



GENERAL GYMNASTICS MEETING MINUTES 30th October, 11.05AM

Present

Lisa Davis – NLGA
Charlotte Barker – Aireborough
Kirstie Whittles – Phoenix
Rachel Revell – Brumby
Helen Monks – Rothwell
Rick Brady – Brumby
Susan Shaw – Barnsley Premier
Josette Cornish – Olicana
Heather Clough - Stocksbridge

Apologies

Jane – Temple Newsam
Josie – SIV
Kate - Grimsby

Additional Items for Discussion

If they are not covered in today's meeting, they will go on the agenda for the next development meeting.

- Progression through the GG Pathway. Advanced+ categories – where do they move on to if they've won at Adv+ heats and finals?
 - Should you be looking to move them to GG 3 / 4 PC if they're unable to also move up an age group? We need feed back from the clubs in order to make decision.
 - If they medal at the heats & finals, they should have to move up to the next available difficulty level for them. (Josette Cornish)
 - Pg. 14 of our handbook states that they must up an age group or difficulty level. If they are already competing at Adv+, then they must move up an age group, or move on to 3/4 PC or Novice/Novice+. For gymnasts wanting to stay in the 2PC Pathway, they must move up an age group in the same year. (Lisa Davis)
 - What would happen with default winners, where they've won simply because there aren't any other competitors in their age group / category? (Charlotte Barker)
 - The rule only applies if there a minimum of 6 in the heat. The exception is if they win by default but are not as able or on the same level as the other competitors. This is where the rule of extenuating circumstances would apply. If your gymnast has medalled and should

move up to the next difficulty level or age group but you as a coach don't believe they are strong enough to move up, you should communicate this to the exec. Committee. There may be some things we've not thought about or considered, if you think of any other circumstances or are in any doubt, contact the exec. Committee for help. (Lisa Davis)

- Could we have an Open Category? (Helen Monks)
- What if they're Adv+ 13+ and there's not another difficulty level or age group they can move to? (Rachel Revell)
- We could look at a super league? Go along to the heats and compete as a guest to see how they compare & build the section as more gymnasts join? Treat it more like an additional difficulty category. There are 2 – 3 comps available per year, and they also have the opportunity to do the 3/4 PC Teams Christmas Comp. The Adv+ 13+ could move up to the 3/4 PC competitions, this would leave the June and December competitions available to them and still give them 2 comps per year. I would like to explore moving these gymnasts away from 2 PC providing there are enough comps throughout the year. (Lisa Davis)
- I don't really have the options for bars & beam, it might be very difficult for me to persuade them to move up, but I also might struggle with the younger F & V gymnasts wanting to try the 3 & 4 PC comps. (Josette Cornish)
- You may need to look outside of Yorkshire to find additional 2PC competitions for them (Lisa Davis)
- Could we have an Open Category where they would compete against Adv+ winners of any age group? (Kirstie Whittles)
- Would this be a 2PC open? We could explore this further. (Lisa Davis)
- We have the flow chart showing the available pathways as a visual. Ideally, they start out at 2PC and progress to 3/4 PC, then to Novice, Novice+, Crystal & then Diamond. This covers a wide range of needs across the region but it not set in stone, it's the possibilities of what is available. It also directs you to other sections, e.g. WA Pewter if you think that might be appropriate for your gymnasts. (Lisa Davis)
- These are good, valid points that work for us. Would there be the possibility to have teams comps for Novice etc? (Rick Brady)
- If the higher level comps generate enough interest to separate out there could be the potential to add in teams events alongside the individual. We may get to the point where we'd have the individual events in spring and teams in winter. (Lisa Davis)
- How do you feel about the pathway in general? (Lisa Davis)
- It will work well for us. Is there a similar pathway for boys? (Susan Shaw)
- We did have the beginning of a 6PC for boys but MA started an entry level boys comp so we backed off. I've spoken to MA but don't think we've heard anything back from them. I'll follow up with Vasiliki at the weekend. This is something to look at again next year for boys. I'll speak to Kate and ask her to liaise with Vasiliki directly. (Lisa Davis)
- We've had a bit of a nightmare year with one thing and another, but this will work well for us going forward. (Heather Clough)
- We're just getting back into the 2PC but the pathway looks good and will be a challenge for the more talented gymnasts. (Josette Cornish)
- I wanted to get this information out there as some clubs may not realise what competitions are available. We'll see what's well attended and what isn't. We're just dipping our toes in the water so to speak and will refine our competitions as we see what's needed.

Meeting Closed 11.53am