

Dear Team Manager,

The following information is important and should be given to the club secretary if you are not in that position and also passed to all club coaches.

IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT COME INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT

- 1. The SE TTC will no longer require notification of intent from clubs with competitors qualifying to Leap Frog. This has been removed to avoid bureaucracy which may slow down competitor progress. However clubs will now become self regulating and responsible for accuracy. The SE TTC will disqualify any competitor failing to gain the correct qualification scores.**
- 2. The SE TTC will seek to ensure counties hold H&I events at prescribed times to ensure progression.**
- 3. The SE TTC will encourage at least 1 club in each county to hold open I events.**

The South East TTC has previously indicated it is now monitoring the implementation of the new competition scheme and it has become obvious that we need to make some adjustments and also to reinforce some recommendations already issued. We want to ensure a fair competition pathway for all competitors across the counties and we want to be sure we are not holding up progression by having an H after the closing date for a D to G or bureaucratic leap frog administration.

INFORMATION ONLY FOR CONSIDERATION BY CLUBS

The following is for information and is not part of the changes indicated above. As you should by now be aware the database we are developing checks every individual competitor and makes sure they meet eligibility to compete. The system also allows us to monitor progress through the grades and we have observed the following inconsistencies.

When viewing the progress of performers moving from I to H at the February Kent grade H and from H to G at the January South East grade G.

For the grade H we can summarise:

- Some competitors were removed from the study as they were eligible for H as a result of competing in the old scheme.
- 60% of competitors entered have qualified from I with 42.0 or more.
- 14 scored 40.0 or more (15% of entry) within 2.0 of our rec. score
- 18 scored 35.0 to 39.9 (20% of entry) 2.1 to 7.0 away from our rec. score
- 0 scored 30.0 to 34.9 (0% of entry) 7.1 to 12.0 away from our rec. score
- 5 scored below 29.9 (5% of entry) further than 12.0 away from our rec. score
- 5 scored below a score that would indicate 2 successful routines (30.0).

Applying the same analysis against our recommended score of 43.5 for the grade G we can summarise:

- 70% of entry had used the recommendations – (better than I to H)
- 32 scored 41.5 or more (18% of entry) within 2.0 of our rec. score
- 16 scored 36.5 to 41.4 (9% of entry) 2.1 to 7.0 away from our rec. score
- 2 scored 31.5 to 36.4 (1% of entry) 7.1 to 12.0 away from our rec. score
- 3 scored below 31.4 (2% of entry) further than 12.0 away from our rec. score
- 2 scored below a score that would indicate 2 successful routines (30.0).

From conversations with a number of coaches it is worth noting the movements for many competitors were decided before the recommendations were published so may be very different for the next assessment. Of course competitors moving with a score of lower than 30.0 are going completely against our long time standing recommendation of 2 complete routines.

The SE TTC is concerned about the potential disregard of LTAD and therefore potential competitor welfare. Whilst we accept there may be an occasion where these qualification scores are inappropriate in the majority of cases they should apply. We will continue to monitor the situation and should this trend continue we will apply a compulsory rule as opposed to a strong recommendation.

Yours in Sport

Martin Laws

Chair