

2019 MAG National Championship Format

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I. Overview

In order to ensure the continued competitiveness of the NAIGC MAG competition as well as maintain our commitment to inclusive opportunities for competitors of all skills and ages, the NAIGC MAG 2019 National Championships will have three **levels**: NAIGC Modified NCAA, NAIGC Modified Level 9, and NAIGC Modified Developmental. Registration and finals qualification for these levels will NOT be based on collegiate eligibility. In order to offer collegiate teams an opportunity to compete against each other, while also offering a competition that provides open competition regardless of educational qualifications, awards will be given in **awards categories** based on collegiate eligibility. Awards categories will be determined automatically based on the collegiate status of team members. Teams will be assigned to collegiate or community competition based on status of members. In the event that an awards category is underrepresented in finals, awards will be given based upon prelim performance. The NAIGC will only offer finals in Modified Level 9 if a finals competition will be adequately competitive. If fewer than 50 athletes are registered for any event OR fewer than 8 teams are registered for a Modified Level 9, then finals will not be offered. We don't currently have capacity on our MAG equipment to offer finals for Modified Developmental.

II. Summary (numbers in blue subject to change up to midnight the Sunday before Nationals).

Level	Finals Offered	Teams	All-Around	Events
NAIGC Modified NCAA	Yes	Finals: Seven Awards: Three for Collegiate, Two for Community	Finals: Sixteen Awards: Six for Collegiate, Three for Community	Finals: Sixteen Awards: Six for Collegiate, Three for Community
NAIGC Modified Level 9	If registration criteria met (Section I)	Finals: Three Awards: Three for Collegiate, Two for Community	Finals: Ten Awards: Six for Collegiate, Three for Community	Finals: Ten Awards: Six for Collegiate, Three for Community
NAIGC Modified Developmental	No	Finals: Zero Awards: Three for Collegiate, One for Community	Finals: Zero Awards: Four for Collegiate, One for Community	Finals: Zero Awards: Four for Collegiate, One for Community

III. Levels

- A. The 2019 MAG National Championship will support three levels: NAIGC Modified NCAA, NAIGC Modified Level 9, and NAIGC Modified Developmental
- B. NAIGC Modified NCAA will offer finals. NAIGC Modified Level 9 will offer finals contingent on registration.
- C. For detailed competition rules and eligibility requirements specific to each level, see the policy: "NAIGC MAG Rules"

IV. Awards Categories

- A. The 2019 MAG National Championship will have TWO awards category: Collegiate and Community.
- B. An individual may be a member of the Collegiate category as an individual, but the Community category as a team (if there is a single Community individual competing for their team)
- C. For details about eligibility criteria and other properties of these categories, see the policy: “Competition Structures and Eligibility”

V. Judging

- A. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel. Both judges will evaluate D and E scores.

VI. Schedule

- A. The meet will have preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday (times TBD).
- B. There will be a single combined Finals session for any levels offering a finals competition on Saturday afternoon.
- C. Any level not offering a finals competition will be announced by [March 8, 2019](#) (one week after the regular registration deadline).
- D. Awards for all levels without finals will be given on Friday evening. Awards for all levels offering finals will be given NAIGC banquet on Saturday evening.

VII. Format

- A. All competitive sessions will be conducted using “warm-up - compete” format. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event. Athletes will be given 12 minutes to warm up each event.
- B. Each preliminary session may accommodate multiple levels, depending on registration. Upon request of clubs, teams from the same club will be assigned to the same session regardless of level.
- C. The combined Finals session will have, for each level offering a final, a Team Finals, an All-Around Finals, and an Event Finals for each competitive event: FX, PH, SR, VT, PB, HB.
- 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.

VIII. Competitions

- A. Scope – Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed (possibly to zero) to accommodate variance in registration or the distribution of individuals among divisions. All changes will be announced by midnight the Sunday before Nationals begins.
- 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. Each club can only qualify one team to finals in each level and awards category.
5. In team finals, a team may select up to four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score. 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 the 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. NAIGC Modified NCAA
 - a. MAG teams placing in the top **seven** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Team awards will be given to the top **three** MAG teams from the team Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **two** in the Community category. If fewer than the number of teams receiving awards qualify in an awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
7. NAIGC Modified Level 9
 - a. MAG teams placing in the top **three** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Team awards will be given to the top **three** MAG teams from the team Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **two** in the Community category. If fewer than the number of teams receiving awards qualify in an awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
8. NAIGC Modified Developmental
 - a. Team awards will be given to the top **three** MAG teams over combined preliminary sessions.
 - b. Team awards will be given to the top **three** MAG teams from the team Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **one** in the Community category. If fewer than the number of teams receiving awards qualify in an awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.

C. All-Around Competition

1. 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 (See exceptions: VIII.C.2.b and VIII.C.3.b).
2. NAIGC Modified NCAA
 - a. All-Around competitors placing in the top **sixteen** from among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for All-Around Finals.
 - b. All-Around awards will be given to the top **six** MAG All-Around scores from the All-Around Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **three** in the Community category. If fewer individuals participate in finals in a given awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
3. NAIGC Modified Level 9
 - a. All-Around competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for All-Around Finals.
 - b. All-Around awards will be given to the top **six** MAG All-Around scores from the All-Around Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **three** in the Community category. If fewer individuals participate in finals in a given awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
4. NAIGC Modified Developmental
 - a. All-Around awards will be given to the top **four** MAG All-Around scores from the All-Around Finals in the Collegiate category and the top **one** in the Community category.

D. Event Competitions

1. Competitors participating in the Team Finals who did not qualify for an event final in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the individual event competition (See exceptions: VIII.D.2.b and VIII.D.3.b). Similarly, competitors participating in the All-Around Finals who did not qualify for an event final in the preliminary competition are not eligible for an award in the individual event competition (See exceptions: VIII.D.2.b and VIII.D.3.b).
2. NAIGC Modified NCAA
 - 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. Event awards will be given to the top **six** on each event in the Collegiate category and the top **three** in the Community category. If fewer individuals participate in finals in a given awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
3. NAIGC Modified Level 9

- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **ten** from among all preliminary sessions combined will qualify for Event Finals in that event.
 - b. Event awards will be given to the top **six** competitors on each event in the Collegiate category and the top **three** in the Community category. If fewer individuals participate in finals in a given awards category, subsequent places will be awarded based on prelims results.
4. NAIGC Modified Developmental
- a. Event awards will be given to the top **four** scores on each event over combined preliminary sessions in the Collegiate category, and the top **one** in the Community category.

IX. Amendments

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Board of Directors.
- B. Within Section VIII, any of the numbers in blue may be amended by the NAIGC President or Men's Rules Spokesperson.

Document Revision History

Version / Date	Author	Change/Reason
Version 1.0 / 9/21/2017	Clint Gyory	Policy Created
Version 1.1 / 11/16/2017	Clint Gyory	VIII: Changed Mercy rule. Removed extra mercy rule competitors for extra team fees paid and placed deadline on signing up for mercy rule V.C: Added Open division awards time and location (tentative) VII.A: added final cutoff (midnight Sunday before Nationals) for Finals qualification distribution
Version 1.2	Julia Sharpe	-Changed name from 2018 NAIGC Men's National Championships Structure, Format, & Rules -Updated to remove divisions -Updated language to match competition structure and eligibility that uses category for awards but not qualification -Change men/men's to MAG for improved inclusivity -Updated language for determining finals offerings
Version 1.3	Nate Sharpe	Updated blue numbers.