

GymSports New Zealand TRA SDC Meeting Report

TIME & LOCATION	Teleconference Tuesday 13th July 2010 7:30pm
ATTENDEES	Justin Dougal, Lance Henry, John Beckford, Angie Dougal, Daphne Stringer. Apology from Maria Darroch.

ITEM 1	Agenda
	Nationals 2010 Timetable and SYN format, Dispensation for South Islands, Nationals 2011 timing.
ITEM 5	Correspondence
	1. Nationals 2010 Timetable proposal to GSNZ, 2. Nationals 2011 Memo GSNZ, 3. Application for Dispensation South Island Champs
ITEM 2	Nationals 2010 Timetable
	<p>Meetings had taken place to discuss the proposed changes to the TRA timetable for Nationals. Alternative timetables had been prepared and general discussion followed on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the merits of a shorter competition, 2. the timing of SYN to fit in with Artistic, 3. the possibility of starting on Friday night to join with high level MAG and WAG performers, 4. availability of judges to start on Friday night, 5. the impact on the gala night 6. the impact on prize giving 7. the need to factor in the judges' meeting, TRA Forum and Coaches Sub Committee meeting, 8. warm-ups during general (1 minute) and pre competitive (30 seconds) would be strictly timed. 9. Synchro format – decision to compete set and vol only. Top 3 would be awarded medals, and top 8 would be deemed to have made it to final level. <p>SDC decided to put together a proposal for a shorter timetable. Judges' availability for Friday night would be checked and memo to the TRA community for feedback prepared, and Jenny contacted in the morning. Coordinated efforts would go into creating a timetable that would take into consideration all aspects. Prize giving for trophies would also need to be organized.</p>
ITEM 3	Dispensation for South Island Competition
	<p>A request for an athlete who had qualified for Nationals at the Upper South Champs 10 bouncing Junior International Division, to bounce Age Division at the South Islands due to injury, had been received. There was a wide ranging debate which examined all aspects of the request and potential outcomes/impacts. In this instance that the SDC was unable approve a dispensation. The primary rationale behind this decision was the nature of the request. It was felt that as the request related to an injury, it was not in the best interest of the athlete, other competitors or the competition structure to grant dispensation. We hope that she can return to full fitness in time to consider entering the National Championships, for which she has already qualified. The decision would be communicated to the coach of the athlete.</p>

ITEM 4**Nationals 2011 Timing Options**

A memo had been received from GSNZ relating to Nationals 2011, World Cup and options surrounding this, requiring TRA SDC.

Options for Nationals 2011

Option 1: Separate Events for each code held over a long weekend.

Option 2: Two events with combined codes held over a long weekend. One in the South Island, one in the North Island.

Option 3: No event held in 2011

Option 4: Combined event held in July at Mystery Creek.

Option 4 had been recommended and seemed the best for TRA. as it means All travel around August/September is estimated to be 2-3 times as expensive as usual due to the World Cup, so these months have to be kept away from. SDC could not guarantee that a club would be prepared to put a TRA Nationals even on. If the July option went ahead, it would mean that a team could attend Australian Nationals. The 2010 Nationals scores could potentially count for qualification for 2011 Nationals.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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TIME & LOCATION	Teleconference Friday 16th July 2010 8:45pm
ATTENDEES	Justin Dougal, Lance Henry, Maria Darroch, Daphne Stringer. Apology from John Beckford.

ITEM 1	Agenda
The agenda for the meeting had been circulated by email.	
ITEM 5	Minutes
Minutes of the previous meetings, 12 th May and 14 th July had been circulated by email.	
ITEM 2	Nationals 2010 Timetable
<p>There was positive feedback so far from the proposed timetable from the TRA community in general. Implications were being discussed. A TRA presentation lunch was suggested for the Monday at the conclusion of the TRA competition. SDC would follow up the discussion on the timetable.</p> <p>Proficiency Pin scores – These would be reviewed and prepared for this year.</p> <p>Synchro qualification scores for Nationals are to be removed from the Technical Handbook.</p> <p><i>Note – the athlete of the year award for Nationals has been changed to the Clark Eddington Memorial Trophy which fits better with the nature of the Artistic awards.</i></p>	
ITEM 3	Nationals 2011 Timing Options
<p>The Artistic communication had been received and reviewed. The TRA SDC is very sympathetic to the Artistic situation, however the July option is still our preference. North Shore, with the help of other clubs, has registered an interest in hosting a National event, should the need arise. Christchurch has also registered an interest. We will await GSNZ response to the Artistic proposal.</p>	
ITEM 4	Equipment
<p>It was noted that Ross equipment is being used at Pacific Rim, all Australian competitions, and Indos. Those clubs upgrading their equipment will need to be mindful of this. World Champs and WAGC will be on Eurotramps. The new 4x4 bed has been sanctioned by FIG.</p>	
ITEM 5	International Competitive Calendar
<p>A start has been made on the calendar for 2011. Input from the Coaches Sub Committee as to which international competitions will be targeted for the year, and the appropriate qualifying periods is required. There is potential for Nationals scores to count for qualification, provided Nationals is run in July.</p> <p>Trans Tasman rules are being discussed with Australia. There is potential for it to be an International Division competition only. This will be discussed by Coaches Sub Committee.</p>	

ITEM 5	Time of Flight
<p>A Coach of a club in Christchurch has developed a measuring system that looks promising! It requires testing and further development. SDC would like to know what interest there is from clubs in New Zealand, so the cost of development can be estimated. It is a valuable tool which we need to implement in NZ in order to remain internationally competitive. SDC would like an indication as to the cost of development as well. This conversation will continue. It is a valuable tool which we need to implement in NZ in order to remain internationally competitive.</p>	
ITEM 6	Tumbling
<p>SDC had received notification from Counties of an athlete's intention to attend the Tumbling portion of North Islands Artistic competition mid August, and the subsequent Gymnastic Clubs of Australia Tumbling event in on the 1-3rd of October in Sydney. SDC is happy to support the event in New Zealand as a qualifier and will encourage tumbling judges to be available for this competition, and encourage Olivia in her endeavor to continue in competitive tumbling.</p> <p>Samantha Palmer (former European and British Tumbling Champion) is currently in Australia, building their competitive system. Australia has extended an invitation for New Zealand coaches and athletes to join with their programme to help grow the sport between Australia and New Zealand. This potential will be explored.</p>	
ITEM 7	Double Mini Trampoline Development
<p>The DMT Sub Committee had not developed a squad. Clubs were promoting DMT in their own gyms. There is potential for clubs to get together to attend competitions overseas to develop their athletes and coaches. The DMT mark for Junior International men to enter Nationals was pointed out as being too high as an entry level with a DD of 4.8. It was felt that 4.4 was a better score. While there was merit in the idea of changing the score for the final 2 competitions before Nationals, it was not appropriate to do so. This would be discussed at the TRA Forum at Nationals.</p>	
ITEM 8	Judging
<p>It was noted that Level 1 judges are serving on panels at sanctioned competitions. This is often due to a lack of Level 2 and 3 judges being available. The Judging Advisor is keen to offer more flexible courses and develop education material.</p>	
ITEM 9	Worlds and WAGC
<p>Expressions of interest have been received from a small number of athletes for these events. The GSNZ Performance Coordinator, Cameron Gibson, would be working on this process.</p>	
ITEM 10	Coaching
<p>Christine Reed, GSNZ Sport Education Manager, had been in touch with SDC regarding the review of the current coaching course structure review. Meetings to discuss this review were planned for late July and early August.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10:30pm