

MEMORANDUM

DATE	6 th July 2009
WHO	Trampoline Community
FROM	Daphne Stringer – Chair Trampoline Sport Development Committee
SUBJECT	TRA Update

Dear Colleagues,

Over the last few weeks, the Trampoline SDC has been asked to clarify the current situation on double mini trampoline activities and also to update the TRA community on activities taking place. This memo has been prepared to update the TRA community.

GSNZ HP Strategy

In 2008, GSNZ developed through the High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG), a High Performance strategy to develop athletes in New Zealand. This strategy was released to the GSNZ community through e news for consultation and feedback. The final strategy was released at the end of 2008 again through e news and is currently under review.

This strategy has been developed based on the requirements of New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) and Sport & Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). The strategy has been designed to give clear expectations for High Performance, Performance and Talent Identification (TiD) athletes.

The high performance sport environment in NZ has changed significantly within the last 10 years with the restructuring of the NZ Sports Foundation and Hillary Commission to form SPARC and the establishment of the NZ Academy of Sport. Furthermore the NZ Olympic Committee has established strict selection policies to ensure the athletes selected to represent NZ at Commonwealth and Olympic Games do so with distinction. In 2006 SPARC launched its High Performance Strategy clearly stating its objectives and expectations for high performance sport in NZ.

At this point in time only one athlete is considered at a high performance standard where SPARC invests its resources. It is against this background that this Strategy has been developed. The strategy defines High Performance, Performance and TID as;

High Performance

High Performance is defined as *consistent achievement at international level with results equal with an ability to place:*

- *in the top 16, or top 50% for teams, in Olympic Games and/or World Championship events for MAG, WAG, RG and TRA;*
- *in the top 3 for Aerobics at World Championships.*

International events include **Olympic disciplines** and **non-Olympic global sports** that meet the IOC definition of "global sports"¹.

High Performance is not a 'right' of any code, sport, individual club, coach or athlete nor does it refer to 'tours', either by NZ teams or individual clubs.

Performance

The *Performance Stage* is defined as achievement at international level with results equal to a finish:

- in the top 25% for individual all around and apparatus and top 50% for teams in CWG for MAG, WAG, and RG;
- in the top 50% in World Championship or other defined International events for MAG, WAG, TRA and RG;
- in the top 25% in World Championships or other defined International events for AER.

Talent Development

The TD stage is defined as a programme for athletes who have demonstrated potential to achieve Perform Stage results. Results from domestic events including National Championships and specified international events (named by the HP Advisory Group) will be used to select Talent Development athletes. Athletes will continue in the TD Stage provided they continue to progress towards the achievement of Perform Stage targets.

The SPARC High Performance Strategy formed the basis for the initial GSNZ High Performance Strategy, which set the framework for SDC to make calculations of qualifying scores based on International Performances. From June 2009, coaches with athletes in the HP, Performance and TiD stages will prepare the qualification expectations however they must be approved by the HPAG to ensure standards are met.

Double Mini Trampoline

Double Mini Trampoline does not fit into the category of Olympic or non-Olympic **global** sport, based on the number of countries represented at World Championships. The NZOC definition of **global** sports:

Men = four continents, 75 countries

Women = three continents, 40 countries

Winter = three continents, 25 countries

World Age Group Competitions are not High Performance or Performance events. 2007 World Age Group Competition had 17 countries represented the Men and Women combined. 2007 World Open Championships had 12 nations represented in the Men and 8 nations represented in the Women's competition.

The requirements of NZOC and SPARC provided the Trampoline Code with some issues as we effectively cover four separate disciplines (TRA, DMT, SYN, TUM) with both male and female participation. Only trampoline fits into NZOC and SPARC definition so the other three effectively had no legitimate High Performance pathway under this regulation.

At HPAG meetings, the case was put for DMT to remain as a targeted sport due to the community's ability to medal at World Championships in the past. Dispensation was granted, provided the marks were set at the required "able to place in the top three at World Championships."

The Trampoline SDC met has met twice in the last few months and discussed DMT scores based on international standards and the impact of the new Code of Points. The SDC found that internationally (and with the new code) the scores set in New Zealand were correct.

DMT Development:

The standard has increased around the world and NZ has some potential athletes who might achieve subject to them having a pathway and opportunities for development. Development of DMT requires discussion at the HPAG and Coaches Performance/TiD meetings.

The TRA SDC has discussed the creation of a TRA SDC subcommittee for DMT development and has received an indication of support for this from Nighel Humphries and Dave Williams. Further discussions will take place after the TRA Planning meeting detailed below.

TRA Planning meeting:

Coaches of current TRA TiD and Performance athletes are being brought together on 26th July for a planning meeting to discuss standards for international representation and selection into 2010 National squads. It is envisaged that DMT will be discussed.

Communication

There have been requests for more information from the TRA SDC to the Trampoline Community and this will be addressed.

High Performance Advisory Group

Angie Dougal has been asked to become a member of the High Performance Advisory Group as her knowledge and experience of High Performance sport will put her in good stead to discuss the standards for all gymnsports codes. Members of the HPAG discuss and review all gymnsport codes.

TRA SDC Chair

Angie Dougal has resigned from the role of Chair and welcomed Daphne Stringer into the position. Angie will remain on TRA SDC in a support role for the near future.

Finally a number of regular TRA communications will be coming out over the next few months to keep the TRA community up to date.

Kind Regards

Daphne Stringer
Chair – Trampoline Sport Development Committee