

THE WTC NATIONAL PLANNING AND REVIEW MEETING

10th November 2012 – Westmead Hotel, Birmingham

APOLOGIES

A.Reddin – National Coach
A.Last – West Midlands
P.Lipton – East Midlands

B.Negri - London
N.Preston – North
S.White - Wales

PRESENT

WTC members – L.Fairbrother, S.James, B.Hardy, M.McLoughlin, C.Still,R.Smith, L.Kincaid
Adrian Stan – High Performance Coach Education
Colin Still – National Coach
Nila Benfield – Sports Programme Officer
Barry McLaughlin – North West
A.Price– East
H.Golding & Amy Jones – South
J.Evett – Isle of Man
G.Turner – South East

M.Mitchell– East Midlands
R.Leeworthy – South West
B.Smithies – Yorkshire
S.Harper & Tracey Rea – Scotland

Afternoon session

Martin Reddin – British Gymnastics Technical Director
Kathryn Bonner – Coach Education
Jim Moss - England

WELCOME – Lyn Fairbrother - WTC Chair

Lyn welcomed everyone and explained that Amanda Reddin had attended the WTC meeting the day before but had had to return to Lilleshall for National Squad training. During the WTC meeting Amanda had explained that she would be making changes but she wanted time to assess the new Code of Points and consult the national coaches before attempting to form a new structure for Compulsory Grades and Age Group Championships. However, she did agree the following:

- **Compulsory 2 – the jump full turn will be removed.**
- There will be no other changes to Compulsory Grades for 2013. There will be changes for 2014 and these will be announced as early as possible in 2013 once the programme has been restructured.
- There may be some changes to the 2013 Voluntary Age Groups (Levels) in order to bring the work in line with the new Code. These will be confirmed in March at the next WTC meeting in Ipswich, published and disseminated immediately after the meeting. This will allow coaches plenty of time to assimilate any changes ready for the competition in November 2013.

The WTC also wanted to pass on some information to the meeting on decisions taken during the Annual WTC Review from the previous day:

- Photo registration will cease in 2013. With the introduction of iPads, iPhones etc. the policing of photography has become impossible to manage correctly.

- Because the British Championships has been moved to 22-24th March 2013, the British Espoir Championships has been added to the Compulsory 2 competition at Ipswich on 16th March 2013. This is to allow the Espoir Apparatus Finalists the opportunity of competing in Liverpool on a podium. The programme for the weekend will run as follows:

Friday pm – Espoir Training

Saturday am – Compulsory 2 Training

Saturday pm – Espoir Competition

Sunday am – Compulsory 2 Competition

- The WTC Handbook has been completed and will be sent to BG for checking and immediate publication. All events dates are already on the website.
- With regard to the British Championship, there will be no relegation in 2013 to allow for any issues created by the new Code. Promotion from the Challenge to the British is still under review and changes may be made when the final draft of the new Code is published.
- There had been some issues regarding Regional entries to National finals during the year. The Chairman explained that Regions are autonomous and have complete freedom to arrange their rules and regulations for their own competitive programmes. However, if they choose to hold a competition and send a team, or individuals, to a national final they have to abide by the rules laid down nationally by the WTC. They are not at liberty to devise their own and add them to restrict entry.

Everyone was asked to send their Regional report to Nila Benfield electronically so that they could be added to the minutes and distributed to all Regions. Nila would also collect the claim forms for one representative from each Region.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Each Regional/Home Nations representative was then invited to give a report on their regional development, competition structure and programme, squads, coaching, judging etc. and raise any issues that were causing them problems. Each of these reports is attached.

1. Scotland – Scott Harper
2. North West – Barry McLaughlin
3. Yorkshire - Bill Smithies
4. East Midlands – Marie Mitchell
5. East – Annie Price
6. South West – Robin Leeworthy
7. South – Helen Golding
8. South East – Geoff Turner
9. Isle of Man – Jayne Evett

Reports had also been received from Bernice Negri – London and Jim Moss – England.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH EDUCATION – Adrian Stan

Adrian gave an explanation of his new role within British Gymnastics and then went on to briefly explain how he intended to aid the top coaches so that they could produce high level gymnasts over the next few years.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT – Martin Reddin

Martin began his presentation on talent development by explaining the process of application for funding from the UK Sport and the time scales involved should BG be successful. The fact that we have now been placed in the “multi-medal” achievement category has placed GB in a position where the expectations are higher for Rio in 2016 and this has implications to everyone right down the line from World Class to the Clubs. Martin went on to explain that there was a need to improve participation and the retention of gymnasts and the need to create a sustainable system and a gradual reduction of the reliance on BG money.

EDUCATION – Kathryn Bonner

Kathryn gave a brief presentation on Coach Education Courses, the distribution of coaches throughout the country and the levels to which they are qualified. During the morning many questions had arisen regarding the cost of BG Coaching Courses and Regional representatives had the opportunity to raise their queries and get direct answers. Kathryn agreed to allow her Power Point presentation to be added to the Minutes for distribution. This was particularly helpful as some of the slides were difficult to see from the back of the room.

CONCLUSION

In drawing the meeting to a close the Chairman pointed out that this would be the correct time for submission of any ideas or changes that the Regions would like to see to be submitted to the new committee when it was announced in December. She then thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the Review and wished them a safe journey home.

**LYNDA FAIRBROTHER
WTC CHAIR**

SCOTLAND - see attached separate presentation

NORTH

Coaching

South Durham has held two Excel clinics with Nick Ruddock. The courses were fully subscribed with approximately 55 coaches at each clinic. Clinics 3 and 4 will take place in November and December and are already fully subscribed.

Coaching Education

There is still cause for concern over the standard of delivery of coaching courses in the region, A suggestion is that all tutors should have to attend the excel clinics so that they are up to date and current.

National Squads

Potential Squad – Jade Armstrong (South Durham)
Start Squad – Amy Tinkler, Claudia Barks (South Durham)
Development Squad – Leah Rockett (South Durham)

Amy Tinkler (SD) competed for Great Britain in the Olympic Hopefuls in October taking the bronze medal. Amy is now shortlisted as a potential GB representative for the Australian Youth Olympics Federation in January. The final selection will be made on the 20th November.

Amy has also been selected for the Arques Cup in France in December.

Nick is now working on a fortnightly basis with South Durham and the club benefits enormously from his input and the region look forward to working with Amanda Reddin in the near future.

The region recently employed CA for a choreography and beam clinic. This was hugely successful and hopes to work with CA again in 2013 as part of their continued education program.

England Squad selection 2012/13

Beth Donaldson (SD)
Lauryn Armstrong (SD)
Lauren Hearfield (Redcar)

Regional Competitions

We have healthy entries at our regional competition with entries from 11 clubs in the region. Numbers are significantly lower at the compulsories and voluntary in age qualifiers with gymnasts from only 3 clubs.

	No of gymnasts entered
Novice /Intermediate	120
Pre Elite/Elite	60
Compulsory Levels	20
Regional Age Groups	20
Club Grades	150

Finance

The region is in a healthy financial situation and its intent is to provide more coach education to the clubs bringing specialists into the region

Events

Gym Fusion was hosted at Spennymoor Leisure Centre (hosted by South Durham Gymnastics) ... tickets were sold out for the event.

Funding and Grants

Amy Tinkler was awarded sports aid funding this year which has been a great help towards her travel and training costs.

Other information

City Of Newcastle gym was seriously flooded over the summer and left the gym almost unusable. The elite girls trained all the summer period at South Durham. Work is now being carried out at the gym after funding was granted by Sport England.

NORTH WEST

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The WTC still regularly meet every four to six weeks and more if necessary to ensure the smooth running of the WTC.

Once again the WTC has successfully co-ordinated and delivered a full Competition Calendar this year overseen by our Competition Organiser, Fiona Wright, and helped by Barry McLaughlin, our Performance Organiser. Many thanks to you both.

With the new Regional Competition Arena at Wigan on line it is with great pride that we have been able to achieve this in the North West. It has taken a long time to achieve this new venture with many hours of meetings and negotiations with every discipline and suppliers of which Gymnova were given the contract for all the apparatus and now being in situ it has already been used for a 4 piece competition and was highly appreciated by all gymnasts, coaches etc. The Centre staff at Wigan are very helpful and try to accommodate any of our needs for the smooth running of our competitions. I hope this will continue to be a success in the future.

I would like to congratulate the North West on having 4 out of 5 gymnasts from Liverpool on the Olympic team and of course Beth for her Bronze medal on bars. Again, what a fantastic year – never to be forgotten.

Judging

It is with a great sadness that Brendene Hardy is standing down as Judging Convenor as she has been a major part of the NW WTC for over 30 years and I would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the best for the future, we will miss her.

County Representative

Once again we have had representation from all three Counties at most of our meetings which enables them to take any necessary information back to their own Counties.

I would like to say thank you to everyone on the NW WTC for all the time and commitment they have given yet again to the NW WTC over the last twelve months totally as volunteers.

It is with regret that I, Jane Leigh, am now standing down as Chair of the NW WTC and wish the new Chair all the best for the future which looks very prosperous indeed.

Jane Leigh
WTC Chair

JUDGING CONVENOR'S REPORT

No Regional or Club Judging Courses were held in 2012 as a new cycle was imminent. The Cycle 13 Code of Points has now been published in readiness for implementation in 2013.

At the end of Cycle 12, the North West Region had the following number of judges.

BREVET	NATIONAL	REGIONAL	CLUB
2	6	43	116

With one of the largest total number of judges in GB, although not all of them are active, we usually have sufficient number of judges to fill all panels at Regional Competitions, although occasionally competing clubs do not provide judges of a suitable level or experience which can cause problems. However, the majority of judges come from Greater Manchester and the other counties often struggle to find sufficient judges to run their competitions.

Last November, a Regional Planning and Review Meeting was held in Birmingham to which all Regions were invited. 12 Regions were represented and a number of valuable topics were discussed. Carol-Angela Orchard, then National Coach, gave an excellent presentation on the new code from FIG Symposium, which she had just attended. In September, an Excel Clinic for Coaches and Judges was held at Lilleshall to which coaches and all International and National judges were invited. Donattella Sacchi, WA FIG WTC Vice President gave an excellent introduction to the new code, highlighting all the changes and amendments.

I was very fortunate to be selected to act as International Judge Liaison Officer at the 2012 Olympic Games in London which was a tremendous and unforgettable experience. It was made all the more special by having 4 North West gymnasts from Liverpool in the Women's Team and when Beth won Bronze Medal on Asymmetric Bars, it was the icing on the cake!

Cycle 13 Intercontinental Course will be held in Bratislava in December followed by the International Course in February 2013 at Lilleshall NSC. The National Course will also be held at Lilleshall in April where I hope our existing and, hopefully, some new judges will endeavor to qualify as National Judges. Later on in the year, there will be a Club and Regional Judging Course held in the North West for new judges to qualify and existing judges to re-qualify by taking an examination.

After more than 30 years serving the North West Region, I have decided to retire from my position as Judging Convenor. Originally, I was Regional Secretary and have seen the Region grow and develop. There were only 6 Affiliated Clubs when I took over as Secretary from Agnes Gough and by the time I resigned to become Judging Convenor there were over 60. It has been a very difficult decision to make as I have made many friends and colleagues over the years. However, I hope to continue to see them for I will still be judging for a little longer although I will not be re-qualifying as an International Judge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that I have worked with over the years for their help, friendship and support and especially to my fellow Technical Committee members. Also, to all the judges who volunteer their time and expertise which enables us to run our competitions in such a professional and efficient manner. I hope my successor has as much enjoyment, satisfaction and support as I have had over the years and I wish them and the Region every success for the future.

Brendene Hardy, Judging Convener

PERFORMANCE ORGANISER'S REPORT

The WA Regional teams had early success in March 2012 with 4th place in the British Schools Senior Championships in Newcastle with Charlie Fellows (Sandbach) finishing second overall.

Later in April, following two successful training sessions at SPARKS and CMIG, the Grades teams selected from the Regional Qualifiers, competed in Birmingham. The Compulsory Level 4 team took the team silver medal with Robyn Kilbourne (Liverpool) 5th. The Compulsory Level 3 team finished a creditable 7th with Ellee Cheetham (CMIG) as the highest placed NW gymnast in 12th overall. In the National Club Grades Championships, the National 8 team finished 8th, the National 7 team finished 6th, The National 6 team finished in the bronze medal position with Mercedes Miladinovic (Rochdale) taking the overall silver medal and the National 5 team finish with Gold, with Amy McPhail (Blackpool) taking the overall National 5 title. Two teams have already been submitted for the National voluntary age groups at Guildford in November with hopefully more success on the way.

Success for NW gymnasts followed in August at the 2012 London Olympic Games, with Beth Tweddle (Olympic Medalist) Hannah Whelan, Rebecca Tunney and Jenny Pinches helping team GB to the Women's Team Final.

An excellent year for WA teams finishing once again in medal positions in the BGA National Finals. In the Rosebowl Championships, (Combined scores from all National Grades) the North West achieved its highest position for many years finishing second. A credit to all the clubs and coaches who have supported the region in 2012

Barry McLaughlin
Performance Development

CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE GYMNASTICS REPORT

The county club grades competition was held in early February. This was followed by a team training day as we were able to enter 6 full teams for the regional final two weeks later.

Our invitational 4-piece competition was held in May when we were pleased to welcome Ellan Vanin from the Isle of Man. This was followed by our two-piece county championship in June.

Our four- piece championship & Team selection is in October to be followed by two team training days prior to the regional team final in November.

The competition dates for 2013 have been planned & will be sent out to clubs as soon as they are finalised.

YORKSHIRE

Although there are a healthy number of clubs registered to Yorkshire's WA section (approx. 40) a large percentage of them operate from schools, community centres or sports halls, where severe limitations on time, equipment storage and access make quality coaching to a high level difficult.

Of the clubs who do have a 'permanent' home, the vast majority operate from a small unit which limits their ability to develop a large base of gymnasts and, therefore, the apex to these clubs pyramid is not very high.

Access to fully pitted and sprung floor facilities is an essential ingredient in producing quality gymnastics. Until the last couple of years only 2 facilities ticked all the boxes regarding the essentials of time, space and equipment. However, over the last couple of years new facilities at Rotherham, Barnsley and Gymmagic are developing to fill the voids in this area. A new facility in Hull is due to come online in 2013, an initiative which is much welcomed in the East of the region where, after the flooding in Hull, no pitted facility is currently available. However, it should be noted that the matched funding initiative by the Lottery Commission has a serious effect on areas where there is deprivation.

As facilities develop to meet the demands of modern gymnastics, they allow opportunities for full time coaching positions to be created, thus allowing those appointed to these positions to develop the knowledge and skills required to produce quality gymnastics. Currently, we have very few full time coaches in the Region. The demands of modern living seriously affect the amount of time those in alternative full time employment can give. Historically, coaches were recruited from three main areas – teachers, parents and ex-gymnasts. Teaching today is extremely demanding, leaving little time for those interested in gymnastics to use their skill in other areas. Parents often only remain active whilst their child is involved in the sport, so just when they are becoming useful, they leave! Gymnasts find it difficult to raise the money required to acquire the necessary qualifications. Although many clubs subsidise qualification courses for these young people, it is accepted that as they reach 18 the vast majority of them will go off to university – a good thing if you have a university in your area which offers courses in physiotherapy or sports science!!

Recently there has been a significant drop in the number of candidates for coaching courses. This is reflected in the number of courses run in the region. Much of this drop in demand is related to costs. Unifying the course costs throughout the country makes costs in the less affluent areas prohibitive, and so creating a north/south divide in gymnastics.

Established tutors are reluctant to embrace the current format of coaching awards. Many have retired, leaving a gap in the structure. We currently have no deliverers or assessors willing/able to deliver Level 3 modules. This lifts the costs of qualifying to this level to an unacceptable level. CRB's, child protection courses, welfare and first aid courses add to the financial burden on clubs.

We currently have 1 International and 2.5 National judges in the Region. Although they struggle manfully to bring positive outcomes to our competitions, lack of judging experience is a major cause of concern within the Region, resulting in situations which are difficult to resolve. We are working on

implementing a lower level judging course which could serve as an 'introductory' judging course and allow volunteers to get experience judging at the lower level Yorkshire competitions.

Although there is in existence a whole sport plan, we don't have a regional plan that has ownership by the clubs. There is a lack of direction, support and commitment in the region from officers who are paid to provide a framework and support for us and a lack of guidance to help the Region fulfil our aspirations.

Whilst individual clubs are asked to produce a development plan within their own facilities, there is no shared plan where individual clubs could identify the role they are playing to achieve our regional objectives.

A lack of common vision and goals leads to confusion and a lack of commitment from the key people within the Region.

Yorkshire is slowly adapting to the demands of 21st century gymnastics. It will, however, take time, money and the combined effort of all involved in it to emerge from the situation which currently prevails within the Region.

EAST MIDLANDS

In 2012 The East Midlands had 32 clubs participating in regional events, three of these entering for the first time this year. Although the Region is dominated in the In Age section by one club there are more clubs coming through to gain places in the teams for the Compulsory and Voluntary In age competitions. The region is very proud of all its gymnasts especially those that have gained places in the British & English Squads.

Events: Entries have increased by 9% over the 2011 figures. The introduction of the In age level 5 voluntary competition was well received with 21 gymnasts entered. Gymnasts of all ages and levels are catered for from in age level 5 through to full F.I.G.. Grades entries are still increasing and everyone is looking forward to an update on the present moves to bring them in line with the 2013-17 code. The region also runs 2 team competitions for counties to enter which this year for the first time all five counties managed to field teams in all levels & events. The out of age levels competitions and club/regional grades continue to be the most popular events.

All the competitions are held at New College Leicester and with news of a new extension being started in 2013 which will include a new reception area, toilet facilities and a café this will enhance the already excellent facilities.

Coaching: Three level 1 courses have been held with 36 candidates attending and 2 level 2 courses with 10 candidates. There is concern regarding the difference between the Level 2 required moves to those required at the next level but the region will be getting in touch with Meg to discuss this further.

Many Clubs are struggling to fund as many coaches as they would like and the excessive cost of the Level 3 modules along with the theory weekends may have a detrimental effect in years to come on the number of Level 3 coaches there are in the region and maybe the country.

The Excel coaching sessions have been well received in the region and it is hoped more coaches will attend future events as word gets around as to what can be gained from attending them.

Judges: Dates are already being looked at for the Regional & Club revalidation in 2013 and with over 100 Club judges it is hoped that many feel ready to move to regional level which is an area we are severely lacking in.

The region would request the possible re introduction of the Judge Newsletter that used to be sent out as there seems to be a difference in interpretation of certain elements of the In age rules etc. May be a question and answer forum on the website would be one way of getting information to all judges.

Squads: The region does not run regular squad sessions but before the compulsory grades and In age National finals the teams do get together with a Brevet/National judge to check all the routines. In 2013 it is hoped that we may introduce open age training days.

Projects & the Future: The region is fully aware that they must do all they can to improve their position in National events and with a new batch of young talented coaches and better training facilities this has to be our main aim for the 2013-17 cycle.

EAST

Paid regional coach, 1st time this year.

In the East we have a robust regional programme for Regional squad with 26 girls this year attending 6 squads during the course of the year and a residential weekend camp during the summer.

We have 2 gymnasts in the potential squad, 4 gymnasts in start, 5 in the home Nations squad and 5 in the England squad.

We have 30 low level artistic clubs entering the lower end county and regional clubs and a further 31 who enter the higher standard regional levels and grades.

10 medium to large permanent facilities, 5 additional small permanent buildings.

Permanent facilities:

Sapphire

Marriotts

Huntingdon

Salto

Carousel

South Essex

Waveny

Norwich

Tnag

Bury

Sudbury

Pipers

We have 8 regional comps per year all well attended except inter county teams; we are currently reviewing this comp.

We have a strong well attended WTC who meet approximately four times a year with representatives from all 6 counties and also Regional Coach, judging convenor, regional competition organiser, secretary and chair.

We have run 5 level 1 courses, 3 level 2 and 2 level 3 modules. No judging courses in 2012, several planned for 2013.

Judges

5 brevet, 6 national

Across the 6 counties - 43 regional judges and 76 club judges

Jean Morgan retired after the Olympics after over 35 years in the sport.

SOUTH WEST

DEVELOPMENT/PROJECTS

This summer, our executive asked each Discipline to come together and discuss whether we wanted Regional coaches for our discipline, which the regional executive would support with an honorarium of £3,000 a year with the possibility of matched funding from BG.

The Performance Related Formula would be on a points related system based on the following criteria:

a. Numbers in and the frequency of squads:

b. Number of clinics:

c. Results (based on set targets):

d. Encouragement and support given towards Motivation Squads:

e. Finances Raised (related to increase participation):

The points would equate to money capped at the ceiling determined by the amount of the funding ultimately available.

The criteria would be evaluated and established, taking into account the current situation of each discipline.

As a result I compiled data based upon number of clubs and individuals within each competing in each competition both regionally and nationally, so that any changes in coming years could be monitored and then I re-budgeted for the year ahead. We held a Regional TC meeting in June to decide what we wanted if such post became available and then submitted it to the Executive. The general feeling was that we wanted a coach to help develop the coaches and clubs who are aspiring to improve their performance levels especially within the second tier of clubs by attending county squads and running both development and motivation squads. We produced a job description and sent this out. At the time two coaches came forward but within the next month both no longer wanted to be considered as they wanted more time for their families because much of the work would be at weekends.

It is possible if this goes ahead that it will be split into two coaches, one helping the north of the region, the other the south. However, I have had little time to pursue this as I am too busy myself at present just running my club.. One coach did come forward to find out more, but I didn't hear any more afterwards.

EVENTS

17 th February 2013	SW Springboard and FIG	Melksham
10 th March 2013	SW Grades 5-8 and compulsory 4 & 3 Plus control comp 2	Melksham
5 th May 2013	SW Challenge Cup plus control for gymnasts competing in British teams.	City of Bristol
7 th July 2013	SW grades 14-9	City of Bristol
22 nd September 2013	SW age groups and D.Leeworthy	Melksham
10 th November 2013	SW A-star	City of Bristol
1 st December 2013	SW grades 14-9	Plymouth

Shirley Clements still runs a very successful West Country league 3 times a year, involving both team from clubs in the South West of England and South Wales. It has been the starting point for many clubs to compete in regional type events.

I have also started investigating whether to hold a level 3 inter-counties event in conjunction with the SW challenge cup in May, but at present have had no replies. I know this date coincides with the BSGA but clubs decided to keep the same date as different gymnasts will be involved. I imagine the numbers in the SW springboard competition will be lower in 2013 because of the date being 3 months earlier but because of judges having to re-qualify we won't be able to hold much else at this stage of the year. A-star has agreed to sponsor the SW for the next few years and as part of their sponsorship deal will have sole rights to sell leotards at these events. Competition entry fees should be able to remain the same in 2013 at £17 each.

COACHING

The regional coach is Liz Kincaid but whichever club hosts the squad will try and programme the squad in conjunction with Liz. If Liz is unavailable than another coach should manage the squad on the day as long as they see the plan in advance.

In the last few months 2 high performance coaches have stopped coaching. The main reason is so that they can find or enjoy a better family life. Both coaches, one of whom was married was finding the work life balance hard and found that her own children were losing out at expense of working with potential in age level children, who may then leave when the grass is greener. The other named a similar reason i.e wanting to start a family rather than spending her life working with other people's children.

As a region we do offer grants for coaches passing the higher level coaching exams especially level 3 upwards but level 2 at present receive a small grant whilst funds allow.

JUDGING

The region has 5 judges who will take brevet exams in the next cycle. The regional executive will pay for those taking the international exam. It will offer a subsidy towards those taking their national exam and is also investigating whether further grants exist. Although we have tried to develop a few regional judges to take their national exams, most are still uncertain whether they will take it because of 1) the cost, 2) the commitment, 3) A feeling of inadequacy.

Judging courses for cycle 13 should start late July or September once we have the resources and slightly more time.

SQUADS

5 morning squads have run this year with two training days taking place for members of SW grades or Age group teams.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2012 SQUAD

Level 4 in 2011

Top 6 gymnasts from the South West combined results

Level 3 in 2011

Top 6 gymnasts from the South West combined results

Level 2 in 2011

Those gymnasts who passed Compulsory 2

Challenge Cup Espoir, Junior & Senior in 2011

Those gymnasts who scored 42.00 marks and above in the National Challenge Cup

The top 3 gymnasts at the South West Challenge Cup

British Espoir, Junior, Senior in 2011

Automatic entry to those who compete in the National Championships

The top 3 gymnasts at the South West FIG Championships

Other Challenge cup gymnasts were added during 2012, due to retirements or gymnast turning down places in squads, provided they had scored 42.

NEW FACILITIES

Several have sprung up in Cornwall during 2011, 2012 (Saltash, Bodmin and in the next few weeks St.Austell) which is positive. As yet most won't tackle women's artistic. The Saltash club specialising in trampolining, acro, free running and general gymnastics, The Bodmin club is trying to compete in floor and vault competitions within Cornwall and low level trampolining. The St Austell club will be run by the same coach who runs one in Truro. That club entered a regional novice competition for the first time this year. Within Devon North Devon Display opened a new small facility in Bideford, but at this stage will mostly concentrate on building up numbers and di displays and floor and vault competitions. Whilst Falcons moved into their new purpose built facility in Barnstaple on 31st August.

FUTURE

Uncertain. I am sure the more successful clubs will continue to expand and develop. The split between those who produce and those who are dropping out of elite level is increasing but, on the positive side, the number of clubs competing at a lower level is slowly increasing and maybe in a few years to come more will develop from this. Three clubs only take part in low level grades still but this year 5 other clubs competed in low level Voluntary competitions for the first time. We are still very much a matriarchal region with only a few male coaches. On the whole although we have a fair number of full time facilities most are not purpose built or have enormous rents eg £45-60k per year and are too small to bring the numbers in to cater for a higher level of the sport. Coaching expertise is also not obviously developing at present beyond the lower levels. I can't speak for everyone but many of my coaches are uni students who want just a few hours a week for October/November-Jan-March and May so it is hard to offer them more than recreational children.

NO. OF COMPETITIVE ENTRIES FROM CLUBS COMPETING IN SOME LEVEL OF WA GYMNASTICS IN SW.

	Aspire	Gazelles	Helston	Mullion	Penzance	Dorchester	Hamworthy	Littledown	OLGA	Port Regis	F.of Dean	GC	Fromside	Chippenham	Esprit	Swindon	West Wilts	Wiltshire Sch
	CORNWALL					DORSET					GLOS			WILTSHIRE				
2012	9	15	21	8	0	13	0	29	23	22	17	25	90	10	28	18	38	55
2011	0	5	23	5	15	16	5	42	43	33	25	0	79	0	10	28	36	74
2010	0	6	21	6	0	17	9	37	62	48	23	0	43	0	6	17	36	70
2009	0	0	18	7	9	8	0	20	73	56	33	0	39	0	14	23	26	36
2008	0	8	6	3	10	4	0	31	61	52	18	0	18	0	4	27	16	35

	Brist Hawks	Bristol Sch	C.of Bristol	Exeter	Falcons	N.Abbot	Display	Plymouth	S.Devon	Torbay	Baskervilles	Clevedon	Gemini	J21	Orchard	The Academy	Tone	Writhlington	TOTAL Entries	
	BRISTOL			DEVON							SOMERSET									
2012	61	42	78	44	39	33	0	67	32	29	53	6	19	17	0	11	4	15	35	1105
2011	60	45	72	58	47	41	0	47	19	25	46	0	3	15	12	0	22	30	1101	
2010	39	44	71	46	38	46	0	42	22	15	58	11	0	15	5	5	18	14	990	
2009	47	39	76	40	32	37	0	65	11	17	52	0	0	13	4	10	9	23	12	939
2008	50	47	64	44	41	63	2	52	22	10	21	0	0	15	72	12	17	29	854	

NOTE NOT ALL ENTRIES FOR 2012 ARE IN

SCORES IN SOUTH WEST WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GRADES

Average score	Grade 14					Grade 13				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	60+	55-59.999	50-54.999	45-49.999	<45	60+	55-59.999	50-54.999	45-49.999	<45
2012	6	38	18	2		2	41	12	1	
2011	17	94	28	2		8	71	38	1	
2010	27	118	11			10	49	14		
2009	37	65	7	1		11	52	19		

1 more comp to come

Average score	Grade 12					Grade 11				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36
2012	1	21	7		1		17	7		
2011	2	32	15	7	1	1	21	11	2	
2010	7	41	16	2		1	23	9	1	1
2009	2	31	22			3	27	11		

1 more comp to come

Average score	Grade 10					Grade 9				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36
2012		2	2							
2011		5	10	5	1		6	6	4	2
2010		17	11	2			5	1	1	
2009		11	5		1	1	6	7	1	

1 more comp to come

Average score	Grade 8					Grade 7				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36
2012	1	18	10	7			6	7	3	1
2011	3	19	12	2	1	1	12	1	1	
2010	1	18	6			1	11	1	1	
2009		15	14	1	1	3	13	5	1	

Average score	Grade 6					Grade 5				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36	48+	44-47.999	40-43.999	36-39.999	<36
2012		6	3	2				4	4	
2011		4	5				5	2	1	
2010		12	4				6	3	1	
2009	1	9	4	2			1	2		

Average score	Compulsory 4					Compulsory 3				
	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9	Ave 12	Ave 11	Ave 10	Ave 9	Below 9
	60+	55-59.999	50-54.999	45-49.999	<45	60+	55-59.999	50-54.999	45-49.999	<45
2012		4	8				2	6	1	
2011		8	3	2		2	6			1
2010	1	6	2				4	2	1	
2009	1	5	7			2	4	1		

1 in Dec

2 in Dec

South

- Very large region (4 counties plus Jersey)
- 36 clubs regularly competing in regional women's artistic events
- 200+ entries in some regional events
- Committee now more stable but issues still arising due to treatment of members of committee by members of clubs
- Committee meet irregularly (4 times per year)
 - Plan to improve regularity of meetings from 2013
- Regional WTC website (www.southbga.co.uk) has improved communication considerably throughout the region and therefore increased club participation

Results

- Great results in 2012
 - First time win of Rosebowl!
 - One Team champion (National Grade 6)
 - All other Compulsory & National Grade Teams in top 4
 - 11 gymnasts (Compulsory & National) placed individually in top 10
 - Voluntary Levels
 - One Team champion (Voluntary Level 4)
 - One Individual champion (Voluntary Level 4)
 - Both teams in top 2
 - 5 gymnasts placed individually in top 10 over both levels
 - 4 gymnasts in 2012 GB development squad with potential increase for 2013, despite losing one squad gymnast to another region

Competitions

- 7 regional competitions held in 2012:
 - Compulsory & National Grades - Basingstoke
 - Regional Grades - Basingstoke
 - Elite Championships - Dynamo
 - Teams Championships - Milton Keynes
 - Levels Championships - Rivermead Leisure Complex, Reading
 - OOA Floor & Vault - KD Gymnastics Club (low entry)
 - Compulsory Grade 3 retake - Abingdon Gymnastics Club
- Limited venues for regional competitions:
 - Most purpose built clubs either in poor location, unwilling to help or have equipment issues (eg, damage or lack of appropriate equipment)
 - Move to use of leisure centres for Compulsory and Voluntary qualifying competitions but again limit of suitable venues and those venues with suitable fittings & location are booked early for other events
- 2013 Competitions:
 - Compulsory & National Grades - Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
 - Regional Grades - Milton Keynes
 - Teams Championships - Milton Keynes
 - Levels Championships (to include Elite Levels) - Rivermead Leisure Complex, Reading
 - 2-Piece Championships - details & venue TBC - Replaces OOA Floor & Vault due to low number of entries in 2012 and widened to allow IA & OOA to compete on 2 pieces of

apparatus of choice and therefore encourage gymnasts who do not compete at Levels or do not qualify for regional event to have another event to compete.

- Compulsory Grade 3 retake - venue TBC

Regional Squad

- Split into 3 squads (new for 2012)
 - Compulsory & FIG - gymnasts working Compulsory 4, 3 & 2 and FIG gymnasts
 - National - gymnasts who competed at National Club Grade finals
 - Challenge - gymnasts working towards Challenge (only one gymnast 2012)
- Sessions every month (except over the summer)
 - Two sessions cancelled in 2012 due to lack of interest
- Additional sessions for teams competing at national finals
- 2 regional coaches & regional administrator (all voluntary)
- Possible changes in 2013 due to new structure & new coaches
 - Introduction of coach education seminars

Judging

- Ideally, region would like to hold at least 2 Club level courses and 1 Regional level course per year but limited uptake in 2012:
 - Club - cancelled due to low number of applications - subsequently held and funded solely by Hampshire due to group of Hampshire applications
 - Regional - cancelled due to low number of applications
- Problems with numbers and quality of judging in one county, now solved through use of judges from another region
- Limited number of judges who regularly judge at regional events despite reasonable number in judging pool
- Plan to implement fine system for competitions

Concerns

- Reduction in number of regional gymnasts continuing to FIG & Challenge level
- Quality & quantity of judges regularly available for regional events
- Viability of holding judging courses
- Limited competition venues for regional events
- Irregular interest in regional squad sessions
- Knowledge of grade & levels structures by smaller clubs
 - Would like to hold coaching seminars (funding?)



SOUTH EAST

The South East Regional WTC consists of 5 members and meet approx. 4 times a year to discuss the following

EVENTS

The South East as yet does not have a permanent competition venue, we run both our major competitions in the Guildford Leisure Centre, and we also house our competition equipment there, some of which is used for National competitions.

The problem using a leisure centre is that it is expensive and only certain dates are available for competitions, this of course restricts holding more Regional competitions not only for the gymnasts but also to raise money for the Region.

Other problems associated with not having our own venue, we also are contracted to use the Spectrum catering services which you have probably experienced?, the equipment has to be put out and away for each event, this causes extra wear and tear and expense.

NDP GRADES

National and club Grades, these competitions are run along the National Development plan, alongside the Compulsory Grades we also run a Compulsory level 5 for those gymnasts that wish to go down the elite path, it is an introduction to compulsory grades system .

The second competition is the Regional Championships which is also a qualifier for Team selection to the National Age Group finals. Within this competition we have introduced additional level s for the older gymnasts, which for whatever reason will not progress pass L4. We feel that a lot of gymnast will not or cannot compete at L3 mainly because of the Bars the new level enables them to compete without the need to perform certain moves such as giants as well as various other moves, hopefully this new level will keep the less talented and older gymnasts in the sport as they can carry on trying to progress rather being stuck at one level with no competitions for them.

ONLINE ENTRY

The South East does not have a Regional online entry system; it is something we would like to put in place before March 2013, Tramp lining and Sussex use a system which the Region will be looking at. This off course would save time when organising competitions

JUDGING COURSES

The South East have 1 Brevet, 5 Nationals and 10/12 active judges

We held a WA Club Judge course in December last year; we normally hold judging courses when the demand is there

We also hold a BSGA judging course once a year.

The WTC would like to organise a judge education course for judges who will be attending the National course, this would be run by a Brevet judge to pass on their knowledge.

SQUADS

Over the last few years we have been running a Regional squad (with a part time paid coach) consisting of approximately 40 gymnasts; these were held on a monthly basis over a 6 month period. The sessions are based on improving existing and developing new skills to suit the ability of the gymnasts. This system has worked quite well with good feedback from clubs but some sessions are poorly attended for various reasons. We are now proposing a more educational squad system for gymnast and coaches, this will be in the form of clinic on a particular apparatus with the lead coach showing preps for new and improving existing skills.

DEVELOPMENT WORK

The main development work is carried out at Regional Squad training; coaches of the gymnasts and also coaches that may not have had gymnasts selected can attend the sessions.

In February the South East is holding a Regional conference at this event will be a session based on the changes to the new code of points.

The South East WTC runs quite smoothly but if time allowed we would like to run a newsletter to put on the website, more judge/ coach education for the smaller clubs.

Geoff Turner
Chair of WTC South East Region



IOM

2012 has been a difficult year with the loss of a major sponsor for our sport. This means that the IOMGA now has to rely on an IOM Sports grant of approximately £5,500 to fund all of its activities. This has resulted in the IOMGA looking to focus on only bare minimum support of events such as coaching and judging courses and for support for officials travelling to events.

We are now reliant on fund raising to help support our gymnasts travelling to events.

We also suffer on the IOM from a diverse number of excellent sporting facilities and therefore are competing with these other sports for a limited number of children. We need to find ways of bringing children in to gymnastics rather than them going off to other sports.

We have no Development Officer on the Island as we have no funding for this role but this could be a role that would benefit our membership.

Last summer the Association worked with Manx Sport and Recreation to run summer sessions around the Island and these were very successful but this did not lead to an increase in numbers in the two main centres.

Also, the Southern Gymnastics Club, which works out of one of the schools in the south of the Island has had to suspend classes because their facility is not available. We really need to encourage after school clubs in the towns outside Douglas but it is difficult to get coaches to do this. Everyone wants to coach in the centres.

This September a new IOMGA Committee was elected but now one of the two major clubs has decided to stop attending meetings because they do not like the current voting structure (which is a structure they had implemented some years previously). The IOMGA Chair has asked for members to come forward and join a working party to look at the Constitution to see if a new Constitution can be implemented that will see the two main clubs working more closely together.

We have volunteered to help Scotland by taking our "turn" earlier as organisers of the 2013 Celtic Cup instead of Scotland but a date and consensus of all parties will need to be agreed.

We hope to be able to field a full team for the CWG 2014 and for the NatWest Island Games in Bermuda 2013 and we have some promising youngsters coming along.

Last year we were able to qualify Level 2 tutors for WAG and we held our own course. All of the coaches who took the exam passed. We hope to hold another Level 1 course in January/February and possibly a Level 2 at the start of the following year. The courses will now have to be funded either by the Clubs of the coaches themselves and this is the first time that this has had to happen.

We will hold Regional and Club judge exams in the late spring once the local Brevets and National judges have completed their exams.

Hopefully a new more robust Constitution will lay the groundwork for a stronger and more efficient Association but people have to engage and be willing to work together for the benefit of our sport and our gymnasts.

Jayne Evett
WTC Chair
6th November 2012

WEST MIDLANDS

Events – the West Midlands has continued to offer a range of team and individual competitions for gymnasts from Novice through to FIG including Grades competitions. The Region also offers an inter county competition for County Squad members. The entry levels for competitions remains healthy, although the increasing cost of running events (particularly hall hire) will result in the need to raise the entry fee for all competitions again in 2013 to ensure costs are covered.

Coaching and Judging Courses – Coaching courses run in the West Midlands have been well attended. A regional coaching workshop held in February was well supported given the adverse weather conditions, and plans are in place to run a further event in February 2013.

Squads – Regional squad training sessions take place on a monthly basis (venues around the region to encourage attendance). These training sessions are well supported by a number of clubs, although numbers are limited as travel via the motorway networks around the region can be problematic. The squad is organised by a respected HPC coach in the Region. The Regional Squad takes gymnasts from age 10/11 to support the development of gymnasts and clubs preparing for Compulsory 3.

Alison Last
Chair
West Midlands WTC

LONDON GYMNASTICS

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LONDON

London held the following during the last year.

COACHING COURSES

Level 1 WA Course x 2

Level 2 WA Course x 2

Level Add on Modules x 3

2 x Level 1 Course is planned for January 2012

2 x Level 2 Course is planned for May/June 2012

JUDGING COURSES

Club Judging Course held in November/December 2011 with their exam in January 2012

43 judges passed

REGIONAL TRAINING

Squad Training was held for the Levels 4 and 3 and National Grades 8 – 5

TUTORS AND ASSESSORS FORUM

Yearly forum which covers all disciplines and discuss new initiatives and projects together with best practice.

REGIONAL RULES AND WORKSHOPS

London changed their Regional rules for the Out of Age gymnasts who do not follow the Elite In Age pathway. I devised and implemented the rules from Level 5 upwards to follow the National Voluntary Age Group but in a more sympathetic form but still forming a progressive and positive approach. The continuation of the Level 5 In Age rules for both the Compulsory and Voluntary Age Group lead towards BG Level 4, which I introduced a few years ago, have helped these gymnasts along the talent pathway. The increase in the In Age Level 5 (age 8) gymnasts competing in the region has increased by 100% with some promising talent coming through. These new rules have been received well and have given a more positive structure to the pathway of the gymnasts.

London intends to deliver a series of workshops for Elite gymnasts at Levels 5,4 and 3 also the rest of the region in relation to technical and physical preparation of the gymnast to further knowledge and development of coaches. It will be available to all coaches.

COMPETITIONS

Women's Artistic competition programme holds 8 competitions each year allowing over 1120 gymnasts to compete throughout the competition year.

The volume of gymnasts at some competitions lead to long hours over 2 days, 2 competitions resulting in 8/9 hours on day 1 and 11/12 hours on day 2. As Heathrow have a warm up gym the rounds follow back to back, which is very efficient and the only way with the volume of entries, but are very tiring for the judges!!

All competitions are held at Heathrow G.C. and are professionally run by Vince and Michele.

We have managed to maintain the payment to the D and E panel judges at the competitions.

NATIONAL SQUAD GYMNASTS

3 London gymnasts have been selected for the Olympic Hopes (Rio) and have already competed successfully in the Czech Republic. Tyesha Mattis and Chantelle Halford from East London and Ellis O'Reilly from Europa.

In National Squads we have:-

3 gymnasts in Performance Squad

3 gymnasts in Potential Squad

3 gymnasts in Start quad

BG EXCEL TRAINING CLINICS

Encouraging relevant coaches to attend the new Excel Training Clinics run by Nick Ruddock, WA Junior National Coach and the Compulsory Level Clinics to further their knowledge and understanding and will be progressive to their development and their gymnasts within these disciplines.

Bernice Negri
London WTC Chairman

WALES

This year has been another successful for Women's Artistic Gymnastics. The Academy has gone from strength to strength under the guidance of Tracey Skirton, Deiter Coch, Ioanna Popova, Tina Billington and Olivia Bryl.

Achievements

We now have 8 gymnasts who as a result of their success on the British Competition circuit have secured places in the British Squad system.

The Welsh Squad system is now well established with a regular turn over of approx 60 gymnasts from all over Wales gaining places every 6 months in the various squads. The standard of young gymnasts is improving every year demonstrating the success of the Coach education that has taken place at these squad sessions.

There are 4 squads within the system –
Development – 5 – 8 yr olds
Preparation – 9 – 12 yr olds
Regional – 9 – 16 yrs Challenge Cup
Elite – 13 – 17yr olds

We have also had some fantastic results on the competition circuit this year.

Sept 2011 & 2012 – UK School Games

The UKSG was held in Sheffield in 2011 where the Welsh girls swept up all the medals in the all-around and team event. **Angel Romaeo** was the individual winner scoring 52.200, with **Raer Theaker** in Silver with 51.700, and **Keira Brennan** in Bronze with 50.150.

To coincide with 2012 the UKSG held this year's competition earlier than usual to allow the event to be held in London. May 2012 saw the competition taking place at the Excel Centre – Wales put in a great performance using gymnasts who had never competed in such a prestigious event before.

Youth Commonwealth 2011

Angel Romaeo was crowned Commonwealth Youth Games All Around Champion after a sensational competition. Four consistent scores saw her beat of competition from Brittany Robertson (New Zealand) into second with Abi Caig (England) finishing in third position.

With teammate Raer Theaker finishing in fourth, the Welsh Gymnasts were really the team to talk about.

Individual Apparatus Final: Apparatus finals saw more finals and medals for the Welsh girls. Raer Theaker claimed two Silver medals with terrific performances on Beam and Bars. Angel Romaeo claimed another medal, taking the Bronze on Bars.

British Levels Nov 2011

Welsh Gymnasts took three golds, four silvers and a bronze medal home from the British Age Group Championships, which was held at the Guildford Spectrum.

March 2012 – Elite Grade

Both Maisie Metheuen and Latalia Bevan passed their Elite Grade with Maisie gaining 4th place in a hard fought competition and Latalia being placed 10th.

April 2012 – National and Compulsory Grades

National Grades were a great success this year for our Grade 7 team with the Welsh Team being crowned British Champions.

Compulsory Grades also had some great results with the Level 4 team securing 6th place and the Level 3 team 2nd place.

The combined scores of both National and Compulsory Grades enabled us to feature in the Rose Bowl rankings for the first time – securing 3rd place out of all the regions.

Europeans

Welsh gymnasts Angel Romaeo, Raer Theaker and Georgina Hockenhull made up three of the junior British squad of five gymnasts.

The girls performed exceptionally during the junior qualifications to score 160.121 to put Team GB in a brilliant 4th place in the overall team standings behind Russia, Italy and Romania.

This is the first time that gymnasts from Wales have dominated a British Gymnastics Team.

June 2012 – British Championships

Another fantastic year for the Welsh Girls at the British Championships

Angel Romaeo, Raer Theaker, Kiera Brennan and Georgina Hockenhull shone at the Women's Artistic Junior Championships securing three individual apparatus titles and taking home six medals.

Judging

We now have a strong group of Judges led by our Judging Convenor Sarah Bence. Our National Judges are all fully committed to the Judging circuit and have all judged at various British Competitions.



Home Country Association affiliated to British Gymnastics and representing the Regions of:
East, East Midlands, London, North, North West, South, South West, South East, West Midlands and Yorkshire

www.englishgymnastics.org.uk

Background:

The current English Gymnastics Association was constituted in 2004, as the Governing Body for England and has as its members, the 10 English Regions and the English Schools Gymnastics Association.

Whilst it has, in common with the other Home Countries, an extensive remit for the sport in England up to and including National level, its activities have been restricted since September 2008, following the removal of its funding by British Gymnastics. Since 2008, EGA programmes have been funded from accrued reserves.

Period 2011/12.

Annual English Championships

Have been run for Artistic, Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics

The Artistic Championships 2012 were held at the new Europa Gymnastics Centre and attracted a large entry, including those male and female gymnasts who were subsequently selected to represent GB so well at the London Olympic Games. The successful England format of Artistic competition has since been copied by BG at their GB Championships in Liverpool. Female gymnasts, who perform at the English Championships and achieve the required scores and are not currently members of the GB Squads, are invited to join the England Women's Squad.

Trampoline.

Also hold an England championship which has a large entry and is well attended.

Rhythmic Gymnastics:

Has an England Individual Championships held in Birmingham each year

England Squads

Women's Squad.

Gymnasts are mainly selected from the English Championships and comprise Espoir, Junior and Senior levels. 4 weekends training camps are held together with some international representative events. Thanks to sponsorship by Milano, clothing for squad members/training and International performance is provided free to the gymnasts.

The squad formed in 2007, has been widely welcomed since it has provided real additional opportunities for those elite gymnasts who are not selected for GB squads, to receive additional high level training,

receive England recognition and the opportunity to compete internationally and with pride, for their Home Country. Importantly, the squad also enables personal coaches to gain additional skills, networking and experience.

During 2012 the squad has won every international entered.

-Junior Gymnasts. Women's International May 2012 IOM.

-Leverkusen Cup – Germany – Team of 3 Senior Gymnasts. Beat 2 national teams from Germany and other European countries.

-Rushmoor Rosebowl International – Aldershot. 2 England teams – achieved 1st and 2nd.

Details of all events can be found on the EGA web site – www.englishgymnastics.org.uk

Trampoline

Also receive financial support from the EGA to help fund 2 squads, with junior and senior training and international competitions.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

This is a small squad of younger gymnasts training for individual competition rather than groups and with the prospect of perhaps selection for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

New Competitions

The EGA are currently considering introducing 2 new national events for Women's Artistic at a lower level of performance to attract more gymnasts and clubs.

Working with the Regions

2 meetings have been held between the EGA and the English Regional Chairs and Secretaries during the last 4 months. These meeting have discussed the loss of income both for the EGA and the regions together with other issues of common interest. The regional annual rebates have been withdrawn by BG and this will create difficulties for the future funding of England sport in the regions. Since 2008, in total £400k per annum has been lost by the EGA and the English Regions in rebates from British Gymnastics.

On the positive side, communication and closer relationships are prevailing between the regions and the EGA together with a wish by the Chairs, they become more active as the members of the EGA Management Committee, together a desire to produce an effective 4 year plan with programmes of support in the Regions.

The EGA would like to wish everyone and happy Christmas 2012 and a successful year 2013.

Jim Moss


Chairman: English Gymnastics



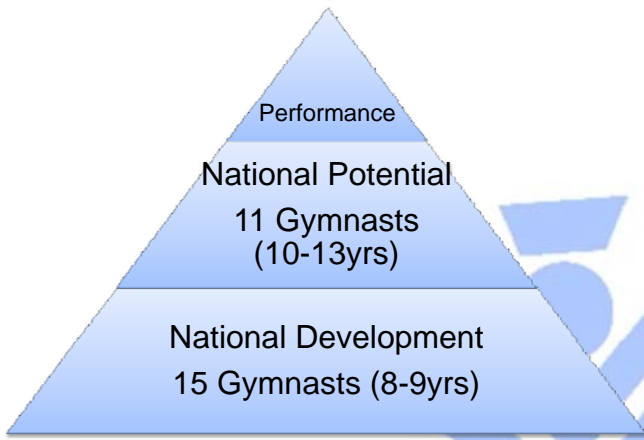
WTP and SGA Performance Team

Chair of Panel - Scott Harper	Head Of Performance – Tracy Rea
Finance Officer - Adele Tolometti	Performance Co-ordinator – Stephanie Stewart
Panel Secretary - Vacant	National Coach – Vacant
Competition Officer - Shona Regan	Talent Development Coach – Gemma Burrows
Judging Officer - Katrina Harper	
General Position - Ruth Griffin	
General Position - Kirsty Sime	
General Position (Co-opted) - Dawn Telford	

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Squad Structure (From Jan 2013)



Performance

National Potential
11 Gymnasts
(10-13yrs)

National Development
15 Gymnasts (8-9yrs)

7 performance gymnasts (14-18 yrs)

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Coaching

Qualification Level	Number of Coaches	Average Age	Number of Clubs	Male	Female
6	2	59	1	100%	0%
5	15	48	11	40%	60%
4	39	43	28	10%	90%
3	114	41	55	12%	88%
2	80	30	38	6%	94%
1	121	29	49	7%	92%

July 2011 – June 2012

UKCC L1 - 78 candidates

UKCC L2 - 46 candidates

UKCC L3 - 19 candidates

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Judging 2012

12 Competition days per Year	% of Scottish Competition Days Judged by		
	Brevet	National	Regional
Judge 1	17%	42%	42%
Judge 2	58%	58%	42%
Judge 3	75%	67%	50%
Judge 4	67%	83%	42%
Judge 5		33%	17%
Judge 6			25%
Judge 7			67%

% of Scottish Competition Days Judged by Club Judges				
0%	0-25%	25-50%	50-75%	75-100%
20	9	10	2	5
43%	20%	22%	8%	11%

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Domestic Competition Programme (July 2011- June 2012)

- 4 full weekends per year + 2 F&V and 1 Development
- Increased gymnast entries - 1862 entries
- (18% up from last year)
- Increase in number of clubs participating
- Increase in Competition Revenue
- (£50K turnover per annum)

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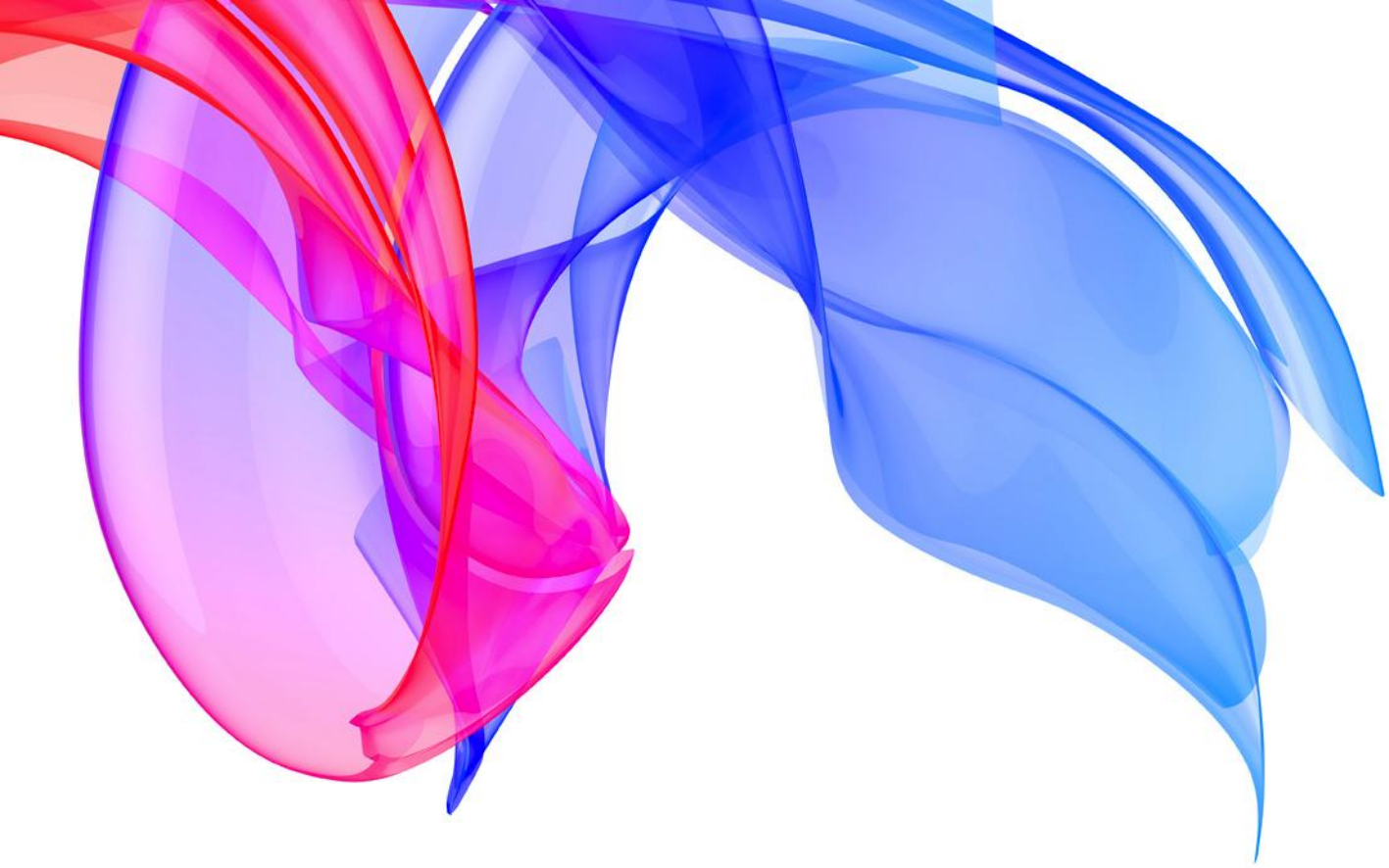


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Clubs and Facilities

- Limited Number of Purpose Built Facilities
- Low number of Full Time Coaches
- New Sport Scotland Initiative in 2013 may help where clubs can apply to receive direct support for full time coaching positions

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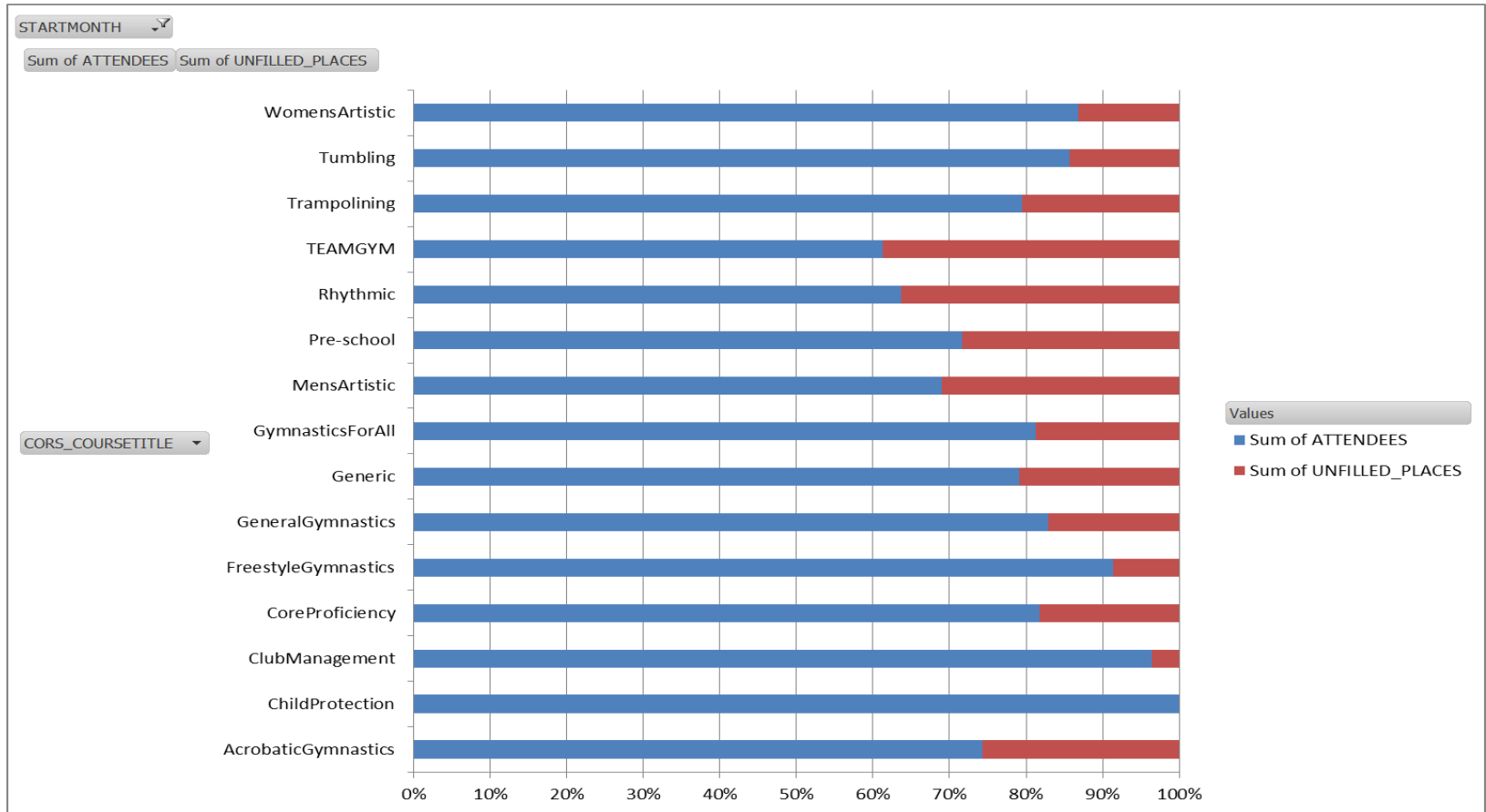
Education

Kathryn Bonner

Coaches Qualified in a year

Women's Artistic Coaching Figures 01/10/2011 - 30/09/2012							
Region	UKCC Level 1	UKCC Level 2	CPD Module 1	CPD Module 2	CPD Module 3	Level 4	Level 5
01-Scotland	17	23	10	6	1		
02-Northern Ireland		4			1		
03-North of England	9	2	1	4	8		
04-North West	34	21	5	15	3		1
05-Yorkshire	33	11	7	5	4	1	
06-Wales	17	18	5	13			1
07-West Midlands	31	15	7	5	6	3	1
08-East Midlands	28	11	7	7	5	1	
09-East	51	24	5	9	6	4	1
10-South West	17	17	1	1			
11-South	30	9	4	9	1	2	
12-South East	16	16	6	4	4	3	1
13-London	10	14	4	7	8	5	
14-Overseas	5						
17-Isle Of Man		1	1	1	1		
Undefined region	77	16	2	1	1		
Grand Total	375	202	65	87	49	19	5

Average Course Fill by Discipline



Course Fill by Region (all disciplines)

