GYMNASTICS NSW

2021 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

26th – 30th June 2021 Armidale City Gymnastics Club 4/124 Kentucky St, Armidale NSW 2350

SPECTATORS: What you need to know

Gymnastics NSW are excited to be holding our 2021 Country Championships at the Armidale City Gymnastics Club. The Country Championships will feature six Gymsports.



The 2021 Gymnastics NSW Country Championships will be held in the picturesque town of Armidale in the New England High Country of NSW. The whole region is dotted with waterfalls, deep gorges, rivers, ancient rainforest, and abundant wildlife.

The competition will be held during Winter in the Northern Tablelands of NSW, with Armidale sitting at an altitude of a kilometre above sea level. Winters can be cold and bracing, with overnight temperatures dropping to minus temperatures, often with a thick frost (or maybe even a little snow). These cold frosty mornings are usually followed by sunny days.

Athletes, officials and spectators should expect that the weather will be cold. We recommend checking the weather forecast in advance of your trip. Athletes and officials should bring with them suitable attire for the cold weather, to stay warm before and after competition and between events. Spectators will often feel the cold more with longer periods of sitting to view the competition. Spectators are highly recommended to dress warmly and rug-up for the competition.

For more information about the Armidale region, accommodation, attractions and things to do please check out the tourism and visitor information at the end of the document.

To access the schedules, workplans and competition information please <u>click here</u>. We will be publishing Key Information for all patrons in the lead-up to the Event over Social Media and it will also be available on our Website.

COVID Adjustments

Each GNSW competition and event has an implementation plan that flows from the Gymnastics NSW Return to Competition Road Map. Given the current environment and the nature of the competitions there will be considerable differences between previous State-Run Events and future State Events. These guidelines are designed to ensure the safety and health of both the gymnastic and wider community. Working together we all can participate safely, ensuring compliance with all current regulations and requirements to ensure a safe return to sport and compliance with government restrictions.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming spectators and fans back to Gymnastics Competitions and based on the current COVID-19 health advice and restrictions, we have been working hard to put appropriate measures in place to ensure your visit is as safe as possible.

Spectators, participants, and attendees acknowledge that there is a risk of attending and participating in events and attend and participate at their own risk. Participants should ensure they understand the conditions and risk mitigation steps implemented.

Everyone who visits the Centre will have an important role to play in supporting the venue and competition's COVID-19 Safety Plan.

We therefore seek your support and assistance by complying with the following simple health rules:

Stay Home if Unwell

- Do not attend the event if you, or a member of your household is unwell or have any cold or flu-like symptoms;
- Stay home if you have been feeling unwell, have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or is awaiting on the results of a COVID-19 test (including yourself).
- If you and / or anyone in your group are a resident of a COVID hotspot or have visited a COVID exposure site in the last 14 days or have visited any of the venues listed on the NSW Health Website.
- If you or a household member are required to self-isolate or are awaiting COVID test results you are not permitted to attend. All directions from NSW Health must continue to be followed, including self-isolation, testing and stay home orders if and as required.

Ticketing

Ticketing for this event will be completed <u>online only</u>. Unfortunately, there will not be tickets available for purchase at the door for this event. If you would like to order tickets, you will have to order them online prior to the competition date and ticket sale closing.

Please Note: All spectators (including children) will have to hold a valid ticket to attend a session.

Each session will have a capacity limit, in alignment with restriction by the NSW Government. We therefore require all spectators entering to hold a ticket to allow us to ensure we are maintaining a safe environment.

Tickets will be available until the allocation has been exhausted. Tickets are only valid for session listed on ticket.

Times listed on your ticket is the Spectator Entry and Exit Times. Athletes and coaches will have earlier arrival times as stated in the <u>Event Information Booklet</u>.

Athletes, coaches and officials have already been accounted for in capacity numbers. Tickets do not need to be purchased for athletes for their competing session. Tickets need to be purchased for an athlete or an official if viewing a session outside their competition session.

All tickets are for general admission to the designated seating section. Spectators may be sat next to other ticketed groups within the spectator area.

Arrivals / Departures

Doors to the venue for spectators will be open as specified on schedules. Please be aware you will not be able to enter the venue as a spectator until the specified spectator entry time prior to the commencement of competition in the session.

Competing athletes will meet their club coach at a designated club meeting point outside the venue. Coaches are to collect their gymnasts at this meeting point and will escort their group of gymnasts into the venue and sign-in for the session they are entering. Athlete and officials will enter the venue at separately scheduled venue entry time to spectators.

Spectators arriving early should wait in their car and away from any other groups and away from the venue entry until the appropriate time.

If a session has been delayed, entry for subsequent sessions will not begin before the previous session has been completed and has exited the venue.

Departing the venue: Spectators leave the venue in a quiet and orderly manner at the conclusion of the competition session ensuring they do not mingle or congregate outside the venue. Spectators should follow direction from our staff, security and signage during their visit.

Spectators must exit through the designated spectator exit door, following all venue and staff directions. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all athletes under their care exit the facility at the conclusion of the competition session and to facilitate athlete collection outside the venue. Clubs must exit as a group. Parents/guardians should be met at a club designated meeting point away from the venue entry/exit and not in any thoroughfares.

Venue Check In – QR Code – Service NSW App

All spectators are required to check-in at the venue upon arrival using the venue Service NSW QR code. Check-in should occur prior to entering the venue, before reaching the entry door to ensure a smooth flow into the venue and to avoid any unnecessary congestion. The check-in confirmation screen must be shown on entry.

Spectators will need to check-in prior to each competition session they are spectating, and check-out at the conclusion of each session to ensure accurate attendance records are maintained.

Masks

Spectators are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when arriving and departing from the venue, while seated and viewing the competition and when moving around the venue where social distancing will not always be possible.

During Your Visit

- Remain seated unless using the amenities or service areas.
- Dress warmly to stay comfortable through the duration of the competition session.
- No food or drinks are permitted in the indoor gymnastics centre.
- Wipe down your seat with the anti-bacterial wipes provided, upon arrival and departure from the seating area.
- Maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres from anyone who is not part of your immediate ticketed group, while queuing and moving through the venue and concourses.
- Practice high-level hand hygiene, by washing your hands regularly while in the Stadium.
- Spectators must not mingle or enter any athlete or official zones and participant and spectator groups to remain separate at all times.
- Bathrooms: Designated bathrooms for Spectators, Athlete and Officials. Signage will be displayed. Spectators may only access the amenities designated for their use.
- All scoring or technical administrational queries at an event will only be entertained if submitted by the club in accordance with the applicable Gymsport rules and procedures for enquiries. No direct enquiries from spectators will be answered.
- Abide by GNSW Policies, including the <u>Gymnastics NSW Spectator Code of Behaviour</u> and <u>Photography Policy</u>.
- Any breaches to the codes of conduct may result in removal from the venue and/or refusal of entry. In addition, breaches will be referred to the GNSW CEO and the GNSW Board for further action.
- As a further safety precaution, we also encourage the download and use of the <u>Australian</u> <u>Government's COVIDSafe app.</u>

What's near by

For more information about Armidale and what to do head to the link below.

http://www.armidaletourism.com.au/

https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/armidale-area/armidale

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https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/our-region/tourism/our-region