

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

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- I. Purpose and Rationale
In order to provide a broad, inclusive competition for gymnasts of all skill levels, the 2017 NAIGC Women's Championships will offer a competition in the Classic Division divided into three levels, NAIGC Level 9, Level 8, and Level 6. These levels are based not on collegiate eligibility, but skill. They are meant to provide open participation and achievement recognition for all competitors as well as ensure that the NAIGC Women's competition may continue to increase the number of competitors in the coming years.
- II. Divisions
The 2017 NAIGC Women's National Championships will offer only a Classic Division. See the policy: NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility for details about eligibility criteria and other properties of this division.
- III. Levels
The Classic Division will support three levels: NAIGC Women's Level 9, NAIGC Women's Level 8, and NAIGC Women's Level 6.
- IV. Judging
 - A. The women's competitions will use the rules specified in applicable level sections of the policy: NAIGC Women's Competition Rules and Interpretations.
 - B. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel.
- V. Schedule
 - A. There will be Preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday (times TBD).
 - B. There will be a separate Finals sessions for Level 8 and Level 9 on Saturday afternoon. There will not be a Finals session for Level 6.
 - C. Awards for all levels will be given at the NAIGC Banquet on Saturday evening.
- VI. Format
 - A. All competitive sessions will be conducted using Modified Capitol Cup (i.e. Modified Non-Traditional) format. There will be two sets of equipment in the competition gym. Flight A squads compete on one set; Flight B on the other set. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event.
 - B. Each Preliminary session may accommodate either one, two, or all three levels, depending on registration.
 - C. There will be a Finals session for Level 8 and Level 9; each Finals session will have a team finals, an all-around finals, and an event finals for each competitive event: VT, UB, BB, FX.
 - 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 levels. 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. NAIGC Women's Level 9
 - a. Teams placing in the top **six** among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for Team Finals.
 - b. 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 five individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** teams from the Team Finals.
5. NAIGC Women's Level 8
 - a. Teams placing in the top **six** among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for Team Finals.
 - b. 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 five individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** teams from the Team Finals.
6. NAIGC Women's Level 6
 - a. Team awards will be given to the top **three** teams among all sessions combined.

C. All-Around Competition

1. NAIGC Women's Level 9
 - a. All-Around competitors placing in the top **sixteen** from among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for 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 **eight** 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.
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3. NAIGC Women's Level 6
- a. All-Around awards will be given to the top **eight** women's All-Around scores from all sessions combined.

D. Event Competitions

1. NAIGC Women's Level 9
- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **sixteen** from among all preliminary 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 **eight** 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.
2. NAIGC Women's Level 8
- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **sixteen** from among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for Event Finals in that event.
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3. NAIGC Women's Level 6

- a. Event awards will be given to the top **eight** scores on each event from all sessions combined.

VIII. Mercy Rule

If a club does not have at least one gymnast qualify into the Women’s Finals (Event, All-Around, or Team finals), then the club may choose one member of their team to participate in the Women's Event Finals on one event of their choice. If a club has multiple women’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.

Document Revision History

Version/Date	Author	Change/Reason
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1.1 / 10/01/2015	Michael Martoccio	Added Rationale; Added document revision history table; Updated for 2016.
2.0 / 10/06/2016	Molly Stuckey	Added Level 6; added no final session for Level 6; changed team score to be top 3 scores instead of top 4 (this should encourage clubs to enter more teams across levels).