAIGC President, MAG Rules Team, or the Director of the Events Department.
- C. This document may be amended at any time up to two weeks preceding the Nationals event in the case of significant changes impacting the event, including but not limited to national emergencies, pandemics, and natural disasters.

Document Revision History

Version / Date	Author	Change/Reason
Version 1.0 / 9/21/2017	Clint Gyory	Policy Created
Version 1.1 / 11/16/2017	Clint Gyory	VIII: Changed Mercy rule. Removed extra mercy rule competitors for extra team fees paid and placed deadline on signing up for mercy rule V.C: Added Open division awards time and location (tentative) VII.A: added final cutoff (midnight Sunday before Nationals) for Finals qualification distribution
Version 1.2	Julia Sharpe	-Changed name from 2018 NAIGC Men's National Championships Structure, Format, & Rules -Updated to remove divisions -Updated language to match competition structure and eligibility that uses category for awards but not qualification -Change men/men's to MAG for improved inclusivity -Updated language for determining finals offerings
Version 1.3	Nate Sharpe	Updated blue numbers.
Version 1.4 / 12/1/2019	Julia Sharpe	-Changed text in Section VIII to reference the table in section II instead of listing everything again. -Fixed some typos

Version 1.5	Julia Sharpe	-Changed level 9 finals wording to “may offer” in case nationals 2021 is very small -Fixed more typos -Added language for potential changes for COVID (Section IX.C)
Version 1.6	Julia Sharpe	-Added clause about finals rotation assignments -Made it explicit that bump touch is allowed -Fixed confusing statement about session assignments
Version 1.7	Julia Sharpe	-Updated to match Competition Structures and Eligibility policy, which specifies that finals qualification is by level and awards category. -Updated language to clearly state how we chose blue numbers for finals and awards -Added language to allow for a Women in MAG awards category
Version 1.8	Julia Sharpe	-Updated awards for Mod NCAA community Team and Developmental community Individual
Version 1.9	Julia Sharpe	- Changed Level 7 to developmental. Changed awards category to placement category. -Updated minimums for finals qualification and awards
Version 1.9.1	Julia Sharpe	Updated blue number for Mod NCAA, Community, Events, Finals Qualification
Version 1.10 / 11/30/2023	Lucas Reed	- Updated placement category wording throughout the document to reflect new

		CS&E placement categories. - Removed the 8 person limit for a team. - Removed registration dependent clause for offering Level 9 finals. - Links to other documents updated to match latest document version.
Version 1.11 / 1/23/2024	Lucas Reed	- Added verbiage regarding team score eligibility and structure.
Version 1.12 / 3/12/2024	Nate Sharpe	- Updated blue numbers and verbiage regarding how they're calculated
Version 1.13 / 3/24/2024	Nate Sharpe	- Updated blue numbers and verbiage regarding how they're calculated
Version 1.14 / 10/07/2024	Lucas Reed	- Added inquiry process text. - Updated with new level names. - Min of 2 competitors per grouping. - Compete in ascending level order.
Version 1.15 / 1/5/25	Lucas Reed	- Updated when finals lineups are due. - Minor verbiage changes. - Inquiries into neutral deductions are allowed. - MAG Rules Team, or the Director of the Events Department can make minor modifications to this document without board approval.
Version 1.16 / 3/30/25	Lucas Reed	- Updated blue numbers with finalized registration numbers.

Version 1.17 / 11/25/25	MAG Rules	- Updated verbiage around number of awards given. - Minor updates to the inquiry process. - Minor updates to the team finals process (submitting lineups).
Version 1.18 / 4/4/26	MAG Rules	- Updated blue numbers with finalized registration numbers.