

Trampoline Forum – 03.06.24

Welsh Gymnastics Staff in Attendance:

- Holly Broad (Executive Director of Performance)
Siwan Davies – chair – (Executive Director of Development)
Lisa O'Connell (Executive Director of Safeguarding)
India Marshall – (Education and Training Officer)
Kyarna Weed – (Development Officer)

Previous actions

- Collaboration with schools and leisure has commenced – any further interest or known schools/leisure centres who would be interested please pass details to development@welshgymnastics.org.
- Further communication – Clubmail is being circulated bimonthly (clubs need to opt into this). The next Clubmail is highlighting all Welsh Gymnastics staff as there are lots of new faces.
- We have a new member of staff to manage our social media and website so you will see more advertisement and celebrations online.
- Expressions of interest for community coach sent to community.

Performance Updates

- 1st squad session was last month and the feedback has been very positive. Would like to thank everyone who attended and who provided feedback. If you still have feedback to share it is never too late to do so and we appreciate any information that we can use to improve these sessions.
- WG are sending delegations to Scalabis Cup in July. First time in five years that Welsh Gymnastics have sent a delegation to an international.
- There is an opportunity to attend the Home Nations Competition in Scotland (November), depending on the directives received.
- Sport Wales Capital grant application has been submitted. If we are successful, we will be purchasing 4 new trampolines to be housed at Sport Wales and Cardiff Metropolitan University.
- Although we are excited with WG vision and plans we will still be aligning with the home nations and there will be lots of collaborative work in the future; we are all keen for the future projects.

Q - Is the plan to send a Welsh delegation to the David Ward-Hunt Cup in November?

- It is something to be discussed at the Technical Panel. This will largely depend on the directives of the Scottish Home Nations competition.

Education Updates

- Introductions made to India Marshall – Education and Training Officer.
- Trampoline instructor course will be shared soon for consultation – syllabus will be shared with the community for feedback.
- Teachers trampolining course is now up and running – again feedback is very important to us.
- School competitions – Abi and India continue to gather interest. The 1st cohort were those who had reached out and shown interest. We are now looking at part 2 and a refresher course. Any schools that are interested to contact India. We are always looking for further participation – any schools, teachers etc. who are interested please let us know.

Q – Is there any scope for performance clinics?

Many in attendance appeared keen for this initiative – will be considered by performance team.

- WG are trying to get level 3 coach training back and in discussions about 4 and 5. We want Welsh development and this is something we're trying to facilitate.

Q – There sounds like there is a plan to bring more gymnasts/coaches to the discipline but will this be mirrored with judges?

This is being explored in line with the new Olympic cycle but yes Welsh Gymnastics are very eager to on board more judges. As soon as we have the courses we will inform the community.

Q – We don't need more courses to get more judges but we do need more encouragement, shadowing opportunities, kids as helpers, parents sitting on panel etc. prior to the course. Will this be made available?

Consideration for education and training.

Q – intro to judging course – BG – has nothing to do with trampolining.

Agreed that courses need to be refined to incorporate trampolining.

Joanna happy to work with Anne on sessions.

Q – Venue shortage – level 4/5 – unless Sport Wales sorts it don't believe there are venues in Wales to hold these.

Will explore possible venue options.

- WG are looking at provisions around clubs developing trampolining as a discipline or developing new clubs.
- Auditing what equipment is already in our communities and grants to either service, repair or invest in new. If you are aware of any kit available please contact the development team.

Q – Can we inform you of items for sale (yes) – Aimee has 4 trampolines for sale.

- Plans are underway to utilise the attention of the Olympics to gain further interest in trampolining. This will hopefully include taster sessions and then advertisement at these events for clubs in the community to continue sport.

Q – do we have enough tutors?

Always looking for more and if anyone is interested, please contact the education and training team. We encourage anyone at anytime to express their interest.

Q – during your taster session please can we have judges and other roles available to answer questions and promote those roles?

Performance team to explore.

Q – Do we need to upgrade to BG membership to enter competitions?

No, BG and WG are the same; WG is the governing body in Wales and BG is the governing body in England. Our systems talk to one another so if you have BG membership you can enter WG comps/events and vice versa.

Q – as the commonwealth is linked to funding and now rhythmic is no longer (possibly) in the commonwealth games will we see a more even distribution of funds amongst the other disciplines?

WG want to be transparent about how our funding is distributed and this will be explored so details can be shared with the wider community.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Updates

Open environments – clubs will see changes between now and the next forum when our policy goes live in July. All clubs **MUST** have an open environment – this means that all training sessions/events/competitions etc are visible to parents/carers. If you have concerns about how your club will manage this please speak to our development team for support.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officers – SWO – (previously welfare officers) role has completed it's consultation period and is now live on our website. All clubs must adhere to the SWO role requirements. Although the consultation period has ended, we are always looking for feedback so please contact the safeguarding team with feedback or if you have any questions.

AOB

Q Inter-regionals - the community always find the competition schedule difficult, we just want to be able to get the children prepared and have enough time between the comps. It used to be in October which worked well but now it has been moved. It would be more beneficial if the competitions were brought forward to provide time for everything (many in agreement).

Q – very difficult and inconsistent to get responses from WG. Some clubs are not invited to training events and are not aware of information that other clubs have received. It is £100 for a gymnast to enter and then no communication.

Q – comps/events – need to know prior who the team manager and chaperone is.

Q – please can we have a way of seeing when a members DBS/training/quals etc. are not up to date on Sport80?

This is available now on the left-hand side 'action required' tab however we are changing this so that it is on your home page; will communicate when this change happens.

Q – what will be the frequency of trampoline forums?

Minimum twice yearly unless need identified for more. Next one is booked in for September. We will be inviting anyone with a role in trampolining e.g. a qualification/judge so hopefully we have more attending. We believe the more the merrier so please ask people to come along.

Q – can you remove the closing date for forum on Sport80 so people can add on last minute?

Siwan will explore with Sport 80.

Q – can we look at having forums after comp dates for word of mouth. Young people are not on Facebook so need to think about how we communicate forums to them as they would be very valuable at these forums. If there is awareness at comps young people will find out.

Will look at forum scheduling.

Actions

- Holly to provide presentation around squad next session.
- Holly to distribute squad details/info.
- Performance team to consider performance clinics.
- India to explore opportunities prior to courses - *encouragement, shadowing opportunities, kids as helpers, parents sitting on panel etc.*

- Performance team to consider appropriate venues for training/comps.
- Siwan to provide clarification on tutor requirements.
- Siwan to send comms to clarify WG/BG membership and how this works/does not affect our members.
- Lack of consistency and response from WG – Siwan to follow up report for monitoring.
- Performance team to explore roles that can attend taster sessions.
- Holly to explore funding comms.
- Performance to ensure that community are aware of information that needs to be shared prior to comps/events – e.g. need to know prior who the team manager and chaperone is.
- Events team to consider competition/events scheduling.
- Siwan to inform clubs when change to Sport80 role requirement page changes.
- Siwan to request close date for forum be removed from Sport80.
- India to look at forums taking place after comps.

Contacts

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How to report a concern?

[Reporting-A-Concern-FlowChart-WG.pdf \(welshgymnastics.org\)](#)

wg.vissro.com/public/wgcase.nsf/safeguarding-report