

Rhythmic Technical Committee

Dear all,

Welcome to our last newsletter for this year.

The RGTC would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a good holiday ☺

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Kind regards

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Zonal Grades

After the recent NPRG review, the following amendments have been made for the zonal grades, to accommodate a more balanced spread in the number of gymnasts in each competition

- South region to Zone B
- Gibraltar to Zone D

Please see below information on the dates/venues for each zone

- Zone A : Saturday 1st April, Canterbury
- Zone B : date tbc, venue tbc
- Zone C : Sunday 9th April, Birmingham
- Zone D : Saturday 25th March, venue tbc

BQT

Entry for the BQT is now open and can be found on the [BG website](#). Closing date is Friday 13th January at noon. Please note that the venue is confirmed as St Martins School, Solihull, B91 3EN. An additional clarification is that group gymnasts achieving level 4/5 during 2016, will also be eligible to enter BQT for 2017.

Competition Handbook correction

Please note that the apparatus for Senior Group should be states as 3 Balls and 2 Ropes, as previously advised, and not 2 Balls and 3 Ropes are currently stated in the competition handbook. An updated version of the handbook is available on the [BG website](#).

Judging Revalidation Courses

In light of the new Code of Points which comes into effect on 1 January 2017, all judges will need to revalidate their judging qualification in order to be able to judge at competitions going forwards. To revalidate your judging qualification you will need to attend one of the two revalidation courses we are putting on, and then pass a short theory exam, which will focus on the changes to the Code.

The dates and venues for the revalidation courses are as follows:

- 4/5 Feb 2017, Holiday Inn, Liverpool City Centre
- 18/19 Feb 2017, Moulton College, Moulton, Northamptonshire

You can only revalidate your qualification at the same level of award which you currently hold EXCEPT that existing Club judges may choose to upgrade to County level on the revalidation course (which will require them to sit the County judge theory and practical exams). Therefore, if you are currently a Club judge you can choose either to revalidate as a Club judge, or try to upgrade to a County judge. All existing County, Regional and National judges may only revalidate at their existing level.

You only need to attend the part of the course which is relevant to the level of award which you are seeking. Exact times for each course will follow, but it will be organised such that all judges arrive on Saturday morning and then:

- judges revalidating at Club Judge level only need to stay for the first part of Saturday
- judges revalidating or upgrading to County level stay until mid-afternoon on Saturday
- judges revalidating at Regional level stay until the end of Saturday
- only judges revalidating at National level stay for Sunday.

The exams will be held on the weekend, immediately after you have finished your sections of the course. It is therefore important that you have looked at the Code prior to the revalidation course.

Like all judging courses from 1 January 2017 onwards, the revalidation courses will be organised by British Gymnastics. Enrolment on a course (and payment) will therefore be through the [BG website](#). Please note the closing date for applications is **2nd January 2017**.

Performance Pathway Clinics

As part of the National Talent Development Programme we are running a series of Rhythmic Gymnasts coach education clinics and workshops in 2017. The first of these clinics will be a Sport Psychology Workshop. Please see below details on how to book:

Date: Saturday 14th January 2017
Time: 12:30-15:30
Venue: Surrey Sports Park, GU2 7AD
Tutor: Katie Richards
Cost: £15
Topic: Sports Psychology (further details to follow)
How to book: [BG website](#)
Closing date: Wednesday 11th January 2017

For more information, please contact [Rebecca Partridge](#)

UEG Newsletter

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the European Union of Gymnastics

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Competition Update

Congratulations to all the clubs which took part in the final Group League Round and Club Team Championships. Detailed results can be found on [BG website](#), and overall results below.

Group League Round 3

Senior Group

- 1st – Esprit Rhythmic
- 2nd – I-Star Academy Fire
- 3rd – I-Star Academy Ice

Junior Elite Group

- 1st – City of Birmingham
- 2nd – Esprit Rhythmic Pink
- 3rd – City of Canterbury

Espoir Elite Group

- 1st – City of Canterbury
- 2nd – Ribby Hall Pink
- 3rd – City of Bath Snowdrops

Junior National Group

- 1st – Northampton
- 2nd – Trafford
- 3rd – Elena

Espoir National Group

- 1st – Deeside
- 2nd – South Essex Rainbow
- 3rd – Oxford

Group League Overall

Senior Group

- Gold – Esprit Rhythmic
- Silver – I-Star Academy Fire
- Bronze – I-Star Academy Ice

Junior Elite Group

- Gold – City of Birmingham
- Silver – Esprit Rhythmic Pink
- Bronze – City of Canterbury

Espoir Elite Group

- Gold – City of Bath Snowdrops
- Silver – Ribby Hall Pink
- Bronze – I-Star Academy Magenta

Junior National Group

- Gold – Northampton
- Silver – Trafford
- Bronze – City of Bath Orchids

Espoir National Group

- Gold – Deeside
- Silver – South Essex Rainbow
- Bronze – Ribby Hall Purple

Club Team

Espoir

- Gold – Elena
- Silver – Ribby Hall
- Bronze – City of Canterbury

Senior

- Gold – City of Canterbury
- Silver – Esprit Rhythmic
- Bronze – City of Birmingham

Junior

- Gold – City of Birmingham
- Silver – City of Canterbury
- Bronze – Elena

Overall:

- Gold – City of Birmingham
- Silver – City of Canterbury
- Bronze – South Essex

Sandymoor Cup : Please find attached information on the Sandymoor cup, an open friendly competition, which will take place on Saturday 28th January. For more information, please contact [Laura Hogg](#).

Competition Update

Please find attached the latest calendar for 2017