



Gymnastics
Western Australia

BRIEF NOTES – JUDGING CO-ORDINATOR’S MEETING held on the 24 October and 16 November 2007

Present: Jane Collins (AER), Karen Gillgallon / Karyn Murray (RG), Tracy Holmes (WAG), Robyn Kuhl (GWA), Ann Ranieri (AR), Pam Walker (TRP), Sam Williams (GWA).

Apologies: Debbs van Hagen (ACRO), Michael Williams (MAG)

These notes are a brief synopsis of both of the meetings and are intended to cover only the agreed actions only.

- RK updated the meeting on the agreed technical membership categories for Judges in 2008. It was noted that in 2008 the State Judge category would no longer exist. All membership for this category will be done via GA. In 2008 this will not be at an additional expense for these members – this will need to be reviewed by the Judging Co-ordinators at the July meeting 2008.
- Minimum Age requirements – were accepted as distributed by SW with one addition – U14 years Judging Club Levels / Op Spec / Regionals would also include Gym Challenge. SW to clarify further on the qualifications required for judging events.
- Introduction to Judging Course (Level 0) – would be sanctioned by GWA and run by the club. This must be run by an experienced coach / judge and would provide them with preparation for the Level One workbook.
- Payment for Judges – it was agreed that all Gymsports would pay their Judges in 2008 – this would be as per the levels;
 - Level 1 = \$7.00 per session
 - Level 2 = \$12.00 per session
 - Level 3 = \$14.00 per session
 - FIG & National = \$17.00 per session
- Payment for Judges – all Gymsports agreed to provide payment requests / forms on a tri-annual basis, at the end of Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4.
- Recognition & Retention – this issue was discussed at some length in relation to how do we keep our judges. Two areas that were discussed were;
 - DSR Green Shirt Award – it was agreed that GWA would look at the opportunity to pilot this award – TRP and WAG agreed that they would investigate the possibility within their gymsports. At the 16 November meeting WAG indicated that they did not think it was possible – the other gymsports are to investigate.

- Official of the Year Award – it was agreed in principle that this was a good idea, and a series of guidelines / criteria were agreed. The meeting accepted these and felt that they would like to implement this for 2007 Awards, even though it would be a 'tight' timeframe. SW to develop a form and distribute to the Gymsports. Judging Coordinators are responsible to distributing the forms and identifying the suitable applicants, endorsement is to be sought from the SMC prior to return of information to SW. Please return Award winners to SW before / by 7 January 2008.
- Fining of Judges (\$100 per session / per judge) – all Gymsports agreed to this principle, the GWA Technical Regulations to reflect the following;
 - All competition Entry Forms to nominate a Judge Liaison person and supply their contact details (email and telephone numbers) to GWA. Entry forms will not be accepted if this information is not provided.
 - After athlete & coach registrations are checked the OOW will be produced by the Sports Manager and then circulated to the Clubs, Judge Liaison person and Judging Event Co-ordinator.
 - Club Judging Liaison person to provide judges & their contact details for each session (within three days) to the Judging Event Co-ordinator using the following formulas for each session of the competition program;
 - MAG & WAG; 1-5 athletes (1 judge), 6-10 athletes (2 judges), 11-15 athletes (3 judges), 16+athletes (4 judges)
 - RG; 1-4 athletes (1 judge), 5-8 athletes (2 judges), 9-12 athletes (3 judges)
 - TRP, ACRO, AER, CHEER – a judge per club per session
 - Judging Event Co-ordinator to check the judges panel list for registered judges – all non-registered judges are to then be forwarded to GWA for checking – GWA to notify clubs and fine if necessary.
 - Judging Event Co-ordinator to email judges panels to clubs and judges with a copy to the GWA Sports Manager.
 - Judging Event Co-ordinator (in conjunction with Sports Manager) to check that judges turn up to the competition and provide non-attendance information to the GWA Office , whereby clubs will be fined.
 - Exemptions; will apply to New clubs and clubs competing in regional competitions.

Dates of 2008 Meetings:

31 January, 23 April, 23 July, 19 November.