



# bend the air NATIONAL FINALS

After a monumental year of 5 regional events across Australia, the best aerialists, acrobats and circus performers will take to the stage in the Bend The Air National Finals!

Competitors who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd, or receive a 'wild card' entry at a regional competition will receive a gold pass and qualify to compete at the National Finals. This will be a chance for the best of the best to come together in an epic showcase of talent and determination.



**JANUARY 12 - 15, 2023**



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## National Finals Registration

After qualifying, competitors must register for the national final by the due date for their region. This is just the initial registration, routine entry (with details on the actual routine you will perform) are not due until the ALL LOCATION ENTRY DUE DATE. By registering for the National Finals, you are demonstrating your commitment to attending the event. Should qualifiers fail to register by the due date, their place may be offered to the next highest scorer for their category from their regional competition.

### 2022 REGISTRATION DUE DATES

REGIONAL COMP	REGISTRATION OPEN	REGISTRATION CLOSE
SUNSHINE COAST	Monday, May 23	Sunday, June 19
MELBOURNE	Monday, July 4	Sunday, July 31
ADELAIDE	Monday, September 5	Sunday, October 2
NEWCASTLE	Monday, September 26	Sunday, October 23
BRISBANE	Monday, October 17	Sunday, November 13

**ALL LOCATION ENTRY DUE DATE: Sunday, November 20, 2022**



# Entry Fees

Below is a table of fees associated with entering the Bend The Air National Final.

CATEGORY	FEE
COMPETITOR REGISTRATION	\$49.00
AERIAL SOLO ENTRY	\$75.00
AERIAL DUO ENTRY	\$90.00
ACRO SOLO ENTRY	\$45.00
ACRO DUO/TRIO ENTRY	\$60.00
ACRO GROUP ENTRY	\$75.00
CIRCUS SOLO ENTRY	\$45.00
CIRCUS DUO/TRIO	\$60.00
CIRCUS GROUP	\$75.00

## What does your competitor registration fee cover?

- Competitor pass - includes audience entry for each session (excludes gala event)
- Expert judging panel
- Audio critique
- Professional & qualified rigger for aerial categories
- Digital program
- Trophies & prizes

# Prizes & The 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 winners of each section across the course of the National Final will be invited to perform at the Bend The Air Gala. This event will be a separately ticketed event and will showcase the highest scorers from across the nation. An incredible opportunity to spectate a variety of talent and be inspired.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I qualify for the National Final?

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 Duo/Trio/Group). 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. 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.

## Do I have to perform the same routine for the National Final?

Your routine does not need to be exactly 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 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 requirement and restrictions to avoid deductions.

## What if my age changes before the National Final?

All ages are taken from January 1, 2022. You will still compete in the age category you qualified for, even if your age changes before the finals.

## 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 Final?

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.

## What height will the aerial rigging be?

Rigging will be using the Trix Circus 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 Addict sections the stage will be the 6 x 6m grey mat flooring underneath the footprint of the Alta Rig. For Acro Fanatic & Circus Freak sections will have the use of the full stage area.



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