

## **2018 NAIGC Women's National Championships Structure, Format, & Rules**

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### I. Purpose and Rationale

In order to provide a broad, inclusive competition for gymnasts of all skill levels, the 2018 NAIGC Women's Championships will offer a competition in the Open 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 2018 NAIGC Women's National Championships will offer only an Open Division. See the policy: NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility for details about eligibility criteria and other properties of this division.

### III. Levels

The Open 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; awards will be determined based off of the combined preliminary sessions only and will be presented Friday night (location TBA)
- C. Awards for levels 8 and 9 will be given at the NAIGC Banquet on Saturday evening.

### VI. Format

- A. Level 8 and Level 9 competitive sessions will be conducted using Modified Capital Cup (i.e. Modified Non-Traditional) format. There will be two sets of equipment in the competition gym. Flight A squads warm-up and compete on one set; Flight B on the other set. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event.
- B. Level 6 competitive sessions will be conducted using Modified Traditional format utilizing one set of equipment in the competition gym with timed warm-ups immediately preceding competition on each event.
- C. Each Preliminary session may accommodate either one, two, or all three levels, depending on registration.
- D. 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.

- E. 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

Scope – Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed at any time up until Sunday at midnight before the NAIGC 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.

- Level 9 Competition

All level 9 teams and individual athletes will be divided into two groups of competitors for preliminary competition. All Group 1 athletes will compete on Equipment Set 1 with Judge Set 1. All Group 2 athletes will compete on Equipment Set 2 with Judge Set 2.

- A. 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. Qualification
  - a) Team scores from all L9 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, team scores from all L9 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of teams (proportional to the total registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.
  - b) In Team Finals, a team may select up to five individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
  - c) There will be **seven** total Level 9 teams in Team Finals that will compete for the top **three** places.

- B. All-Around Competition

- a) All-Around scores for all L9 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, All-Around scores for all L9 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of individuals (proportional to the total registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.
- b) There will be **sixteen** total Level 9 All-Around athletes competing in All-Around Finals for the top **eight** places.
- c) 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. Individual Event Finals Competition

- a) Individual event scores for all L9 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, Individual event scores for all L9 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of individuals (proportional to the total

registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.

- b) There will be **sixteen** total Level 9 Individual Event finalist per event competing in Event Finals for the top **eight** places.
- c) Competitors participating in the Team Finals who did not qualify for Individual Event Finals in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the Individual Event Finals competition.

- Level 8 Competition

Teams will be divided into two groups of competitors for preliminary competition. All Group 1 athletes will compete on Equipment Set 1 with Judge Set 1. All Group 2 athletes will compete on Equipment Set 2 with Judge Set 2.

D. 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. Qualification
  - a) Team scores from all L8 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, team scores from all L8 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of teams (proportional to the total registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.
  - b) In Team Finals, a team may select up to five individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
  - c) There will be **eight** total Level 8 teams in Team Finals that will compete for the top **three** places.

E. All-Around Competition

- a) All-Around scores for all L8 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, All-Around scores for all L8 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of individuals (proportional to the total registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.
- b) There will be **sixteen** total Level 8 All-Around athletes competing in All-Around Finals for the top **eight** places.
- c) 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.

F. Individual Event Finals Competition

- a) Individual event scores for all L8 Group 1 sessions will be combined and separately, Individual event scores for all L8 Group 2 sessions will be combined. A percentage of individuals (proportional to the total

registration size and respective sizes of Group 1 and Group 2) will then qualify into Finals.

- b) There will be **sixteen** total Level 8 Individual Event finalist per event competing in Event Finals for the top **eight** places.
- c) Competitors participating in the Team Finals who did not qualify for Individual Event Finals in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the Individual Event Finals competition

- Level 6 Competition

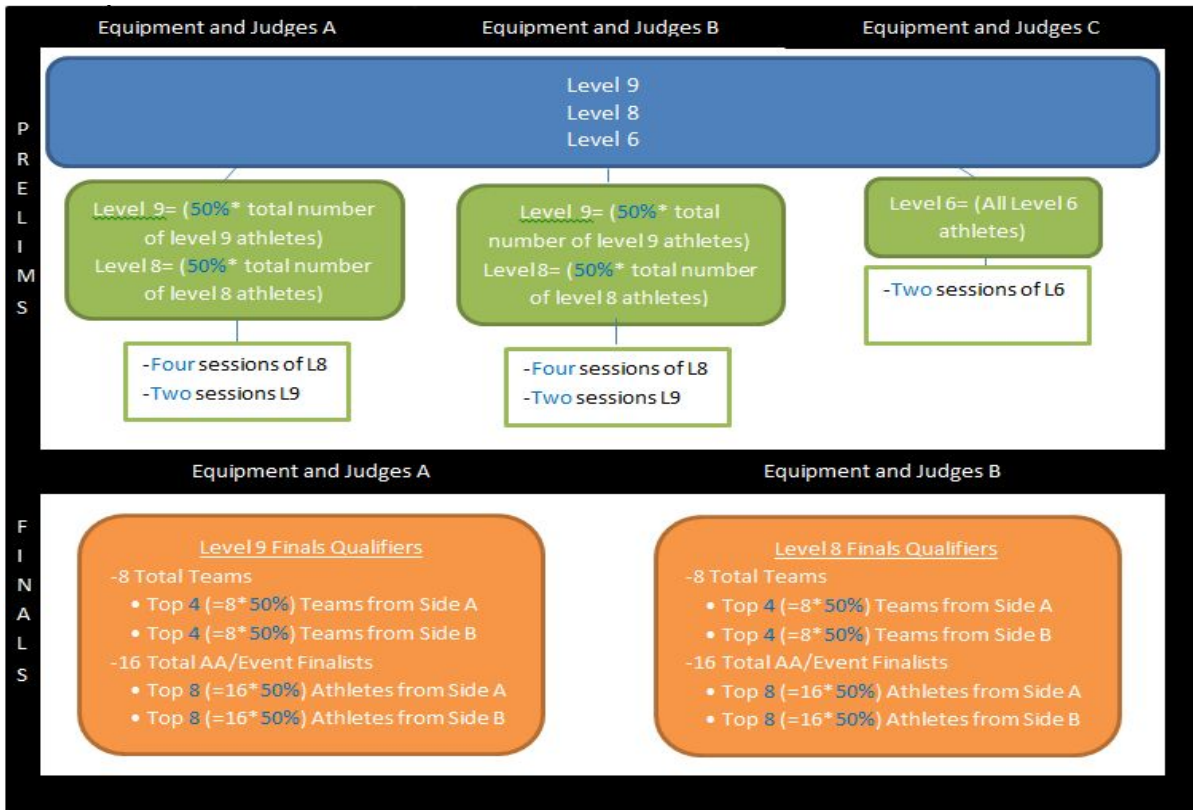
- a) Team awards will be given to the top **three** teams among all preliminary sessions combined.
- b) All-Around awards will be given to the top **six** All-Around scores among all preliminary sessions combined.
- c) Individual event awards will be given to the top **six** event scores among all preliminary 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 Women's team to participate in the Women's Event Finals on one event of their choice. **Mercy Rule competitors must be registered by midnight on the Friday night of Nationals, and will not receive 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.



Date of Revision	Board Member	Changed content:
November 2017	Molly Stuckey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Updated dates</li> <li>-Revised structure of document and added split qualification to finals for level 8 and 9</li> <li>- Added level 6 competition format (changed from modified capital cup to modified traditional format)</li> <li>-Added deadline to change qualification/placing numbers in blue</li> <li>-Removed ability to have more than 1 mercy rule athlete pe team per discipline</li> <li>-Added deadline for mercy rule entries</li> <li>-Removed shadow awards from mercy rule athletes. Mercy rule athletes will no longer be able to place in any capacity.</li> </ul>