

## **2020 WAG National Championship Format**

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### **I. Purpose and Rationale**

In order to provide a broad, inclusive competition for gymnasts of all skill levels, the 2020 NAIGC WAG Championships will offer a competition in four levels: NAIGC Developmental level, USAG level 7, USAG level 8, and USAG level 9, following the NAIGC Women's Rules. These levels are based not on collegiate eligibility, but skill. They are meant to provide open participation for all competitors as well as ensure that the NAIGC WAG competition may continue to increase the number of competitors in the coming years.

### **II. Structure and Eligibility**

See [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#) for competition structure and eligibility criteria.

### **III. Levels**

The 2020 NAIGC WAG Championships will offer a competition in four levels: NAIGC Developmental, USAG level 7, USAG level 8, and USAG level 9, following the [NAIGC Women's Rules](#).

### **IV. Judging**

- A. The women's competitions will be judged based on [NAIGC Women's Rules](#).
- B. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel.

### **V. Schedule**

- A. There will be Preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday.
- B. There will be a separate Finals sessions for level 7, level 8, and level 9 on Saturday. These levels will receive awards Saturday night.
- C. There will not be a Finals session for the NAIGC Women's Developmental level; awards will be determined from combined preliminary sessions only. NAIGC Women's Developmental level will receive awards Friday night.

### **VI. Format**

- A. In level 7, level 8, and level 9, preliminary competitive sessions will be conducted using Modified Capital Cup (Modified Non-Traditional) format. There will be two sets of equipment in each 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.
  1. Warm up times will follow USAG guidelines. Developmental guidelines will be consistent with USAG level 7.
- B. NAIGC Developmental level 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.

1. Warm up times will follow USAG guidelines. Developmental guidelines will be consistent with USAG level 7.
- C. Each Preliminary session may accommodate multiple levels, depending on registration.
- D. There will be a Finals session for level 7, level 8, and level 9. Each Finals session will include Team Finals and All-Around Finals, as well as Event Finals for each individual competitive event (vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise).
  1. Level 7 finals competitors will compete using Modified Traditional format utilizing one set of equipment in the competition gym.
  2. All other levels will compete using Modified Capital Cup (Modified Non-Traditional) format utilizing two sets of equipment in the competition gym.
- E. Individuals who qualify for multiple Finals involving the same competitive event will perform a single routine on that event. The score for that routine will count towards each relevant Finals competition.

## VII. Qualification and Awards

- A. **Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed at any time before the NAIGC National Championships begins to accommodate variance in registration or the distribution of individuals among levels.** Additional qualifiers from a particular level may qualify to Finals as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#). All changes will be announced before the competition begins and posted on the NAIGC website.
- B. **Level 7, 8, and 9 Competition**
  1. All team and individual athletes for each level will be divided into two groups of competitors for preliminary competition. Competitors will be placed in respective groups based on performance from previous years with emphasis placed on an even competition field across groups. Group placements will be made with strong consideration for equal distribution of the number of competitors per event, while making every effort to honor session requests. Groups refer to gym colors:
    - (1) Group 1 = Red Gym
    - (2) Group 2 = Yellow Gym
  2. Ideally seeding will follow these guidelines. All guidelines may not all be able to be met every year.
    - a) Top 6 teams for each level will be split with three in each gym. We aim to put 1,3,5 in one gym and 2,4,6 in the other gym.
    - b) The remaining clubs from Nationals of the prior year will then be divided evenly between the two gyms based on the average ranking across levels for each club from the prior year's Nationals results.
      - (1) If a club was 8th in level 9, 16th in level 8, and didn't have a level 7 team, their average rank would be:  $(8+16)/2=12$ .
      - (2) Clubs will be sorted based on average ranking and then alternate every other club between the two gyms.
    - c) Clubs that did not attend the previous Nationals will be listed alphabetically, alternating every other club between the two gyms.

3. For a given level, the number of finals qualifiers will be the same from each group.
4. If multiple preliminary competitors (Team, All-Around, or Event) from a single level and group have the same score in the preliminary competition, the tie will not be broken. All qualifiers from that group with the same qualifying score will qualify to Finals. See [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#) for full detail regarding eligibility.
5. **Team Competition**
  - a) 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.
  - b) To be eligible for Team Finals, a team must have paid the team fee and registered by the appropriate deadline.
  - c) To be eligible as a team member in Team Finals, an individual must have been registered for that team in the preliminary competition.
  - d) Qualification to finals:
    - (1) The top teams for each level and group will qualify for Team Finals.
      - (a) Level 7: **two** teams from Group 1 and **two** teams from Group 2
      - (b) Level 8: **three** teams from Group 1 and **three** teams from Group 2
      - (c) Level 9: **three** teams from Group 1 and **three** teams from Group 2
      - (d) For each level, if the NAIGC Alumni team is one of the teams qualifying for Team Finals, one additional team from that group will qualify for Team Finals.
    - (2) In Team Finals, a team may select up to four individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
    - (3) The top teams for each level will receive team awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#) and as outlined below.
 

Level 7 - **Three** for Collegiate, **one** for Community  
 Level 8 - **Three** for Collegiate, **three** for Community  
 Level 9 - **Three** for Collegiate, **one** for Community
  - e) Lineups must be handed in to the head table at least 1½ hours before the start of the competition. For NAIGC National Championships the start of competition is defined by the start of the march-in ceremony. Lineup changes and/or substitution(s) may be made up until an event begins (i.e., flag raised for team's first competitor on that event) by notifying the head table and chief judge at that event. 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.

## **6. All-Around Competition**

### a) Qualification to finals:

(1) The top individuals for each level and group will qualify for All-Around Finals.

(a) Level 7: **five** individuals from Group 1 and **five** individuals from Group 2

(b) Level 8: **nine** individuals from Group 1 and **nine** individuals from Group 2

(c) Level 9: **nine** individuals from Group 1 and **nine** individuals from Group 2

(2) The top All-Around competitors for each level will receive awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#) and as outlined below.

Level 7 - **Six** for Collegiate, **Two** for Community

Level 8 - **Ten** for Collegiate, **Three** for Community

Level 9 - **Six** for Collegiate, **Two** for Community

(3) To be eligible for an All-Around award, a competitor must have qualified for All-Around Finals during the preliminary competition. Competitors participating in the Team Finals and competing on all events who did not qualify for All-Around Finals in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the All-Around competition.

## **7. Individual Event Finals Competition**

### a) Qualification to finals:

(1) For each level and Event, the top individual athletes from each level and group will qualify for Event Finals.

(a) Level 7: **seven** individuals per event from Group 1 and **seven** individuals per event from Group 2

(b) Level 8: **twelve** individuals per event from Group 1 and **twelve** individuals per event from Group 2

(c) Level 9: **twelve** individuals per event from Group 1 and **twelve** individuals per event from Group 2

(2) The top Event athletes for each level will receive awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#) and as outlined below.

Level 7 - **Six** for Collegiate, **Two** for Community

Level 8 - **Ten** for Collegiate, **Three** for Community

Level 9 - **Six** for Collegiate, **Two** for Community

(3) To be eligible for an event award, a competitor must have qualified for individual Event Finals on that event. 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. NAIGC Women's Developmental Level Competition**

1. Each team may have up to eight individuals compete on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score. Team awards will be given to the top **three** collegiate teams and top **one** community team among all preliminary sessions combined.
2. To be eligible for Team awards, a team must have paid the team fee and registered by the appropriate deadline.
3. All-Around awards will be given to the top **three** collegiate All-Around scores and top **three** community All-Around scores among all preliminary sessions combined.
4. Individual event awards will be given to the top **three** collegiate event scores and top **three** community event scores among all preliminary sessions combined.

**VIII. Amendments**

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Board of Directors.
- B. Any numbers in **blue** may be amended by the NAIGC President or Women's Rules Spokesperson.

Document Revision History

| Date             | Author        | Change/Reason  |
|------------------|---------------|--|
| 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>  |
| January 2019     | Women’s Rules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Updated level offerings</li> <li>-Removed reference to divisions to align with new NAIGC Competition Structures &amp; Eligibility policy</li> <li>-Updated format to include new levels and make group structure more clear</li> <li>-Removed Mercy Rule section as it can be found in the NAIGC Competition Structures &amp; Eligibility policy</li> <li>-Updated VIII.B. to include the Women’s Rules Spokesperson as allowed amender of the numbers in blue</li> <li>-Removed outdated graphic</li> </ul>   |
| March 2019       | Women’s Rules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Added “Lineups must be handed in to the head table at least 1½ hours before the start of the competition. For NAIGC National Championships the start of competition is defined by the start of the march-in ceremony. Lineup changes and/or substitution(s) may be made up until an event begins (i.e., flag raised for team’s first competitor on that event) by notifying the head table and chief judge at that event. 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.”</li> </ul> |
| December 5, 2019 | Women’s Rules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated year to 2020</li> <li>● Updating links to other related policies (needs to be done!)</li> <li>● Added criteria for seeding procedure</li> <li>● Clarified warmup times, stating that NAIGC</li> </ul>   |

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|  |  | <p>developmental warmup time will be consistent with USAG level 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated WAG team finals to 4 up, 3 count (previously 5 up, 3 count)</li><li>• Due to reducing team size (24 less routines), we increased the number of AA and individual event qualifiers (added 24 routines) to finals</li></ul> |
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