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## EDITORIAL

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the October edition of TRAMPOLINE NEWS 2007. My thanks to all those who contribute to this, our most important Newsletter. However, we would like to see some additional club articles! As always, please circulate this latest edition, as widely as possible.

August was a busy time for our youth and senior teams, with the **Canada v. Germany v. Great Britain** matches held at the **EIS, Sheffield**. This event was an exciting one with Trampoline, DMT & Tumbling all being showcased! As one of the team there, I took great pride in our team performing so well in both senior and youth events. Results of the various events can be found later on in this newsletter. It was pleasing to see such bright stars rising to step into the shoes of our senior teams. Our grateful thanks have to go to the organisers, volunteers, and of course our guests from both Canada and Germany for making the event happen as smoothly as it did.

The annual Technical Conference was due to take place over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January. For those who have not yet picked this up, the event has now been changed. There is now in its place a club development programme which should be available on the BG website. The important event in the Trampoline calendar of reporting to our membership will still take place later in the year, as it gives a great opportunity to discuss a variety of subjects regarding our sport. We will report in the next newsletter the new date, to achieve even greater success!

Now that the final trial for trampoline has taken place and team selection made for the 2007 World Championship that begin later this month, and into

November. I would like to congratulate all those performers who have made the team. I am sure that they will all rise to the challenge and perform at their best in order to achieve their dreams, as well as those important Olympic places. I wish you all luck! Or as they would say in Quebec, Bon Chance!!

I am sure that many of you are now thinking towards the merriment that is Christmas with the turkey and the mulled wine! May I take this moment to ask you to think past all the wrapping paper and string, and look towards the New Year! Not the alcohol and dancing of December 31<sup>st</sup>, but a little further on.

There has been a great deal of discussion regarding the new competition structure for 2008, and details of this can be found on the British Gymnastics website. Please ensure that you all read this important document as it will have implications for us all, and the least we can do is be prepared for our performers.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To our colleagues in Artistic Gymnastics for qualifying of the Olympic Games; and especially the ladies team which qualified in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done girls. **Ed.**

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**Sky TV's SportNation Programme** has been broadcasting coverage of this years' **British Trampoline Championships** from the NIA Birmingham. The broadcast began on 28th September.

SportNation3- 30/09/07- Time 18:30 - Duration 1:00hour-  
Channel-Sky:Sport3-Digital

SportNation3- 01/10/07- Time 02:30 - Duration 1:00hour-  
Channel-Sky:Sport3-Digital

SportNation3- 01/10/07- Time 13:00 - Duration 1:00hour-  
Channel- Sky: Sport Xtra

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**NTTC:** next meeting of NTTC is scheduled for 18 Nov 07. If you have anything that you wished discussed, contact the Chair.

# Down Memory Lane

**Ted Blake** and **Syd Aaron** are synonymous with the sport of Trampolining and were instrumental in the founding of the **International Trampoline Federation (FIT)** in the early 60s, where both served on the Praesidium as Vice-Presidents for short periods.

To jog the memory, a list of FIT Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretary Generals who served with FIT Praesidium / Board during 1964-1998 is reproduced below and bears the names of no fewer than four British Nationals.

## **FIT Presidents**

1964-1966 Rene Schaerer SUI  
1967-1990 Erich Kinzel GER  
1990-1998 Ron Froehlich USA

## **FIT Vice-Presidents**

1964-1967 Ted Blake GBR  
1968-1969 Syd Aaron GBR  
1969-1986 Alfred Mossiman SUI  
1986-1990 John Beeton SCO  
1990-1994 Bernard Ammon FRA  
1994-1998 Gerda Bierenfeld GER

## **FIT Secretary Generals**

1964-1972 Erich Kinzel GER  
1972-1973 Anthony Hunter GBR  
1974-1990 Ron Froehlich USA  
1990-1998 Andre Gueisbuhler SUI

From the above list **Andre Gueisbuhler** serves as the **FIG Secretary General** and **John Beeton** as a member of the **TR Technical Committee**. **Ron Froehlich** is a **FIG auditor**. **Ed**

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## **BRITISH GYMNASTICS' SELECTION POLICY**

**XXIX Olympic Games: Beijing, China**

**28 July – 25 August 2008**

**Individual Trampoline**

### **1. Introduction**

**1.1.** This is the Policy through which British Gymnastics ("BG") will nominate gymnasts to the British Olympic Association ("the BOA") for selection to the British Olympic Team for the Trampoline Event at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

**1.2.** While this is termed a Selection Policy, it is important to note that BG is responsible for nominating gymnasts, with actual selection ratified by the BOA.

**1.3.** A BG Selection Committee, comprising the Board Director (Technical), National Trampoline Technical Committee World Class Liaison Officer and Director (Performance & Technical),

will be responsible for administering this Policy.

**1.4.** The Selection Committee will nominate a Trampoline Team to the size allocated to Great Britain by the Federation Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) following the results of the 2007 World Championships (maximum 2 men and 2 women), plus one reserve for each qualified gender, plus appropriate staff members ("the Team"), no later than 9 May 2008.

**1.5.** The Team Leader will be British Gymnastics' Director (Performance & Technical).

**1.6.** Gymnasts are eligible for consideration provided they are:

**1.6.1.** A British Citizen **1.6.2.** A minimum of 18 years old in the year of competition

**1.6.3.** A BG member in good standing

**1.6.4.** Eligible under the BOA bye-law entitled "Eligibility for Membership of Team GB of Persons Found Guilty of a Doping Offence"

**1.6.5.** Eligible under Rule 42 of the Olympic Charter entitled "Nationality of Competitors".

**1.7.** BG's Performance Target is to win 1 medal and this Policy is designed to achieve such a standard.

### **2. Selection Events**

**2.1.** Performances at the following events will contribute to selection to the Team; Events will be run under FIG rules, including 1 compulsory and 1 voluntary routine for qualification to a zero-score final for up to \_ of entrants to a maximum of 8 finalists:

#### **Selection Event 1:**

Trial Event: 1 or 2 March 2008 (venue tbc)

#### **Selection Event 2:**

Trial Event: 8 or 9 March 2008 (venue tbc)

#### **Selection Event 3:**

European Championships: 28 April – 5 May 2008

**2.2.** Selection Events 1 & 2 will be open to all British Senior Grade 1 trampoline gymnasts who competed in the 2007 season and who will attain 18 years of age in the year of the Olympic Games 2008. Gymnasts meeting the age criteria who did not compete in Grade 1 during 2007 may petition the Selection Committee for inclusion, presenting evidence of their equivalent standard. Petitions should be received in writing by the Programme Director no later than 31 January 2008. Participation in selection Event 3 will be determined through a separate selection policy specifically relating to the European Championships 2008.

### **3. Selection Process**

**3.1.** Eligible participants in the Selection Events will be ranked

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after both the qualification rounds (compulsory and voluntary added together) and the final, and awarded the selection points below (NB: selection points will be allocated against the order of British Olympic-eligible gymnasts only).

Selection points for position after qualifying rounds:

- 1st place 6 points**
- 2nd place 5 points**
- 3rd place 4 points**
- 4th place 3 points**
- 5th place 2 points**
- 6th place 1 point**

Selection points for position after final:

- 1st place 10 points**
- 2nd place 8 points**
- 3rd place 6 points**
- 4th place 5 points**
- 5th place 4 points**
- 6th place 3 points**
- 7th place 2 points**
- 8th place 1 point**

**3.2.** Selection points from the qualification and final rounds will be added to give a total for that Selection Event (“Total Event Score”). An “Overall Selection Score” will then be taken as: (a) the Total Event Score from Selection Event 3(i.e. European Championships 2008) plus (b) the best Total Event Score gained from either Selection Event 1 or Selection Event 2.

**3.3.** Nomination by BG to the BOA will be taken in descending order of Overall Selection Score within each gender, provided that the gymnast has achieved a score greater than or equal to the qualifying rounds’ score (compulsory plus voluntary) of the 13th Olympic qualifying gymnast at the 2007 World Trampoline Championships in Quebec (Pre-Requisite Score), in the qualifying rounds of any of the Selection Events. The Pre-Requisite Score will be confirmed immediately after the 2007 World Championships.

**3.4.** In the event of a tie in Overall Selection Score, the gymnast placed highest at the 2008 European Championships will be given a higher selection ranking.

**3.5.** In the event of a gymnast who is being considered for nomination not obtaining the pre requisite score during any of the Selection Events, the gymnast with the next highest selection ranking will be considered as per clause 3.3

**3.6.** In the event of clauses 3.3 and 3.5 providing insufficient gymnasts to fill the available team places (i.e. failing clause 3.3) then that and any subsequent places will be awarded to gymnasts who have achieved the Pre-Requisite Score in a FIG or UEG event (e.g. World Cups or Championships) or the British National Championships during the 12 months preceding the first Selection Event, in order of finishing place at the 2008 European Championships.

**3.7.** In the event of clauses 3.3, 3.5 and 3.6 providing insufficient gymnasts to fill the available Team places, then that

and any subsequent places will be awarded to gymnasts at the sole discretion of British Gymnastics’ Selection Committee.

**3.8.** One reserve of each gender will be nominated using the process described in clauses 3.1 to 3.7, taking the next highest Overall Selection Score after previous selections.

**3.9.** Nominated Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any personal websites) regarding their nomination or selection until after the BOA and BG have announced their selection.

#### **4. Injury and Replacement**

**4.1.** Following nomination to the BOA and before the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) with the IOC on 20 July 2008; in the event of there being a query howsoever arising over the ability of a gymnast to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:

**4.1.1.** The gymnast will be referred to BG’s designated Medical Officer to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate, which at this stage will be determined based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the gymnast is physically able to compete or risks causing medical harm to him or herself, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.

**4.1.2.** If the gymnast passes the medical examination carried out but the Team Leader has concerns over whether or not the gymnast is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the gymnast will be required to undertake BG’s designated “Fitness Test”.

**4.1.3.** The Fitness Test will require the gymnast to complete either: (a) a qualifying score in competition equal to or greater than the pre requisite score, or (b) a control test. The control test will require the gymnast to execute, under “control competition” conditions, both a set and a voluntary routine with at least 95% of the difficulty of their routines from the Selection Events, with each achieving at least 98% of the average time for the routine during the Selection Events; the gymnast will be allowed 2 attempts to satisfy the requirement for each routine.

**4.1.4.** If the gymnast fails either the examination at 4.1.1 or the Fitness Test at 4.1.2, the Team Leader can ask the Selection Committee to deselect the gymnast and nominate the reserve to the BOA in their place.

**4.2.** After the DRM, the IOC’s Athlete Late Replacement Policy primarily provides for replacement of a selected gymnast on the basis that they are unfit to compete due to injury and/or illness. Hence, after the DRM, in the event of there being a query howsoever arising over the ability of a gymnast to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:

**4.2.1.** Team GB’s Chief Medical Officer can require an gymnast to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate, which at this stage will be determined

based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the gymnast is physically able to compete or risks causing medical harm to him or herself, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.

**4.2.2.** If the gymnast passes the medical examination carried out, but the Team Leader and/or Team GB have concerns over whether or not the gymnast is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the Team GB Chef de Mission can require the gymnast to undergo the Fitness Test as outlined in Clause 4.1.3 of this Policy (such tests to be approved following consultation with the Team Leader, a physiotherapist and Team GB's Deputy Chef de Mission for Performance).

**4.2.3.** If the gymnast fails either the examination at 4.2.1 or the Fitness Test at 4.2.2, the Team GB Chef de Mission can deselect the gymnast and ask the IOC to include the reserve in his/her place.

**4.3.** For the avoidance of doubt, post nomination and prior to the DRM, the decision to deselect a gymnast is the responsibility of BG's Selection Committee. On or subsequent to the date of the DRM it is the responsibility of the Team GB Chef de Mission.

## **5. Team Organisation**

**5.1.** The Team will convene and travel to a holding camp in Macau prior to the Games, on or around 28 July 2008. The exact logistical arrangements for the Games will be determined by the Team Leader, following consultation with the personal coaches of the Podium Squad members.

**5.2.** Nominated reserves will be considered part of the BG Team and will travel to the Macau holding camp as training partners for other Team members. They will then be provided for as spectators in Beijing should they choose, but will not be accredited for the Olympic Village or facilities, and will not be outfitted by the BOA.

**5.3.** From convening, the Team will be under the direction of the Team Leader at all times, though day-to-day management may be delegated to a specific Trampoline Manager at the discretion of the Team Leader.

**5.4.** The personal coach of the gymnast most likely to medal at the Games will be offered accreditation as Team Coach, provided they are suitably experienced (i.e. HPC or above qualification and have attended as part of the official team an Olympic Games, World or European Championships or World Cup Final since 2004) and accept the roles and responsibilities of the position, and subject to BG approval. Determination of the gymnast most likely to medal will be entirely at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Any further accreditations available for coaching will be prioritised in the same way.

**5.5.** Other selected gymnasts' personal coaches will be invited to the Macau Holding Camp, subject to approval from BG and

the BOA and will then be provided for as spectators in Beijing should they choose. They will not be accredited for the Olympic Village or facilities, and will not be outfitted by the BOA.

**5.6.** All Team members and members of the delegation will be required to sign and comply with BG's Team Members' Code of Conduct and Gymnast Agreement (gymnasts only), and with the BOA Team Agreement (or in the case of non accredited members any BOA modification for the holding camp).

## **6. Appeals**

**6.1.** Appeals may be lodged against Team nominations only on the grounds that this Policy has not been applied as stated; appeals will not be considered against the Policy itself.

**6.2.** Prior to the date of the DRM:

**6.2.1.** Appeals must be lodged in writing to British Gymnastics' Chief Executive Officer no more than seven (7) days after nomination to the BOA (nominations will be broadcast to all trialists and their coaches via email). The appeal must clearly identify the grounds for appeal and provide the necessary evidence upon which it is based.

**6.2.2.** The Chief Executive Officer will convene an Appeal Panel meeting as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the appeals to consider the case. The Appeal Panel will consist of an independent chair from the Sports' Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP), BG's Chief Executive Officer, Board Director (Legal) and Board Director (Ethics & Welfare).

**6.2.3.** The Appeal Panel will have the sole discretion to determine whether written evidence and/or evidence made in person will be permissible.

**6.2.4.** The decision to uphold or reject the appeal will be made by majority vote and will be final; in the event of a split decision the BG Chief Executive Officer will have the deciding vote. No further appeals will be heard.

**6.3.** On or subsequent to the date of the DRM, appeals must be lodged with and follow the rules of the BOA.

## **7. Acknowledgement**

Gymnasts wishing to be considered for selection to the British Olympic Team for the Trampoline Event at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, should sign and return the acknowledgment slip (posted on the BG website) to the Director (Performance & Technical) **Matthew Greenwood**, British Gymnastics, Ford Hall, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9NB (Fax: 01952 822344), not no later than **31 January 2008**.

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## **Great Britain v Canada Match**

This very exciting match which included all three Trampoline Sports of Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini-trampoline

at both senior and youth level, was held at the **EIS Sheffield** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August** resulting in wins for the British team in five out of seven matches, as well as the overall match winners.

Results of the various team events were as follows:

### **GREAT BRITAIN v CANADA**

#### **Women Trampoline – Youth**

1. GBR 282.50 points
2. CAN 268.50 points

#### **Men's Trampoline – Youth**

1. GBR 280.00 points
2. CAN 256.20 points

#### **Team Result – Trampoline Youth**

1. GBR 562.50 points
2. CAN 524.70 points

#### **Women Trampoline – Seniors**

1. GBR 299.70 points
2. CAN 282.20 points

#### **Men's Trampoline – Seniors**

1. GBR 319.40 points
2. CAN 318.20 points

#### **Team Result – Trampoline Seniors**

1. GBR 619.10 points
2. CAN 600.20 points

#### **Women Tumbling – Youth**

1. GBR 274.60 points
2. CAN 265.90 points

#### **Men's Tumbling – Youth**

1. GBR 280.80 points
2. CAN 256.90 points

#### **Team Result – Tumbling Youth**

1. GBR 555.40 points
2. CAN 522.80 points

#### **Women Tumbling – Seniors**

1. GBR 291.90 points
2. CAN 277.40 points

#### **Men's Tumbling – Seniors**

1. GBR 307.30 points
2. CAN 304.40 points

#### **Team Result – Tumbling Seniors**

1. GBR 599.20 points
2. CAN 581.80 points

#### **Women DMT – Youth**

1. CAN 281.30 points
2. GBR 256.80 points

#### **Men DMT – Youth**

1. CAN 311.50 points
2. GBR 301.80 points

#### **Team Result – DMT Youth**

1. CAN 592.80 points
2. GBR 558.60 points

#### **Women DMT – Seniors**

1. CAN 309.60 points
2. GBR 294.30 points

#### **Men's DMT – Seniors**

1. GBR 324.50 points
2. CAN 323.00 points

#### **Team Result – DMT Seniors**

1. CAN 632.60 points
2. GBR 618.80 points

#### **Winners Team Trophy**

1. Great Britain
2. Canada

There were some notable performances in all three disciplines, including wins for both **Jason Burnett CAN** and **Karen Cockburn CAN** in the senior trampoline events, as well as **Briony Page GBR** in the youth trampoline match against CAN and GER. In DMT senior match **Michael Scott Beaulieu GBR** was head and shoulders above all to finish in first place, with young **Robyn Osborne GBR** doing the same in the DMT Youth Match.

In Tumbling the British Team won everything with **Charlie Burrows, Jennifer Dawes, Lee Schofield** and **Rachel Letche** all finishing in first place in their respective events.

### **GREAT BRITAIN v GERMAN (YOUTH)**

#### **Women Trampoline – Youth**

1. GBR 282.50 points
2. GER 258.20 points

#### **Men Trampoline – Youth**

1. GER 293.40 points
2. GBR 280.00 points

#### **Team Result – Trampoline Youth**

1. GBR 562.50 points
2. GER 551.60 points

It was a pleasure to have both the Canadian and German teams participating in this match. Both teams have said how much they enjoyed the competition and the friendliness shown to them during the visit.

My grateful thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and judges who helped make this a successful day all round. **Ed.**

# Trampoline International Programme 2008

It is the intention of British Gymnastics to participate in a full international programme during 2008 which will include eight events where our youth team will participate, subject to funding being available. The tentative programme is as follows:

## April

23-27: FIG World Cup, Ghent BEL – senior

23-27: 6<sup>th</sup> Cup of Flanders, Ghent BEL – youth

28-04 May: UEG Championships, Odense DEN – senior

28-04 May: UEG Championships, Odense DEN – youth

## May

21-25: FIG World Cup, Publier FRA – senior

## June

00-00: 4 Nations, POR – senior / youth

25-29: FIG World Cup, Albacete ESP – senior

25-29: Youth invitational, Albacete ESP – youth

## September

17-21: FIG World Cup, Talyatti RUS – senior

24-28: FIG World Cup, Loule POR – senior

## October

00-00: 4 Countries, GER – Senior / Youth

Additionally, we are awaiting confirmed dates for:

GBR v GER Youth Match (GER) – Under 18/15

NISSEN Cup, Arosa (SUI)

GBR v SWE v POR (SWE) – Under 15

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## Double Mini-Trampoline International Programme 2008

Our DMT colleagues are putting together their tentative programme for 2008 which includes a number of minor international events, as well as the main competition of the year the UEG championships.

## April

23-27: 6<sup>th</sup> Cup of Flanders, Ghent BEL – senior / youth

28-04 May: UEG Championships, Odense DEN – senior

28-04 May: UEG Championships, Odense DEN – youth

## June

25-29: International Competition, Albacete ESP – senior / youth

## September

17-21: International Competition, Loule POR – senior / youth

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## World Championship Team Named

The Trampoline team to represent Great Britain at this months

World Championships / Olympic Qualifying event has been named as follows:

**Ladies Individual:** Claire Wright, Jamie Moore, Katherine Driscoll, Yasmin Gumbs

**Non Traveling Reserve:** Stacy Dann

**Ladies Synchronised:** Claire Wright / Katherine Driscoll

**Men Individual:** James Higgins, Garry Smith, Simon Milnes, Mark Alexander

**Non traveling Reserve:** Steven Walsh

**Coaches:** Jack Kelly, Tracy Whittaker-Smith, Nigel Rendell

The Trampoline team departs for Canada on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, returning to the UK on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

All members of the NTTC and British Gymnastics wish the team well in their quest for medals and Olympic qualification.  
Ed.

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## Scottish/English trampolinists amongst the Medals at 2007 Friendship Cup

**Cara Jamieson SCO**, last years Junior runner up at the same event went one better this year by placing first with a score of 33.90 / 11.30 pts. Second in this class was **Gemma Proud ENG** with a score of 33.10 pts. Along with her club partner **Rebecca Ogilvie**, Cara took a second gold medal by winning the Synchronised Junior event.

In the men's senior synchronised competition **Mathew Wright** and **Scott Gregory ENG** took the gold medal.

**Pamela Clark SCO** had to settle for the silver medal in the youth event behind **Solen Bardy FRA** (daughter of the French Coach **Frank Bardy**). Ed.

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## World Age Group Games

Sharon Wood

The trampoline training day will take place at **Olga, Poole** on **Saturday 13th October**. Start time 10.00 and finish time 18.00. It should be noted that attendance is mandatory for all trampoline team members, Individual and Synchro.

Training is also available on **Sunday 14th October** from 10.00 – 14.00.

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