

Frequently Asked Program Questions

Can Athletes Compete in a Lower Level than what they Competed at Provincial Championships the Previous Year?

In order for an athlete to compete in a lower level than what they competed at Provincial Championships the previous year, their coach/club must make a request to the appropriate program committee. Acceptance of such a request is based on specific guidelines as outlined in the Programs Manual.

Can Athletes be named to a Provincial Team if they do not compete at Provincial Championships?

Yes, however, they cannot bump anyone from the team who competed at Provincial Championships. They can only be added if the team is not full and they follow criteria outlined in the Programs Manual.

Can Athletes Compete in a Higher Level at a Provincial Team Travel Meet than what they Competed at Provincial Championships?

This type of situation is dealt with at the committee level on a case by case basis.

Are Athletes Allowed to Compete in More than One Level during the Competitive Season?

Yes – this is very common. It is up to a clubs coaches to determine where athletes compete during the year based on the athlete's mental/physical preparedness, keeping in mind that there are some regulations surrounding competing in a lower level than previously competed at Provincial Championships.

Can an Athlete Compete at One Level all Season and then Compete at a Level Lower at Provincial Championships?

Clubs do not declare athlete levels until Provincial Championships. Because annual registration with GNL happens in October but Provincials isn't until March/April, athletes usually get registered with GNL as the level they were the previous year at the time of annual registration.

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Who sets the Judging Panels for Competitions held in Province?

Prior to the 2016-17 season, the GNL Judging Development Committee was responsible for setting panels for any competitions that were identified as Provincial Team qualifying events. There was set criteria judges needed to have in order to judge at these events. Any competitions that were not identified as Provincial Team qualifying events, the host club was responsible for setting panels.

In the 2016-17 season, Clubs became responsible for setting their own panels for an invitational competitions they hosted – identified or not. GNL was only responsible for setting panels for Provincial Championships and identifying judges to Provincial Team Travel Events. There are set standards judges must meet to be eligible to judge at Provincial Championships and Provincial Team Travel Events.