

GymSports New Zealand TRA SDC Report

TIME & LOCATION	Thursday 20th January 2010 8:00pm 2011
ATTENDEES	Maria Darroch, John Beckford, Lance Henry, Daphne Stringer (Chair)
APOLOGIES	Justin Dougal

1. Discussion

ITEM 1	Sanctioned Competitions
<p>The full list of competitions and dates was discussed. SDC noted that the Palmerston North Opens is a new event, and its date does not situate it for being well supported, as it would effectively make 3 competitions in a row. The need for guidelines and protocols on entries, timetables etc is there, in order to make the competition experience more enjoyable and less costly for participants. Whilst it would be a benefit (to organizers, travellers etc) to have a 'standard' template for the timetable for sanctioned competitions, there has to be flexibility this year because of the low number of judges available. It is preferable to run two panels, however, at present this is not always possible (constraints of equipment and judges). A fixed entry fee guideline may also move us towards a 'consistent' experience for those competing. We will monitor the timetables and numbers of judges training and work towards more uniformity where possible.</p> <p>Statistics show that over a third of our 284 competitors only participated in one regional competition in 2010, 78 competitors did 2 competitions and 106 did more than 2 competitions.</p>	
ITEM 2	Qualification Scores
<p>These had been researched, prepared, discussed, agreed, written up and circulated to Sport Development Committee members.</p> <p>The marks for Australian National Championships were accepted as being appropriate for 2012 Indo Pacific Trampoline & Tumbling Championships in Sydney, as only International Division athletes were eligible. The standard of athletes who competed in Japan was very acceptable.</p>	
ITEM 3	Focus on Development of Participation
<p>Sport Development Committee agreed that the focus for 2011 is to develop tools to help with participation in TRA. GymSports NZ nationally has initiated a number of programmes/strategies for growing this participation: Gym for All, moveMprove, School GymFestivals, Aerial Awareness Trampoline module and Incentive Awards for trampoline and these are being well received. Clubs are connecting with have a go days, providing fitness classes for adults, coordinating transport of students to and from schools in order to participate at a club, and cross sport training. There is a growing demand for a start up kit for new clubs and existing non trampoline clubs that want to add trampoline in to their programmes. Clubs require information on appropriate trampoline equipment and mats, appropriate coaching/judging modules and a recreational competition kit. Sponsorship from the likes of Gymleader was suggested. Mid Island Gymsports (Rotorua) is an example of a club that had embraced Trampoline in every aspect, followed by a number of others throughout the country.</p>	

ITEM 4

Aerial Awareness Module

DS reported on the new module presented in Wanaka on Sunday 16 January. It is a totally different way of using trampolines – a whole new sport requiring ‘off axis’ spinning and rotation. The content was well presented. This module would definitely aid clubs wishing to diversify their customer base and create interest in their club. The trampolines were simply an apparatus on which a small but vital portion of snow sports and other sports such as skateboarding and wake boarding could be practiced. The discussion was that the Basic Skills Trampoline part was not broad enough for Gym for All coaches to do and then progress onto the Aerial Awareness module. The one day workshop could be the solution but needs to be tested.

ITEM 5

Trampoline One day Workshop

This is currently being developed and will be trialled in Wellington in February. The Gym for All Education Manager is very supportive of this development, as it will provide an effective pathway for coaches and judges. The content is effectively the same as the Basic Skills Trampoline portion, plus the tumbling portion of the artistic module.

ITEM 6

Judges’ Affiliation

There are the usual concerns about the need for judges to pay their education, as they are volunteers and derive no financial gain from serving in this role. A suggestion was tabled that an increase in athlete membership fees could be used to cover the cost of judge registration, as the athletes are the ones who benefit from the services of the judges. Sport Development Committee is a committee of GymSports NZ and not a separate group so would need to discuss the implications for the other codes and membership fees.

Judges do not currently have to be affiliated to judge at qualifying sanctioned competitions. It is preferable that judges are independent, and not attached to a Club. Clubs often pay for training and affiliation. A uniform formula for penalizing clubs for failing to supply judges for a competition is extremely difficult to resolve. It was noted that GymSports NZ took responsibility for the judges at Nationals.

ITEM 7

Nationals Trophies and Medals

There are no trophies that could currently be withdrawn from Nationals. GymSports NZ could consider withdrawing the badges that are given out at qualifying events. It is wondered if the athletes do not value these. Reducing numbers of medals at Nationals - it is far more preferable to increase the numbers of those participating at this level, so the medals have more meaning. The Sport Development Committee questioned the importance of the Proficiency pins to athletes and coaches.

ITEM 6

National Age Champion Trophies

The correct format for these trophies was decided.

- 1) Trampoline – two top voluntary scores added together.
- 2) Double Mini Trampoline – 4 passes scores added together – total over 4 passes.

This criteria is to be communicated to the new Events Manager so that this can be addressed at Nationals 2011.

ITEM 7

Sport Development Committee Planning Meeting

There is a need for 'face-to-face' Sport Development Committee meetings as conference calls to not enable the same level of interaction. Potential venues available – Budget agreed for travel 2011

ITEM 8

Technical Handbook

This has yet to be completed. Having competitions and scores done helps. DS will incorporate these in to the new draft. MD would compile a sheet highlighting changes for those who do not read the full handbook. Suggestion that an obvious date change be insisted upon, so the new version is obvious.

The meeting finished at 10:30pm.