

2019 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 2019 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 2019 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.
- 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.
- 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 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. The number of athletes from each level in each group will be split as evenly as possible between two sets of equipment.
 - 2. For a given level, the number of finals qualifiers per group will be proportional to the number of athletes registered in that group as compared to the total number of registrants in that level. For example, if 40% of level 8's are in group 1 and 60% of level 8's are group 2, then 40% of finals qualifiers will come from group 1 and 60% of finals qualifiers will come from group 2.
 - 3. If multiple preliminary competitors (Team, All-Around, or Event) from a single level and group (set of equipment) 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.
 - 4. **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 five individuals on each event, with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
- (3) The top **three** teams for each level will receive team awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#).
- a) 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.

5. 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: **four** individuals from Group 1 and **four** individuals from Group 2
 - (b) Level 8: **eight** individuals from Group 1 and **eight** individuals from Group 2
 - (c) Level 9: **eight** individuals from Group 1 and **eight** individuals from Group 2
- (2) The top **eight** All-Around competitors for each level will receive awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#). 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.

6. 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: **five** individuals per event from Group 1 and **five** individuals per event from Group 2
 - (b) Level 8: **ten** individuals per event from Group 1 and **ten** individuals per event from Group 2
 - (c) Level 9: **ten** individuals per event from Group 1 and **ten** individuals per event from Group 2
- (2) The top **eight** Event athletes for each level will receive awards as specified in [NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility](#). 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** teams 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 **six** All-Around scores among all preliminary sessions combined.
4. Individual event awards will be given to the top **six** 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.