

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	16 August 2011	STATUS:	High
TO:	Men's Artistic Gymnastics Clubs, Coaches and Judges	FROM	Gareth Brettell – Men's Artistic Gymnastics Sport Development Committee Chair
RE:	Men's Artistic Gymnastics Newsletter	NOTE:	

Strategic Planning

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) questionnaire. We had a massive response from coaches, judges, administrator's parents and gymnasts. So, thank you again for doing this.

The reason behind these SWOT's was to develop a strategic plan to help our Vision to become New Zealand's fastest growing Gymsport. In early July the Sport Development Committee met along with Sarah Ashmole, Christine Reed and Damien Cruz (facilitator) to begin the Strategic Planning process. From your SWOTS we have identified several key areas that we believe are crucial in growing and developing our sport. We now have a draft Strategic Plan and outcomes that will be represented to the GymSports NZ Board and then made public.

We have some very exciting developments in place, some of which are underway now and others next year and beyond. So keep an eye out over the next couple of months for the final plan. As always we will welcome any feedback, as it is the Men's Artistic Gymnastics community that we are listening to in order to grow our sport.

Sport Development Committee Members

Since our last newsletter we have unfortunately lost 2 of our Sport Development Committee members. Jacqui Godfrey and Daniel Good have resigned and I would like to thank them both for their huge contributions to the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Sport Development Committee over the last couple of years and a special mention to Daniel for compiling all of the SWOTs for us. We wish them all the best in their new adventures overseas.

Michael Bishop has joined the Sport Development Committee as the new National Judging Advisor. So any judging matters can be referred to him on mikebishop21@gmail.com. Michael brings to the Sport Development Committee a huge amount of experience as a gymnast, coach and Judge and will be put to good use no doubt.

Coaching/Judging

As the competition season is now in full swing the coaching and judging courses have been put on hold. Part of our Strategic Plan involves reviewing these qualifications with more emphasis on the coaching development, courses and mentoring.

We did however run a Level 3 Men's Artistic Gymnastics judging course for the Christchurch based judges in May. Congratulations to the following candidates.

- Toby Levine - Level 3A
- Sam Thackway - Level 3A
- Michael Ny - Level 3A
- Stuart Albury - Level 3A
- Richard Hadlow - Level 3B

Special Mention to Sam who topped the course (and then moved to Brisbane!)

International Tours/Events

Over the next 2 months we have several international events taking place. As I write this Callum Phillips and David Bishop (Tri-Star, Auckland) are both away at the World University Games in Shenzhen China. This is considered the 3rd biggest event on the FIG calendar. Results can be found through the FIG website.

In early September Reid McGowan (Tri-Star) will be attending the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Isle of Man and Patrick Peng (Tri-Star) will leave for a World Cup tour taking in the Belgium and Slovenia legs of the World Cup circuit. This is valuable experience leading up to the 2011 World Championships on Tokyo in October where Patrick will be joined by Misha Koudinov (North Harbour/Ohio University) and James Hennin (North Harbour).

Final mention to Timothy Jones (Tri-Star) who travelled with the New Zealand Levels team to the Australian Nationals in July and picked up the overall Bronze medal in Level 7. Congratulations Tim and to the NZ team who were just pipped for the Trans-Tasman Trophy.

Junior Development

We have been reviewing this area and are in the process of developing a new junior development system and selection criteria. After the 2011 Nationals we hope to be in a position to announce the Junior and U18 squads and will be looking and new initiatives in 2012 to help develop these gymnasts further.

General

Finally I would like to be a bit cheeky and ask the community if anyone knows of any person, business, organization or funding group who may be interested in funding the Men's Artistic Gymnastics programme. Whether it is helping out with a coaching clinic, judging courses, tours or just to assist in the growth of our sport. Big or small anything is better than nothing and in order to reach our vision, we need help. I can be contacted at gareth.brettell@gmail.com if anyone can help out or has any ideas.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics Forum - This will be held at the 2011 National Champs in Timaru in early November and this is a chance for anyone to come and have their say about the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Programme. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thanks

Gareth Brettell
Chair
Men's Artistic Gymnastics
Sport Development Committee

Stuart Albrey - Levels Co-ordinator
Gavin Snowsill - Junior Development Advisor
Toby Levine - Coaching Advisor
Michael Bishop - Judging Advisor