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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

The following short terms shall be used and interpreted in the spirit of the following meanings unless specifically defined elsewhere.

Association	An Association Member claiming jurisdiction of the sport over a State or Territory within Australia
Board	Board of Management of the Company, Gymnastics Australia Ltd
Commission	The National Gym sport Technical Commission
Company	Gymnastics Australia Ltd
Regulations	All by-laws and rules that are made within the authority of the Constitution.
Simple Majority	More than 50 per cent of those people eligible, voting of the one accord.
Gymsport	A gymnastic sport defined by the Federation Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) and accepted by the Company as a program under its jurisdiction.

GLOSSARY

ACR	Acrobatic Gymnastics
AIS	Australian Institute of Sport
ALP	Australian Levels Program
FIG	Federation Internationale de Gymnastique
GA	Gymnastics Australia
HPC	High Performance Centre
NAC	National Advisory Committee
NCM	National Commission Member
NGTC	National Gymsport Technical Commission
NJC	National Judging Co-ordinator
NACRC	National Acrobatic Gymnastics Commission
NNP	National Nomination Panel
NTD	National Technical Director
SMC	State/Territory Sport Management Committee

2. POLICIES AND RULES

The rules set out in the following documents will be part of the Commission's Technical Regulations:

- Bylaw 6 Gymsport Technical Commissions
- Part A Commission Governance
- ACR Australian Levels Program – current, including all errata
- FIG Code of Points – current, including all errata
- ACR International Program Manual – current, including all errata
 - [FIG Table of Difficulty](#) and the [FIG Code of Points](#)

Any modification to these will be circulated in writing on the authority of Gymnastics Australia and the National Technical Commission.

2.1 ACR Selection Policies and Nomination Panels

Selection Policies, including the ACR National Squad Selection Policy can be found on the Gymnastics Australia website www.gymnastics.org.au > High Performance > National Team > Selection Policies.

3. COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES

3.1 Statutory Committees

3.1.1 National GymSport Commission

- National Technical Director
- National Judging Coordinator
- General Member - Project Co-ordinator x 3
- GA Staff (*ex-officio*)

Please refer below for the Position Description of a Projector Coordinator and GymSport Technical Commissions Part A – Commission Governance for the desired criteria for the National Technical Director and National Judging Coordinator.

General Member – Project Co-ordinator

The Project Coordinator/s, in conjunction with the National Technical Director and GA Staff may:

- Assist in the development and support the implementation of the GymSport Australian Levels Program and GymSport specific resources
- Liaise with GA staff to assist with developing and enhancing various programs such as; coach and judge education, GymSport specific programs and high performance
- Analyse data and gather information from states/territories to improve athlete performance and programs
- Chair Working Groups (Project Groups) as required
- Work with GA staff to communicate technical updates and good news stories to the wider community, including advising of website updates
- Liaise with clubs and states/territories to promote national events
- Provide support to the National Technical Director, National Judging Coordinator (except GfA) and GA Staff in the lead-up to national events
- Attend commission meetings and contribute to planning and goal setting

Selection Criteria for General Member - Project Coordinator

- Current Technical Member - Coach or Judge
- Sound technical knowledge and understanding of the GymSport
- Respected within the GymSport community
- High level organisational, IT, interpersonal and communication skills

- Knowledge of national and international trends
- Ability to liaise with various stakeholders and be a team player

3.2 National Sub Committees

The ACR Commission has the authority to appoint sub-committees and working groups as required. The process of selection is via either appointment or call for Expressions of Interest from the community. The subcommittee's functions may include the following;

- Execute the decisions made by the ACR Commission
- Undertake technical projects
- Review guidelines and rules pertaining to competitions and events
- Conduct research and development activities in the interest of Acrobatic Gymnastics

4. NATIONAL PROGRAM AND PATHWAYS

Acrobatic Gymnastics in Australia is divided into 2 separate programs:

- Australian Levels Program
- International Program.

4.1 Acrobatic Gymnastics Events

Acrobatic Gymnastics is comprised of 5 different events:

- Women's Pair (2 women)
- Men's Pair (2 men)
- Mixed Pair (male base and female top)
- Women's Group (3 women)
- Men's Group (4 men)

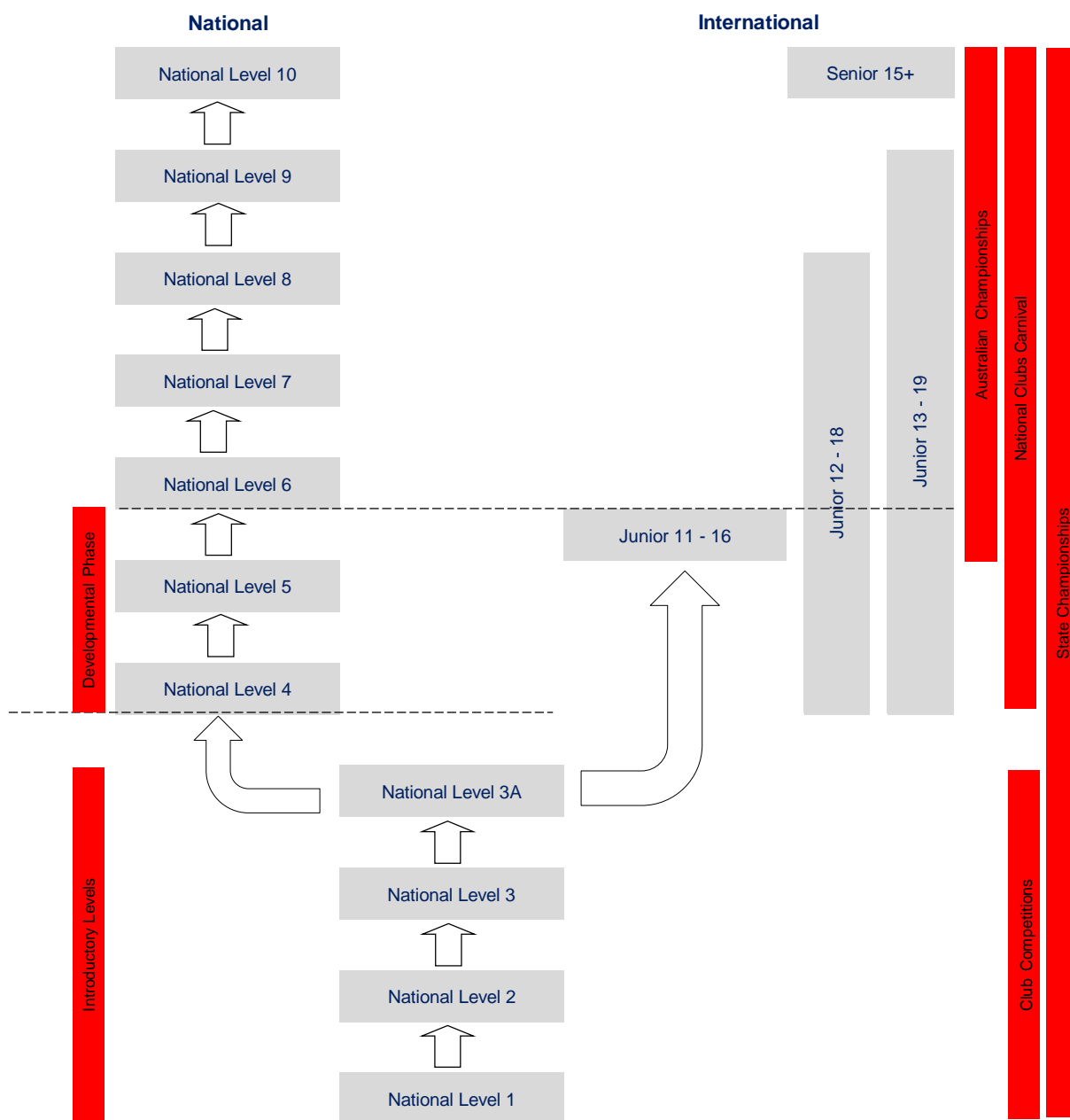
4.2 Australian Levels Program

The ACR Australian Levels Program is the comprehensive manual covering development and progression in ACR. Level by level gymnasts, coaches and judges will develop an understanding of the many areas of ACR offered by the National and International Community.

The Australian Levels Program is based on a 10 Level program:

- Levels 1, 2, 3 and 3A are introductory levels and may have local club or regional competitions
- Levels 4 and 5 are levels with a range of set and optional elements as set out in the Levels Program, performing Balance and Dynamic exercises
- Levels 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are levels based on requirements from the international rules, with some specific Australian rules, as directed by the Level program. Level 6 and 7 performing Balance and Dynamic exercises and Levels 8, 9 and 10 performing Balance, Dynamic and Combined exercises.

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4.2.1 Australian Levels Program Assessment

The Australian Levels Program provides a standardised competitive structure and also serves as a valuable resource for coaches and judges.

Important note: The Beginner and Intermediate coach's courses do not include feet to feet somersaults. The National Levels Program includes some somersaulting elements. All coaches will be required to hold the ACR Advanced coaching accreditation to teach a 4/4 somersault. The ALP details the elements and exercises for the Levels and processes of assessment.

Level Programs available:

- Level 1 – 3A Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Levels Program
- Level 4 – 10 Acrobatic Gymnastics Australian Levels Program

Please regularly check the GA website for errata relating to the levels program.

The Qualification (Pass Mark) for each level is 70% of the maximum possible declared score for each exercise as provided in the table below:

Level 1-5	42.00
Level 6	42.49
Level 7	42.63
Level 8	64.44
Level 9	65.07
Level 10	65.07

4.2.2 How to Obtain Your Level Program Badge

- State/Territory Associations are responsible for the administration of levels badges.
- Club coaches/judges organise the levels testing day according to the guidelines listed in 5.1 of in this document.
- Club coaches/judges complete the levels badge order form and send to the State/Territory Association with the appropriate fee. The badge order form is available direct from the Associations or can be downloaded from their websites.
- The State/Territory Association will update the GA iMIS data records and distribute level badge to the clubs. Only registered members receive level badges.

4.3 International Program

The International Program has four categories; Senior, Junior 13–19, Junior 12–18 and Junior 11–16. The Age refers to how old that athlete **will be** in the year of competition. For example, if he/she is 11 years of age at the time of the competition and turning 12 in the year of competition then he/she is considered 12 years old and therefore eligible.

- Senior Category (SI – ACR)

Is based directly on the requirements from the FIG Code of Points, FIG Tables of Difficulty and the GA International Program. The Senior category has a minimum age requirement of 15 years in the year of competition unless otherwise stated in SI-ACR requirements.

- Junior 11-16, 12-18 and 13–19 Category (JI – ACR)

Is based on the requirements from the International Program Age Group Competition rules and where directed by these rules the FIG Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty. Competitors in these categories must be between the ages set in the year of competition unless otherwise stated in the SI-ACR requirements.

Minimum ages for JI-ACR are outlined in the below table:

Age Group	Minimum Age	Maximum Age Difference
11-16	8 years	5 years
12-18	9 years	6 years
13-19	10 years	6 years

NB. Other age limitations may be imposed for Australian Team / Squad events and these will be advised in the relevant Selection Policy.

4.3.1 International Program Specific Requirements

To qualify for the International Program and to be eligible for Australian Championships, a minimum overall pass score must be achieved as per the table in Appendix 1.

Once Pairs/Groups qualify for the IS-ACR, they are no longer eligible to compete in the National Program in the same year. However, requests for special consideration can be made to the NACRC.

If there is a change of partner/s in a Pair/Group, the new Pair/Group will be required to requalify. If an International Program Pair/Group wish to compete within the Australian Levels Program and they have not qualified to the IS-ACR in that calendar year, reference to the flow chart in Section 4 will provide the corresponding entry level for each category.

5. EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The FIG Code of Points and Part B - Technical Regulations provide governance for ACR rules and regulations. This includes Technical regulations, Competition Rules and general information within Australia and should be used in conjunction with:

- FIG Code of Points and
- ACR Australian Levels Program.

These documents are regularly reviewed with any clarifications and updates published on the GA website.

5.1 Sanctioning

5.1.1 Sanctioning Competitions and Championships

- Gymnastics Australia may, from time to time, promote/sanction special events.
- National or International tours for Clubs or Australian teams, Individual athletes, Groups or Clubs must request sanction from Gymnastics Australia to attend international competition (representing their Club or Australia).
- The National Commission is responsible for ratifying State/Territory Association competitions under the auspice of Gymnastics Australia that form part of any Selection process to Australian Teams.
- Clubs should seek sanction from their relevant State/Territory Association for:
 - Level Award Test (LAT) or Level testing
 - National qualifying competitions.

5.1.2 Sanctioned Level Award Test (LAT) and State Championships

- State/Territory Sport Management Committees are responsible for ensuring that the adjudicating is of the appropriate standard. All questions regarding this may be directed to the National Judging Coordinator.
- Competitions designated as 'State Titles' between two or more Member Associations and/or are open to other than the Association's members, must be held in accordance with the ACR Technical Regulations.
- No affiliated Association shall institute, or allow to be instituted within their jurisdiction, competitions that state or infer an event of the following nature:
 - National
 - Australian
 - World or International Championship
- Any State/Territory Association promoting a competition and wishing to vary from the conditions specified must state any variation when applying to GA for approval to conduct the competition.
- Australian competitors/officials must be Technical Members of Gymnastics Australia.
- Gymnastics Australia sanctions competition applications for International events.
- International competitors must be registered with the appropriate governing body in their country and be sanctioned for competition.

5.2 Generic Event Rules

5.2.1 Rules of Competition

- ACR Australian Levels Program, Level 1 to 10, as per the current cycle, including any/all amendments

- Gymnastics Australia ACR International Program, as per the current cycle, including any/all amendments
- Current FIG ACR Code of Points, including any/all amendments
- Current FIG ACR Tables of Difficulty, including any/all amendments
- Current Gymnastics Australia ACR Technical Regulations

5.2.2 Equipment

Acrobatic Gymnastics uses the traditional sprung floor as per artistic gymnastics and equivalent to FIG specifications.

The following events must meet FIG regulations and FIG norms including lighting and approved by the NTD or his/her representatives:

- Australian Championships
- National Clubs Carnival
- National Team Selection Trials
- Sanctioned events for 'qualifying scores', for Australian team selection

Other events must specify what equipment will be provided in the information calling for entries, if the equipment does not meet FIG specifications.

All of these events must have all competitions recorded, using digital media, from a position similar to that viewed by the judges.

5.2.3 Protests (Appeals)

- Notice of intention to lodge a protest must be directed to the National Judging Coordinator (or appointed representative) by placing the competitor names and number on an Appeal Card (available in the competition arena) and submitting to the jury, via the Competition Floor Manager, immediately following the display of the Start Value (Difficulty). No verbal exchange may take place.
- Protests must then be written, signed by the athlete's coach and lodged with fee to the Jury within 15 minutes after scores have been displayed following the conclusion of the performance. A protest can only be lodged by a coach on behalf of the athlete the coach represents.
- Fees from overruled protests become income for the competition.
- Protests must state: Athlete's name, athlete's club/state, coach, level, event (e.g. W2), competition and a succinct explanation of the protest.

The protest can only pertain to the Difficulty Score, error in calculation or equipment malfunction.

The protest should not pertain to:

- Comparisons between judges/judging panels
- Comparisons between athletes, Pairs/Groups
- Comparisons to other events/competitions

Protest action:

- If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned and the score adjusted accordingly.
- If the protest is dismissed, the fee is surrendered to competition income and the score stands.
- In either case the written protest will be marked with the Jury's decision, signed by the Technical Director or his/her representative and returned to the submitting coach.
- Protest decisions by the Jury of Appeal will be final and without further discussion.

5.2.4 Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal will consist of the:

- National Judging Coordinator
- National Technical Director
- Appointed person by the Commission

In their absence, the jury of appeal will consist of three FIG judges nominated by the National Judging Coordinator and the National Technical Director.

- The administration of justice in cases of Appeals in Acrobatic Gymnastics is the responsibility of the Jury of Appeal.
- They are empowered to consider and resolve all appeals concerning matters of judging and correctness of arithmetical calculations. There is an entitlement of appeal for a review of the Difficulty Score and Final score.
- Jury of Appeal also makes decisions on any breach of discipline.
- Appeals are discussed at a place away from spectators, coaches, officials and competitors.
- In exceptional circumstances the Jury may request the use of the official video.
- If the displayed mark is upheld the Head Coach or a nominated representative is informed and given the reason for the decision.

5.2.5 Judges

- In relation to serious incompetence, displays of inappropriate behaviour by a judge not in accordance with the Judge's Oath:
 - The Chair of Judge Panel (CJP) or National Judging Coordinator will give the first warning as verbal and where possible and notify the Technical Director of the content of the warning.
 - A second warning will result in suspension from judging for the remainder of the event.
- In relation to serious incompetence, displays of inappropriate behaviour by a CJP not in accordance with the Judge's Oath:
 - The National Judging Coordinator or Technical Director will give the first warning as verbal.
 - A second warning will result in suspension from judging for the remainder of the event.

Judges will not be permitted to appeal the decision.

Judging International Program

- The International Program competition judging panel/s will consist of qualified FIG Brevet Judges. Advanced Silver Judges may judge when deemed appropriate by the National Judging Coordinator and National Technical Director.
- The composition of judging panel/s will conform to the prevailing FIG Code of Points. At National competitions this format may be modified if deemed necessary by the National Judging Coordinator and National Technical Director, when there are not enough FIG Brevet Judges available.
- Where an Australian Team Selection Trial is held in conjunction with an International Program competition, the judges officiating on the panels must be approved by the National Judging Coordinator and National Technical Director. When an Australian Team Selection Trial is held separate from any competition the National Judging Coordinator and National Technical Director, will determine the structure of the judging panel. The judging panel will preferably consist of FIG Brevet Judges supplemented by Advance Silver judges, at the discretion of the National Judging Coordinator.

5.2.6 Tariff Sheets

- Tariff sheets for levels 3A – 10 must be completed on the Australian Tariff Sheet
- Tariff sheets for International Program must be completed on the FIG Tariff Sheet
- Tariff sheets for all exercises Level 3A –10 and International Program are to be submitted as stated by the specific competition organising committee
- Tariff sheets for Levels 3A – 4 must include both partner and individual elements listed and drawn in order of appearance in the exercise and include page number and cross references from the Australian Levels Program
- Tariff sheets for Levels 5 – 10 must include both partner and individual elements listed and drawn in order of appearance in the exercise and, must include the assigned value and page number listed from the FIG Tables of Difficulty
- The FIG tariff sheet is to be used for all International Stream routines and completed as per FIG Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty

5.2.7 Valuing a New Element

- Difficulty value for a new element (an element not found in the FIG Table of Difficulty) must be obtained from the FIG Technical Committee (FIG ACR TC) in order for the element to receive difficulty value and be considered for special requirements at Australian competitions.

The process for obtaining value for a new element is:

- Complete the FIG New Element Registration Form (the back of the FIG ACR Tables of Difficulty (TOD)). All parts of this form must be completed.
- Submit the form to the NJC and NTD.
- The NJC and NTD will assess the application to confirm it is a valid request:
 - The element is not found in the TOD
 - Not a variation of an existing element
 - The element is considered appropriate for FIG evaluation
- The valid request for Element Evaluation will be forwarded by GA to the FIG ACR TC for evaluation
- The NJC and NTD will assign a temporary value and a temporary TOD reference for use in Australian Competition
 - An assigned temporary TOD reference and its value will be distributed to all State/Territory Technical Committee's (STC's) prior to the competition.
 - All temporary references provided are to appear in their entirety on the corresponding Tariff Sheet for the element to be considered valid at the relevant competition.
- Upon receipt of the formal outcome from FIG ACR TC by GA, the outcome will be provided in writing, to the person who submitted the original form and to all SMCs, and the temporarily assigned value will immediately cease.
- Any New Element Evaluation request which does not follow this process will not be considered or evaluated.
- FIG Element Evaluation requests sought for use in National competitions must be received for processing a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the relevant competition. Any Element Evaluation requests received after this date will not be validated for that competition.

5.2.8 Trophies

- An inventory of trophies is maintained by Gymnastics Australia
- Australian Championships trophy is the ACR State Shield
- State/Territory Technical Committees will be advised of the trophy holders in their State or Territory
- Cost and responsibility for engraving trophies annually will be met by Gymnastics Australia

- States/Territories are responsible for the return of trophies in good condition each year in time for the relevant competition. Gymnastics Australia reserves the right to claim expenses if trophies are lost or need to be repaired

5.3 National Clubs Carnival

5.3.1 Entries

- Entries are open to all registered Gymnastic clubs and gymnasts.
- An acrobat can only enter one (1) division and level in the competition.
- Coaches and Judges must be accredited and current Technical Members.
- It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure the acrobats are proficient in the level entered and competition ready.
- This competition is a GA / Member Association sanctioned event therefore it can be utilised as an LAT or State/Territory Trial.
- Refer to the National Event Policy and event specific bulletins for competition entry requirements and timelines.
- Pairs/groups who have received a pass score at a state/territory or national competition in the levels stream (as per section 4) are not permitted to enter a level lower than that in which the pass score was attained, as that grouping, in that year of competition.
- Pairs/groups who have received a pass score at a state/territory or national competition in the international stream (as per Appendix 1) are not permitted to compete in the levels stream, as that grouping, in that year of competition.

5.3.2 Levels

- The competition will include Levels 4 to 10 of the Australian Levels Program, the International Program, covering all disciplines being W2, W3, M2, MX2, and M4.
- Exercises will be as per the Australian Levels Program or the International Program.

5.3.3 Schedule

- A draft schedule will be released shortly after provisional entries are called, with the final schedule being released shortly after definitive entries have been received.
- This schedule will be produced in consultation with GA and/or NACRC with final draft confirmed by the NTD and NJC.

5.3.4 Competition Rules

As per section 5.2 of this document.

5.3.5 Uniform

- Acrobats;
 - Club uniforms are to be worn during all presentations
 - Competition Leotards are to be as per the current FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points
 - State Emblems can be worn on leotards with no penalty
 - National emblems can only be worn by those pair / groups who have represented Australia at an International event
- Coaches;
 - Club uniforms are to be worn at all times on the competition floor, warm up floor and during presentations
- Judges;
 - As per the current FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points

5.3.6 Tariff Sheets

As per section 5.2.6 of this document.

5.3.7 Judges

All competing clubs must provide a judge accredited for the level of athletes attending.

	Execution	Difficulty	Artistry	Chair of Judge Panel
Intermediate	Execution 1 – 5		Artistry 1 – 5	
Advanced	Execution 1 – 10	Difficulty 1 – 5	Artistry 1 – 10	CJP 1 – 5
Advanced Silver	Execution 1 – 10	Difficulty 1 – 10	Artistry 1 – 10	CJP 1 – 10
FIG	Brevet (International)			

- Judges must be included with provisional entries, and include their availability so judge's panels and schedule can be determined. This will allow time for extra judges to be organised if required.
- If a club cannot provide a suitable judge for the level of competition entered, there will be a fine to cover the cost of funding a replacement for that level of competition. The fine amounts can be found in the relevant competition Bulletins and will include travel and accommodation costs for the substitute judge.
- Options or exemptions can be discussed with the NJC.

5.3.8 Individual Awards

- Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded for overall scores in each level, for each event.
- To be eligible to receive an overall medal, the minimum overall score must be obtained. The minimum overall score is:
 - Levels 4-7, 11-16 IP - 42.000
 - Levels 8-10, 12-18 IP, 13-19 IP, Senior IP - 63.000
- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each routine (Balance, Dynamic and Combined) will also be awarded when the minimum number of entrants, three, is reached within the level/event.
- To be eligible to receive a medal for a single routine, the minimum routine score (21.0) must be obtained.

Example: 3 x Women's Pairs (WP) in Level 6:

- Balance – WP 1 - 26.6, WP 2 - 24.2, WP 3 - 19.0. Only Gold and Silver will be awarded for the balance routine. Pair 3 will not be awarded as did not achieve the minimum score of 21 for this routine.
- Dynamic – WP 1 - 22.3, WP 2 - 23.65, WP 3 - 24.0. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for the dynamic routine.
- Overall – WP 1 - 48.9, WP 2 - 47.85, WP 3 - 43.0. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for the overall. Although pair 3 did not score 21.0 in balance, their total score for overall with both balance and dynamic makes the 42.0 total.

5.3.9 Club Awards

Divisions

The competition will be divided into three divisions for the purpose of calculating club awards:

- Division A – Levels 8, 9, 10, 12-18, 13-19, Senior
- Division B – Levels 6 and 7, 11-16
- Division C – Levels 4 and 5

Overall scores are the aggregate total of all required routines. Any pair/group that does not complete all required routines will not be awarded an overall score and the overall result will show DNF (did not finish).

Division Champions

An award in the form of a plaque will be awarded to the Overall Champion Club in each division. The Division Champions will be determined by looking at three areas in each Division:

- Participation
- Excellence
- Diversity

Participation

This is to award the club with the highest level of participation, within each division. This award is calculated as follows:

- All overall scores per club per division will be added together
- The clubs will have their total scores ranked from highest to lowest
- The club with the highest total score will be ranked 1, awarded one point
- The club that comes second will be awarded 2 points, and so on until all clubs participating have been awarded points relevant to their final position
- If a club has a score of 0 (they have no gymnasts in that division) they will be awarded points reflecting their ranking as last

Excellence

This is to award the club demonstrating the highest quality of routines, within each division. This award is calculated as follows:

- The highest 2 overall scores per pair/group per club within each division will be added together
- The clubs will have this total ranked from highest to lowest
- The club with the highest score will be ranked 1, awarded one point
- The club that comes second will be awarded 2 points, and so on until all clubs participating have been awarded points relevant to their final position
- If a club has a score of 0 (they have no gymnasts in that division) they will be awarded points reflecting their ranking as last

Diversity

This is to award the club demonstrating the greatest diversity with excellence within each division. Diversity means the range of acrobatic gymnastics disciplines. This award is calculated as follows:

- The highest overall score of pair/group per event per club in the division will be added together. For example:
 - If a club has three trios in one division, only the highest will be counted, regardless of the level. Meaning, if a club has level 8, 9 and 10, entered into Division A, ONLY the highest W3 score will be counted.
 - If you have entries in all five disciplines in a division, regardless of the level within that division, then all five scores will count, if eligible, giving your club a higher overall score.
 - These scores will be added together.
- The clubs will have this total diversity score ranked from highest to lowest
- The club with the highest score will be ranked 1, awarded one point
- The club that comes second will be awarded 2 points, and so on until all clubs participating have been awarded points relevant to their final position
- If a club has a score of 0 (they have no gymnasts in that division) they will be awarded points reflecting their ranking as last

National Division Overall Champion – Per Division

This award rewards the winning club within each division. This award is calculated as follows:

- The points that each club has scored in Participation, Excellence and Diversity, per division will be added together
- The club with the lowest number of points will be named National Division Overall Champion Club

National Overall Champion Club

This award encompasses all divisions and is awarding the club demonstrating the highest level of competence, over the widest range of disciplines across all divisions. The plaque / trophy will permanently remain with the club – to be determined by the host state/territory.

This award is calculated as follows:

- The highest overall score of pair/group per discipline per club in each division will be noted. All the division totals will then be added together to create an Overall Diversity Score. For example:
 - If a club has three trios in one division, only the highest will be counted, regardless of the level. Meaning, if a club has W3 level 8, 9 and 10, entered into Division 4, ONLY the highest W3 score will be counted.
- If you have entries in all five disciplines in a division, regardless of the level within that division, then all five scores will count, giving your club a greater chance of winning the Overall Award.
- Each division total will be added together, so the more disciplines entered across the greatest number of divisions will have the best chance of winning.
- The clubs will have this total score ranked from highest to lowest.
- The club with the highest score will be ranked 1, and be named as the National Overall Champion Club.

Plaque	Division A - Champion Club
Plaque	Division B - Champion Club
Plaque	Division C - Champion Club
Perpetual & Trophy	Overall Champion Club
Trophy	2nd Place Overall Champion Club
Trophy	3rd Place Overall Champion Club

5.3.10 Tie Break

Tie breaking rules will apply in the event of equal scores. Ties will be broken in the following order:

- Individual Exercise Tie Break Rules
 - No Tie break rules to be applied
 - If for example a tie for second, both will be presented, and third will also be presented
- Individual Overall Tie Break Rules
 - No Tie break rules to be applied
 - If for example a tie for second, both will be presented, and third will also be presented
- Division Champion
 - The highest eligible individual overall score for a pair / group
 - The highest eligible individual exercise score
 - The highest eligible execution score
- Overall Champion
 - The highest total score for Division A
 - The highest total score for Division B
 - The highest total score for Division C

5.4 Australian Championships

5.4.1 Entry Requirements

- As per Gymnastics Australia's National Event Entry Policy
- Athletes by the 'Definitive close of entries' must meet their State/Territory qualifying process

- Athletes must qualify for the State/Territory Team in the same level or International Program category that they are entering the Australian Championships
- Athletes must pass the level (Australian Levels Program) or qualify (International Program) at a sanctioned State/Territory qualifying event before close of definitive entries
- Athletes can only enter into one event
- Athletes can only enter into one level or International event category

5.4.2 Competition Rules

As per section 5.2 of this document.

5.4.3 Age Restrictions

The minimum age for the athlete to compete in National Acrobatic Gymnastics events is 8 years of age in the year of the competition.

5.4.4 Competition Attire

- As per the current FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points and any applicable Gymnastics Australia policy:
 - State/Territory emblems are not required on competition attire
 - State/Territory or National emblems can be worn on leotards with no penalty

National emblems can only be worn by those pair / groups who have represented Australia at an International event.

5.4.5 Judges

All competing states must provide a judge suitably qualified for the level of athletes attending.

	Execution	Difficulty	Artistry	Chair of Judge Panel
Advanced	Execution 1 – 10	Difficulty 1 – 5	Artistry 1 – 10	CJP 1 – 5
Advanced Silver	Execution 1 – 10	Difficulty 1 – 10	Artistry 1 – 10	CJP 1 – 10
FIG	Brevet (International)			

- Judges must be included with provisional entries, and include their availability so judge's panels and schedule can be determined. This will allow time for extra judges to be organised if required.
- Options or exemptions can be discussed with the NJC.

5.4.6 Trophies and Titles

- Only persons whose normal domicile is Australia are able to hold an Australian Title.
- The Perpetual trophy shall be awarded each year. To be held by the State/Territory winning the Championship competition.
- Medals shall be presented to the first three places in each event category.
- Perpetual trophies are to be presented to State/Territory representatives on the strict understanding that the Member Association shall be responsible for their return fourteen days prior to the subsequent championships, in good order, clean and ready for presentation at the championships.
- Under no circumstances may an Australian perpetual trophy be taken from Australia.

Individual Awards

- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded for overall scores in each level, for each event.
- To be eligible to receive an overall medal, the minimum overall score must be obtained.

- The minimum overall score is:
 - Levels 6-7, 11-16 IP - 42.000
 - Levels 8-10, 12-18 IP, 13-19 IP, Senior IP - 63.000
- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each routine (Balance, Dynamic and Combined) will also be awarded when the minimum number of entrants (3) is reached within the level/event.
- To be eligible to receive a medal for a single routine, the minimum routine score (21.0) must be obtained.

Example: 3 x Women's Pairs (WP) in Level 6:

- Balance – WP 1 - 26.6, WP 2 - 24.2, WP 3 - 19.0. Only Gold and Silver will be awarded for the balance routine. Pair 3 will not be awarded as did not achieve the minimum score of 21 for this routine.
- Dynamic – WP 1 - 22.3, WP 2 - 23.65, WP 3 - 24.0. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for the dynamic routine.
- Overall – WP 1 - 48.9, WP 2 - 47.85, WP 3 - 43.0. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded for the overall. Although pair 3 did not score 21.0 in balance, their total score for overall with both balance and dynamic makes the 42.0 total.

Gymnastics Australia: Interstate Championship Shield

The Interstate Championship Shield will be awarded to the State that accumulates the most points at the Australian Championships on the following criteria for each event category:

- 1st Place Overall – 10 points
- 2nd Place Overall – 5 points
- 3rd Place Overall – 3 points
- 4th Place Overall – 1 points

5.4.7 Tie Break Rules

Australian Levels Program

- No Tie break rules to be applied
- If for example a tie for second, both will be presented, and third will also be presented

International Program

- No Tie break rules to be applied
- If for example a tie for second, both will be presented, and third will also be presented

Tie Break Rules for Finals

(Only applicable when finals have resulted from a qualification event)

- No Tie break rules to be applied
- If for example a tie for second, both will be presented, and third will also be presented

5.4.8 National Judges Subsidy Funding Criteria

See Australian Championships Judges Subsidy Policy on Gymnastics Australia's website www.gymnastics.org.au > About Us > By-laws, Policies and Technical Regulations.

The National Technical Director and Judging Coordinator will consider all or some of the following factors (not listed in any order of priority) when judging numbers exceed the allocated subsidy numbers and they may give such weight to any or all of these factors as they see fit:

- Judging Qualification
- Number of judges per state
- Experience – International, National and State
- Years of service
- Contribution to the sport

The decision of the selectors will be final and judges will not be permitted to appeal the decision.

6. AWARD GUIDELINES

The following Acrobatic Gymnastics Awards may be awarded each year: The period of evaluation for the award is 12 months from 1 January to 31 December.

Title	Award	Type	Selection
International Senior	Gymnasts of the Year	Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group or Pair • Results from International events within the year • Results from Australian Championships in International Stream • Selection on the national squad
International Junior	Gymnasts of the Year	ATHLETE Age Group; 11-16, 12-18, 13-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group or Pair • Must have competed in the Australian Championships in the International Stream, and • Must have achieved ranking in the top 3 at the Australian Championships in the year of the award
International	Coach of the Year	Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have coached an Australian team representative or represented Australia as a National Team coach • Active involvement in National coaching activities • Gymnast results at international competitions • Team results at international competitions
Australian Levels	Gymnasts of the Year	Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group or Pair • Must have competed in the Australian Championships at a minimum Level 8 in the National Stream, and • Must have achieved ranking in the top 3 at the Australian Championships in the year of the award
Australian Levels	Coach of the Year	Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have coached a State/Territory Team at the Australian Championships • Active involvement in State/Territory coaching activities • Gymnast results at national competitions • Team results at national competitions
Judging	Official of the Year	Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On merits from State, National and International areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contributing to education of judges ○ Presenting courses or workshops ○ Development of education material • Practical judging at International events
Special Recognition Award		ANY (e.g. Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively involved in the ACR community at a national level • Be involved as a volunteer at national events, workshops etc.

Retirement Recognition		Gymnast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior International Athletes who have officially retired, and have lodged their retirement letter with the Gymnastics Australia High Performance Administration team at least one month prior to the Australian Championships, and who represented Australia at a Commonwealth Games, World Championship and/or Olympic Games
5th Australian Championships	Gymnast	Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current year's Australian Championships can be included in the 5 and 10 year awards. If the eligible athlete requires the current event to meet a 5 or 10 requirement please mark them "pending selection" Attendance at Australian Championships is not required to be in consecutive years (i.e. 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012 is acceptable).
10th Australian Championships	Gymnast	Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance can be in either or both the Australian Levels stream or International streams of competition at the Australian Championship Nominees should be verified by States/Territories using iMis/membership database records Athletes should be current, or retired in the previous year of competition Nominees for these awards can be held off until definitive entries for State/Territory teams are known

Process

- GA will request nominations from Member Associations
- States/Territories put forward one name only per award category; the only exception is the five or ten year participation
- The Commission will have the ability to nominate a person for an award if a State/Territory fails to nominate a suitably qualified person
- Nominations should include the completed nomination form plus supporting information
- Information supplied may be utilised by Gymnastics Australia for promotional purposes
- The ACR Commission will be the Selection Committee and reserve the right to non-award award if nominations don't meet criteria
- The selection panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- All nominations must be endorsed by the relevant Member Association; nominations from the Commission must be advised to the State/Territory Executive Director
- Gymnastics Australia must receive nominations by the closing date
- Presentations occur at the Australian Championships

APPENDIX 1 - AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

Level/ Category	Discipline					Qualifying Overall Score	No. of pair/groups per State per Discipline	Routine Type			All-Around Competition (Total of)	All Around Awards	
Level 6	Women's Pair	Men's Pair	Mixed Pair	Women's Trio	Men's Four	Pass Level	5	Balance	Dynamic	n/a	Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Level 7						Pass Level	5				n/a	Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 8						Pass Level	Unlimited				Combined	Balance + Dynamic + Combined	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 9						Pass Level	Unlimited			Balance + Dynamic + Combined		1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Level 10						Pass Level	Unlimited			Balance + Dynamic + Combined		1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 11-16						48.000	Unlimited			n/a	Balance & Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 12-18						72.000	Unlimited			Combined	Balance + Dynamic + Combined	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 13-19						70.000	Unlimited				Balance + Dynamic + Combined	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Senior						70.000	Unlimited				Balance + Dynamic + Combined	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	

APPENDIX 2 – NATIONAL CLUBS CARNIVAL RULES

Level/ Category	Discipline					Qualifying Overall Score	No. of pair/groups per Club per Discipline	Routine Type			All-Around Competition (Total of)	All Around Awards
Level 4	Women's Pair	Men's Pair	Mixed Pair	Women's Trio	Men's Four	n/a	Unlimited	Balance	Dynamic	n/a	Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 5						n/a	Unlimited				Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 6						n/a	Unlimited				Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 7						n/a	Unlimited				Balance + Dynamic	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals
Level 8						Combined	Balance + Dynamic + Combined				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Level 9							Balance + Dynamic + Combined				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Level 10							Balance + Dynamic + Combined				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 11-16						Combined	Balance & Dynamic				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 12-18							Balance + Dynamic + Combined				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Junior 13-19							Balance + Dynamic + Combined				1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals	
Senior						Balance + Dynamic + Combined	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Medals					