

GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

Policy / Framework for Selection of Gymnasts for International Competitions on request

Objectives

1. The purpose of this Policy is to lay down a transparent and equitable framework for selection of Gymnasts for International Competitions on request i.e. for any international competitions which are not part of GFI's Annual Calendar of the respective discipline.
2. GFI acknowledges the importance of international competition exposure to enhance competitive performance, benchmark Indian gymnasts against global standards, and contribute meaningfully to long-term athlete development. However, indiscriminate participation in international competitions without reference to performance standards, preparedness, or strategic relevance may dilute the intent of elite sport and undermine the credibility of national representation.
3. GFI bears a responsibility to safeguard the integrity of national representation, ensure athlete welfare, and prevent premature or inappropriate exposure to high-level competitions. Allowing participation at personal cost without objective performance benchmarks may create inequity among athletes and set precedents inconsistent with principles of fairness and excellence.
4. This policy establishes a transparent and structured framework to evaluate requests for international participation, ensuring that selection is driven by excellence based on technical justification, past performance, suitable benchmarking and alignment with the athlete's high-performance pathway while maintaining credibility of national representation.

Procedure for Requests and evaluation

5. Request for participation in international competitions which are not part of GFI's annual calendar must be sent to GFI in the prescribed form at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline for required first level registration or at least 3 months prior to the competition whichever is earlier. Request must be made along with the prescribed fee. GFI may reject any request not adhering to the prescribed timelines or without the prescribed fee.
6. The Selection Committee shall evaluate all valid requests in accordance with this policy and record the decision in writing which shall be conveyed through the Federation.
7. Evaluation will be made based on fulfilment of benchmarks as laid out herein.
8. In case of request for participation in an international competition which is part of an annual series or held at regular or fixed intervals, the scores and results from that competition's previous edition (within the same judging cycle) will be used as benchmarks.
9. In case of request for participation in any one-off international competition, the scores and results from a similar competition from the past will be used as benchmarks in consultation with the relevant disciplines Technical Committee.
10. The highest score achieved by the gymnast/group in a recognized national or international event within 6 months of the requested international competition will be used to evaluate fulfilment of benchmarks.

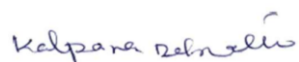
11. Table for evaluation of fulfilment of benchmarks:

Category	Category 1 Disciplines	Category 2 Disciplines
Disciplines	MAG, WAG, AER, ACRO	RG, TRA, PK
Evaluation Criteria	Gymnast/group score within 10% of benchmark Bronze Medal Score or within 5% of benchmark score of last gymnast/group to qualify for finals in the respective event	Gymnast/group score within 15% of benchmark Bronze Medal Score or within 10% of benchmark score of last gymnast/group to qualify for finals in the respective event

Other provisions

12. Where requests are received from a greater number of gymnasts/groups than places available for registration, the selection will be based on score i.e. the Gymnast/group with the higher score will be given priority subject to fulfilment of benchmarks.
13. The selection for international competitions/events which are part of the respective disciplines' annual calendar will be governed by the criteria formulated for the respective events and evaluation under this policy will not apply for such events.
14. Given the complexities involved with various disciplines and everchanging dynamics of international competitions, not every possibility/situation may be foreseen and documented hence wherever required to align with the objectives of this policy, the Selection Committee may relax or tighten the evaluation method in specific cases at its discretion while recording the justification.
15. The decision of the Selection Committee concerning selection of gymnasts will be final.

For and on behalf of the Selection Committee



Dr Kalpana Debnath
Chair Selection Committee

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