

## GWA Combined Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes

### Brief Notes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	<b>Attendance</b>	GWA President: Steve Chetkovich (SC) Executive Director: Ruth Gibbons (RG) Gymsports Manager: Karyn Murray (KM) TC Liaison: Melissa Read (MR) MAG: John Carroll (JC) WAG: Heidi Rose (HR) & Tracy Holmes (TH) RG: Karen Gilgallon (KG)	
2.0	<b>Apologies</b>	Susan Watts & Laurie Zagari (TRP), Conor Bush (RG), Debbs van Hagen & Kath Arendt (ACR), Kieran Gorman (AER)	
3.0	<b>Acceptance of Previous Notes</b>	The previous notes (both Gymsports and Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes) were accepted by TH & JC	
4.0	<b>GWA Board &amp; GA Update</b>	<p><b>4.1 GWA Strategic Plan</b></p> <p>GWA Strategic Planning has commenced, with two workshops held by the GWA Board. Another workshop will be held at November Board Meeting with Mark Rendell (GA CEO) in attendance. The GWA Strategic Plan will align with GA plan, noting that the GWA Board have agreed to have one National High Performance Plan and Participation Plan.</p> <p>RG presented a short overview of the GA Club Research, noting that GWA and GA fared well in the club satisfaction section of the survey in comparison to the other states. The Gymsport TC noted that further reports will be given on the research statistics and the results from the survey would be used to assist the direction of the GWA Strategic Plan.</p> <p><b>4.2 Education</b></p> <p>Many changes are occurring with new education system. Changes are occurring on a daily basis.</p> <p>There may be changes to the amount of levels within the accreditation structure for some gymsports. Not all gymsports will have the full 8 levels of accreditation – some will stop at</p>	

		<p>Intermediate Bronze, some gymsports will have a combined Advanced / Advanced Silver accreditation.</p> <p>Work has begun on Advanced and Advanced Silver Coaching Courses for MAG / WAG. Beginner Judges in some gymsports will not have to reaccredit in the new cycle – their accreditations will carry over until 2018. Recommendation from the MAG Commission is that Intermediate accreditations can roll over into the new cycle as well. This will be clarified by GA shortly.</p> <p>Discussion occurred over the status of completed judging courses for 2014 - 2016.</p> <p><b>4.3 GA and GWA Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venues West Arena 2 – Currently GWA has been given partial access to Arena 2 at Challenge Stadium for GWA High Performance Programs. There is still several outstanding issues in regards to the use of Arena 2 that are currently been worked on prior to GWA being able to sign off on an agreement. The MAG High Performance Program is relying on the availability of Arena 2 for the continuation of the program. The GWA Board will continue to monitor the viability of the MAG HPC Program on a month to month basis.</li> <li>• Recently John Curtin (MAG National Coach) visited GWA and provided productive ideas for the WA MAG HP program.</li> <li>• Two GWA Board casual vacancies currently available (and being advertised) on the GWA Board due to the resignations from Derek May and Ken Robertson. Both Derek and Ken are leaving WA for work commitments GA looking to move to a new CRM as of January 1, 2014, replacing the current iMIS database.</li> <li>• Training of Staff and then clubs will occur when it becomes available from GA.</li> <li>• Redevelopment of Club 10 Program will take place in 2014.</li> <li>• Individual Club Strategic &amp; Operational Plans to be developed as part of the new Club 10 Program. .</li> <li>• Phase 1 of a GA Membership review will begin shortly by the Australian Sports Commission.</li> </ul>	
5.0	For Decision Making	<p><b>5.1 Issues with computers, scoring and display of scores at GWA events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vastly different requirements with regards to the IT/AV equipment for each gymsport events.</li> <li>• Some gymsports require very little assistance in this area, whereas some gymsports (particularly MAG &amp; WAG) require a lot of expertise. Floor Managers are increasingly refusing to volunteer at MAG and WAG Events as a result of the computer set-up.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently computers are set up by GWA staff for all MAG/WAG events which commence on Friday evening, but issues occur when an event starts on a Saturday or Sunday where Floor Managers (FM) are having to set up computers and get them up and running as well as their normal FM duties at the start of a session.</li> <li>• It was noted that computer set up was not part of the Floor Manager's Role.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations from the Gymsports Section for 2014 were presented at the meeting for the set-up of MAG / WAG Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recommendation from GWA is for MAG and WAG events to have computers and screens set up and overseen by judges at the event. However there was concern from WAG that judges would have to deal with the computers instead of being in a judges meeting prior to a session.</li> <li>• Recommendation from WAG that an 'Error log book' be included in the scoring folder so that error messages and problems can be recorded for GWA Event Officers to be made aware of so that long term these can be rectified.</li> <li>• Scoring Workshops to be set up for MAG &amp; WAG Judges to learn to set up the computers and TV screens for events. Suggestion from TH that updating points be allocated for judges who take part.</li> <li>• Discussions occurred regarding having a paid volunteer for the FM role as currently the feedback from volunteers is that it's the difficulty of the FM role and the 'fear' of the IT/AV requirements that are the main issues.</li> <li>• Paid Floor Manager positions will be presented at the next Board Meeting, but preliminary investigation into the additional costs that will be passed on to athletes (via increased Event Entry Fees) is looking to be too much of an increase in fees for the smaller gymsports.</li> <li>• Suggestion also that S&amp;D can provide assistance to clubs with recruitment of event volunteers.</li> <li>• The WAG &amp; MAG TC were requested to review the recommendations document and provide any further suggestions.</li> </ul>	<p>Gymsport Section to include the log book in competition boxes for 2014. Gymsports Section to set up scoring workshop for judges in 2014</p> <p>S&amp;D Section to contact clubs regarding event volunteer recruitment</p> <p>Further discussions to occur with MAG &amp;</p>
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		<p><b>5.2 Judge Fining – feedback from Club Forum, Club Surveys and the Sept Board Meeting</b>  Feedback from the recent Club Forum was presented at the meeting, with most clubs increasingly unhappy with the Judge Fining system. However the concern is the fact that the judge numbers in each gymnsport are not increasing and the numbers from 2012 are pretty much the same as in 2013. Questions raised by the GWA Board at the Sept Board Meeting were also presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation discussed that instead of fining clubs per session, should the club be expected to provide a nominal amount of new judges in the system each year to avoid a 'club fine. There was hesitation to remove fines particularly in WAG as filling panels will be prove difficult.</li> <li>• Ultimately a new system is needed as the current system is very unpopular with clubs and requires a substantial amount of staff time (calculating and issuing the fines in the first place.</li> <li>• Discussion occurred around if ACR and AER falling in line with the other gymnsports and introduce judge fining. Their concern is there is very little growth in the number of judges and AER in particular is a concern</li> <li>• Recommendations were discussed from the recent Club Forum in October regarding Judge Nominations being provided for events within 7 working days instead of 5. This recommendation was approved.</li> <li>• Discussions around Clubs who have changed ownership are being treated as if they are brand new clubs and are not therefore required to submit judge nominations for this first two years.  Recommendation made that clubs who have changed ownership only be given a 12 month 'grace period' and will be required to submit judge nominations in their second year of operation (under new ownership).</li> </ul>	<p>WAG Judging Coordinators</p> <p>Judge Fining to be on the Agenda for February.</p> <p>Gymnsport Section to include both changes to the Event Policy for 2014</p>
6.0	For Discussion	<p><b>6.1 Actions from previous minutes</b>  Actions completed from last meeting as required.</p> <p><b>6.2 Timelines for signing Judges Invitational M.O.U.'s and completion of budgets</b>  Feedback on the signing of M.O.U's and the submission of event budgets for Judges Invitational (JI) was presented. Issues which arose in 2013 were discussed and are outlined as follows;</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all gymsports are referring to the planned income outlined in their Judges Assembly budgets before completing their Judges Invitational budgets</li> <li>• Spectator estimates are too high – big impact on the income generated.</li> <li>• Budgets do not include sections for miscellaneous expenditure</li> <li>• Budgets need to be exclusive of GST</li> <li>• Expenditure cannot occur unless it is reflected in the budget. Reimbursement of expenses must include tax invoices.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback on how each gym sport runs their JI was provided. Some gymsports struggle with putting the event together and are creating a significant amount of additional work for the Event Officer in looking after the event. The following timelines were agreed for implementation in 2014:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning of the year was the nominated time for a preliminary budget to be sent to GWA.</li> <li>• It was noted that GWA can provide assistance with putting together the budgets to assist the gymsports with getting the budgets done correctly and on time.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.3 Review of Officials Action Plans &amp; Budgets</b>  Only WAG managed to update their budgets within the timeframes, however a few more gymsports have now completed this task. Subsequent meetings with the JC's from some of the other gymsports has shown that people are having difficulties understanding how to correctly update the budgets and action plans.</p> <p><b>6.4 Nomination &amp; Selection Timelines for State Team Judges - HR</b>  In previous years, the WAG judges have chosen to not travel with the GWA State Team and therefore travel as individuals to Australian Championships. Since there is a large group of WAG judges, they choose to travel together and as a result, it is left up to one individual to make the accommodation and ground travel bookings on behalf of the group. Since the payment is made by a singular person, difficulties also arise when these individual judges want to apply for a reimbursement since the payment was made by someone else.</p> <p>After some discussion, recommendations from those present are outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An option be created for the judges to be included with the team bookings with the exception being to the group flights.</li> <li>• An alternate entry and exit time could be arranged to suit the judges.</li> </ul>	<p>Gymsport Judging Co-ordinators to submit preliminary event budgets to GWA by the beginning of March 2014.</p> <p>KM to meet with JC who have not reviewed their Action Plans and Budgets</p>
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		<p><u>Unacceptable' Nominations for State Teams</u></p> <p>Discussions occurred surrounding state team nominations where the applicant does not meet the terms of selection, i.e. not suitable for a financial or disciplinary reasons and as to whether this nomination should actually reach the selection committee. Further discussions occurred as to if the applicant's nomination does not reach selection who is responsible for removing the nomination and the required processes to be adopted.</p> <p>Further discussions occurred regarding Selection Committee's not being aware of some of the issues raised from State Team reports. Recommendation discussed that state team reports from the previous year to go back to the Selection Committees at the conclusion of the state team review process. This should assist with the nomination and selection process for the following year.</p> <p><b>6.6 GWA Regulations – Association Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club of the Year Award (LZ) – LZ was unfortunately not in attendance, so this item will be deferred until the Feb 2014 meeting</li> <li>• Removal of the mention of the ANZ Awards from the GWA Athlete of the Year and GWA Coach of the Year sections of the GWA Regulations - Association Awards – Approved, as it doesn't fit within the timelines for the GWA Annual Awards.</li> <li>• Encouragement Awards for Coaches – Rookie of the Year, Long service, etc. Suggestion from Darren Hicks (MAG TC) that these awards be created for coaches as well as judges. Suggestion was approved by those present for inclusion in the Awards Regulations in 2014.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.7 Calendar and Events in 2014</b></p> <p><u>Class 1 – 7 events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GWA have introduced Class 7 events for MAG &amp; WAG in 2014 in order to be able to facilitate MAG &amp; WAG Badge Testing.</li> <li>• Clubs will bid for the rights to host the event and will handle all aspects of the event organisation.</li> <li>• Badge Testing Fee will need to be paid by the club in advance to be able to distribute badges at the event.</li> </ul>	<p>GWA to establish whether a process should be put in place for 'screening' of nominations in 2014.</p> <p>MR to action prior to 2014 Selection Meetings.</p> <p>Gymsport Section to remove from Awards Regulations for 2014</p> <p>Coach Awards to be placed on February Agenda for final approval since only two gymsports present</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event can be hosted at club or at the SGC.</li> <li>• Inclusion of this new category of event to be included in the 2014 Event Policy.</li> <li>• Planning of Judging Courses to ensure these events can be facilitated in 2014.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>For Noting</b>	<p><b>7.1 Reports from GA Advisory Meetings</b>  Reports attached from JC, HR, Conor Bush (RG) and Kate Ryan (ACR). Reports still to come from SW and Kieran Gorman (AER).</p> <p><b>7.2 Gymsport Reports</b>  Attached</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b>	

## GYMSPORTS & JUDGES CO-ORDINATORS MEETING - TRAMPOLINE - NOVEMBER 2013

### Events:

We have currently held Judges invite and the state spring and it was very disappointing that one of our major clubs did not enter any athletes in the judges invite competition. The competition ran very well with the number of judges we had, as well as the number of athletes present.

The Trans-Tasman competition on behalf of WA ran very well with three of the six girls team came from WA with the youngest coming second overall in the junior event, winning the title in syncro as well as winning the team event in double mini. The oldest also came first in the team event. Overall a very good result from WA.

There are currently four athletes going to World Age at this moment and will be competing from the 11-16 of November at Bulgaria.

### Planning:

We are planning in 2014 to have the judges upgrades to the next accreditation to keep up with the high number of athletes competing in the national and international stream.

### Education:

The workshop went ahead as scheduled, however two major clubs did not attend the workshops to discuss the new code of points and practice DD in preparation for the new course in 2014.

A few more workshops will be held over the course of next year to bring new judges into the system as the number of judges is quite low, we are currently relying on the same people to meet the requirements to judge for our competition, the tramp community needs a lot more flexibility with the reliability of judges.

Laurie Zagari

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# GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING – ACRO – NOVEMBER 2013

This period had the ACRO community busy with qualifying competitions leading up to the National Club Competition held in October here in Perth.

## Finance

- Judges Invitational ACRCO Competition held in September was disappointing in numbers and the financials relied on a good profit to see through to 2016. The revised Budget for 2014 onwards has been discussed with GWA and will be submitted by beginning of December for the Board.

## Performance

- *Events and Event Statistics*  
Numbers in general throughout the competition year have decreased. Some Clubs had lost their coaches and therefore not continuing with ACRO as a discipline was also a factor.  
The push for more gymnasts have been applied and hopefully 2014 will see an increase in numbers.
- The 2013 ACRO National Clubs Competition held in October in Perth saw the ARCO community unite and host the event and were highly commended on the running of a very successful competition. The competition also saw a panel of FIG Judges here to judge gymnasts for 2014 Word Games.  
The experience shared by all clubs from the East and WA was invaluable.  
A Russian pair travelled from Russia to compete and delighted the crowd with their routines.
- 2014 competition season is early and clubs have already started to train for first competition in March-April 2014.

## Planning

Includes the following:

- *Calendar*  
TC Committee have allocated their date requirements and have put forward their requirements which were accepted.
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks*  
These have been reviewed by the TC Committee and changes have been made and submitted.  
Action Plan has been reworked and will be submitted to GWA in December along with the revised Budget.  
Annual Awards have been allocated and put forward to GWA.

## Education

- TC Committee are waiting on the new ACRO coaching and judging courses be published and will then run courses. There have been two weekend put aside in February and March in time for the first competition.

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# GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING AEROBICS NOVEMBER 2013

## Events

- State Champs and Nationals have been and gone for another year. State Champs was well attended with athletes spanning over 2 sessions (a first for aero states). The event was held at Loftus and Northern Districts as the aerobics floor is still in need of repair.
- National Championships went well with all athletes performing great routines and representing WA very well. On a personal note, it was great to get to be back judging at Nationals and gain more experience at that level.

## Education

- To date in 2013 we have had judges attend an advanced silver in QLD, an FIG course in March as well as running 3 workshops in WA. We now have 2 FIG judges as well as an advanced silver, one intermediate and 4 beginner judges. We hope to expand on these numbers in 2014 when the new courses are available.

## Planning

- event dates have been put into the calendar. The first series is very early (Feb) as we have Worlds in April.

## Finance

- The budget needs to be revised and although not yet complete is in the process of been finished. Numbers are very tight but hopefully we can keep building the participation numbers to boost the bank.

# Judge Coordinators Meeting – RG – 14 June 2013

## Risk Management

The RG National Commission is delivering the Advanced/Advanced Silver judging course nationally. The course is scheduled for the 14-16<sup>th</sup> December in Sydney and unfortunately none of the WA judges can attend. We are trying to arrange for Teresa Evans to come to WA early next year, however this is yet to be confirmed. There is a risk that if we cannot run the course, the highest qualification we can have in the state is Intermediate Bronze (with two Brevet judges), and we will not be able to run competitions for the first half of the year.

## Finance

- *Judge Budgets*
  - Budget was updated based on unaudited data for 2013 and submitted to Board for approval.
  - Due to the reduced number of Australia judges allowed to sit the Brevet course, there are left over funds that were intended for four WA judges, but has been reduced to two. The unused funds will be used to assist the Brevet judges attend international competitions over the next cycle.
- *Fining*

This is not currently an issue for RG. We have two major clubs that are classified as “new” and as such do not have to provide judges. In general we find clubs provide the minimum number required.
- *Jl PL Statements*
  - Judges Invite made a profit of \$2340, which is an improvement on last year. The income made this year was less, however the expenses were also reduced from 2012.

## Performance

- *Events:*
  - All events for the year have been run. Our first qualifying competition is set for 7-9<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
  - Second half of the competition year was challenging due to lack of available judges.
- *Event Statistics*
  - No statistics on spectator numbers or finance have been provided to report on anything of use.

## Planning

### *JC Action Plans Reports:*

- Completed to date:
  - Updated policy for travel funding to Australian Championships
  - Updated policy for sponsorship for FIG course
  - Workshop for new cycle – for judges, with coaches allowed as observers
- Actions remaining for 2013/early 2014:
  - Policy for judging sponsorship – funding technical membership for a judge for one year
  - Judging “Cheat sheets” for beginner judges
  - Social fundraiser night
  - Look at involvement with regional program – use of RG Skools program
  - Getting more people qualified to present judge education courses
  - Develop criterion for judge recognition – in conjunction with social event.

## **Education**

- Brevet course is scheduled for December in Singapore. Karyn Murray and Barbara Smith will be attending. All other previously accredited Brevet judges will have to sit the Advanced Silver course and exam in order to judge in 2014.
- All judges need to sit a course to reaccredit, including beginner judges, due to significant changes in the National Program Manual.
- Advanced/Advanced Silver course is to be run from 14-17<sup>th</sup> December in Sydney. Unfortunately none of our judges can attend. We are trying to arrange a course to be held in WA, run by Teresa Evans. Failing that the highest qualification we will hold is Intermediate Bronze, presenting a risk to the first half of the competition season.



# GYMSPORTS & JUDGES CO-ORDINATORS MEETING WAG – November 2013

*The September – November period was very busy, with 2 Regional competitions, 2 State Championships and the 2013 State Talent squad first training session. National Clubs, starting this week in Geelong, is the last competition for the 2013 WAG Competition season.*

## Finance

- **Judge Budget**
  - WAG Judges Budget has been reviewed by the WAG Judges Committee and re-submitted to GWA. Minor changes to spend, updates on 2013 actual spend figures added. Please see provided copy.
- **Fining**
  - The WAG JC feels strongly that fining is required for Clubs not providing judges. It does encourage clubs to provide judges and has boosted the number of WAG judges actively judging at competitions.
  - There needs to be a better system for clubs deliberately not providing judges. They should not be better off financially by paying fines rather than paying/providing judges.
- **\$1.50 Fund Allocation:** NA for November
- **Jl P/L Statements**
  - Income from Merchandise has yet to be provided. WAG Judges Invite Co-ordinator has requested this from those concerned.
  - Athlete numbers were up on 2012, with costs approximately the same. Expect P/L to be within \$1k of 2012 figures.
- **Judge Reimbursements:** NA for November
- **Judge Travel Subsidy:** NA for November

## Performance

- **Events**
  - Generally events have run well through this period (September – November).
  - Some issues with competitions not being set up correctly in Proscore (age groups not done). This would be knowledge/experience of those setting up the events. Could we please confirm that is part of the event set-up instructions.
  - Coach uniform has become an issue at the last couple of competitions. Floor managers are unsure as to how to address the issue at the time.
  - Review of Perth International is still outstanding. Will be pursued in 2014, with the intent of submitting Board proposal for 2015 event.
- **Event Statistics**
  - Unable to comment/provide feedback due to not having Statistics.
- **State Teams**
  - **Review**
    - Changes to Elite Selection requirements have been made in order to address some issues encountered this year. Additional requirements are also expected to be required by GA in 2014.
    - WAG specific Uniform section added to Tech Regs, in order to explicitly add to the State Team Travel Policy information.
- **High Performance**
  - Planning for WAG Elite Forum's in 2014 has begun. This has been somewhat neglected in 2013 and is an area of focus for 2014.



## Planning

- **Calendar**
  - All Competition dates, Education dates and Meeting dates have been submitted.
  - *Exception:* Elite National Clubs series competitions (Spring Challenge). Require definite dates from GA.
- **Tech Regs / Event Handbooks**
  - Both documents completed and emailed to Clubs for review on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.
  - Tech Regs Key Changes:
    - Amendment to Judge requirements for Regional Badge Testing
    - Amendments to Badge Testing 'structure' for NDP Level 4 & 5 - Badge testing to occur at a new 'Class 7' event (MAG/WAG GWA Club Sanctioned Badge Testing) instead of a normal GWA Badge Testing Event
    - Amendments to National Levels State Team Selection Criteria:
    - Aligning wording between Nationals criteria and Additional Team criteria.
    - Amendments to International Levels State Team Selection Criteria:
    - Apparatus Specialist petitions
    - Team Selection Criteria
    - State Team Uniform Requirements section added (regarding tracksuits and leotards)
  - Event Handbook key changes:
    - Change of NDP Badge Testing (NDP 4 & 5) to a new 'Class 7' event – MAG / WAG GWA Club Sanctioned Badge Testing
    - Change to 'Gold' and 'Silver' Medal score in IDP Levels 1 – 3.
    - This was done after analysis of scores from 2013. Changes to judging have resulted in slightly lower scores.
- **JC Action Plans**
  - *Reports*
    - Action plan updated and provided to GWA. Please refer to version provided.
- **Annual Awards**
  - Athlete of the Year Awards
    - National Levels Junior & Senior points calculated and provided to GWA
    - Elite Senior determined and provided to GWA
    - Elite Junior will depend on results from National Clubs (held next week)
  - Official & Coach Awards
    - WAG Official of the Year dependant on Session information from GWA
    - Official of the Year – Long Service selected from nominations received
    - Coaching awards had last minute nominations. To be reviewed and selected by WAG TC.
  - GWA Coach & Athlete of the Year Nominations
    - BLOCKED: require clarification on this (requested, not yet received). Senior Athlete did not compete outside Australia, Junior Athletes have.
    - WAIS Senior Coaching Team nominated for GWA Coach of the Year
      - 4 Australian Representatives: Franceska Fusha, Darcy Norman, Gillian Chan & Paige James (AYOF & Perth Int)
      - National Championships key results:
        - Sarah Stacy IDP 6 2<sup>nd</sup> AA
        - Aya Meggs IDP 10 2<sup>nd</sup> AA
        - Franceska Fusha Junior 3<sup>rd</sup> AA
        - Olivia Vivian Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Bars
      - Olivia Vivian selected to additional Worlds Trial event



## Education

- None during period.
- Calendar planning done for 2014.
- Changes to WAG Judges structure to be made in 2015, with the changes to the National Levels Program.

## Other Items of Note

- **Purchases**
  - WAG TC and JC working with GWA Facilities purchased a set of Bars for the State Gymnastics Centre (funded by WAG JC).
- **Agenda Item Discussion Points**
  - **State Team Judges Arrangements**

Significant angst and additional cost is being incurred by the Judges due to the lack of definite plans for them. Two key issues causing this:

    1. Uncertainty of small sport judges as to whether they will/will not be included in the Teams arrangements
    2. Inability to access funding prior to travel, and for gymsports with large numbers of judges travelling (RG & WAG), a single person has been required to pay for an appropriate booking to ensure the group can stay together. This is an unreasonable expectation to have for a volunteer.

Suggestions for addressing this:

- Selection of Judges done at same time as Head Coach
  - Would allow for access to funds earlier?
- Arrangement of a State 'Judges Accommodation' by GWA
  - This would allow different gym sport judges to share costs.
- **State Team Coaching Positions**

Suggestion from the WAG TC is that in future there are "assistant" coaches for a level that can be mentored by the State Team coaches. These could perhaps be self-funded or partially funded role. The TC viewed this as a positive way to go as the said coach would be part of the team. Applications should include details on why coach thinks they would be an asset to the team. They would not need to have athletes on the team to be considered.

## **GYMSPORTS AND JUDGING COORDINATOR MEETING – NOVEMBER - MAG**

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### **REPORT FROM GYMSPORTS ADVISORY MEETING - MAG**

#### **Agreed new rules for judge accreditation/re-accreditation**

- Agreed that there should be a 'fast track' system for ex-gymnasts (or current gymnasts) who want to become judges.
  - Gymnasts (or ex-gymnasts) who competed at Level 7 or above will be allowed to 'skip' the beginner judging course and sit the intermediate accreditation course straight away.
  - There will be a new rule that judges will need to judge two state sanctioned events prior to accrediting at a new level.
  - Re-accreditation at the end of cycle:-
    - Beginners will not be required to re-accredit at the end of each cycle.
    - Intermediate also will not need to re-accredit – however they should receive information regarding any changes to routines/rules etc that are applicable.
    - The idea behind these changes was to try to help keep judges within the sport, and recognise that the principles behind judging don't change, just simply some of the rules and/or routine construction.
    - My understanding is that these proposed changes have been sent to each of the State Associations for approval.
  - Other judging changes:
    - Intermediate Bronze will now be allowed to judge up to level 6 for difficulty and up to level 9 for execution (this will allow them to judge execution at nationals up to level 9.)
    - The advanced course will then just focus on difficulty for levels 7-9.