

## Acrobatic Technical Committee

DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### 1. NPRG

The Acrobatic NPRG took place on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The event was well attended with representation from all 10 Regions and 3 Home Counties.

### 2. NDP9

The NDP9 has undergone its yearly review and the following changes have been agreed:

- Separated out G2 Groups: W3, M3 and M4, each will be a separate competition.
- Updated G5 elements to add more choice for each discipline.
- Introduction of Youth Level:
  - Include Youth in National Finals and the Pat Wade Classic.
  - Qualification for National Finals will be the same as it is currently for all the other NDP levels – 1 partnership per discipline.
  - Regions to run a separate regional qualifier prior to the closing date of the Pat Wade Classic. The Youth Level will have up to 3 partnerships to qualify from each region in each discipline for the Pat Wade Classic.
  - Leotards without skirts for the Youth Level.
  - Lyrics can be used for the Youth Level.
  - A benchmark score will apply to the qualifiers of the National Finals and 7.8 for the Pat Wade Classic.
  - Age restrictions for Youth Level are 9-16 with a maximum age gap of 5 years.
  - No height deduction will be employed in the Youth Level.

This updated NDP9 Version 1.4 will be available on the BG website from October 2018 and will be employed in competition from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

### 3. Competition Structure

At the Pat Wade Classic in 2019, the competition format will be as follows:

- 11-16 medals = sum of balance and dynamic routines.
- 12-18 medals = sum of all 3 routines.
- Juniors and Seniors medals:
  1. Individual balance routine (Junior and Senior only)
  2. Individual dynamic routine (Junior and Senior only)
  3. Overall winner is the sum of all 3 routines (Junior and Senior only).

Gymnasts who only want to do a combined routine can enter but only as guests.

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### 4. Events

- In 2019, only Gymnasts and Coaches wearing regional kit, no club logos to be worn, will be allowed in the training hall and field of play at National Finals.
- There is no requirement to wear a club / regional leotard at National Finals. While the majority of gymnasts did wear a club leotard to compete in these Finals it is not a rule. The NDP will state that leotards will have no impact on the gymnasts' score in NDP9 and this will be highlighted to the judges.
- Gymnasts should march straight to their start position and not walk all around the floor at National Events. There is no need for gymnasts to present at the beginning of the routine.
- Regions should recommend that gymnasts reach the benchmark score to qualify for National Finals but this is for guidance only. Also the out of region Brevet Judges are recommended as the CJPs in regional qualifiers where possible.

### 5. Tariff Sheets

- Late Tariff Sheets will now incur a £50 fine.
- Difficulty judges will be asked to confirm receipt of Tariff Sheets with the coaches.
- Tariff Sheets must be submitted to the difficulty judges as separate files, not one workbook with several tabs.
- G5 Tariff Sheets must state both the NDP and FIG references.

### 6. Judge Education

- A new e-learning course "Intro to Judging" is now available to all existing Club Judges or anyone enrolled on a Club Judge course.
- Regional and National Judging Courses have been finalised and will be available from the start of 2019.

### 7. Dates 2019

- 18-20 May 2019 – National Finals
- 25-28 Jul 2019 - British Championships
- 16-17 Nov 2019 - Pat Wade Classic