

GymSports New Zealand TRA SDC Meeting Report

TIME & LOCATION	Tuesday 17 January 2012 Teleconference 7-9:15pm
ATTENDEES	Maria Darroch, Justin Dougal and Daphne Stringer
AGENDA	Agenda had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

ITEM 1	World Champs and World Age Group Championships Birmingham 2011 Results/Debrief
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This was a very well supported team; training in the UK beforehand was valuable for those who could make it; there was a lot of 'bombing' by athletes possibly due to quality of trampolines.

Results World Championships: Rachel Schmidt 41, Claire Coetzee 52, Jessie Shaw 65 and Kylie Walker 78 placings out of a field of 78. Jessie and Claire narrowly missed making a final for SYN, coming 10th and Kylie and Rachel came 14th in a field of 25 pairs.

Jamie Lange 53, Justin Dougal 55 and Kieran Tuhi 85 placings out of a field of 106. Jamie and Kieran made 19th out of 32 in SYN.

Results World Age Group Championships: Dylan Schmidt silver 13-14 TRA, Lizzie Stevenson **DMT finals 8th** TRA 42nd, Alexa Kennedy TRA 9th DMT 10th, Penny Bennett TRA 27th, Josie Te Rata DMT 10th. Lizzie and Alexa narrowly missed making a final for SYN, placing 9th.

A debrief at the competition addressed the issues of focused and intentional training at the highest level in New Zealand and overseas necessary to achieve on the World stage. *High level athletes are being encouraged to train hard, seek sponsorship and attend another international event prior to Bulgaria World Champs in 2013.*

A major benefit of athletes training and competing overseas is the NZ scene benefits on their return. It is recognized that further specific coach education opportunities are vital if our athletes are to be properly prepared for high level.

This will to be addressed through the Coach education strategy from a Junior Level.

ITEM 2	Pacific Rim 2012
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Penny Bennett and Dylan Schmidt are preparing to attend this event in Everett, Washington, USA. Jared Cooper will accompany them as a development coach and Sam Clarke will train with them in the US and attend the event for development.

ITEM 3	Australian National Championships
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Scores: The Sport Development Committee had reviewed scores and agreed that they will be the same as for New Zealand Nationals International Division qualification. The 10U (Under 11) scores are different and will be listed in the Memo and Technical Handbook. Top four qualifiers will be eligible for Junior International Division as well as their Age. 17yr athletes must choose age or International, may not do both.

Note: **Athletes younger than 17 yrs who compete Senior in NZ please note that the Degree of Difficulty (DD) for the set routine will not be counted for their set mark qualification for International events.**

The minimum DD requirements for Senior set routines and all levels of DMT are confirmed as preliminary requirements and would be contained in the Technical Handbook.

The Draft schedule for this event had been circulated. Due to the extended nature of the event, it is probable that the International and Age Teams would travel separately, requiring careful management. Due to these changes it was agreed that the EOI for athletes as well as officials be re-opened, with a final date of 21st of February. The list of names to be collated and circulated two weeks prior to the cut off, so that coaches athletes and parents can double check.

A Memo was to be circulated urgently to clubs and through e News.

ITEM 4 National Secondary Schools Championship

The meeting reviewed National Secondary Schools and decided the current format suits the non-qualifying participation competition. There is room for future development of Tumbling and DMT.

ITEM 5 Technical Handbook

Draft has been prepared, according to the Forums held at Nationals 2011. It will be reviewed and published before the end of January.

ITEM 6 Sanctioned Competitions and Calendar

Dates: Current calendar is on the website. Request for Central Champs date to change to April would be followed up.

Addition of Extreme competition on 4th March and MIGS- 21-22nd July. Northern Champs have yet to be confirmed. August is currently empty.

Equipment: Upgrading of equipment is an ongoing issue for clubs. Concern had been expressed over the trampolines at Icon, particularly for the Senior International competitors. SDC is to send a letter to the Icon Board asking whether there is a plan to upgrade them, and offer support.

Time of Flight (TOF): National Office has to date been unsuccessful with funding applications so further work on funding is required. The Sport Development Committee had been in touch with the agent in Australia, and is waiting to hear back. There is an urgent need to have them in New Zealand, or we will continue to be behind the rest of the world. The need for athletes to bounce high will be addressed through conditioning programmes and coach education.

The World Age Group Championship scores are available with TOF, and will be used to calculate qualification scores for 2013. The Technical Handbook will contain the current World Championship scores for World Cups this year; *however the actual Worlds scores will be prepared and published at least 12 months prior to the 2013 World Championships.*

Where possible, judges to be available to time International Division routines at qualifying competitions.

The Sport Development Committee is looking forward to the data from competitions being managed effectively and used for audience participation ideas e.g. Personal Best scores (PBs) and qualifying scores being met or New Zealand records broken during the competitions. Sport Development Committee to keep master copies.

ITEM 7 L2 Judging 2011 and 2012

Lance Henry ran a L2 Judging course in November. Attendees would be confirmed and added to the database.

There is a request to run a course in the South Island early this year.

ITEM 6

Indo Pacific Championships Expression of Interest

A list of scores made by athletes has been prepared from the Expression of Interest (EOI) received. It has been very helpful to have this list early. Given the Australian EOIs are open again, it was decided that the Indo Pacific Championships EOIs should also be re-opened, and close on the same date. Discussions around organization of NZ Nationals and Indos would be held in order to minimize the risk of non-participation due to time and travel constraints.

ITEM 7

Sport Development Committee Expressions of Interest and Job Descriptions

Expressions of Interests that have been received by GymSports NZ and would be considered over the next two weeks and decisions should be made early February.

ITEM 8

Strategic Plan

The sport development Committee is to review the Strategic Plan to check the first priorities for the first 3 months prior to Friday 20th January.

ITEM 9

Elementary Coach Course Content

Initial comment is that somersaults should be included in DMT at this level. As many lead up drills to be included in material as possible for reference. Comment required by Christine Reed (GymSports NZ Sport education Manager) as this course will be constructed as a priority. Consultation will be completed regarding course content.