

East Midlands Gymnastics Association AGM – May 2022

Trampoline Chair's Report – 2021/22

The past year has seen trampoline in the East Midlands continue its rebuild and progress on every front, from performance, coaching and development. We, as a discipline, are looking to improve its professional standards in all aspects of our activities.

As chair of trampoline, I am privileged to have a highly committed committee looking to guide the disciplines forward in the East Midlands. So, I would like to begin by thanking Mandy Daybles. Mandy stood down as both coach education and Northamptonshire rep due to moving to the Isle of Wight. We're proud to have been associated with Mandy and we really appreciate the work she has done over the years – the region would not be what it is without her contribution.

I would also like to thank Chris Edwards for his tireless work on the scoring system, especially given the changes to the Code of Points and competition structures.

The past year has seen our region return to competition and we are enjoying our first full trampoline season since 2019. As members will testify, our regional performances continue to improve at all levels, from club to elite. That said, we will continue to strive for more representation across all disciplines, especially those where we have smaller numbers.

Our aim is to be inclusive as a community organisation with a broad base of new gymnasts and coaches learning the challenges and delights of preparing for and taking part in competition. We are fortunate in having highly skilled and experienced coaches ensuring that our trampolinists are supported as they strive to reach the highest echelons of the sport.

In the meantime, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers, parents, coaches, gymnasts, team managers, judges and officials. The region would not exist without them. Thanks, too, to my colleagues on the East Midlands trampoline technical committee; it's been a tricky couple of years, but we will continue to rebuild and move forward.

It continues to be a real privilege to be the chairperson of these disciplines in the East Midlands.

Competitions

The competition circuit restarted late 2021 with a national event and the regional championships. Now in 2022, we have a full complement of competitions in the East Midlands: three Regional Challenge Cup competitions and regional championships.

The three Regional Challenge Cup competitions are qualifiers to the Inter-Regional Challenge Cup Finals, which is being held at the Utilita Arena Birmingham.

As a region, we are hoping to have a full team across trampoline, DMT and tumbling in Birmingham – and I wish all competitors the best of luck.

In 2021, the region also had gymnasts compete at the National Age Group Open, which was held at The International Centre in Telford.

Gymnasts from the region returned home with medals of all colours.

Other news

In 2021, gymnasts, coaches and judges from the East Midlands represented Great Britain at the World Championships and World Age Group Competition in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Andrew qualified for the semi-final of the senior World Championships, while Tyler Cole-Dyer won the bronze medal in the individual 15-16 Boys event.

Meanwhile, Tracy Whittaker-Smith continues to be the head national coach for trampoline, Harvey Smith is a Great Britain junior squad coach and Clive Morgan has selected to be a judge/superior jury at the European Championships, World Cups and The World Games.

This continues to show that, despite the pandemic, we continue to develop promising individuals in all areas, from gymnasts and coaches to judges. As we continue to build throughout 2022 and beyond, we must continue to find ways to support and nurture our region's talent to fulfil their potential.

Clive Morgan

Chair – East Midlands Trampoline Technical Committee