



## We're Going to Lisbon!

### Event Overview

WVGC will proudly join the **Australian Team** for the **2027 World Gymnaestrada in Lisbon, Portugal**, marking our third participation in this extraordinary international event.

The World Gymnaestrada is the largest non-competitive gymnastics festival in the world, held every four years and organised by the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG). It celebrates movement, creativity, and global connection and welcomes participants of all ages and abilities.

The 2027 event will feature:

- Group and national performances
- City displays and mass participation events
- International evenings and gala shows

Over **25,000 athletes, supporters, and officials** are expected to attend.

For more detailed information, please refer to Gymnastics Australia's Bulletin 1. Please note that much of the information in this bulletin is directed at clubs organising teams; however, it is still helpful to read and provides useful clarity.

Bulletin 1: <https://media-cdn.cortextech.io/0fd7dc90-ffd0-44b1-875f-5f0bfdfb8777.pdf>



Team Australia, Gymnaestrada Amsterdam 2023

## WVGC Teams

Two teams will represent Woden Valley Gymnastics Club. **Current members, past members, and non-members** are welcome to express interest.

### Older Team (50+ Years or Close to 50)

- Nominated for **Gala Performance selection**
- Gala performances are held in a major arena before thousands of spectators
- This is a rare and prestigious opportunity offering a world-class performance experience
- If you are chaperoning an athlete on the Open Team, why not join the Older Team and experience the trip as an athlete and not a spectator, we would love to have you join us in the experience of a lifetime

### Open Team (Ages 5 years and above)

- Open to athletes eager to train and perform as part of a dynamic group
- A basic skill level is required, including the ability to follow direction
- Suitability for choreography will be assessed following the selection workshop
- Offers an inclusive and rewarding Gymnaestrada experience

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## Expression of Interest & Deposit

- **EOI deadline:** 5:00 pm, **9 March**
- **Deposit:** \$300 per person (athlete or chaperone), payable at submission
- Deposit is **refundable only** if withdrawal occurs **before** the club makes its first payment to Gymnastics Australia
- Once that payment is made (expected **around June 2026**), the deposit becomes **non-refundable**
- **See Link for EOI registration and payment [here](#)**





## Team Selection & Confirmation Workshop (Mandatory)

All athletes who submit an EOI are expected to attend. (If for any reason you are genuinely unable to attend, please contact Naomi [naomi@wodenvalleygymnastics.com.au](mailto:naomi@wodenvalleygymnastics.com.au) for consideration for exemption)

**Location:** Woden Valley Gymnastics Club

**Date:** 21 March 2026

**Time:** 5:00 – 6:30 pm

### Purpose:

- Introduce participants to performance gymnastics
- Meet fellow team members and introduce the Gymnaestrada theme
- Coaches will assess ability to follow and interpret instructions
- Observe current skills for choreography planning
- Gauge commitment to training expectations

### Selection Considerations

Selection is **not automatic** and is at the discretion of WVGC Management. Factors include:

- Ability to follow and interpret instructions from coaching team
- Reliability with fees and payments
- Adherence to club behavioural standards
- Training commitment
- Positive history in previous club travel or team events



## Training Commitments

- **Official training:** July 2026 – July 2027
- Training must be prioritised
- Absences require advance communication and approval
- Illness must be communicated prior to training sessions

### **Membership Requirement:**

Athletes do not need to be current members to be selected but **must hold WVGC membership** from the start of training until the conclusion of the event.

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## Eligibility & Compliance

- All athletes and chaperones must hold a **valid passport** (minimum 6 months validity beyond July 2027)
  - Failure to meet club policies, training commitments, or payment agreements may result in removal from the team
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## Travel & Event Dates (TBC)

### **Pre-Event Travel (Chaperoned Athletes):**

1–6 July – London

### **Portugal Schedule**

- **6 July:** Arrive Lisbon (by 12:00 pm, TBC)
- **6–10 July:** Compulsory Australian Team Training Camp
- **11–17 July:** World Gymnaestrada Festival
- **18 July:** Departure from Gymnaestrada accommodation

### **Post-Event:**

Return to Australia or continue personal travel



## Accommodation

### Australian Team Accommodation

- School dormitory accommodation with the Australian Team
- Includes airbed, blanket, basic pillow
- Breakfast provided daily
- Schools are located near venues and public transport

Hotel accommodation is available **only for genuine medical reasons**, organised by the FIG, and **not included in Gymnastics Australia Package costs**.

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## Indicative Costs (AUD)

### Gymnastics Australia Package: ~\$3,200

Includes accommodation, event entry, insurance, transport pass, meals during event (breakfast and lunch), bedding, uniforms, training camp (which is usually inclusive of accommodation and meals)

### WVGC Club Costs: ~\$700

Includes support levy and costumes (fundraising may reduce costs)

### Pre-Event London Trip (Chaperoned Athletes):

- International Flights and Flight from London to Portugal: \$3000
- London program: \$1300 (inclusive of 4 nights accommodation with breakfast included, London Tours, West End Show, Harry Potter Studios)

### Other Costs (Not Included):

Flights (if not a club chaperoned athlete), travel insurance, personal spending, optional sightseeing, gala and international performance tickets, hotel accommodation (if applicable)

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## Payment Plan & Fundraising

- Payment schedule and payment options (please see separate document provided)
- **Fundraising participation is required** for all team members

Examples include:

- Raffles
- Bunnings BBQs
- Babysitting nights
- Sale drives

Ideas welcome: [naomi@wodenvalleygymnastics.com.au](mailto:naomi@wodenvalleygymnastics.com.au)

## Chaperoning Overview

### Athletes 12 Years & Under

- Must have a dedicated chaperone (18+)
- Chaperone stays with team accommodation
- WWVP card required
- Chaperone remains the same for the entire event

### Athletes 13–17 Years

- Under care of club-nominated chaperones during official activities
- Family travel permitted with approval
- All WWVP requirements apply

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## Team Communication

- **Stack Team App** is the primary communication platform
- Required for parents/guardians and athletes aged 12+
- Email, face to face, WhatsApp and printed communication will be used in addition to Stack Team App.
- Personal information will be collected securely and used only for official purposes

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## Image & Video Permissions

Photography and video recording are integral to the event.

Participation assumes **full consent** for image and video use by the Club, Gymnastics Australia, and FIG.

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**Please note:** the information provided in this document was current at the time of publication and does not contain all event and training information. WVGCC will endeavour to ensure that any new information or changes are communicated in a timely manner.

