



Quick Q & A for Term Grading Days

Cost \$20 (same 2017 Events)

Entry forms - hand out in class
- available at the Admin desk

Do we need to book in? yes please -email/phone or return your form to the Office with payment

Does this mean my child will not be graded and able to move to the next STEP?
Not at all - Coaches have been grading the children in class since week 3 of term and you will receive a graduation/stay notification in week 10 in class

What is Grading Day? YMCA Caloundra holds a Grading Day Event in week 8 or 9 of each term for members and their families and friends to come and see what the children have been learning each term and offer families of the YMCA Community "fun packed" afternoon with lots of activities.

Why do Events? An integral part of gymnastics is learning to compete your skills in routines as you achieve them. Grading Day Event offers the children a chance to do this in a formal environment with rewards to encourage and develop healthy attitudes towards competing and teach both success and failure emotional tools. These tools are necessary life skills and as a sport gymnastics is very much a try, try, try environment with both fails and successes every single training session

What are the rewards? Each child that attends gets a Participation Certificate with a record of their STEP skills and how they are progressing either "not yet achieved", "achieved 1 tick" or "mastered 2 ticks". The ticks are then totaled up and the gymnast will receive a graduation STEPS Ribbon if they pass. Otherwise they will see on their certificate what skills they need to work on in the next term to help them graduate next time around

Will my child pass a STEP each Term? There is usually approximately a 50% chance of passing STEP 1,2,3 each term, but once the child reaches STEP 4 and above this decreases to more likely a 50% pass rate over 2/3 terms in STEP 4 & 5 and then it usually can take 4+ terms to pass STEPS 6,7& 8. All children progress at different rates, encourage your child to compete against themselves not their friends or peers within the class group

Summary

Most of all this Event is a great family day out to come down to the YMCA Caloundra and enjoy all the activities we will have on to celebrate our TERM Grading day. Each Term we design a different theme for the Day. We encourage you all to offer feedback and send us your thoughts and positive experiences.
Kind regards Kim Lawson (Center Manager)

