

GWA Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes

Brief Notes of Meeting held on 4th September 2014

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Executive Director: Ruth Gibbons (RG) GWA Board: Karon Williams (KW) Gymsports Manager: Karyn Murray (KM) TC Liaison: Melissa Read (MR) MAG: John Carroll (MAG) WAG: Tracy Holmes (TH) & Heidi Rose (HR) RG: Erica Morrissey (EM) TRP: Susan Watts (SW) ACR: Kath Arendt (KA) GA: Adrienne Glancy (AG) via Goto Meeting	
2.0	Apologies	Laurie Zagari (TRP), Debbs van Hagen (ACR), Kieran Gorman (AER), Conor Bush (CB), Matt Lean / Michael Williams (MAG)	
3.0	Coaching Framework Update	Presentation from Adi Glancy (Industry & Training Manager) at GA. New Coach Accreditation Framework Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framework simplified - Int Bronze Accreditation removed and is now Advanced (i.e. content is aligned with current Int Bronze accreditation) - Now only one HP category – HP & HP Gold combined as a single accreditation - VET qualifications removed for all levels except for Beginner & Int. Implementation of the VET qualification is currently under review and should be another 2 years before VET qualifications are added to the remaining coach accreditation levels. - FIG 2 Course – Adv Silver Accreditation - FIG 3 Course – HP accreditation - Transitioning of coaches - Int Bronze will change to Advanced, Advanced to Adv Silver (however TRP, RG and some ACR to remain at Advanced) - Some HP Gold coaches will be lowered to HP as HP Gold now links to performance (top 8 	

		<p>finish at World Champs / Olympic Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All courses to be made available over the next 4 years - Outline of Accreditation Components - There is a change from accreditations linking to specific levels to linking to a 'Skills Matrix'. Will outline what skills that a coach of a particular accreditation. - Accreditations updated in iMIS throughout July & August. Task still ongoing. - Communication going out to clubs next week via email. - Info out to coaches beginning of October, along with the release of the new GA website. 	
4.0	Acceptance of Previous Notes	The previous notes (Combined Gymsports & Judging Co-ordinators Meeting Notes) were accepted by TH & KW	
5.0	For Discussion	<p>5.1 Judge Fining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline of current situation – judge fining extremely unpopular and not working for clubs - Feedback presented from recent Event Review Survey - Outline of current judge fining system - Review of statistics of numbers of judges from 2012 through to 2014. Numbers are steadily decreasing or remaining the same. Judge Fining system has not resulted in an increase in the number of judges in each gymsport - Gymsports which don't currently have judge fining are also not showing an increase in the number of judges - Table of objectives / recommendations completed (attached) 	
6.0	For Noting	<p>6.1 Technical Director Reports Reports from WAG, TRP & ACR attached</p> <p>6.2 Calendar Planning Update Dates now available for 2015 Australian Championships. Major Event Dates – i.e. State Championships events, will be placed on the calendar by the Gymsports Section shortly and will be ratified by the GWA Board at the September Board Meeting. Once the dates have been approved, draft calendar templates will be distributed and the TC's will be able set their calendar dates for 2015. A combined calendar planning meeting will be set for late October.</p>	MR to distribute calendar template to TC's when available
7.0	Next Meeting	13th November 2014	

Objectives	2015	2016	2017
Retention & Recruitment	<p>Different strategies for different levels Recruitment - too hard, not fun, scary How do you sell it?</p> <p>Clubs need to have a recruitment plan Can TC's /Judges produce a document "introductory package to judging" for people to become judges?</p> <p>Conference - How to recruit a judge</p> <p>Target parents in the competition pathway in relation to the athlete pathway. A judging pathway in this document. Start learning to become a Judge, Floor Manager etc. Provide content of the course, commitment.</p>		
Courses	<p>Discount for bulk Flexibility to run courses Survey presenters - FOC for Beginners Course</p>		
Transitioning from Course to Active Judge	<p>Beginners need the in-club transition program.</p> <p>The relationship within the clubs between current judges and mentoring new judges. Coaches can be used for this too. Course requirement before attending the beginner course to ensure new judges will want to become an accredited judge</p> <p>How to mentor other people? DSR runs mentor courses. DSR's newsletters are on our bulletin every week.</p> <p>Provide the feedback to GA on the courses. Provide feedback at the Advisory Meeting on the issues you are having with courses.</p>		
	<p>Pre scheduling when certain levels are going to be on at a certain day. A judging plan - i.e Level 5 on Saturdays, Level 6 on Sundays.....</p>		
	<p>Educating clubs on registering their athletes on time so we can establish a judging plan. This can be one long day of competition.</p>		

Competition

Fines used towards the clubs putting people on judging courses.		
Positive incentive where the club gets money back when they put a person through a judging course		
Fining based on once the club has not provided a judge they are charged a certain figure. It then doubles and triples based on the repetition of the non supply of judges.		
Should we be accepting entries if there is no judge on the form		
New club - should a club supply a judge once a course has been held for new clubs. For this to happen should there be flexibility around the running of courses		
When do you fine?		
Allocate the number of judges based on their athlete entries. Same principle as clubs supplying volunteers. i.e. 10 x Level 6 athletes nominated in entry form then 2 intermediate judges need to be nominated. Need to plan event schedule to allow for this to occur. Large fine is applied for a judge not turning up. \$100 per judge per session. Then apply the system outlined about re giving 50% back to the club to ensure judges are entered in the event. 2nd offence the fine increases to \$150.00. Or 10% for every competition to max at 40% at States. This must work from a GWA administration aspect. Club fining needs to be considered where the higher levels cannot be facilitated due to the lack of current judges.		
Do not accept the entry form without judges		
Take the cap off the fining		
WAG judges have to look at those judges who are earning money from judging for other clubs.		



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Strategic

- GA have released some details regarding new National Levels Program. Impact analysis and planning underway by GWA & WAG TC.
- Elite & State Team Operational plans outstanding:
 - State Team plan reviewed and updated at March meeting.
 - Draft Elite plan completed. Discussed at July TC meeting. WAG TD to edit with recommendations from TC and share with GWA & GA.
 - Elite will require more liaising/discussion with GA given recent GA position changes.
 - More information regarding GWA plans also required in order to ensure appropriate alignment.

Risk Management

- Clubs/Coaches/Judges making assumptions & jumping to conclusions regarding National Program. WAG TC & GWA Office to try and get information out to the community ASAP.

Finance

Judging & Judges Committee

- *Budget*
 - New Judges laptop requested & purchased. Issues with getting access to it prior to Judges Invite.
- *Judge Reimbursements*
 - Perhaps structure and application requires review in conjunction with review of Club Fining.
- *Travel Subsidy*
 - Approach for 2014 was significantly better than 2013. WAG appreciated the options made available. Amount could perhaps be reviewed.

WAG TC

- WAG TC drafted budget for 2014 WAG Talent Squad. Requires input/approval from GWA Office.

Performance

- *Events* – no significant issues with GWA events run July - Sept. Use of Music Playlists successful.
 - Concerns regarding Class 7 events vs Judges Invitational events. Judges Invitational's have more restrictions, hindering volunteers to fundraise. A lot of undocumented details for both.
- *Event Statistics* – Trials: *Level 6 numbers up, great to see. All other figures as expected.*
- *State Teams*
 - *Plan* – unable to review 2014 with intention of planning for 2015, due to unknowns with National Program.
 - Request review of GWA policies, transparency regarding changes, changes made prior to TC's completing their Tech Regs
 - *Review*
 - recommendation regarding financial arrangements (i.e. use of Prepaid credit cards)
 - WAG Selection Committee & TC need access to reports from Team in order to facilitate
- *High Performance* - Olivia Vivian, Lauren Mitchell and Martine George selected for Commonwealth Games. Team placed 2nd and Lauren placed 2nd on Floor.

Planning

- *Calendar* – Deferred until decisions made regarding application of National Program.
 - Dates/months for Talent Squad training sessions considered.
 - *Note:* WAG TC would like to start investigating holding the Perth International in 2015
- *Tech Regs / Event Handbooks* –
 - Notes collated on GWA State Team policy, WAG State Teams (reserve athletes)
 - Unable to finalise due to unknowns/decisions outstanding regarding National Levels program
- *Annual Awards* – WAG would like a way of acknowledging YOG athletes/coaches/judges. YOG is an IOC event, with only one Oceania place. This should be considered as an appropriate competition for recognition.

Education

- Recommendations made for January conference

TRP Judging coordinator and Gymsport Report 4th September 2014

Judging

Thanks to the hard work of Laurie Zagari, the TRP Judging numbers have increased significantly. Earlier this year we were unable to run a qualifying event due to insufficient numbers of qualified judges. As we move forward into 2015 we are hoping to dual panel, a huge improvement. We still need a good deal more judges qualified, often the issue is availability, and we need more flexibility. Can we hold judging courses at Clubs? This would not only provide flexibility with dates but our Clubs may possibly provide the facility free of charge. Allowing flexibility with course dates would also enable us to increase our enrolments.

A number of our parents are highly qualified, intelligent professionals with limited time availability. They have queried the need for the course notes to be read out by the course presenter, this is most time consuming and unnecessary. Surely the course notes can be distributed prior to the courses for attendees to read in advance?

The TRP TC have begun informal meetings between the GWA scheduled TC meetings. This is proving most beneficial as issues can be discussed and resolved prior to the GWA meeting. Also, agenda items can be suggested. It takes the pressure of on the spot decision making away and provides an opportunity for all TC members to comfortably discuss their personal opinions.

Planning

The Technical Committee have updated TRP Technical Regulations, Melissa has sent out the draft copy for confirmation, this is in progress.

It has become most apparent that Elite level trampoline competitions are most difficult to run from the Loftus Centre, it requires major equipment upheaval internally that affects numerous gymsports and potentially could be a significant OH&S liability. Running comps from Loftus also requires the good will of Clubs upending their personal equipment and transporting it to and from the venue. This is a costly and most inconvenient exercise which is particularly disruptive to Clubs. FYI, the latest trampoline (which will be arriving at Peak in late September) weighs 450 kilos, trolleys aside, this is a huge ask to move. The GWA Board have been made aware of the situation.

Competition

Abbie Watts was selected to represent Oceana Trampoline at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing China August 2014. Abbie was 6th overall. Abbie is the 1st Olympian since Jai Wallace who won silver at the Sydney Olympic Games,, to make the finals at an Olympic event. A terrific outcome.

Naomie Ding is currently in Portugal with the Australian Team at the Loule Cup. Naomie will be competing Trampoline and DMT at the time of our Gymsports meeting. We all wish her luck.

We also have Jayden Cooney competing Double Mini at the World Championships in Florida this November. It is great to see WA's talented athletes up there!

We are waiting on GA & GWA finalising calendar dates. The TRP TC's next informal meeting is 10/9, dates for 2015 will be discussed then.

Susan Watts

TRP TC TD

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This period had the ACRO community attend the National Championships Competition held in Melbourne in May / June.

Some Clubs competing ready for National Club Championships in September.

The levels 1-5 qualifying for Spring States in September.

Finance

- No new budget amendments are available.

Performance

- *Events and Event Statistics*
- The second half the of the competition year started with the Loftus Challenge and only a very small number of athletes competed. Some of the athletes were not ready, sick or injured making the numbers small.
- Judges Invitational Competition was well represented with Level 1 and upwards, with some Levels 6 qualifying for National Club Levels in October.
- There was a general disappointment that Level 6 could not compete in the Spring States as some athletes could not go the National Clubs due to examinations.

Planning

Includes the following:

- *Calendar*
Discussions to be held at the next meeting of Gymsports and TC to have some dates ready for 2015.

Education

- The ACRO community is small and the requirement to have a minimum of 6 person to do a course has led to cancelling of courses and the higher level of qualified judges has diminished.
- The total judges for 2014 are currently 6 accredited, a much lower amount than past years due to courses not ready for this new cycle.
- A draft document has been completed to address the problem of numbers for judges, athletes and volunteers for ACRO. This was presented for further discussion at the ACRO TC meeting on 20 June 2014.
- The new Beginner Judges were finally able to judge on a panel.