

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

To be held at Port Hedland Youth & Family Centre Port Hedland
13th December 2008

Day 1 Saturday 13th December 2008

Commenced 10.10 am

Minutes taken by Rose Clark

1 Welcome:

Rose opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The importance to encourage parents to become involved to ensure the clubs and association remained strong and viable for the future and to look forward for succession planning was expressed.

Financial Reports were handed out, Annual Reports not quite finalised are to be printed and bound and will be posted to clubs and sponsors.

At this stage we do not have confirmed numbers of membership for the North West and have requested GWA to provide the figures.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our many attempts to try to organize either Video or telephone conferencing; however feedback from both current and previous members and associates was that this method of communication had been trialled in the past and proved to be disjointed and unsuccessful. We will try to plan our meetings around other events where members have already travelled to.

I wish to thank all the outgoing committee for their support and assistance in keeping the association running and to express acknowledgement and appreciation to a few people who have been totally dedicated to the association and the sport of gymnastics.

Firstly to Kaye Rundle who has been involved in gymnastics in the North West for many years and has been a strong committee member and community person, Kaye is stepping down from the Treasurers position which she has done an absolutely fantastic job of in the past, Kaye will finalise the books and present for auditing before hand over to the new Treasurer. Helen Westley who has been the best secretary I have had the pleasure to work with. Helen's attention to detail, driving of timelines, reminders and follow up's are what has kept the association on track and kept us moving forward. Amanda Clark, always there to help in all aspects, compiling OOW documents and keeping me informed on technical matters. Finally to Andrew McLaughlin, for being the great mentor that he was, no-one will ever be able to fill his shoes. Andrew was a unique and dedicated volunteer with a great passion for gymnastics, and we will ensure we do him proud in keeping the association running the best we can.

2 Attendance:

Hedland Gymnastic Club -

Rik Rowland, Kobe Rowland, Emily Rowland, Becky Poole, Chris Cottier, Linda Lynn, Marie Derschow, Sally Mellberg, Di Jenkins.

Karratha Gymnastic Club -

Rose Clark, Amanda Clark

Pearl Coast Gymnastic Club Broome -

Delegated Phone representative Krystal Cilia 0417 978 224 and Nicola 9192 8558

Wickham Gymnastic Club -

Newman Gymnastic Club -

Delegated Phone representative Michelle Porro 0417 504 721

Exmouth Gymnastic Club –

Gascoyne Gymnastic Club –

Delegated Phone representative Michelle Brusnick 9941 4832

Tom Price Gymnastic Club –

Kununurra Gymnastic Club

Delegated Phone representative Steffi Eppler 0429 168 161

3 Apologies:

Karratha Gymnastic Club – Janet Nicholson, Helen Westley

Wickham Gymnastic Club – Kaye Rundle

4 Message to the North West Gymnastic Community

5 Minutes from previous AGM meeting:

Minutes from previous AGM, 17th & 18th November 2007, are a true and fair record of events:

Moved: Rik Rowlands

Seconded: Amanda Clark

6 Reports:

6.1 Vice Chairpersons Report

The association has had a difficult last half of 2008 with the tragic loss of Andrew McLaughlin, yet I am proud to say that in the true North West spirit we have risen to the challenge to keep the association going and honour Andrew's dedication and commitment to the sport of gymnastics.

The NWRGA has delivered four major events throughout the year, this is only achievable through the dedication of the committee members, club support and the support of GWA. I think we are all very aware that volunteer time is shrinking for a variety of reasons and we need to encourage club members to get behind the association and encourage parents to be involved to ensure the clubs and association remain strong and viable for the future and undertake succession planning.

I personally support Andrew's stance in that we **MUST** have nominations for a full committee to be able to run efficiently.

Outcomes achieved in 2008 include:-

1. Coach's education.
2. Training clinics for gymnasts.
3. Coach's updating workshops.
4. RTD Clinics for both Coach & Gymnasts
5. General gymnastics clinics.
6. Club 10 Workshops
7. Competition exposure – Regional Championships held in Karratha.
8. Regional badge testing held in Karratha, Hedland, Broome and Newman.
9. Regional Optional Spectacular Championships in Broome.
10. Gymnasts also compete at State Optional Spectacular Championships and State Championships
11. North West Judges, Judge at State Championships
12. North West Members did Floor Managing Assistants at State Championships
13. North West Members attended meeting with DSR & GWA in Perth.

RTD Coaching Scholarship recipients Amanda Clark & Krystal Cilia both took their RTD Gymnasts to the State Championships and expanded on their Judging exposure by Judging at the State Championships. Both Amanda & Krystal attended WAIS and worked with the coaches to broaden their skills, which they both reported was an invaluable experience.

At this AGM we thank and say goodbye to Kaye Rundle who has decided it is her time to retire from gymnastics. The treasures role is a busy one keeping us on track financially within our budget. It also entails making sure that we receive all our income and that our accounts are paid. We again received funding from DSR to help clubs attend major regional events, Kaye in her diligent manner had done all the calculations so these cheques could be presented to the clubs at the Broome Competition. Thank you Kaye for carrying out this job with distinction and I wish you all the best for your future ventures.

I sincerely thank GWA for their extended support particularly in the second half of 2008 and to Helen Westley and Amanda Clark who stepped up to the mark to ensure we could put together the last event of the year without Andrew, to Alida Scott who came up from Perth to Manage the event and guide our new Floor Managers. I think we all did Andrew proud. Thank you also to Ben Lewis of Karratha Club who has been an immense support and a most willing helper and to the Executive Committee as a whole for taking on their roles and being committed and passionate toward the sport of gymnastics and building for the future. We must not forget our families who I sincerely thank for their support throughout the year.

We should all feel proud of our achievements. Please take the time to read the Annual Report, which will be mailed out to clubs in the near future. We thank you all for your understanding and support during 2008. We also thank you for being part of the success of the North West Regional Gymnastic Association Inc.

In closing I would like to again thank Gymnastics WA, along with the board members and the wider gymnastic community. I would like to thank the Government and our Regional Departments of Sport along with our major sponsors BHP Billiton. We look forward to their continued support.

Rose Clark
Vice Chairperson
North West Regional Gymnastic Association Inc.

6.2 Treasurers Report (to be mailed)

**7 Stand down of Committee:
Stand down of committee and election of office bearers and committee for 2008.**

Chairperson:

Nomination: Rose Clark Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Amanda Clark

Vice Chairperson:

Nomination: Helen Westley Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Rose Clark

Treasurer:

Nomination: Rik Rowlands Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Rose Clark

Secretary:

Nomination: Rachael Page Accepted Nomination - Yes
Seconded By: Becky Poole

parents and explain reasons this will be introduced. Add to the Events/Competition check list that Photo Permission Forms to be received and also add to the announcers sheet template.

Recommendation:

The NW includes a photo permission slip (GWA) specific to NWRGA event entry packages.

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Amanda Clark

Seconded: Becky Poole

For: All

Against: Nil

Action: Helen Westley

8.6 Congress Training Course Content – (Rose Clark)

Lock in final requirements for presentation to GWA, to determine what can be accommodated and program set. Requested to date as follows:-

- General Principles
- MAG, WAG & KG Day 2
- MAG & WAG Judging
- Floor Managing
- Scoring – scoremaster
- Iprimus – GWA database
- Attracting & Retaining Coaches & Volunteers
- Salto Bridging Workshop
- General workshop for obtaining updating points in MAG, WAG & KG (Need more details of specifically what content is required for these workshops)

Present listing to GWA to work through what is achievable to be presented at Congress.

Action: Rose Clark

8.7 GWA Web Site – (Rose Clark)

Highly advise clubs to regularly check the Web site for minutes, tech regs etc to keep abreast with any proposed changes and / or Tech Reg changes. Particularly at this point in time, with likely changes to WAG.

8.8 Technical ID Tags – (Rose Clark)

As per Tech Regs Technical ID Tags must be worn by Coaches & Officials at all competitions.

Agreed that TI Tags must be worn by all Coaches & Officials at NW Events. Tags to be worn by ALL official delegates on the competition floor. To be included to events entry form, also to be recorded that Coaches in Training must be recorded as such.

Action: Helen Westley

8.9 Gymnast Membership Cards – (Rose Clark)

GWA advise that gymnasts must have their membership card with them for all events ran by GWA.

8.10 Broome Competition Renaming – (Rose Clark)

Consider name change due to probability of 'Optional Spectacular' being phased out.

Suggestion of 'North West Invitational'.

Recommendation:

Competition be renamed "North West Invitational Gymnastic Championships"

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Di Jenkins

Seconded: Becky Poole

For: All

Against: Nil

At the briefing meetings there was discussion on what the Perpetual Trophy would represent with the McLaughlin family having been consulted. This was narrowed down to two awards:

- 1) A gymnast that displayed true sportsmanship, always tried their best but not necessarily winning their events
- 2) A volunteer that gives their time and commitment, demonstrating a selfless passion for the sport of gymnastics.

It was voted on by those present that the award would be in honour of a volunteer. This then poses the question on what criteria is a selection made and who determines the recipient.

Recommendation 1:

That each club have the opportunity of nominating members they believe are deserving of the award by submitting a written recommendation stating why their nominee is an outstanding volunteer to gymnastics in the North West.

Nominations are forwarded to an external body such as GWA where recommendations will be reviewed and recipient selected.

GWA to be consulted on the process and who to include in the review panel. Panel could consist of GWA Director, DSR Representative.

The award will be presented at the NW Regional Championships closing ceremony.

Recommendation 2:

A set of guidelines be drawn up listing the criteria and desired attributes of the person being nominated for the award to create a "Nomination Form".

Action: Rachael Page

Recommendation 3:

That GWA be consulted in regards to the selection of recipient:

Action: Rose Clark

Recommendation 4:

The Trophy be presented by the Official nominated to open the ceremony at the Broome Competition and 2009 be the first awarding of the Trophy.

Recommendation 5:

The Trophy be named "Andrew McLaughlin Perpetual Trophy – In recognition of outstanding dedication to Gymnastics".

Recommendation 5:

A Trophy be sourced and purchased.

Action: Rebecca Brady

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Di Jenkins

Seconded: Becky Poole

For: All

Against: Nil

8.12 Competition Entries – (Rose Clark)

Ongoing issues have been experienced that create an enormous amount of rework and puts pressure on the volunteers in meeting GWA deadlines and getting the OOW out in a timely manner. Issues include, entries being late (past definitive closing date – if didn't accept the late entries for Broome, then there would have been only one club competing at those Championships), dates not in correct format, not listed in required order of oldest to youngest within each level, clubs changing the entry forms, incorrect DOB, incorrect levels entered, returned to incorrect emails, not fully completed, GA numbers missing etc. This is demonstrating issues with Time Management which all clubs need to address internally to be able to meet the required deadlines. Also need to review and fine tune the competition entry forms.

The following suggestions and recommendations are put forward:

- Recommend that we only have one closing date and this is 6 weeks out from the event, with closing date being a Monday. GWA requires the information minimum of 4 weeks prior to the event. This will allow time to compile entries, make any corrections necessary and LOCK IN PLACE prior to submitting to GWA.
- Recommend that the \$100.00 late entry fee is deleted, this proved to be an ineffective method of encouraging clubs to submit entries on time and the fee was rarely applied as this would mean club entries would have the late entry fee applied to each gymnast.

- Late Entry Fee's - Monday & Tuesday accepted, Wednesday \$15.00 late entry fee per gymnast. After this NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
For those clubs that submit entries with Judges, Coaches & Gymnasts that are not registered on the GA database or have supplied incorrect details, these clubs will be charged a \$50.00 Admin Fee and will be given 3 working days notice in which to remedy this matter. Thereafter the Athlete, Judge or Coach will be deemed ineligible to compete, judge or coach at the competition.
- Withdrawal of Athlete from a competition after closing date. No refunds will be given unless supported by a Doctors Certificate. If the souvenir shirt is still required the entry refund will be less the charge for the T-Shirt.

Recommendation:	
1. For NWRGA competitions to have one closing date six weeks prior to the event. The closing date is to be on a Monday.	
2. Remove the current penalty of \$100.00 for late entry..	
3. Late Entry fee of \$15.00 per gymnast to be applied to all late entries received on the Wednesday of closing week No entries to be received after this day.	
4. Administration fee of \$50.00 to be introduced for non registered gymnasts, coaches and judges and provision of incorrect details for the afore mentioned.	
5. Refunds will only be given following sighting of a Doctors certificate.	
Proposed: Rose Clark	
Moved: Rik Rowlands	Seconded: Kobe Rowlands
For: All	Against: Nil

8.13 Fee Structure – Develop and set a Fee Structure for 2009 (Rose Clark)

Suggested fee structure for 2009:

EVENT	FEE
Badge Test MAG National Levels & WAG 4 and above (Of this \$45.00 NWRGA needs to submit \$30.00 to GWA)	\$45.00
Competition Entry Fee included Souvenir T-Shirt and Gift Participation Medal and Certificate	\$80.00
Clinics – Gymnast	\$20.00
Coach Workshops	
▪ Accreditation Course Day 1	\$130.00
▪ Accreditation Course 2 Days	\$200.00
▪ Workshop - Per Session	\$30.00
▪ Full Day	\$100.00
Souvenir T-Shirts	\$30.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$15.00
Dinner Functions	\$25.00

Discussions on new fee structure.

Although big increases the costs are still heavily subsidized by the NWRGA, the true cost for Badge Testing for 2008 was \$90.00/gymnast. Competition cost per gymnast was \$160.00. For clubs to understand the increase it is requested that the true costs be communicated to them. Trial for 2009 to extend the Briefing session to be the Officials Dinner inviting Perth delegates, NWRGA Committee, Floor Managers, Scorers and participating Coaches – funded by NWRGA. Dinner Function to be on the Sunday Night as a Family Function and to be self funded with the NWRGA only paying for Perth Delegates. The NWRGA will consider funding applications for clubs hosting the Sunday Night Dinner. Events Fee structure approved with one addition Clinics – Gymnast late entry Fee (subject to placement availability) \$40.00.

Recommendation:	
The NWGA the above fees	
Proposed: Rose Clark	
Moved: Rik Rowlands	Seconded: Becky Poole
For: All	
Against: Nil	

8.14.1. Equipment Competitions – (Rose Clark)

Equipment requirements for the running of a competition is to be compiled, including the matting for each apparatus for each level. A check list to ensure all equipment is available for competition is also to be compiled.

Additionally the Competition equipment listing is to be completed by Congress and implemented for 2009 competitions.

Action: Amanda Clark.

8.14.2 To encourage clubs to ensure they have active delegates as members of the NWRGA a set of rules to be drafted for hosting of events, to include the requirement that the hosting clubs must have an active delegate as a NWRGA Committee Member to be implemented in 2010.

Action: Amanda Clark.

Recommendation:

As of 2010, clubs hosting a NW event must have an active delegate on the NWRGA

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Becky Poole

Seconded: Marie Derschow

For: All

Against: Nil

8.14 Music Assistant – (Rose Clark)

Recommendation:

The NWRGA at competition has one dedicated music assistant to work in conjunction with the announcer.

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Marie Derschow

Seconded: Amanda Clark

For: All

Against: Nil

8.15 Floor Music – (Rose Clark)

As per Technical Regulation Only one CD with one track on the CD per gymnast clearly marked with Gymnast Name Level and Club. If same music for all in a specific level then the CD be marked as such. The CD writeable not rewriteable and a spare CD must be readily available in the event of technical difficulties.

8.16 Age Grouping – (Rose Clark)

There have been numerous issues with age grouping in the past. GWA Tech Regs state age grouping not actioned until 30 in a group. By general discussion with Perth Metro and NW Clubs this is viewed as too big, not enough awards. NW however have too many awards and is very costly and gives little meaning to the award. We already have a large participation component with Souvenir T-Shirt & Gift, Participation Medallion & Certificate. Awards need to be earned from efforts, not everyone is a winner. Need to concentrate and encourage sportsmanship, it's about doing your best and being proud of your achievements whatever they are. Acknowledge others achievements – encourage support from parents & clubs. Recommendation:

1) Age grouping is sorted by DOB oldest to youngest with even group splitting. No age grouping until 16 gymnasts in a level (note as large numbers in lower levels extremely unlikely that there would be no grouping applied), then split 8/8.

Entries	< 15	no groups
	= 16	2 groups
	< 30	2 groups
	= 31	3 groups
	< 45	3 groups
	= 46	4 groups

Example	15 entries	1 group of 15
	16 entries	2 groups of 8

18 entries	2 groups of 9
23 entries	2 groups of 11 & 12
24 entries	2 groups of 12
31 entries	3 groups of 10, 10 & 11
36 entries	3 groups of 12
45 entries	3 groups of 15
47 entries	4 groups of 11, 11 12 & 12

2) Deletion of NW age ruling, level determined by gymnast skill and badge testing status. Delete reference to A&B Division (NOT NDP – only the NW Rule) divisions for upgrading.

Recommendation:

- 1) The NWRGA adopts the above age groupings
- 2) The NW age ruling is deleted
- 3) Adopt in principle subject to getting finalised details on age groupings from GWA and listed to be brought forward to the agenda at Congress Meeting

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Rik Rowlands

Seconded: Amanda Clark

For: All

Against: Nil

8.17 Sound System – (Rose Clark)

Recommendation:

NWRGA to purchase a PA Sound System when financially viable to do so. Seek out grant applications to accommodate.

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Marie Derschow

Seconded: Rik Rowlands

For: All

Against: Nil

8.18 Competition Attire – (Amanda Clark)

Throughout 2008 issued have arisen in inconsistencies in gymnasts attire with uniforms varying from the Technical Regulations – Suggest clubs review their uniforms to ensure they comply with the Technical Regulations as follows as at 08/11/2008.

MAG:- All gymnasts are required to compete in matching uniform, longs are to be worn on rings, pommel, P-Bars High Bar. Shorts for vault and floor only. Level 3 and above are required to wear longs. Socks or gym shoes must be worn with longs and gym shoes are optional with shorts. Club level gymnasts will be able to wear shorts and T shirts. Clubs should note that dark coloured longs .g. Black and Navy Blue are not Permitted.

WAG: Must wear a correct sportive non transparent leotard, neck line of front and back must be proper, that is no further than half of the sternum and no further than the lower line of the shoulder blades. Leotards may be with or without sleeves, shoulder strap width must be minimum 2cm, leg cut of the leotard must not extend beyond the hip bone. Leotard must be identical for members of the same team in team competitions. No jewellery except small stud type pierced ear rings. Any body bandages must be skin colour firmly fastened in good repair and should not detract from the aesthetics of the performance.

COACHES: A coach must be appropriately dressed in club tracksuit or uniform, respectable shorts in keeping with club colours are allowed, Coaches must wear sport shoes, no bike shorts, singlet's or crop tops are permitted, Incorrect attire will result in the coach being asked to leave the floor. Coaches on competition floor must be currently registered and accredited with GWA and may be asked to produce their Tech Membership card at any time, not registered coaches are not permitted on the competition floor, unregistered coaches will be required to leave the competition floor, if there is no replacement coach gymnasts will also be required to leave the event.

Kununurra to be contacted to clarify MG matters.

Action: Amanda Clark

8.19 Policy – Financial Assistance for NWRGA Executive Committee – (Rose Clark)

Aim: To provide Financial Assistance to Executive Committee members to ensure they are not financially disadvantaged in carrying out their voluntary role.

Application forms are to be completed and submitted for approval by the Committee. Reimbursements are to be claimed on official NWRGA claim form supported by Tax Invoice/Receipts.

Reimbursement is for Accommodation, Travel (Fuel, Airfares, Hire Car, Taxi etc) Course Fee's.

Reimbursement is only applicable for official duties in the capacity of position on the NWRGA Committee.

When travelling to events/conferences as a NW Representative, such as Perth Conference, AGM, meetings or other required events, 100% reimbursement will be given. When travelling to competitions and engaged in official functions for the duration of the competition such as Floor Managing or as Event Coordinator, 100% reimbursement. If only in partial official capacity % reimbursement based on sessions acting in official capacity and Floor Manager Events Coordinator.

Recommendation:

The NWRGA adopts the above policy, to take effect as from January 1st 2009.

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against

In Principle agreement from those present, to be deferred until the meeting at Congress. Policy needs to be re-worded to set clear criteria and guidelines. Action: Rachael Page

9. Planning & Budget:

Calendar Dates/Venues 2009

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	VENUE
January	17 -19	Perth Conference	Perth	Loftus Centre
February	Reminder All Clubs to submit Insurance monies to GWA to be eligible to participate in any GWA Events. All Coaches/Judges to have paid their Technical Membership to GA prior to commencing any club functions.			
March	28/02 – 02/03	Congress	?	KEC
	02	NWRGA Committee Meeting		
May	30 – 31	Badge Testing		
June	01	NWRGA Committee Meeting	Karratha	KEC Meeting Room
July	4 – 5	Regional's	Newman	
	06	NWRGA Committee Meeting including 2010 Calendar of Events		
October	3 – 4th	Broome Competition	Broome	BSHS
	5th	NWRGA Committee Meeting		
October	5 – 6th	Clinics -TBC	Broome	BSHS
October	5th pm	AGM Day 1	Broome	
March 2010	3rd	AGM Day 2	Perth – Congress TBC	

9.1 NWRGA Committee Meeting with GWA Tuesday 20th January – main topic Congress lock in program and presenters, Lock in Badge Testing schedule and can we get someone L2 with MG & WG.

*Newman 23rd May??
Does Gascoyne or Exmouth need Badge Testing??
Congress location = Karratha
Badge Testing 30-31 May Karratha, Hedland & Broome.
Badge Testing 23rd May Newman TBC
Badge Testing Gascoyne & Exmouth TBC
Regionals – Newman (Subject to meeting competition checklist requirements and active participation in pre planning and meeting attendance.)
North West Invitational 3rd & 4th October
AGM Day 1 Monday evening 5th October
AGM Day 2 at Congress Monday 3rd March*

10 General Business:

10.1 Karratha Facility Development – It is getting closer to the time that finalised plans will be adopted for the future facilities development in Karratha. The facility made available will have a huge impact on the ability for growth of gymnastics in Karratha and the ability to host regional events. As such Karratha again are requesting that the NWRGA support Karratha in becoming the regional centre.

Recommendation:

That in principle support for Karratha to become the Regional Centre be granted, subject to the facilities being of a suitable standard to host Regional events and to be review.

Proposed: Rose Clark

Moved: Rik Rowlands

Seconded: Becky Poole

For: All present

Against : Michelle Porro Newman – Via telephone

Matter deferred to next NWRGA meeting

10.2 Obtain feedback from DSR on future of North West Games.

Action: Rose Clark

10.3 At competitions, North West to investigate opportunities to have a Trophy Engraver offered to be on site and a Gymnastics merchandise stand –leotards, grips, accessories etc. Preference is for Local Businesses.

Action: Rebecca Brady

10.4 Need more volunteer involvement at competitions, possibility of developing an encouragement system of point scoring, need to educate Club Members/parents to be involved – to be referred back to Tegan for further development of program.

Action Rachel Page.

10.5 Look into Coach Development opportunities, assistance and grant availability. Refer to Skywest for sponsorship on air travel. Grants – Our Community.

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 4:43pm

Next Meeting Perth Tuesday 20th January TBC

NWRGA Report

1. Constitution – The Green Bill and Legislative Changes

At this stage, the new act has not been passed in parliament. The following is an extract from the “Inc. A Guide for Associations” website.

http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/associationsguide/Content/01_Introduction/1.3_Review_of_the_Act.htm

More information and a guide for clubs can be found on the Inc. Website.

“In November 2006, the Government of Western Australia released a draft revision of its associations legislation for public comment. A large number of submissions were received and these will ultimately help shape the detail of the new legislation.

To the extent possible, this edition of the guide integrates both the requirements of the current Act, as well as some of the provisions proposed for the revised legislation. This occurs in two ways:

In many cases, there are no significant changes proposed to the current provisions. Where these provisions are discussed in this guide, the specific section reference (or number) has been removed so that there is no possibility of confusion with those same provisions (but with different numbers) proposed in the new legislation.

There are also a number of new provisions proposed which, if passed by Parliament, will introduce some changes to the way associations are managed. Where they are judged to be significant, these proposals have been separately highlighted within the appropriate chapter, using the symbol shown below.



*The intention is to draw these **possible** changes to the attention of current associations and their members. Please note that these provisions will **not necessarily** become part of any new legislation, and must be considered in that context.*

For the avoidance of doubt, the legislation presently regulating incorporated associations in Western Australia is the Associations Incorporation Act 1987. You can download a copy of the Act from the [State Law Publisher's](#) website”

The Green Bill

The Green Bill is draft legislation that provides details about proposed changes to the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*. It is not the Government's final position, but reflects earlier consultation with local associations, similar acts in other States and Territories, problems that have emerged in administering the Act and changing community expectations of associations. The comments collected will help change the law affecting incorporated associations.

Information on the Green Bill can be found on;

2. WAG Changes for 2009 (Please note: As of Jan 2009, WAG will be called Women's Gymnastics - WG)

- The name of Optional Spectacular will be replaced by that of "Club Levels"
- Apparatus for Club Levels Competition # 1 Vault/Beam & Tramp
- Apparatus for Club Levels Competition # 2 Bars/Floor & Tramp
- Apparatus for Club Levels State Championships Vault/Bars/Beam & Floor no Tramp at this event
- Age Groups for 2009. All Streams will be split into Junior/Intermediate/Senior with specific ages associated with each level. In higher levels where numbers are less, the groups will be split into Junior and Senior until there is sufficient numbers to split the numbers further.
- NDP C Division routines will be included into Club Levels for Levels 1 - 3.
- NDP C will also remain with NDP B in the competition frame work for 2009. This will be reviewed for 2010.
- NDP B and NDP C division will have to do 4 routines at the corresponding level, i.e. 2B = 4 x '6' A score routines.
- NDP A no longer exists and has been replaced by Gymnastics' Australia's International Development Program "IDP". This new program will be introduced to clubs in a workshop being held on 27 January 2009 at WAIS at 1830 and I encourage everyone to put this date in their diary. Further information will be provided in the GWA Latest News.
- State Level 8 – 10 has been removed from the competitive program for 2009

3. Badge Testing Changes for 2009

For the North West

1. Badge Testing is conducted in the designated North West Region Badge Testing Week.
2. Clubs are to complete the MAG / WAG Badge Test Record Form after the completion of the Badge Test and send the form with payment to GWA within a week of holding the Badge Test.
3. Payment for badges must be included with the submission of the form.
4. Clubs must ensure all athletes, coaches etc are registered prior to event.

5. GWA will only present badges to athletes that are registered prior to the Badge Testing Events.

Badge Testing is only required for the following divisions

WG (formally WAG)

- NDP Level 1 – 3 B and C division
- State Level 4 – 6
- National Level 4 – 10
- IDP Level 1 – 10 (International Development Program) In 2009, this testing is being held at WAIS only.

MG (formally MAG)

- National Levels Program 1 – 10

Club Levels Program (formally Op Spec)

- All athletes that only compete in the Club Levels Program do not have to badge test.

4. Legal Status regarding Affiliation

- Currently the North West Regional Association are not affiliated with GWA and are not covered legally when the North West conducts events, courses, congress or workshops. The North West is also not covered to play music etc under the APRA agreement.
- In GWA's new Statement of Purpose and Rules, the North West Association will be a Supporter Member of GWA.
- A Support Member is
 - An individual or group of persons recognised as supporting the vision, mission, goals and objectives of the sport will, upon Registration with the Association, automatically become a Supporter Member of Gymnastics Western Australia and Gymnastics Australia and is subject to the provisions of these rules.
 - A Supporter Member has no voting rights.

- Supporter Members include Regional Associations and HPC supporter groups; and
- High Performance Management and High Performance supporter groups.
- Each Supporter Member is entitled to any benefits of Membership prescribed to apply to In-School Provider Members in the GWA Regulations

5. Planning

It is extremely important to plan ahead for all competitions and educational events for the following reasons:

Competitions

- All events can be printed on the GWA calendar.
- To make sure there are no events running in Perth on the weekend that will clash with the North West competition.
- Booking of judges can be completed early. This is extremely important if you want to run clinics after the competitions. GWA can help assist you with finding judges that are also coaches and are suitable to travel up to the North West.
- Ample time is given to the GWA office to check of registrations of athletes and coaches.
- Allows clubs from Perth, South West and the GSCS to plan to be part of your events.
- GWA staff will have the time to offer a professional service.

Education Course and Workshops

- GWA has a very limited amount of presenters and it is important that the Services and Development Area have ample time to book in presenters at least three months prior to an educational workshop commences.
- All workshops and courses must be sanctioned with Gymnastics Australia at least a month prior to the event happening. Not only does GA look at the topics, they also check to see if there are qualified presenters conducting the workshops.
- With advanced planning, GWA will also know what resources the North West require and have a change to order more resources when required.



- When running the congress, courses or workshops, It is important the GWA have all information on candidates, so the information can be put onto the GA database for updating, members in training etc. This is extremely important so the Education Officer can follow up with candidates on their accreditation or other matters.