

## Women's Artistic Technical Committee

### JULY 2013 - where are we now?

**Compulsory Elite Grades** – an initial draft outline was published on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and work is underway to produce the handbook, to include judging guidance, as well as a DVD. We plan to hold a clinic for coaches on the afternoon of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

The following information has been published on the BG website:

- Compulsory Level 1 is the step between Compulsory Level 2 and Espoir British Championships.
- Compulsory Elite Grades can be taken 'out of age'. The only exception to this will be Compulsory Level 4, which will remain for gymnasts who are aged 9 in year of competition.
- National Finals are only for 'in age' gymnasts:  
Compulsory Level 4 – aged 9 in the year of competition  
Compulsory Level 3 – age 10 in the year of competition
- Compulsory Level 2 and 1 will be 'open age' but gymnasts must have passed the previous grade to be able to progress to the next one. However, only in age gymnasts are eligible for Championship medals. Out of age gymnasts are participating to gain a pass score.

**\*\*As a result of the changes outlined above the WTC has decided to allow gymnasts to take Compulsory 3 this autumn even if they have already competed in Club Grades earlier in the year. **NB This is a once only exception to the 'one grade per year' ruling.**** In order to ensure that as many gymnasts as possible have the opportunity to do Compulsory 2 in 2014 we would like to encourage regions to organise a Compulsory 3 competition for their clubs this autumn. This competition should be open to anyone aiming to achieve a pass mark at Compulsory 3.

**Voluntary Age Groups** – the 2013 regulations have been published on the BG website (Technical Information/Discipline Specific Updates/Women's Artistic)

**Judging Courses** – International and National courses have been held and the judges are now working on the education materials for the Club and Regional courses. The first Regional courses will take place towards the end of July with the Club courses starting in September.

**Judge Education Pack** – Work has commenced on this and we hope to have everything ready for sale in the autumn.

**2014 Calendar** – this is a work in progress, we are now liaising with the BG Events Team and have identified the dates and possible venues. As soon as this has been finalised we will publish the 2014 calendar on the website.

**NDP Club Grades** – will not be updated this year but a working party is being set up with a view to introducing new grades for competition in 2015. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know.

**NPRG** – this meeting will be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013. We look forward to welcoming all Regional WTC Chairs to this important event.