

National SMC Update



Gymnastics Australia
Women's Artistic Gymnastics

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Keeping States Up-To-Date with the Latest National SMC Decisions

- **State Communication**

Reminder to State SMC's that should they have any items they want raised at National SMC meetings to make contact with the National SMC member who has been allocated to your State for direct communication.

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- **Judging Course Procedures**

Presenters running judges courses in their States, please ensure you have received the most up-to-date course information from your State Education Coordinator in your State Office. Courses will no longer be sent to State Judging Coordinators, ensuring the most recent information is always available through your State Office.

- **National Program Questions and Answers**

A "Questions and Answers" page will again shortly be placed on the WAG website. Any questions or clarifications regarding the WAG National Program should be directed to Jill Wright (National Judging Coordinator) – jwright@gymnastics.org.au

- **National Levels International Challenge**

The National Levels International Challenge is being held in conjunction with the Western Australian State Championships this week end (8/9 September).

Full teams from New Zealand, Japan and Australia will participate in National Levels 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Helen Colagiuri will be the GA representative in attendance at the event.

The National SMC wishes all athletes and officials the best of luck for a successful and enjoyable event.

- **National Levels Pass Marks**

Much discussion has taken place on the National Levels Pass Marks.

Thank you to the States who forwarded feedback and suggestions, this has all been taken into consideration.

The National SMC has drafted Pass Marks for National Levels 4 – 10 and will finalise and distribute following the National Club Championships

- **WAG High Performance Structure Review**

Information has been distributed via the Latest News and also sent directly to State Associations regarding the ASC WAG HP Structure Review.

As a result of discussions during the Beijing Athlete Program operational meetings conducted between the Australian Sports Commission, Gymnastics Australia and representatives of the High Performance stakeholders, the ASC in conjunction with Gymnastics Australia has agreed to conduct a review of the High Performance Structure of Women's Artistic Gymnastics in Australia.

The overall objective will be to independently review the structure of WAG with the aim of developing recommendations for an enhanced national pathway with optimal use of resources and maximisation of opportunities for female gymnasts in Australia to achieve international success.

The review will be conducted by Jackie Fairweather, Senior Sports Consultant for High Performance Improvement, from the Innovation and Best Practice Section of Sport Performance and Development

The process of the review will involve collection and analysis of information pertaining to the current WAG pathway structure as well as wide consultation of industry stakeholders and interested parties. State and program visits, where face to face interviews will be conducted, will occur during the period late September through October.

This is an exciting opportunity for Gymnastics Australia to closely examine the WAG structure and high performance pathways, with a view to further improving the development opportunities for our athletes and our sport nationally.