

Men's 2017 National Championships Structure, Format, and Rules

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I. Overview

In order to ensure the continued competitiveness of the NAIGC Men's competition as well as maintain our commitment to inclusive opportunities for competitors of all skills and ages, the NAIGC Men's 2017 National Championships will have two divisions, Open and Collegiate. These divisions are based not on skill, but collegiate eligibility. Both the Open and Collegiate divisions will offer an NAIGC Modified NCAA Level. Furthermore, the Open division will offer a lower level of rules, the NAIGC Developmental Level. These separate competitions are meant to provide open participation and achievement recognition for all competitors regardless of educational qualifications and gymnastics experience, while also offering collegiate teams the opportunity to compete against each other. This division and level structure will be implemented at the discretion of the NAIGC based off of registration and financial feasibility. In the event that the NAIGC cancels the Collegiate Division or one of the competition levels in the Open Division, registrants will be given a choice between the remaining competitions.

II. Divisions

- A. The 2017 Men's National Championships will have a Open Division and a Collegiate Division.
- B. For details about eligibility criteria and other properties of these divisions, see the policy: NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility

III. Levels

- A. The Collegiate division will support only one level, NAIGC Modified NCAA.
- B. The Open division will support two levels, NAIGC Modified NCAA and NAIGC Developmental.
- C. For details competition rules and requirements specific to each level, see the policies: NAIGC Men's Modified Competition Rules and Interpretations and NAIGC Men's Developmental Rules

IV. Judging

- A. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel. Both judges will evaluate D and E scores.

V. Schedule

- A. The meet will have preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday (times TBD).
- B. There will be a single combined finals session for both Open and Collegiate divisions, Modified NCAA levels on Saturday afternoon.
- C. The Open division, Developmental level will not have finals.
- D. Awards for Open and Collegiate Modified NCAA level and Open Developmental level will be given at the NAIGC banquet on Saturday evening.

VI. Format

- A. All competitive sessions will be conducted using warm up compete format. Timed warm ups immediately precede competition on each event.
- B. Each preliminary session may accommodate multiple divisions and levels, depending on registration.

- C. The combined finals session for Open and Collegiate Modified NCAA will have, for each division, 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.

VII. Competitions

- A. Scope – Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed at any time up to the date of the National Championships to accommodate variance in registration or the distribution of individuals among divisions. All changes will be announced before competition begins and posted on the NAIGC website.
- B. Team Competition
 - 1. In preliminary sessions, each team may have up to eight individuals compete on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - 2. To be eligible for team finals, a team must have paid the team fee and registered by the appropriate deadline.
 - 3. To be eligible as a team member in team finals, an individual must have been registered for that team in the preliminary competition.
 - 4. Modified NCAA
 - a. Open Division
 - a. Men's teams placing in the top **four** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Men's teams placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for team finals.
 - c. In team finals, a team may select up to four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** men's teams from the team finals.
 - b. Collegiate Division
 - a. Men's teams placing in the top **four** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Men's teams placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for team finals.
 - c. In team finals, a team will select four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** men's teams from the team finals.
 - c. In addition, the **two** highest scoring teams from the Open and Collegiate divisions combined outside of the top **four** teams in each division will qualify for team finals.
 - 5. Developmental
 - a. Open Division
 - a. Team awards will be given to the top **three** men's teams over combined sessions.

C. All-around Competition

1. Modified NCAA

a. Open Division

- a. All-around competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all sessions combined will qualify for men's all-around finals.
- b. All-around competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for all-around finals.
- c. All-around awards will be given to the top **six** men's all-around scores from the all-around finals, among those who are participating in all-around finals.
- d. To be eligible for an all-around award, a competitor must have qualified for all-around finals during the preliminary competition. In particular, 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.

b. Collegiate Division

- a. All-around competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all sessions combined will qualify for men's all-around finals.
- b. All-around competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for all-around finals.
- c. All-around awards will be given to the top **six** men's all-around scores from the all-around finals, among those who are participating in all-around finals.
- d. To be eligible for an all-around award, a competitor must have qualified for all-around finals during the preliminary competition. In particular, 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.

- c. In addition, the **four** highest scoring individuals from the Open and Collegiate divisions combined, outside of the top **ten** individuals in each division will qualify for All-around finals.

2. Developmental

a. Open Division

- a. All-around awards will be given to the top **six** men's all-around scores over combined sessions.

D. Event Competitions

1. Modified NCAA

a. Open Division

- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all sessions combined will qualify for event finals in that event.

- b. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for event finals in that event.
- c. Event awards will be given to the top **six** competitors on each event, among those who are participating in the event finals.
- d. To be eligible for an event award, a competitor must have qualified for individual event finals on that event. In particular, team finals competitors and all-around finals competitors who did not qualify for event finals during the preliminary competition on a given event are not eligible for an award on that event.

b. Collegiate Division

- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all sessions combined will qualify for event finals in that event.
- b. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for event finals in that event.
- c. Event awards will be given to the top **six** competitors on each event, among those who are participating in the event finals.
- d. To be eligible for an event award, a competitor must have qualified for individual event finals on that event. In particular, team finals competitors and all-around finals competitors who did not qualify for event finals during the preliminary competition on a given event are not eligible for an award on that event.

- c. In addition, for each competitive event the **four** highest scoring individuals from the Open and Collegiate divisions combined, outside of the top **ten** individuals in each division will qualify for event finals in that event.

2. Developmental

a. Open Division

- a. Event awards will be given to the top **six** scores on each event over combined sessions.

VIII. Mercy Rule

If a club does not have at least one gymnast qualify into the men's finals (event, all-around, or team finals), the club may choose one member of their men's team to participate in the event finals on one event of their choice. The mercy rule applies even if a club only registered gymnasts in divisions and levels not offering finals. If a club has multiple men's teams (regardless of Divisions or Levels), they may choose to pay additional team fees to ensure that additional teams (i.e. team B) can also have one person qualify for the Mercy Rule. Mercy Rule competitors may only receive shadow awards.

IX. Amendments

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Board of Directors.
- B. Within Section VI, any of the numbers in blue may be amended by the NAIGC President or Men's Rules Spokesperson.

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