

NAIGC Men's 2016 National Championships Structure, Format, and Rules

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- I. Purpose and Rationale
In order to ensure the continued competitiveness of the NAIGC Men's competition as well as maintain our commitment to inclusive opportunities for competitors of all skills and ages, the NAIGC Men's 2016 National Championships will have two divisions, Classic and Collegiate. These divisions are based not on skill, but collegiate eligibility. They are meant to provide open participation and achievement recognition for all competitors regardless of educational qualifications, while also offering collegiate teams the opportunity to compete against each other.
- II. Divisions
The 2016 Men's National Championships will have a Classic Division and a Collegiate Division. See the policy: NAIGC Competition Structures and Eligibility for details about eligibility criteria and other properties of these divisions. The Collegiate division will be implemented at the discretion of the NAIGC based off of registration and financial feasibility. In the event that the NAIGC cancels the Collegiate Division, all registrants will be automatically registered into the Classic Division.
- III. Levels
 - A. Each division will support only one level.
- IV. Judging
 - A. The men's competitions will all use the judging rules specified in the policy: NAIGC Men's Competition Rules and Interpretations.
 - B. All routines will be judged with a two-judge panel.
- V. Schedule
 - A. The meet will have preliminary sessions on Thursday and Friday (times TBD).
 - B. There will be a single combined finals session on Saturday afternoon that will accommodate both divisions.
 - C. Awards for each division will be given at the NAIGC banquet on Saturday evening.
- VI. Format
 - A. All competitive sessions will be conducted using warm up compete format. Timed warm ups immediately precede competition on each event.
 - B. Each preliminary session may accommodate either one or both divisions, depending on registration.
 - C. The combined finals session will accommodate both divisions, and will have, for each division, 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.
- VII. Competitions
 - A. Scope – Each of the numbers in blue is a placeholder that may be changed at any time up to the date of the National Championships to accommodate variance in

registration or the distribution of individuals among divisions. All changes will be announced before competition begins and posted on the NAIGC website.

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. Classic Division
 - a. Men's teams placing in the top **six** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Men's teams placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for team finals.
 - c. In team finals, a team may select up to four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** men's teams from the team finals.
5. Collegiate Division
 - a. Men's teams placing in the top **four** among all sessions combined will qualify for team finals.
 - b. Men's teams placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for team finals.
 - c. In team finals, a team will select four individuals on each event with the top three scores counting towards the team score.
 - d. Team awards will be given to the top **three** men's teams from the team finals.

C. All-around Competition

1. Classic Division
 - a. All-around competitors placing in the top **twelve** from among all sessions combined will qualify for men's all-around finals.
 - b. All-around competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for all-around finals.
 - c. All-around awards will be given to the top **eight** men's all-around scores from the all-around finals, among those who are participating in all-around finals.
 - d. To be eligible for an all-around award, a competitor must have qualified for all-around finals during the preliminary competition. In particular, 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. Collegiate Division

- a. All-around competitors placing in the top **nine** from among all sessions combined will qualify for men's all-around finals.
- b. All-around competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for all-around finals.
- c. All-around awards will be given to the top **eight** men's all-around scores from the all-around finals, among those who are participating in all-around finals.
- d. To be eligible for an all-around award, a competitor must have qualified for all-around finals during the preliminary competition. In particular, 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.

D. Event Competitions

1. Classic Division

- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **twelve** from among all sessions combined will qualify for event finals in that event.
- b. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for event finals in that event.
- c. Event awards will be given to the top **six** competitors on each event, among those who are participating in the event finals.
- d. To be eligible for an event award, a competitor must have qualified for individual event finals on that event. In particular, 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.

2. Collegiate Division

- a. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top **nine** from among all sessions combined will qualify for event finals in that event.
- b. For each competitive event, event competitors placing in the top spot from each of the preliminary sessions will qualify for event finals in that event.
- c. Event awards will be given to the top **six** competitors on each event, among those who are participating in the event finals.
- d. To be eligible for an event award, a competitor must have qualified for individual event finals on that event. In particular, 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.

If a club does not have at least one gymnast qualify into the men’s finals (event, all-around, or team finals), the club may choose one member of their men’s team to participate in the event finals on one event of their choice. If a club has multiple men’s teams, they may choose to pay additional team fees to ensure that additional teams (i.e. team B) can also have one person qualify for the Mercy Rule. Mercy Rule competitors may only receive shadow awards.

IX. Amendments

- A. This document may be amended by the NAIGC Board of Directors.
- B. Within Section VI, any of the numbers in blue may be amended by the NAIGC President.

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