



One last opportunity to qualify for the Bend The Air National Finals!

If you missed out on qualifying for the Bend The Air National Finals this year, there's still one last opportunity to earn your place on the Nationals stage. The Bend The Air Wild Card Round gives competitors the opportunity to qualify via video submission, with entries reviewed by the Bend The Air review panel.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Whether you missed a Regional event, competed but didn't qualify, or have already qualified and would like the opportunity to compete in additional sections at Nationals, the Wild Card Round is your final chance to qualify for 2026.

Wild Card entries are available across all Bend The Air categories, including: Aerial - Solos & Duos, Acro & Circus - Solos, Duo/Trios & Groups

ENTRY DEADLINE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All entries, payments and video submissions must be completed by the closing date to be considered in the Wild Card Round.

ENTRY FEE

\$49 per routine - The Wild Card Round entry fee covers the assessment of your video submission. Successful Wild Card recipients will then be required to pay the applicable National Finals registration and entry fees to secure their place.

HOW TO ENTER

Access the Bend The Air online entry portal and select "Add New Registration" and select "Wild Card Round" to get started.

Follow the prompts to:

1. Enter your competitor and routine details;
2. Pay the \$49 Wild Card entry fee; and
3. Upload your performance video.

To ensure your entry can be included in the judging process, make sure your video is uploaded by the due date!

VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Your submission must show a complete performance from beginning to end, it should show one continuous recording and cannot be edited together.
- Your video may be a performance video on stage, or a video recorded in your training space.
- The routine shown in the video does not have to be the routine you intend on performing, but should be a true reflection of your skill level and meet category requirements.
- Videos must have been filmed during 2026.
- The competitor and, where applicable, the apparatus must be visible on the video throughout the entire routine.

Your performance should be stage ready. The Wild Card Round is not simply an assessment of individual skills. We are looking for complete, polished performances that demonstrate what the competitor is ready to bring to the Bend The Air National Finals stage. Competitors submitting from a studio or training space should perform their routine as they would at a competition.



HOW WILL THE WILD CARD ROUND BE JUDGED?

All Wild Card submissions will be reviewed by the Bend The Air review panel. Performances will be assessed using the same core judging principles applied across Bend The Air Regional competitions:

- **DIFFICULTY** - The level, variety and complexity of skills demonstrated throughout the routine, considered in relation to the category and level entered.
- **EXECUTION** - The technical quality of the performance, including control, technique, body lines, clean execution of skills, transitions and overall safety.
- **ARTISTRY** - The overall performance quality of the routine, including choreography, musicality, creativity, expression, use of the apparatus or performance space, and the flow and connection of the performance.



Competitors are encouraged to approach their video submission as they would a live Bend The Air performance, with consideration given to their overall presentation. This may include a costume or neat performance attire, tidy hair and a polished appearance that complements the routine. A professional costume is not required; however, the panel will consider the overall effort and presentation demonstrated as part of the routine's stage-readiness.

For all aerial categories, routines will also be assessed against the technical requirements and restrictions of the category and level entered.

HOW ARE WILD CARDS AWARDED?

Wild Card routines will be assessed against other submissions within the same category, along with the expected national performance standard for the category and level entered.

The Wild Card Round is a straightforward selection process, with each entry determined by the Bend The Air review panel as either successful or unsuccessful. All submissions will be carefully reviewed to ensure fair and consistent consideration for every competitor. Individual scores, placings and written feedback will not be provided.

The number of Wild Cards awarded is not fixed and will be determined by the review panel based on the standard of submissions received.

Successful Wild Card recipients will be notified via email.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Receiving a Wild Card means that the routine has qualified to compete at the Bend The Air National Finals.

Successful competitors will then need to complete their National Finals entry by submitting the required entry information and paying the applicable event registration and entry fees by the advised deadline.

Please refer to the National Finals Information Pack, available to download from the Bend The Air website, for further information regarding the event, schedule, entry requirements and fees.

READY TO TAKE YOUR SHOT?

This is your final opportunity to qualify for the Bend The Air National Finals in 2026.

Bring us your strongest routine, your best performance and show the judging panel what you're ready to bring to the Nationals stage.

Get started on your Wild Card entry and show us what you've got!

