Gymnastics is a [sport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sport) that includes physical exercises requiring [balance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balance_(ability)), [strength](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strength_training), [flexibility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flexibility_(anatomy)), [agility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agility), coordination, and endurance. The movements involved in gymnastics contribute to the development of the arms, legs, shoulders, back, chest, and [abdominal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdomen) muscle groups. Gymnastics evolved from exercises used by the ancient [Greeks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hellenic_civilization) that included skills for mounting and dismounting a horse and from circus performance skills.

The most common form of competitive gymnastics is [artistic gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artistic_gymnastics), which consists of four women (WAG), the events floor, vault, uneven bars, and beam. For men (MAG), it consists of the events floor, vault, rings, pommel horse, parallel bars, and horizontal bar. The governing body for gymnastics throughout the world is the [Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F%C3%A9d%C3%A9ration_Internationale_de_Gymnastique" \o "Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique) (FIG). Eight sports are governed by the FIG, which include Gymnastics for All, Men's and Women’s [Artistic Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artistic_gymnastics), [Rhythmic Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhythmic_Gymnastics), Trampoline (including Double Mini-trampoline), [Tumbling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tumbling_(gymnastics)" \o "Tumbling (gymnastics)), [acrobatic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acrobatic_gymnastics), [aerobic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aerobic_gymnastics) and [Parkour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkour" \o "Parkour). Disciplines not currently recognized by FIG include [wheel gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheel_gymnastics), [aesthetic group gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aesthetic_group_gymnastics), [men's rhythmic gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhythmic_gymnastics#Men's_rhythmic_gymnastics), [TeamGym](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TeamGym" \o "TeamGym), and [mallakhamba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mallakhamba" \o "Mallakhamba).