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Happy New Year to everyone!

WTC Competition Handbook 2014– the handbook has been published on the BG website. Please note that an updated version was published on 6 January 2014. In future regional contacts will be informed when any changes are published.

Qualification requirements for NDP Club Grades are as follows:-

The first 4 gymnasts (Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor) in each Club Grade (8,7,6 and 5) will represent the region in the National Finals.

All gymnasts entering National Finals must have achieved a pass score in Regional Qualifier, i.e. minimum 45.00 including a minimum of 9.00 on R & C. Any gymnast who achieves an overall pass mark but fails R & C may have one re-take attempt at the end of the event. Regardless of the score achieved in the re-take any gymnast who fails R & C at the first attempt will not be eligible to qualify for National Finals.

Compulsory Elite Grades – the details of these will be published on the BG website at the end of this month. The published document will include the full descriptions of the exercise together with judging guidance (including D scores) and videos for clarification. The pass marks have yet to be determined – these will be published as soon as possible.

Compulsory Levels 4 & 3 – whilst only “In Age” gymnasts can progress to National Finals regions may hold “Out of Age” events at both levels.

Compulsory 1 Pass Mark – the pass mark for gymnasts wishing to move to the British Championships is 48.00. This will be reviewed at the National Finals competition in Birmingham on 3rd/4th May 2014.

NDP Club Grades – will not be updated this year however the penalties to be applied in 2014 will come in line with the new Cycle 13 Code of Points. A draft of the new NDP Club Grades will be available shortly.

FIG Code of Points Update – The FIG have published Newsletter 34 which is available on the FIG website. GBR will implement ALL of the changes to the Code of Points from 1st March 2014 (including those changes due to be implemented internationally from 1st May 2014).

An important section in Newsletter 34 is the Specific Apparatus Deductions – Floor:
Subsequent acro line performed after previous line along the same diagonal (long acro line allowed) 0.1

We have received the following clarification from the FIG regarding this:

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“After landing the acro line, the gymnast should leave the diagonal and the corner with some choreography; she may then return to use the same diagonal - the gymnast should not just go back and forward in the diagonal”.

Double bounce on the springboard when mounting beam – a number of queries have been raised regarding this. Judges need to use their discretion when determining whether to apply the FIG penalty for touching the apparatus or springboard without performing the mount. In most cases it would be more appropriate to speak to the coach afterwards, however, if the gymnast does a large, significant extra bounce then she should be penalised.