



NATIONAL FINALS

JANUARY 10 - 14, 2024

Bend The Air National Finals, the pinnacle of excellence in aerial, acrobatics, and circus performance! After an epic year of 6 regional events across Australia, the best aerialists, acrobats and circus performers will take to the stage on the Gold Coast for an epic showcase of passion, talent and determination!

Whether you are a competitor, a spectator, or a curious enthusiast, this FAQ guide is your comprehensive resource for all things related to our National Finals.

EVENT DETAILS

DATES	Wednesday, January 10 - Sunday, January 14, 2024
LOCATION	AB Paterson College 10 A B Paterson Dr, Gold Coast, Arundel QLD 4214
SCHEDULE	We are currently working on putting together the draft schedule for the National Finals to show which day each section will be on. This will be released shortly!

EVENT REGISTRATION & ENTRY

Entries for the National Finals is a two phase process.

Step 1: Registration

Complete the online registration & pay your registration fee to reserve your place in the final before the due dates listed below.

2023 REGISTRATION DUE DATES

REGIONAL COMP	REGISTRATION CLOSE
SUNSHINE COAST	Friday, September 22
MELBOURNE	Friday, September 22
ADELAIDE	Friday, September 22
NEWCASTLE	Friday, October 13
BRISBANE	Friday, October 27
PERTH	Friday, November 17

Step 2: Routine Entry

Complete the online entry form to submit your routine specific information and pay the routine entry fee. You will receive an email once entries have been opened.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY: Sunday, November 26

ENTRY FEES

Below is the fees for entering the Bend The Air National Finals for the 2023 competition season. Competitor Registration must be paid once per competitor. Entry fees are paid per routine.

CATEGORY	FEE
Competitor Registration (All Competitors - Once Only)	\$69.00
Aerial Solo Entry	\$95.00
Aerial Duo Entry	\$109.00
Acrobatics Solo Entry	\$59.00
Acrobatics Duo/Trio Entry	\$75.00
Acrobatics Group Entry	\$90.00
Circus Solo Entry	\$59.00
Circus Troupe Entry	\$75.00

What does your competitor registration fee cover?

- Competitor Pass - includes audience entry to each session (excludes gala)
- Exclusive competitor gift
- Expert Judging Panel
- Audio Critique & score
- Professional and Qualified Rigger for aerial categories
- Digital Program
- Trophies & Prizes

PRIZES & GALA

There will be a number of prizes and awards up for grabs at the National Finals! More details on this will be released closer to the event.

THE BEND THE AIR GALA EVENT

The National Champion of each section will be invited to perform at the Gala. This event will be separately ticketed and will showcase the highest scoring acts from across the country, along with some specialty guest acts and more! It is an incredible opportunity to spectate a fantastic show and be inspired! The Gala will be held on the Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of the competition.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL FINALS?

To qualify for the National Finals you must compete in one of the Bend The Air regional competitions throughout the year and place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in your section. You may also qualify by receiving a 'wild card' entry. These are presented at the awards ceremony and are the judges choice for additional entries to qualify for outstanding performances.

CAN I QUALIFY FOR MORE THAN ONE SECTION?

Yes, you can qualify for up to one routine per category (i.e. Silks, Lyra, Open Apparatus Solo, Open Apparatus Performance Solo, Open Apparatus Duo, Acrobatics Solo, Acrobatics Duo/Trio, Circus Solo & Circus Troupe). Studios entering Acrobatic Groups can qualify more than one group per age category (e.g. you can qualify 2 x 12 & under Acrobatic groups).

If you happen to qualify for multiple skill level sections for the same apparatus throughout the year (e.g. Intermediate Lyra and Advanced Lyra) you can only compete in the highest qualified level at the National Final.

CAN I COMPETE/QUALIFY AT MORE THAN ONE REGIONAL EVENT?

Yes, you can compete at more than one regional event throughout the year for an opportunity to qualify for the National Final. You can only enter 1 routine per section at the Finals even if you have qualified more than once. If you have already qualified for a section and you place again at another regional event, the qualifying position will be offered to the next highest score in the section via Wild Card selection.

CAN I ENTER MORE SECTIONS THAN I QUALIFIED FOR?

You can only enter 1 routine per section that you have qualified for.

DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT AN AUDITION VIDEO FOR THE NATIONAL FINALS?

No, as you have already been assessed by the review panel and deemed safe for performing at competition level, you do not need to resubmit an audition video. It is your responsibility to ensure that your routine adheres to the routine requirements and restrictions to avoid deductions or disqualification.

DO I HAVE TO PERFORM THE SAME ROUTINE FOR THE NATIONAL FINALS?

Your routine does not need to be the same as the routine that you performed at the regional event (however, it can be the same if you choose). You do not have to use the same song as your regional routine. If making changes to your routine, please make sure that you still adhere to the routine requirements and restrictions for your section to avoid deductions.

If you have qualified for an open apparatus division, your apparatus must be the same as the one you used at the regional event.

IS THE ROUTINE CRITERIA THE SAME FOR THE NATIONAL FINALS?

Yes, the routine criteria set out at the beginning of the year for the regional events will remain the same for the National Finals. Be sure you consider the routine requirements and restrictions to avoid deductions.

WHAT IF MY AGE CHANGES BEFORE THE NATIONAL FINALS?

All ages are taken from January 1, 2023. You will still compete in the age category you qualified for, even if your age changes before the finals.

WHAT HEIGHT WILL THE AERIAL RIG BE?

Rigging will be using the Alta Rig at the National Finals. This has a set height of 7m which allows for approximately 6.5m of aerial working space, once you take into consideration the mat and rigging hardware.

WHAT SIZE WILL THE STAGE BE?

For Aerial sections the stage will be the 6 x 6m grey mat flooring underneath the footprint of the Alta Rig. Acrobatics & Circus sections will have the use of the full stage area (approximately 10 x 12m).

WILL THERE BE A WARM UP RIG?

There will not be a warm up rig available on site at the theatre venue.

We cannot wait to see you at the National Finals! If you have any questions, please get in touch with the team on the details below.



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