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EDITORIAL

Martin Laws

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of Trampoline News for 2009. Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a great time over the festive period and are ready for all that 2009 has to bring.

My thanks, as ever to our **Editor JOHN BEETON** for producing our newsletter, please contribute by distributing it as widely as possible so that our readership continues to increase and everyone is kept well up to date with any trampoline related developments. We continue our request that every Home Country and Region ensure they circulate this to all member clubs.

The NTTC has welcomed **Biz Scales** as the new **Coach Education Officer** on the panel, following the retirement of **Cathy Page MBE**. The NTTC would like to thank Cathy for all her hard work and contributions over the years. Although we are certain that Biz will fill the role with as much vigour and skill as you have done, Cathy you will be greatly missed as part of the team. Congratulations to all the remaining NTTC members on your elections and I hope in 2009 we will make further inroads into massive tasks we face.

Sadly we have lost a real friend to the sport in **Bob Burlton** over the Christmas period (see later article) and our thoughts and wishes are with his wife **Anne. Irene Thompson** also lost her husband **Melvin** just two weeks earlier and the **West Midland** region will undoubtedly need time to recover from this blow.

As the wonderful show **Quidam** opens in London, in 2008 **Cirque du Soleil** opened their arms to 2 of our past Olympians, **Claire Wright** and **Gary Smith**, Plus adopted International **Hiroi Tokuma** and having previously done so to our first male Olympian **Lee Brearley**. All three trained together in **Montréal Canada** for a while and now Claire has gone to Orlando to join her troupe. With their running away to join the circus (please this is meant in the fondest way!), and the retirement of other long term seniors, a huge gap has opened for our future talent.

In 2009, I challenge you all to train both harder and smarter, compete better and aim for those dreams of becoming a real world class performer!

For all those who don't aspire to such dizzy heights, enjoy your new competition structure and the challenges it presents.

The first Gala event of the season will take place at the end of January in Birmingham. I hope that you all enjoy the event, and that you achieve what you set out to do. As we all come to understand and work on the new structure, use the competitions to help create your goals for the forthcoming seasons! Good luck to all our competitors, from the Club H & I competitions, right up to FIG A! May I also encourage as many of you to go and watch as many competition as you can, so that you can see what your fellow competitors are capable of, and to see what is going on within our sport around the country!

The NTTC held its first meeting of the year in **Glasgow** on the 25th January, to which the Scottish Trampoline Panel was invited. This meeting was the first of many meetings we hope to hold with **Home Country Trampoline Panels**, which will hopefully lead to greater continuity in the sport within the whole of the country.

Once again, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and a 2009 full of sporting achievements whatever they may be. Keep up all the good work and the training will pay dividends at competition.

2009 Technical Conference

Plans are being made to hold the 2010 Trampoline Technical Conference in the **City of Birmingham** during the weekend of **18-20 September**. Further details when available.

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National Technical Committee

The next meeting of the National Technical Committee will be held in **London** on **3rd May 2009**. Any items for discussion should be forwarded to the NTTC Chair in the first instance, or any other member of the committee. **Ed.**

FIG INTERCONTINENTAL JUDGE COURSE, BRATISLAVA SVK 3rd-8th February 2009

Five members of British Gymnastics depart for **Bratislava SVK** on Monday to participate in the week long **FIG Intercontinental Judge Course**, hoping for success in their endeavours; and perhaps even returning to the UK with an upgrade in their present Category. The three judges selected to participate in the course from Trampoline are:

Mike Phillipson, Peter Heames and Sally Slinger.

Claire Thompson and Joy Sumner are the Tumbling representatives taking the course / examination.

The Wearing of Official Clothing

Mathew Greenwood

"I would like to take the opportunity of a new year to request your support in some difficulties being faced over the use of representative clothing and to remind everyone of the guidelines of its provision by British Gymnastics. Any kit provided by British Gymnastics should only be worn whilst officially representing British Gymnastics. Official clothing should not be worn for training unless requested to do so at specific British gymnastics organised activities. Nor should the kit be worn whilst competing as an individual or representing a club, region or any other organisation. This includes British Championships and other events organised by the Technical Committees, as agreed at the **Joint Technical Committee (JTC)** meeting on **6 December**. As stated in the Gymnast Agreement, all clothing provided free of charge remains the property of British Gymnastics and should therefore not be loaned, swapped, sold or given away to anyone else. There is an expectation that kit should last for at least two years (not withstanding outgrowing sizes).

These rules do not apply where representative kit has been purchased by the individual (Age Group Competition kit for example), or lies outside of the sponsorship agreement (Rhythmic, Acrobatics and Aerobics sports specific kit for example).

Recent experience shows that in a growing number of cases these guidelines are not being followed, which has prompted this letter. This is resulting in increasing numbers of replacement kit being required. Despite British Gymnastics receiving the most comprehensive amount and range of kit of any Gymnastics governing body from our sponsor Milano, with a growing number of disciplines, squads and activities, it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet demand.

Your co-operation in these matters is greatly appreciated and will ensure the British team look appropriately attired whilst representing the country and that we are able to continue to support the number of disciplines and the range of squads that

We currently do."

SELECTION POLICY

**World Championships Individual, Synchronised
and Double-mini Trampoline
International Age Group Competition (IAGC)
08th – 22nd November, 2009
St. Petersburg, Russia**

The Selection Policy for all disciplines can be found on the BG website. Click on *Trampoline* and *DMT* – then *Selection*.

Review of 2008 International Scene and Planned Events for 2009

John Beeton

The year began early with a **World Class Induction Camp** being held at the **Lilleshall National Sports Centre from 2nd to 6th January** when all sensible people; and especially the Scottish contingent should have still been celebrating the New Year. For six days the selected group underwent intensive training / theory / testing / assessments, beginning with a 0715 hrs jog each morning!

Trials for the **UEG European Championships** at both senior and youth level were held on the 2nd and 9th March in **Bournemouth** and **Sunderland** respectively.

The first of the years FIG World Cup events, held in the town of **Wroclaw POL** during early March was attended by members of the GBR Tumbling team, with Trampoline forgoing the event.

April saw the appointment of **Tristan Collins** in the role of **Programme Manager** for the **World Class Trampoline Programme**. **Note:** Tristan is still in post as we go to press!

Results from the UEG Championships saw Great Britain bring home **3 Gold** – Youth Girls team TUM, Youth Girls individual TUM and Youth Girls individual TRA, **4 Silver** – Youth Girls team TRA, Youth Girls individual TRA, Senior Ladies team TUM and Senior Ladies individual TUM and **5 Bronze** – Youth Girls team DMT, Youth Boys synchro. Youth Girls individual DMT, Senior Ladies team DMT, and Senior Ladies synchro. There were also a number of finalists in the various events, proving this to be the most successful European Championships for TeamGB.

News arrived during March that the planned **Under 15 match** against **SWE** and **POR** was cancelled due to a number of reasons outwith our control.

Unfortunately, the planned arrival of the Chinese Youth Squad to **Birmingham, Northampton** and **Gillingham** for a 12 day

visit in May / Jun for a training camp and international match. had to be cancelled at the very last minute due to Visa difficulties from the Chinese side. It is hoped to be able to issue a further invitation to the Chinese Gymnastics Association to visit the UK in 2010.

The draw for the **Olympic Games** was held in **Tianjin CHN** on 15 May resulting in **Claire Wright** our Olympian being drawn in 2nd place in the ladies event.

Prior to the **FIG World Cup** in **Osaka JPN** during the month of May two of the senior men, along with a small number of support staff participated in a week's training camp in Osaka, along side gymnasts from **JPN, AUS** and **UZB**. This proved to be an extremely successful venture, hopefully leading to a further two training camps during the current year in **Moscow RUS** during the month of April, and **Toronto CAN** during August, where larger numbers will be able to participate.

British results in the Osaka World Cup were excellent with **James Higgins** reaching his highest ever individual finish in a major event by coming 15th in a field of 32. This was followed by finishing in 8th place in the men's synchronised final, along with his partner **Steven Walsh**, both from Northampton.

Following the Osaka event the FIG World Cup series moved to **Publier FRA** in the following week, where GBR were represented by both trampoline and tumbling teams.

A strong British team travelled to Publier for this World Cup with a certain degree of success. **Claire Wright** made podium in 3rd place, with **Katherine Driscoll** finishing a credible 11th, closely followed by **Jamie Moore** 15th and **Yasmin Gumbs** 17th. The ladies then went on to take 2nd (Claire / Katherine) and 5th (Jamie / Jasmin) place respectively in the synchronised competition. In the men's events **James Higgins** finished in 16th place, following his excellent performance in Osaka the week previous. James and **Steven Walsh** made finals in the men's synchronised event finishing in 5th place, followed by **Michael** and **Andrew Freeman** in 6th place.

June saw the continuation of a hectic season with two FIG World Cup events being held in **Arosa SUI** and **Albacete ESP**. Additionally, the **Ciudad de Albacete DMT** was also held in conjunction with the Albacete event. The annual **Four Nations Match** held in the town of **Vila do Conde POR** between **GBR CZE DEN** and **POR** was also during the month, resulting in a sound victory for our young team members. Results of this match were: **GBR 374.2 points, CZE 366.8 points, DEN 365.9 points** and **POR 358.2 points**.

Jamie Moore 4th and **Katherine Driscoll** 5th were the stars of the British team in the ladies individual event in **Arosa**, followed by a credible 6th place in the ladies synchronised competition. In the men's competition **Andrew** and **Michael Freeman** just missed out on a podium place finishing in 4th place.

In **Albacete** the Freeman twins reached the men's synchronised final to finish in 8th place.

Nicola Pugh was the highest placed GBR team member in the DMT Invitational, finishing in 7th place. In the men's competition **Dominic Swaffer** finished in 5th place, followed by his elder brother **Mathew** in 6th place. **Jason Plowman** was the third member of the men's team to reach the final, finishing in 8th place.

Tim Jones joined British Gymnastics in his role as **Olympic Performance Director**, with responsibility for the World Class Programme in **Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic** and **Trampoline Gymnastics**.

August was the month of **The Games** of the **XXIX Olympiad Beijing CHN** and what a Games they proved to be. Unfortunately, **Claire Wright** did not perform at her best and was unable to reach the finals of the event, being eliminated during the Preliminaries. The results of both the ladies and men's events causing much debate after the event!

The city of **Togliatti RUS** hosted the last **World Cup Final** during the month of September, when GBR were represented by members of the ladies tumbling team only where **Laura Houson** and **Sarah Turner** finished in 5th and 7th place respectively.

Gary Smith and **Claire Wright** both retired from the sport and went off to join **Cirque du Soleil** in **Montreal CAN** during the month of September. From reports received since it is understood that both are enjoying the experience.

During the later part of September the "first" FIG World Cup under the new 2009 rules was held in the town of **Loulé POR** with only two members of the three member GBR team in attendance. **Katherine Driscoll** made the ladies individual final finishing in 8th place, with **Luke Rendell** finishing in 28th place out of an entry of 48 – an excellent result for Luke.

The annual **GBR v GER Youth Match** this year was held in the **German city** of **Hamburg**, resulting in an overall victory for our young team members. The final results showed GBR winning the U15 Girls and Boys events as well as the U18 Girls event. This was a remarkable result for these youngsters, with 75% of the team participating in their very first representative competition.

The Four Countries Annual Match was held in **Stuttgart GER** 17-19 Oct. In the ladies match victory went to GBR (262.8 points) with GER in second place (261.0 points). In the men's match results were reversed with GER (291.6 points) to GBR (279.5 points) given an overall match victory to Germany. **FRA** and **POR** finished in third and fourth places respectively.

Great Britain with qualifiers in **TUM, DMT** and **TRA ladies synchronised** took the decision not to participate in the **World Games Test Event** in **Kaohsiung TPE** at the end of October. The event itself attracted very few entries but I am certain that all will be well come July when the main event is staged.

The 2009 season will see less World Cup events but no let up in the number of planned activity for our gymnasts.

Two international training camps are planned for members of our senior/youth World Class Squads in **Moscow RUS (13-20 Apr)** and **Toronto CAN (16-23 Aug)** as well as participation in three World Cups in **Sofia BUL (22-26 Apr)**, **Zelona Gora POL (02-06 Sep)** and **Salzgitter GER (09-13 Sep)**. The **4 Nations** annual clash between **GBR, CZE, POR** and **DEN** will be held in **Roskilde** (near Copenhagen) **DEN (12-14 Jun)** and the **4 Countries** annual event between **GBR, GER, FRA** and **POR** in **Boulogne sur Mer** (near Calais) **FRA (22-25 Oct)**. **Taunton GBR** will be the venue for the annual **GBR v GER Youth Match** on **26 September**.

It is also hoped to be able to obtain suitable international competition for our DMT squads throughout the year.

During July GBR will be represented at the **World Games** in **Kaohsiung TPE** by 2 members of our DMT squad plus a ladies synchronised pair. They will be joined by two members of the TUM team.

The return match against **Canada** is scheduled for **Saturday 15th August**. However, a venue has still to be arranged but most likely in the West of the Country. This match will involve both senior and youth teams in all three disciplines TRA, DMT and TUM.

November in **St Petersburg RUS** sees the main event of the year the **FIG World Championships** followed a week later by the **FIG International Age Group Competitions (IAGC)**. Needless to say GBR will be well represented at both events by our TRA, DMT and TUM teams. There will also be the usual compulsory training camps for all team members prior to the two events.

2009 is also an extremely busy period for our judges hoping to obtain an international judge brevet for the first time; and for those wishing to retain / upgrade their current brevet. We wish them all the very best of luck.

I began the second part of this article believing that 2009 would be somewhat of a quieter year for all! I have not even mentioned the various international competitions that is available to our clubs throughout the year; and that they regularly attend, or the hectic domestic programme that all have to endure, especially during the first six months of the year. We also must not forget the **National Championships** in July and the planned **Home Nations** event scheduled for **Bath** in November!

Good luck everyone. I look forward to seeing you all at some point during the year. **Ed.**

Trampoline Tutor Induction Day

Cathy Page

At the recent Coach Education meeting, it was confirmed that all new coaches going through UKCC training **must do a sports specific induction day** before tutoring a course.

Please can you make sure that anyone you recommend for tutors should understand they cannot tutor until they have done this? This has been in place for many years. But it seems some people are being told they can tutor immediately they have done the UKCC course. Anyone requiring such a course should contact me so that when there are enough applicants we will put on a course.

Tutors conference

All tutors are also expected to attend the tutor's conference at least once in 2 years. The date for the 2009 course, although originally set for the first weekend in September may be changed due to the NTTC wishing to combine the two annual conferences. Watch this space.

SELECTION POLICY

Double-mini Trampoline

16th-26th July, 2009

World Games

Kaohsiung, Taipei

The Selection Policy for DMT for the World Games can be found on the BG website. Click on **DMT** – then **Selection**.

Great Britain v Canada

International Match

Montreal CAN

15th August 2009

After the successful visit to the UK by Canada in the summer of 2007, a reciprocal visit has been arranged for the month of August 2009, where all three disciplines of Trampoline Sports will take part with both senior and youth teams.

The Great Britain team will depart for Montreal on the 12th August and return to the UK on the 17th August. The tentative schedule of visit is as follows:

12 Aug: depart for Montreal

13 Aug: training

14 Aug: training

15 Aug: international match

16 Aug: depart for London

17 Aug: arrive home

At the conclusion of the match members of trampoline team will travel on to **Toronto** for a week of training, returning to the UK on the 24th August.

Team composition will be announced at the conclusion of the National Championships in the case of Trampoline and Double-mini trampoline.

Moscow Training Camp for World Class Podium and Programme Members

A large contingent of the World Class Podium and Programme squad members will travel to **Moscow RUS** during the month of April to participate in a training camp at the world famous Russian National Olympic Training facility in Moscow, alongside the Russian National trampoline squad, who will be training in preparation for the first FIG World Cup event of the season which is being held in **Sofia BUL** immediately afterwards. Needless to say, this will be an ideal opportunity for all to train alongside one of the top three nations in our sport.

It is expected that the squad will depart the UK on the 13th August, returning to London on the 20th April 2009, prior to departing for **Sofia BUL** on the 22nd April for the World Cup event.

SELECTION POLICY

Synchronised Trampoline

16th-26th July, 2009

World Games

Kaohsiung, Taipei

The Selection Policy for Synchronised Trampoline (**women's pair**) for the World Games can be found on the BG website. Click on *Trampoline* – then *Selection*.



NATIONAL C TRAMPOLINE FINALS 2009

Competition date: Saturday & Sunday 18th – 19th July

Closing date: Monday 1st June

Venue: National Indoor Arena

King Edwards Road

Birmingham

West Midlands

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Phone no: 0121 200 2202

Entry Fee: £15.00

Cheques payable to: British Gymnastics

Entry to: British Gymnastics

Organiser: Pam Smith

Phone: 01527 517024

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SELECTION POLICY

Double-mini Trampoline

12th – 16th August, 2009

Great Britain v Canada

Montreal, Canada

The Selection Policy for DMT for the forthcoming GBR v CAN

International Match can be found on the BG website. Click on

DMT – then *Selection*

World Class Programme Training Washington, December 4th - 7th

Steve Walsh

The World Class programme gathered in **Washington**, home of **Apollo TC**, for the last training camp of the year. Strange, it may seem, to be holding a camp in the middle of the off-season with Christmas, and perhaps a well-earned week off around the corner, but from my point-of-view, it provided a good opportunity to take stock.

I was at **Lilleshall** in January for the first camp of the year and what was essentially the birth of this new World Class Programme phase, geared mainly towards development for London 2012.

Spirit in the camp is high and there has been a visible improvement from the squad as a whole in the last 12 months. It has really moved forward since its creation and I hope will continue to do so.

Washington was quite a low-event, in that due to injuries, illnesses and tricky weather conditions on the roads it was a small contingent who attended. But it was enjoyable all the same, giving the opportunity to train in a squad environment without the venue feeling crowded.

Outside of the coaching input, with club coaches of gymnasts in attendance alongside **Technical Director Jack Kelly**, **Strength and Conditioning coach Peter Smyth** and **Physiotherapist Chris Dunn** provided their expertise, with both becoming key members of this programme and characterising two of the huge benefits of attending these meets.

The squad as a whole trained well and worked hard over the four days, and will be looking to continue their improvement throughout the course of next year, culminating in the World Championships in Russia in November.

The FIG has assigned an additional World Cup for 2009 to the **City of Ostend, BEL** during **26-30 August**. Confirmation of the World Cup being held in **Salzgitter, GER** during **9-13 September** has also finally been confirmed.

4th International Trampoline Competition

WROCLAW CUP 2009

The competition will take place in the City of Wroclaw, POL on **Friday June 19th and Saturday June 20th 2009.**

The individual competitions are designed for the **11-12, 13-14, 15-16**, year's old boys and girls and **FIG A**. This is a perfect event at which to test your skills in the conditions of international competition.

The competition is open for the FIG affiliated federations and clubs.

You can find all information on the BG web or at the following:
www.wroclawcup.pl

German Cities Confirm World Games Withdrawal

The German cities of **Duisburg** and **Dusseldorf** have confirmed their withdrawal as co-hosts of the **2013 World Games**.

The joint-decision - which has been sparked by "*Duisburg's aggravated financial problems*" - has left International World Games Association (IWGA) president Rob Froehlich on the look-out for a new host.

In a statement, the IWGA said that Froehlich would work alongside the Association's executive board and TSE Consulting to determine a course of action for 2013. Duisburg hosted the last edition of the event in 2005, and Kaohsiung in Chinese Taipei will stage the next World Games in 2009.

Duisburg and Dusseldorf secured the hosting rights to the multi-sport event back in February, but Duisburg City Council has now voted to step away from the Games. "*That the global financial crisis would not spare sports and major events had to be expected,*" said a disappointed Froehlich. "Nonetheless, The World Games remain a viable proposition for a host city due to their very nature. New infrastructure is never required to stage the competitions in our sports; cost-effectiveness remains the guiding principle for the whole event."

IOC to Re-Examine Beijing Samples

The **International Olympic Committee** has revealed it will retest 5,000 doping samples from the Beijing Games to check for traces of a new blood-booster drug. The IOC said its doping laboratory in Switzerland would be specifically testing for Cera,

an advanced version of the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO.

FIG TR TC NEWSLETTER N0 15

The following extract has been taken from the **FIG TR TC Newsletter** published in December past and is reproduced below. You will note that the FIG TC is continuing to look at ways to further enhance our international judging system, hopefully by 1 Jan 2010. **Ed.**

"During the past number of years every expert in Trampoline has recognised that our top athletes are very close together in Difficulty as well as in Performance, and perhaps had the feeling that sometimes a competitor had to have good luck to reach a final or a place on the podium because the deviation between success or "failure" was on many occasion only 1 or 2 tenths of a point.

Also the TC scoring during competitions as Superior Jury and during detailed video analysis, had shown many cases where the execution scores did not reflect the actual performance level but effected qualifications for Finals and even the ranking of top athletes on the podium.

After the deep analysis at many major events of all the TCs **and** Judges scores, the Technical Committee came to the conclusion that the existing execution scoring system in Trampoline Individual is still too subjective and more so, does not enable the judges to rank the gymnasts at high level competitions always correctly. In other words, a judge can try to be as objective as possible, he/she will never be better than the described criteria in the Code of Points.

And perhaps that is the point where we have to react (or act) at least. A judge in our sport has to analyse a skill in 1.5 to 1.7 seconds for more than 6 criteria, like position of body, legs, arms, head, arching, opening of a layout position, holding this position, landing, travelling, landing outside the zone, etc. Too much, we think, to decide about the differences in quality of our top performers, if there are really differences.

The TC is of the opinion that some objective criteria should be included into our judging system.

We can measure the time of flight or deduct the landing outside the central "box" (zone). Then the execution judges do not have to concentrate about the criteria of losing height or being outside the "box". And as these objective criteria will be part of the total execution score (the percentage is still under discussion) it should also help to rank the athletes correctly.

We discussed this very honestly and had already started to make some tests during the last World Cups.

I, myself had a meeting with the FIG President recently and explained to him, that we might have to change our **Code of Points** during the next cycle to build in one or two of these

objective criteria and I have received his authority to proceed with this testing during the next few World Cups. And if this proves to be more objective overall, we will be allowed to change our COP at the beginning of 2010.

The first opportunity for more information and discussion will be the Intercontinental Judges Course. And if there is an agreement to proceed with this in the new TC, we will have a **Round Table at the World Championships 2009** in Russia.

Horst KUNZE, President of the FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Technical Committee"

INTERNATIONAL JUDGE COURSE GREAT BRITAIN

Lilleshall National Sports Centre will be the venue for the 2009 FIG International Judge Course for Trampoline, Tumbling and Double-mini Trampoline during **27-29 March**. Course experts are **Christophe Lambert FRA** and **John Beeton GBR**.

FIG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Metz FRA has been confirmed as the venue for the **2010 FIG World Championships** and **IAGC.**, during the following dates:

12-15 Nov: World Championships

19-22 Nov: International Age-group Competitions (IAGC)

For these particular world championships only **Individual** and **Synchronised** competition will be offered for TRA and **Individual** competition for DMT and TUM.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT "SOFIA CUP" FOR AGE GROUPS TRAMPOLINE, TUMBLING AND DMT 12 & Under, 13-14, 15-16 and 17 & Over 23- 25 April 2009 Sofia, BULGARIA

Organizing Committee: Bulgarian Trampoline Federation
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The *Directives* for this event can be found by contacting the above or on the BG website.

TRAMPOLINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS 2009-2012

The results of the British Gymnastic Technical Committee Elections held during the month of December past resulted in the following being elected / re-elected for a four year term beginning **1st January 2009**:

Chair: Martin Laws *old*

World Class Liaison: John Beeton *old*

Judging: Mike Phillipson *old*

Competitions: Wayne Smith *old*

Coaching: Elizabeth Scales *new*

Proficiency: Joanna Singleton *old*

The Board of British Gymnastics congratulates all elected members to this committee. **Ed.**

Jannie Jansen

Trampoline, Double Mini and Tumbling
Competition
Pretoria, South Africa
29 Jun – 04 Jul 2009

Events: TRA, DMT, TUM

Age Groups: 10-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17 and over

Rules: FIG IAGC

Seniors: Individual and team competition

Rules: FIG A

Information for this event can be obtained on the **BG website** and by contacting the following:

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The Brazilian international judge for Trampoline, **Carlos Werneck de Souza** passed away on **January 4, 2009** at the age of 46. He had been judging on an international level since 1996.

On a motorcycle trip in the Andes Mountains with his wife and a group of friends, Carlos, who lived in **Niteroi** in the state of **Rio de Janeiro**, contracted severe high-altitude illness.

We send condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.



SELECTION POLICY

FIG International Age Group Competition (IAGC): Individual & Synchronised Trampoline 13th – 22nd November, 2009 St. Petersburg, Russia

Format of competition: FIG IAGC Rules / FIG Technical Regulations

Eligibility: British Citizen

Valid British Gymnastics membership 11-18 in the year of competition (FIG Regulations)

Signed current British Gymnastics Gymnast Agreement

Synchro pairs can be of different ages but must be entered into the competition applicable to the oldest gymnast.

Performance Targets: Medals in all groups

Notes: This is a self-funded event and is expected to cost in the region of £1500 per person.

Team Places: The Great Britain team will consist of a maximum of 80 gymnasts in accordance with FIG regulations.

These places are split as follows:

- Trampoline: 28
- DMT: 14
- Tumbling: 28
- Wildcard places available across the disciplines: 10

The selection policy described below has been designed in conjunction with the other competing disciplines to maximise the performance results for Great Britain.

The Policy is applicable to: Individual Trampoline / Synchronised Trampoline

SELECTION EVENTS:

The selection events will be as follows:

28th June 2009 – Lilleshall National Sports Centre

26th July 2009 – Venue TBC

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Individual

In each Selection Event, three voluntary routines will be required. The best two scores from each Event Selection will be added and used to produce a ranking list from which the team will be selected.

The scores listed below are based on the top ten scores at the 2007 World Age Group Competition. Only those who achieve these scores twice in any selection event may gain **automatic** selection in rank order, with a maximum of three gymnasts per age group.

Age Group Boys Girls

11 – 12 31.1 30.1

13 – 14 34.1 32.7

15 – 16 35.4 32.9

17 – 18 35.4 32.3

Gymnasts who achieve the scores listed below twice in any selection event may be considered for any remaining places, up to the maximum of 28. These selections will be at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

Age Group Boys Girls

11 – 12 30.0 29.1

13 – 14 32.0 30.9

15 – 16 34.0 31.7

17 – 18 34.0 30.5

In the event of gymnasts tying on their total counting best two scores from each trial event (i.e. total score of 4 routines), then the tiebreak rules will be applied to rank the gymnasts. The first tie-break will be made based on the gymnast's total score for all six

routines, with the gymnast with the highest total six round score ranking highest. If the gymnasts are still tied on the six routine total scores, the top five scores will be considered as the second tiebreak. In the unlikely event of a tiebreak still remaining, the gymnast with the highest single score will rank first. If a tiebreak still remains, the FIG tiebreak rules will apply to this single highest score routine by ranking in first position the gymnast with the highest:

- 1. total of the counting execution judges' scores in that routine;**
- 2. total of all the execution judges' scores (5) of the routine without eliminating the highest and lowest scores;**
- 3. total of the 4 highest execution judges' scores of the routine;**
- 4. total of the 3 highest execution judges' scores of the routine and so on until the tie is broken.**

Synchro

In each Selection Event, three voluntary routines will be required. The best two scores from each event will be added and used to produce a ranking list from which the team may be selected.

Only those who achieve the following scores twice in any selection event will be considered for selection. These criteria are based on the top six scores from the preliminary rounds of the 2007 World Age Group Competition.

Boys Girls

11 – 12 39.9 39.5

13 – 14 42.4 41.7

15 – 16 41.7 42.1

17 – 18 45.2 40.3

WILD CARDS

Up to an additional 10 wild card places for all age groups (across the three disciplines) will be considered by the Selection Panel.

Other than in exceptional circumstances places will only be awarded to those who have achieved the criteria, but have not been allocated one of the 28 places awarded to Trampoline.

ILLNESS OR INJURY

A gymnast who is ill or injured prior to or during one of the selection events must provide written authentication of the injury or illness by medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics. For a gymnast to be automatically selected they must complete both Selection Events. If a gymnast only completes a single Selection Event they will only be eligible for selection as a wild card.

REMOVAL

A gymnast may be removed from the 2009 International Age Group team or from any stage of the process for selecting the team in the event of an injury, illness or deterioration in performance that would inhibit performance at the 2009 International Age Group Competition.

Verification of injury or illness will be by medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics.

Deterioration in performance will be defined and assessed by the National Coach and Technical Manager and agreed by the selection Panel.

British Gymnastics is acutely aware of the issues associated with confidentiality and will ensure that all procedures operate in accordance with the British Gymnastics' Gymnast Agreement signed by the Gymnast.

A gymnast or coach may be removed from the 2009 International Age Group Competition team in the event of non-compliance in training, a breach of responsibility to the delegation, or a violation of the codes of behaviour outlined within the Gymnast's Agreement or conditions of British Gymnastics membership.

Prior to departure gymnasts and/or coaches may only be removed from the International Age Group Competition team by the Selection Panel, after consultation with the National Coach and Technical Manager and/or medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics. Prior to removal the gymnast and/or coach must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with a member of the Selection Panel, National Coach, Technical Manager or their appointed representative and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals.

During the 2009 International Age Group Competition gymnasts and/or coaches may be removed from team by the Head of Delegation after consultation with the Team Manager and/or medical personnel approved by British Gymnastics. Prior to removal the gymnast and/or coach must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Head of Delegation and/or National Coach or their appointed representative and where possible one other independent person. Written justification must be provided for all removals.

RESERVES

The selection of reserves to replace a gymnast or coach who has been removed from the 2009 IAGC, will be at the discretion of the National Coach & Technical Manager but must be justified in writing and approved by the Selection Panel.

Note that Reserves are non-travelling.

PRE EVENT TRAINING CAMP

It should be noted that there will be a training camp at Lilleshall National Sports Centre from Friday 9th October to Sunday 11th October for selected gymnasts and officials (all disciplines).

Official kit will be distributed at this time. **This training camp is mandatory.** Permission for absence may only be given in exceptional circumstances. Un-authorised absences may result in de-selection from the team.

Gymnasts will be expected to show full routines at this stage. Personal coaches may attend at their own cost in order to discuss with the team coaches training programmes for their gymnast(s) whilst in Russia. If this is not possible, please send a written programme with the gymnast(s) to the camp.

SELECTION OF THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL AGE GROUP COMPETITION TEAM COACHES

The coaches for the International Age Group Competition team will be:

- National Coach
- Personal Coaches (subject to the FIG regulations)

Notwithstanding this selection, both genders must be represented within the coaching staff in order to meet British Gymnastics' Child Protection Policy.

The coaches will be selected by the National Coach in consultation with the Technical Manager and will be justified to and approved by the Selection Panel, based upon the following criteria:

- HPC/IPC qualification and in good standing as a professional member
- The number of gymnasts they have on the team
- Ability to lead, organise and control under high responsibility and stress situations
- Their International experience and performance
- Their attendance at all required meetings, training camps and events

British Gymnastics acknowledge the role of the personal coach in competition preparation; however the Accreditation Regulations restrict the number of coaches at each event. Personal coaches that attend the competition outside of the delegation will be responsible for their travel and accommodation at their own expense and by their own arrangement.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

British Gymnastics encourages parents and supporters to attend the event but requests that parents or personal coaches do not stay in the team accommodation. Details of alternative hotels can be provided, upon request.

On accepting selection, team members will be the responsibility of the Head of Delegation and team officials from departure until their return to the UK.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The automatic selections for the Great Britain Trampoline Team for the International Age Group Competition will be announced on or before 1st August 2009. Wild card selections will be announced on or before 2nd October 2009, following the completion of the selection process in all disciplines.

SELECTION POLICY FOR THE 2009 TRAMPOLINE INTERNATIONAL AGE GROUP COMPETITION APPROVED BY:

Signed John Beeton
Trampoline Technical Committee
Signed Matthew Greenwood MPhil, BA (Hons)
Director (Performance & Technical)

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY BRITISH GYMNASTICS

- Mr John Aldridge FRCS
- Dr Mark Batt

SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel for the International Age Group Competition will comprise of the following members:

- Board Director (Technical) – Chair
- Director (Performance & Technical)
- National Coach (DMT)
- National Coach (TRA)
- National Coach (TUM)

Note: The Head of Delegation will also be in attendance at the selection meeting



Status	Period	Title	Venue	Participants
ok	21 March 2009	18th Aalsmeer Flower Cup	AALSMEER (NED)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
ok	22 - 25 April 2009	Int. Tournament "Sofia Cup" for Age Groups	SOFIA (BUL)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
ok	24 - 25 April 2009	Astronaut Alexandrov Trampoline Cup	SOFIA (BUL)	Senior
ok	22 - 23 May 2009	26th International Frivolten Cup	HERRLJUNGA SIM AND IDROTTSALL (SWE)	Senior
ok	16 - 26 July 2009	8th World Games	KAOHSIUNG (TPE)	Senior
ok	28 - 29 August 2009	Flanders Fliffis Trampoline Cup	OSTEND (BEL)	Senior
ok	4 - 5 September 2009	Trampoline FIG World Cup	ZIELONA GORA (POL)	Senior
ok	11 - 12 September 2009	Trampoline FIG World Cup	SALZGITTER (GER)	Senior
ok	7 - 15 November 2009	26th Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships	ST-PETERSBURG (RUS)	Senior
ok	14 - 22 November 2009	19h Trampoline Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions	ST-PETERSBURG (RUS)	Junior
ok	6 - 12 April 2010	European Championships	SOFIA (BUL)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
ok	14 - 26 August 2010	Youth Games of the I Olympiad	SINGAPORE (SIN)	Junior
ok	11 - 13 November 2010	27th Trampoline World Championships	METZ (FRA)	Senior
ok	17 - 19 November 2010	Trampoline World Age Group Competitions	METZ (FRA)	Age Group

