



Making movement matter



Newsletter

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WHO	Trampoline Community

Dear Colleagues,

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the current observations of the Judges and notes from SDC.

Judges

1. In the area of **competition cards** – we have seen an improvement in the situation whereby most clubs are getting completed cards in to the Organizing Committee on time. This makes the job of the competition office so much easier, and the flow on is that the cards are available for checking by DD judges in plenty of time. Failure to abide by this requirement has resulted in a lot of wasted time on panels, we are looking at appropriate penalties as it is not acceptable.
2. In the area of **set routines** – we are delighted with the significant improvement in athletes' performance of these routines. An added benefit of these routines being performed is the consistency of performance for the judges to judge.
3. In the area of **presentation** – we have been particularly pleased to see athletes strive to present themselves in the appropriate competition uniforms, with tidy hair and correct foot wear. It is noticeable when underwear is visible and hair is not controlled, and we would encourage athletes to pay attention to these areas. There have also been very few times that male athletes have disrobed on the floor. This is good to see, as the practice is not permitted either here or overseas.
4. In the area of **proficiency in voluntary routines** – we have judged a huge variety of proficiency at competitions so far this year. Execution

marks below 6.0 for a complete trampoline routine indicate a need to focus on form! DMT marks have changed for instability and inaccuracy, however any pass performed with good form and control will be rewarded with good marks! We would encourage athletes to reach proficiency in their elements prior to presenting routines and passes for competition.

5. International instructions on the key factors when judging are: a. **Position**, b. **Opening of somersault** and c. **Holding the line**. These three are non-negotiable, so always try to make them a focus – even for a seat drop half twist to feet!! **Stability** is characterized by a straight body with **no movement**. Athletes are encouraged to land, bend through the knees to take the impact, and then become upright as soon as possible. If a step is taken, athletes will not be penalized for taking the same foot back to the landing position. Please refrain from continuing bouncing once the routine has finished on trampoline – you will lose valuable marks.

SDC Notes

1. **Sanctioned Qualifying Competition Timing** – SDC thought it would be helpful to explain the grouping of the competitions this year. Being a new Olympic cycle, we had to re-qualify our judges internationally and then begin the education/updating process with our NZ judges before we could run sanctioned competitions. That meant moving to the end of May for the first competition. The cut off for Worlds qualification was after the 4th competition, and cut off for Nationals was after the 6th – and all before August 16th. The end result has been 6 sanctioned competitions in the space of 2 ½ months. It has been helpful to evaluate each sanctioned competition with a view to creating further guidelines for 2010. It is interesting to note that senior Women's Artistic competitors have only 3 sanctioned competitions, all within a 3 week period!
2. **Qualification Marks** – there has been a lot of discussion around these. Last week's communication aimed to shed light on the background of and context for these marks. It is exciting to see athletes reach the marks and make the most of the opportunities before them. The programme for developing our athletes has yet to be developed. This process will begin in earnest on 26th July when the TRA Coaches Subcommittee will be convened in conjunction with the High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) and GSNZ Board. There are specific strategic goals set by the Board and HPAG which will set the scene for the Coaches Subcommittee. This process is being implemented across all codes.
3. **Sport Development Committee** – the policies around the SDC are currently under review, and will be complete before the GSNZ AGM. TRA SDC will meet at the South Island Champs and again at the North Island

Champs. SDCs are being charged with actively engaging in the process of growing our sport. This involves getting to know our community better and setting strategic goals for growth and development in the period of 2009 – 2012.

Finally we wish you all the best in your preparations for Nationals and the remaining competitions. We look forward to catching up soon.

On behalf of TRA SDC and Judges

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