

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE:</b>	13 August 2011	<b>STATUS:</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	Rhythmic Gymnastics Community	<b>FROM</b>	Jane Pow, Chair, Rhythmic Gymnastics Sport Development Committee
<b>RE:</b>	Rhythmic Gymnastics Newsletter	<b>NOTE:</b>	

Following on from a Rhythmic Gymnastics Sport Development Committee meeting held on 31 July 2011, we would like to update you on the following:

### **Athletes' Representative**

Germaine Tang has been the Athletes' Representative on the Rhythmic Gymnastics Sport Development Committee since its formation. However, she has now moved temporarily to Melbourne and the SDC feel that the role is one that is best undertaken by someone based in New Zealand. We would firstly like to thank Germaine for being a valuable member of our inaugural Sport Development Committee and to wish her well in Melbourne. Germaine is much admired by gymnasts around the country and we all look forward to seeing her back in New Zealand again in the future.

The Sport Development Committee would be keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of Athletes' Representative. This is not a difficult role and the incumbent is not expected to attend Sport Development Committee meetings. The main purpose of the role is to act as a liaison between the Sport Development Committee and the gymnasts. Ideally, this person should be either a senior gymnast or someone who has recently stopped competing but remains actively involved in the sport in either a judging or coaching position.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact Jane Pow at [pows@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pows@xtra.co.nz)

### **Competitions**

As Nationals has been held so early this year, if any clubs are planning to hold competitions (to which they would like to invite other clubs) between now and the start of the sanctioned competition season, it would be helpful if they could advise the Sport Development Committee so that a register can be compiled for circulation. Please send details to Roz Kerr ([roslyn.kerr@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:roslyn.kerr@canterbury.ac.nz)).

At this stage, we are aware that Counties Manukau Gymnastics is hosting the 2011 North Island GymSport Championships on 15 October 2011. This competition is open to pairs, trios and groups. For further details please contact Tracey Insley - [tracey.insley@gymsport.co.nz](mailto:tracey.insley@gymsport.co.nz)

We are also keen to start putting together a schedule of sanctioned events for 2012 so if you have any confirmed dates, can you also please send those to Roz at the email address above.

## **Australian Nationals**

Australian Nationals will be held in Sydney in May 2012. The trial for this event will be held in Christchurch. The Sport Development Committee is working with National Office to determine the date for the trial and this will be published shortly. Gymnasts may trial to compete at Australian Nationals 2012 in their 2011 competitive grade. However, if selected, they may not compete at any New Zealand domestic competition in a higher grade before attending Australian Nationals. On their return from Australian Nationals gymnasts can then move up a level, or if they have elected to remain in their 2010 level for a second year they can continue to compete in this level.

## **Pacific Rim**

As yet a firm date has not been set for the Championships due to a clash with an Artistic World Cup. However FIG is looking around the end of March 2012, and it still appears that the competition will be held in Everett, WA- USA.

We believe that the competition will be open to Senior and Junior International, as well as Senior Group.

At this stage we have tentatively set the trial date for 4 December 2011 in Auckland. This will be confirmed as soon as we have more information about the competition.

Cam Gibson (Performance Co-ordinator GymSports New Zealand) is working hard to get information about the competition and we will advise clubs of this as soon as it comes to hand.

Jane Pow  
Chair  
Rhythmic Gymnastics  
Sport Development Committee