

MAG National Championship Format

Version 1.10 / Last Amended 11/30/2023

(Note: Changes this competition year highlighted in red)

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 National Championships will have three **levels**: NAIGC Modified NCAA, NAIGC Modified Level 9, and NAIGC Modified Level 7.

In order to offer competitive gymnastics opportunities to a range of athletes, finals qualification and awards will be given in placement categories which are based on collegiate eligibility and self-selected gender. **The categories are broken into Collegiate/Community and Men+/Women+, resulting in four placement categories for each level: Collegiate Men+, Collegiate Women+, Community Men+, and Community Women+. These categories were created to define fair competitive fields and are defined in the NAIGC Nationals Competition Structure and Eligibility, linked in Section V of this document, and includes the reasoning for this structure.**

Finals qualification and awards will be given in each of these categories and are treated as competing in separate competitions. The number of individuals and teams that qualify to finals will follow the placement categories and be proportional to registration numbers. We don't currently have capacity on our MAG equipment to offer finals for Modified Level 7. **The NAIGC Registration and Scoring tool, ScoreFlippers, supports a wide range of results filters so athletes can evaluate their scores relative to a variety of competitors (effectively creating an unofficial/unique category if desired).**

II. Qualification to Finals and Awards Summary (blue numbers are subject to change up to midnight the Sunday before Nationals).

A. Qualification:

<i>Level</i>	<i>Finals Offered</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>All-Around</i>	<i>Events</i>
NAIGC Modified NCAA	Yes	Qualify to Finals: Seven teams , distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Sixteen athletes, distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Nineteen athletes, distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.
NAIGC Modified Level 9	Yes	Qualify to Finals: Four teams , distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Eleven athletes, distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Eleven athletes, distributed proportionally between placement categories. Awards: up to Three per category.
NAIGC Modified Level 7	No	Qualify to Finals: Finals not offered. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Finals not offered. Awards: up to Three per category.	Qualify to Finals: Finals not offered. Awards: up to Three per category.

- B. Awards: A maximum of 3 individuals per category will receive awards, and a maximum of 3 teams per category will receive awards. Categories are as defined in Section V of this document and match the qualifications categories as shown in Section II.A. of this document.

III. Levels

- A. The MAG National Championship will support three levels:
 - a. NAIGC Modified NCAA (based on NCAA and FIG rules)
 - b. NAIGC Modified Level 9 (based on USAG Level 9)
 - c. NAIGC Modified Level 7 (based on USAG Level 7)
- B. NAIGC Modified NCAA and NAIGC Modified Level 9 will offer finals.

IV. Rules

- A. For detailed competition rules specific to each level, see the [NAIGC MAG Rules Policy](#).

V. Placement Categories

- A. For details about eligibility criteria and other properties of these categories, see the [Competition Structures and Eligibility Policy](#).

VI. Judging

- A. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel. Both judges will evaluate D and E scores.
- B. All events will be judged by the same judging panel for prelims and finals.

VII. Schedule

- A. The meet will have preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday (times TBD).
- B. There will be a single combined Finals session for each level offering a finals competition on Saturday.
- C. Any level not offering a finals competition will be announced one week after the regular registration deadline).
- D. Placements for all levels will be given at the NAIGC banquet on Saturday evening.

VIII. Format

- A. All competitive sessions will be conducted using “warm-up - compete” format. Timed warm-ups immediately precede competition on each event. Each group of athletes on a rotation will be given 12 minutes to warm up each event. Athletes are allowed extra warm-up turns between competitors but must immediately dismount when the judges are ready.
- B. Each preliminary session may accommodate multiple levels, depending on registration. Teams from the same club will be assigned to the same session regardless of level, unless a club requests otherwise.
- 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.

IX. 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, the top three scores count towards the team score.
2. To be eligible as a team member in team Finals, an individual must have been registered for that team in the preliminary competition.
3. Each club can only qualify one team to finals in each level and placement category.
4. 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 submitted 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 the 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. Rotation assignments for finals will be automatically determined based on prelim placements.
6. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement category.

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.
2. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement 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. 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).
2. Please refer to the table in Section II for finals qualification and placement numbers listed by level and placement category.

X. Amendments

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Board of Directors.
- B. Within Section II, any of the numbers in blue may be amended by the NAIGC President or MAG Rules Coordinator(s).

- C. This document may be amended at any time up to two weeks preceding the Nationals event in the case of significant changes impacting the event, including but not limited to national emergencies, pandemics, and natural disasters.

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.
Version 1.4 / 12/1/2019	Julia Sharpe	-Changed text in Section VIII to reference the table in section II instead of listing everything again. -Fixed some typos

Version 1.5	Julia Sharpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Changed level 9 finals wording to “may offer” in case nationals 2021 is very small -Fixed more typos -Added language for potential changes for COVID (Section IX.C)
Version 1.6	Julia Sharpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Added clause about finals rotation assignments -Made it explicit that bump touch is allowed -Fixed confusing statement about session assignments
Version 1.7	Julia Sharpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Updated to match Competition Structures and Eligibility policy, which specifies that finals qualification is by level and awards category. -Updated language to clearly state how we chose blue numbers for finals and awards -Added language to allow for a Women in MAG awards category
Version 1.8	Julia Sharpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Updated awards for Mod NCAA community Team and Developmental community Individual
Version 1.9	Julia Sharpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed Level 7 to developmental. Changed awards category to placement category. -Updated minimums for finals qualification and awards
Version 1.9.1	Julia Sharpe	Updated blue number for Mod NCAA, Community, Events, Finals Qualification
Version 1.10 / 11/30/2023	Lucas Reed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated placement category wording throughout the document to reflect new

		<p>CS&E placement categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Removed the 8 person limit for a team.- Removed registration dependent clause for offering Level 9 finals.- Links to other documents updated to match latest document version.
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