

Gymnastics Australia



Bulletin #1 – November 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the first bulletin for the 2017 Australian Gymnastics Championships.

The purpose of this document is to provide information to all state and participants across Australia.

Championships bulletins will be issued monthly in the lead up to the competition and will be supplemented by news releases as required. Should you have any questions regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do all that we can to assist.

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Future bulletins will be published on the following dates:

- Monday 6th February – Bulletin 2
- Monday 6th March – Bulletin 3
- Monday 10th April – Bulletin 4
- Monday 8th May – Bulletin 5

After such a successful event last year, the 2017 Australian Gymnastics Championships will again be held at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. The 14 days of competition offers an incredible opportunity to showcase the best of Australian Gymnastics.

We encourage the community to get involved. Whether it is as an athlete, a volunteer or as a spectator this event is truly a reflection of the people involved in the sport.

GA looks forward to working with you all in the coming months to deliver an exceptional program of sporting excellence, social events and learning opportunities.

Ceremonies & Functions

More details for the event ceremonies and functions will be confirmed in later editions of the Bulletin. Planning is currently underway for the following:

- Opening Ceremony – Saturday 20th May
- National Awards – TBC

Provisional Competition Schedule

The draft competition schedule is now available. Please see appendix A. The event runs over two weeks – from Saturday 20th May to Friday 2nd June, 2017. These dates are inclusive of training, competition, awards ceremonies, technical forums and social functions.

Please note changes to the schedule **will** occur once provisional and definitive entries have closed. Please continue to check the event website for the most up to date version. All changes will be emailed to the states.

Competition Entries

Gymnastics Australia will be accepting competition entries in accordance with the National Events Entry Policy. The updated policy is available publically available shortly through the Gymnastics Australia website.

Entry closing dates:

Provisional Entry Closing Date:	Wednesday 15 th March, 2017
Definitive Entry Closing Date:	Wednesday 19 th April, 2017
International Scores:	Monday 8 th May, 2017

Event Entry costs (GA registered athlete members):

Provisional Entry Fee	\$20.00 (per individual, per event)
Definitive Entry Fee	\$150.00 (per individual)
Total Entry Fee	\$170.00 (per individual)
Extra Divisions	\$40.00 (per individual)
	Rhythmic – Group & Individual
	Trampoline – National & International Stream

The following guidelines are offered to assist you in preparing your competition entries:

- All entry fees are inclusive of GST.
- Entries will only be accepted with the appropriate fees.
- Provisional entry numbers and fees are to be processed through the National Database, iMIS
- Definitive entries are to be submitted via the database. The database will be closed as of 10.00pm (AEST) on the set closing date.
- Cheques (for definitive entries only) may be submitted in accordance with the National Events Entry Policy.
- High performance athletes must be entered through the State Association and not directly by their program.

- Entry fees do not include any social functions or official event merchandise
- All entries must be submitted in accordance with standard GA processes, the National Events Entry Policy and relevant Technical Regulations Part B.
- GA will send invoices and entry confirmation letters after entries have closed.
- All judges attending the events also need to be entered through the database. This is the case even if a State does not have any athletes competing in the event.
- All judges are required to be sanctioned by their State Association.
- All spotters, chaperones and 'other' State team members must be included with definitive entries.
- Please ensure all fields are completed when creating new records in the database. This will ensure that the event database has complete and accurate information about your team.

Provisional Entries

Provisional entries for the Australian Gymnastics Championships are due on Wednesday 15th March, 2017. All provisional entries are to be processed through the National Database.

All provisional entries need to be submitted in accordance with the standard GA processes, National Events Entry Policy and relevant Technical Regulations Part B. **Please ensure that when you submit event entries you are logged in as a state association.**

Payment for provisional entries are due in full by Friday 24th March.

Competition Equipment

At the 2017 Australian Gymnastics Championships the competition equipment will be supplied by Spieth and Eurotramp.

Please check your respective gymsports 2016 Technical Regulation for the use of any additional matting.

Competition Venue

The Hisense Arena located in the beautiful Melbourne and Olympic Parks precinct is the Competition Venue for the 2017 Australian Gymnastics Championships.

Hisense Arena,
Melbourne & Olympic Parks
Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne

Holding over 1600 spectators and encompassing a competition hall and a training hall the venue is



one of the World's premier sporting venue.

Training Venue

In 2017 the previous training venue at Hisense Arena, the Tennis Centre, will be undergoing construction and will not be available for use.

Gymnastics Australia is currently working with Hisense arena and local clubs to source suitable training venues and a comprehensive training schedule will be developed and released shortly.

Official Athlete Event T-shirt

Gymnastics Australia is offering a 2017 Australian Gymnastics Championships event t-shirt. They will **ONLY** be available through pre-order, by each state, and will be given to states when they collect their accreditations at Nationals. No individual orders will be accepted. As we are printing all athletes' names onto the back, we will be taking the names from the definitive entries so please ensure all spelling is checked when entering each athlete. Any changes after this date cannot be made. The order form will be available in future bulletins for states to complete. T-shirt will be \$30 each. Additional Information, including order forms will be included in bulletin #2

Medical

Medical Personnel

During competition and training, a doctor and/or physiotherapist will be in attendance.

For further Medical assistance outside training and competition times, the GA Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kathy Yu, will facilitate appointments at an appropriate medical centre.

Normal fees apply when attending a Medical Centre. Please ensure that each person has his or her Medicare information. Details of the local hospital are:

St Vincent's Hospital
59 Victoria Parade
Fitzroy VIC 3065
Ph.: (03) 9288 2211

24 Hour Emergency Department: Ph.: (03) 9288 2211

All persons associated with the competition must be aware of their Medicare Number and Club Managers/chaperones are to have a list of the relevant numbers when seeking any medical attention.

Medical Support for State Teams

The championships will be an opportunity for gymnasts to showcase their best performances. Health care is an important part of their preparation and maintenance. This includes hydration, nutrition, sleep, as well as prevention and management of their injuries. Gymnasts will benefit from having a dedicated medical professional as a member of the traveling team to manage muscle aches and pains, preventative taping, and stretching and massage.

Many States and gymsports already know how good it is to have a physiotherapist or massage therapist who is part of the team and focused on the team members. Every year the teams who do not bring their own medical staff are the ones with a high rate of injury during competition. We would like to encourage all States to arrange medical coverage for their representative gymnasts so that they can perform at their highest level.

Medical Clearance

Each State Association must provide written advice to the Competition Manager that all athletes under their control have been declared fit prior to commencing the competition training. This must be submitted at the Orientation Meeting. Regulations regarding athletes withdrawn due to injury are available in “point 6” of the “National Event Entry Policy”.

Medicare Numbers

States are required to supply Medicare numbers for all competitors and officials attending the event. These numbers are to be entered in iMIS at the time of Definitive Entries. These numbers will be held by the medical personnel so that treatment during the competition can be bulk billed. This has been organised to help keep medical costs down and to support our medical personnel working at the event.

State Bus Parking

A limited number of car parking spaces will be made available to each state. Additional details will be in future bulletins.

Please note: No busses are to park in the loading dock at Hisense Arena

Perpetual Trophies

Those lucky recipients of perpetual trophies within the TRP and MAG communities need to ensure that they are preparing to return the trophy for this year's event by: having their name engraved and cleaning the trophy with pride. States will be sent a list in the next few weeks of the trophies currently residing with their gymnasts – you will be required to remind the gymnasts to prepare and return the trophy and bring them all to the Orientation meeting

Photography Policy

****Please ensure that all State Team Member and their families are aware of the photography policy. ****

Images of people enjoying Gymnastics are part of the sport's historical culture and identity.

Gymnastics Australia is mindful of its duty of care to our members, with best intentions of protecting children and young people from potential risk. In keeping with a number of local municipalities in Australia and also leading sports organisations world-wide, Gymnastics Australia is implementing a Photography Policy which will be applicable and enforced at all Gymnastics Australia events.

The greater ease of taking and modifying images has raised concerns in today's society about the potential risks of child abuse posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the inappropriate use of photographers on sports web sites and in publications.

DIGITAL SLR CAMERAS AND/OR LENSES OF A PROFESSIONAL STANDARD **will not** be permitted within the confines of any Championship event venue.

Gymnastics Australia acknowledges that family and friends wish to take their own images for memories from Championships and this is supported if using a 'Point & Shoot Camera' or an SLR Camera and Lens which fall within the specifications of the photographic policy.

No professional standard digital cameras and/or lenses may be used at an event. Gymnastics Australia Staff Members or Event Officials as well as WinkipoP Media personnel are authorised to request users to cease using this equipment.

Trampoline Spotters & Scorers

Each state will be required to provide spotters and scorers for assigned sessions. If you are unable to fill these positions it will be states responsibility to find other volunteers. Additional details, including session assignments, will be in bulletin 2.

- All spotters and scorers must be currently registered in iMIS as having participated in a sanctioned spotters workshop.
- States are required to confirm spotters and scorers for assigned sessions at the orientation meeting
- Spotters and scorers are to wear state polo shirt, with appropriate closed toe footwear.

Disclaimer

This document should be read in conjunction with the Gymnastics Australia Technical Regulations I and any other relevant Gymsport manual. This may include but is not limited to the technical regulations and FIG Code of Points. All information in this document is subject to change. GA encourages all users to regularly check the website for updates. In the event of a conflict between this document and any other GA documents GA reserves the right to have the final ruling. If such a ruling is needed GA will publish any alterations.

Principle Partners



Official Event Partners



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Event Sponsors



Appendix A: DRAFT Competition Schedule – Week 1

WEEK 1

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

Women's Artistic Gymnastics



SATURDAY May 20	SUNDAY May 21	MONDAY May 22	TUESDAY May 23	WEDNESDAY May 24	THURSDAY May 25	FRIDAY May 26
Session 1 Podium Training Podium Training	Session 4 Podium Training Podium Training	Session 7 Level 7 Open Level 7 Finals	Session 10 Level 8 Under Level 8 Finals	Session 13 Level 7 Under Junior 13	Session 16 International Level 10 Level 8 O	Session 19 International Level 10 Level 7 U
Session 2 Level 7 Part 1 Level 8 Part 1	Session 5 Level 9 Under Level 9 & 10 Reserves	Session 8 Level 8 Open Junior 14 & 15	Session 11 Level 9 Under Level 9 Finals	Session 14 Level 7 Open Junior 14 & 15	Session 17 Level 8 Under Junior 13	Session 20 Level 10 & Senior Junior 14 & 15 Senior International
Session 3 Level 7 Part 2 Level 8 Part 2	Session 6 Level 9 Open Level 10	Session 9 Level 10 & Senior Senior International	Session 12 Level 9 Open Level 10 Finals	Session 15 Level 10 & Senior Senior International	Session 18 Level 10 & Senior Junior 14 & 15 Senior International	

KEY

Men's Artistic Gymnastics	Women's Artistic Gymnastics	Rhythmic Gymnastics	TRP Trampoline Gymnastics	Acrobatic Gymnastics
			DMT Double Mini Trampoline	
			TUM Tumbling	
			SYN Synchronised Trampoline	



Premium Session

Appendix A: DRAFT Competition Schedule – Week 2

WEEK 2

Rhythmic Gymnastics
Trampoline Gymnastics
Acrobatic Gymnastics



MONDAY

May 29

TUESDAY

May 30

WEDNESDAY

May 31

THURSDAY

June 1

FRIDAY

June 2

Session 21

Sub Junior Part 1

Level 6 Part 1

Session 24

Sub Junior Part 2

Session 27

Sub Junior Group

Session 30

Session 33

Session 22

Pre Junior

TRP U11 & 17+

DMT U15 & U17

TUM U17

Level 6 Part 2

Session 25

Pre Junior Finals

TRP U13

DMT U11 & 17+

International 11 - 16

Session 28

Junior International

TRP U15 & U17

DMT U13

Level 7

Session 31

Level 9 & 10 Finals

TRP Youth

DMT Junior & Senior

Session 34

Junior Group

SYN Youth, Junior & Senior

YUM Youth, Junior & Senior

Session 23

Level 9

SYN U11, U13 & 17+

TUM U11 & 17+

Level 8 - 10

Session 26

Level 10

SYN U15 & U17

TUM U13 & U15

International 12 - 18

International 13 - 19

Senior International

Session 29

Senior International

TRP Junior & Senior

DMT Youth

Combine

Session 32

Junior International Finals

Senior International Finals

TRP Youth Finals

TRP Junior Finals

TRP Senior Finals

DMT Youth Finals

DMT Junior Finals

DMT Senior Finals

Session 35

Senior Group

TRP Team Finals

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Premium Session