



2021 Australian Gymnastics Championships

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the 2021 Australian Gymnastics Championships be going ahead?

Yes, Gymnastics Australia can confirm it will host the 2021 Australian Gymnastics Championship on the Gold Coast from 13 - 25 May.

What are the event dates?

RG, TRP, AER & ACR: 13 - 17 May

MAG & WAG: 20 - 25 May

A draft competition schedule can be found on the event website

<http://ausgymnasticschamps.com.au/schedule/>

When will the competition schedule be finalised?

The competition schedule will be finalised once GA receives final entries from the states/territories in mid-April.

Can I book flights and accommodation?

Yes, we encourage individuals to book flights and accommodation as soon as you can. Most airlines now offer 12 to 24 months credit with accommodation providers on the Gold Coast offering free cancellation if that cancellation happens outside of two weeks of arrival. We encourage participants to book with our preferred supplier Accor (Mantra).

We would strongly recommend all individuals and attendees check the terms and conditions on all bookings with their providers as all bookings are your own responsibility.

If the event does not proceed in May, will it be cancelled or postponed to another date in 2021?

If the event does not go ahead in May it will be cancelled for 2021 due to other calendar and scheduling conflicts.

What if GA proceeds with the event but there is an outbreak and borders close during the event?

The health and safety of all event attendees, as well as minimising the travel and financial risk for individuals, will form an important part of GA's planning. GA will work with all STA's to ensure local and national travel advice is communicated in a timely manner.

For most states and territories, there has been a window of 24 to 48 hours when borders have closed. While responsibility will be on the individuals to ensure they are aware of any travel requirements should they need to return home, GA will be monitoring the situation closely in the lead up to and during the event, liaising with local health authorities.

The risk of the event being abandoned, and home borders closing is one that individuals need to consider when nominating to participate. With individuals responsible for their own travel and accommodation, the risk will sit with each individual to manage this situation if it occurs.

Individuals must also consider that any quarantine costs would be the responsibility of the individuals involved and will not be covered by GA or by any insurance policy.



Will the event look different in 2021?

A number of COVID safe measures will be implemented at the 2021 event to ensure the health and safety of all involved. The event delivery must comply with venue social distancing measures and density limits.

A COVID safe event plan will be made available shortly and further information will be published in the event bulletins which are available on the event [website](#).

Can spectators still attend?

At this stage, according to Queensland Government regulations, yes spectators can attend. GA will continue to work closely with the venue and Queensland government to ensure all requirements are adhered to in the interest of the health and safety of all spectators.

When will information around ticketing be available?

Further ticket information will be made available by the end of this month. If the event is cancelled due to COVID related border closures, travel restrictions and/ or quarantine restrictions all tickets purchased will be fully refundable

Will athletes be able to attend as a spectator with their event accreditation?

Yes, athletes will be able to attend sessions and sit in an allocated seating area.

Are entry fees refundable if the event is cancelled?

If the event is cancelled due to COVID related border closures, travel restrictions and/ or quarantine restrictions all entry fees are fully refundable. Refunds will be paid to each State/Territory Association.

Will entry fees be refunded if I am injured/sick with a medical certificate?

Yes, in line with the National Event Entry Policy, if you are sick or injured and have a valid medical certificate are you eligible for a refund of your entry fee, less 20% admin fee.

If I don't attend the event will it have any impact on my National Squad selection?

Moving forward, as has already been shared with the HP community, GA is reviewing its approach and purpose for the Olympic GymSport national squads. This is to align with the with National Institute Network and AIS Athlete Categorisation Framework and dAIS national athlete funding submissions and also to shift to a 12 month calendar year. The selection of Olympic GymSport national squads will be undertaken in December (the same time that the AIS requires submission for athlete categorisation and dAIS). Nominated selection events, performance eligibility and key considerations for selection to the Olympic GymSport national squads will be detailed in the relevant Olympic GymSport national squad selection policy (to be published in April).

For the non-Olympic GymSport national squads, the event will be used as a nominated selection event, however the non-Olympic High Performance team will ensure that should any individual athlete decides not to attend the event for COVID related reasons, they will not be disadvantaged in Squad selection.

Will the National Clubs Carnival still be taking place?

Yes, Gymnastics Australia is currently planning for both the July and September National Clubs Carnivals. For specific event information please head to the event [website](#).

Please continue to check the Australian Championships event [website](#) for updated information.