



Artistry Aesthetic Group Gymnastics ♦ ABN 91894488779

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Competition Policy

1. Gymnasts are selected at the Head Coaches discretion and gymnasts compete by invitation only.
2. A verbal commitment stands as an agreement between Artistry and the gymnasts when committing to the competition.
3. Gymnasts cannot withdraw from the competition once the schedule is in place unless a medical certificate signed by a doctor is provided or evidence of any family occurrence which warrants a withdrawal. This is because it is unfair on ALL gymnasts and their families if other gymnasts withdraw once the choreography and competition schedule has been activated.
4. Gymnasts who do withdraw within a four week period of a competition will incur costs for administration, entry fees, possible gymnast replacement costs and or other costs as determined by the Head Coach.
5. Being a part of the competition team requires dedication, focus and commitment. It is expected these qualities are in both the gymnast and their support family/guardians.
6. The host organisations ensure the competition experience is exciting, memorable and rewarding. The competition will be run according to all IFAGG rules and regulations for AGG.
7. An acceptance form requires completion and signing with on 7 days of the invitation to compete or the gymnasts spot may be offered to another gymnast.
8. Each team must have a minimum of four gymnasts in each team in order to compete.
9. Once a commitment has been made and we have the team numbers to proceed, we strongly ask that families follow through with the commitment as respect to all team members and their families.
10. A Zoom meeting will be held in the weeks leading up to the competition in order for gymnasts and family members to ask questions and exchange information. The Zoom will be recorded.
11. Artistry AGG will provide an information document outlining the competition, itinerary and accommodation/flights and costs etc. These details will be updated as the competition moves closer.
12. All gymnasts must pay and be registered with the AAGGF – the AGG governing federation.
13. It is compulsory for competing gymnasts to attend the offered workshops leading up the competition in order to be competition ready.
14. There are obviously costs associated with competing. Artistry AGG is committed to keeping them to a minimum. This however is determined by destinations, and host organisations etc. Artistry AGG does not derive an income from the actual competition, unless we host the competition. When we host a competition, the Club obviously incurs costs that require coverage.
15. Parents/Guardians must pay for airfares and accommodation, administration, competition entry, additional accessories and costume, workshops, the attending coach (split between gymnasts) AAGGF membership, ground transfers and meals whilst in the competition process.
16. Other costs incurred may be: Hair products, makeup, flesh undies, toe shoes, leotards, training uniforms or Brand T-shirts and or sight-seeing.
17. Parents should have a small contingency amount. As with all travel, from time to times there are additional costs involved.
18. Artistry AGG will provide tour , clear communication and instruction for gymnasts and their families, strong competition guidance, communication and logistics, training and preparation of competing gymnasts, music editing of competition tracks, additional makeup and hair support, emotional guidance and support to all, assist with travel arrangements if requested and other support as requested and required.
19. Artistry AGG and its representatives, club members and gymnasts are never to use defamatory remarks or comments either between parties, on social media or at any other time. These matters will be taken seriously and addressed with gymnasts possibly losing their place in the competition teams.
20. All competing gymnasts accept that there will be professional sports photographers at competitions and give full permission for all gymnasts to be photographed whilst competing. All photographers have working with Children checks.
21. All spectators are to be encouraging of all gymnasts and groups throughout a competition.
22. Respectful conduct is required from all participants, gymnasts, parents and spectators at all times.
23. The raising of any issues should be done discreetly between gymnasts/ families and the Head Coach ONLY and in a respectful manner.

General Competition Expectation and Information

Parents and Spectators

1. Remember that children participate in gymnastics for their enjoyment as well as yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, it is a wonderful opportunity
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than medals and scores
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not completing a skill.
6. Appreciate all good performances and skills
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their ability, cultural background or religion
8. Respect the sensibilities of others by using non offensive language.
9. At competitions, due to privacy reasons, only photograph or video your own child (or another child if you have permission from their parent). Please refrain from photographing/ videoing other clubs' gymnasts.
10. At competitions, all photography and videoing of routines should be from the spectator area.
11. At competitions, remain in the allocated spectator area, do not approach the mat, do not coach your child from the side-lines, and never approach a judge or a coach who is at the mat.
12. Listen to instructions given by coaches, floor manager or other event officials
13. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
14. Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, judges and officials.
15. The judging is final and will not be entered into
16. Any concerns should be directed to the Artistry AGG Head or Senior Coach

Gymnasts

1. Support your team mates and be friendly to gymnasts from other clubs.
 2. Do not argue with an official. If you need clarification, have your coach approach the official after the competition and according to the rules.
 3. Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances from every athlete or AGG Group
 4. Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials (eg. shake hands, wish good luck and thank the judges/officials).
 5. Cooperate with your coach, team and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
 6. Participate for your own enjoyment and do your best, not just to please others.
 7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their ability, cultural background or religion.
 8. Respect the sensibilities of others by using non offensive language.
 9. Wear appropriate club uniform, leotard and tracksuit at all events and comply with hair and jewellery regulations.
 10. Bring everything that your coach requests you to bring
 11. Focus and train, warm up properly.
 12. Remember...there is no "I" in Team!
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