

GISGA AGM 2008 MINUTES

10am 18th May
Maltman's Green School, Gerrards Cross

1. Chairman's Welcome
Welcome everyone.

2. Present.

Gordon Finch- BSN
Stephanie Grugeon-Stormont, Queenswood
Stephanie Carter- St Catherine's
Mags Waters- LEH
Maureen Hayes-Putney
Tara Oxley-Guildford High
Libby Craig- Chair
Marion Charafeddine- Judge's convenor, RMS
Nikki Towner- Vinehall
Dorothy Woollard- BSB
Anna Deacon- St Alban's
Michelle Torpey-Tormead
Natalie Davies-Holmewood House
Vikki Cook- Holmewood House
June Walden- Castle House
Laura Timmins-Maltman's Green
Trudy Smith- Stamford
Stella Taylor- North London Collegiate
Linda McNally- St Mary's Hampstead
Sue Jenkins- Wycombe

3. Apologies For Absence

Katrina Venner- Edghill
Christine Still- Wrekin
All Staff at Port Regis
Sarah Portsmouth- Stormont
Kate Smithard-RMS
Amanda French-Edgborough
Emily Burnam-Habs
Jo Nordan- Blue Coat
Sam Athawes-Godolphin and Latymer
Joe Village- Wycombe Abbey

4. Approval of 2007 minutes

Libby approved minutes subject to changes as listed below.

5. Matters arising from 2007 minutes

A. Gordon mentioned that we suggested a BISGA meeting right after the GISGA meeting but nothing had come of this suggestion. We left the meeting with no further discussion about this point so therefore this is an unresolved issue.

B. Resolution of Questions...

June said there were un resolved questions in the minutes and set about resolving them:

1. Can we make up our own elements? for strength, flex and balance: Decision: NO- all elements must come from the list

2..Round off-cartwheel- question regarding to Set Floor

If you do a round off in wrong place (ie where the cartwheel should go) should you do a cartwhel later on in Set Floor?

The answer was NO as this would incur double deductions. One mistake should not be counteracted by another mistake.

3. There is a mistake regarding the schools that kindly donated replacement trophies this year. Please accept apologies for last year's mistake. Castle House gave a trophy and so did Tormead but NOT Battle Abbey.

6. Election of Officers

- Judge's Convenor

Huge appreciation for Vicky who has offered to take over the job of judge's convenor for a few years and gigantic thanks to Marion who has been doing the job so tirelessly and brilliantly for the last 8 years. The name and address for Judge's convenor will need to change on the headed notepaper and the website.

- Director of Development

Change Natalie's surname on website Natalie will continue to work on development and will organise a training day regarding rules and interpretations for Judges and coaches, possibly on the afternoon of 15th November before IAPS.

- Chairperson

Libby was happy to continue as Chair but pointed out that she would be also Vice Chairman of IAPS in the coming year.

- Technical Director

June Walden thanked Libby, Marion and Linda for their strong and positive leadership for the Association. June is happy to continue as Technical director.

- Senior Schools' Rep.

Sue Jenkins carrying on as Senior Schools rep.

- Secretary and IAPS Rep.

Linda McNally is continuing as Secretary and IAPS rep.

- Treasurer

Stuart is carrying on as Treasurer. He was thanked in his absence for his hard work for the association.

- Trophy Secretary

Verity will continue as Trophy secretary but Trophies for U9 should be organised by U9 competition organisers.

7. Treasurer's Report

See attached balance sheet

Stuart sent his apologies but was unable to attend. He sent a balance sheet in his absence.

Healthy balance recorded.

A reminder to all *new* coaches is that if you wish to enlist the help of head judges during the year for advise or a workshop their expenses can be claimed back from GISGA

8. Report on 2007/2008 Competitions (Linda, Laura, Dorothy)

June thanked all host organisers

IAPS: Very big thanks for LEH for being such a great host school.

Maltmans: U9s: friendly atmosphere: excellent

GISGA: Dorothy . We covered our costs.

A question arose from this topic:

If IAPS incurs financial shortfall – should this be covered by GISGA?

After discussion and a vote it was agreed that GISGA would like to be seen as a umbrella organisation for all Independent girls' school gymnastics including ISA, IAPS * etc and therefore could be approached by any qualifying schools operating gymnastics competitions to request financial help in times of trouble for a formal request for money to be made and then considered by the GISGA committee.

Libby directed that this information should go to ISC- (independent schools council-) so that people know that our mission is to promote gymnastics in girl's schools and that this help is available if it is deemed a worthy recipient

* This cannot include GDST as it is a trust not an association.

Vote- 1 against All else vote 'yes'

Another suggestion was put to the table that, as we are currently healthy financially Should our affiliation continue to be £50 but should

£20 of it go in a competition kitty towards accommodation for judges, expenses etc.

Nothing could be decided about this as we need to ask Stuart for his view.

Action: Stuart

It was asked that we recorded thanks to the organisers for their work for these competitions

9. Trophies (Verity)

U9s will be run by trophy organiser.

Should there be a penalty for not returning trophies?

It was decided that school's deposit cheques should be withheld until trophies had got to the right places.

Verity asked us to please thank Lyn Barratt for her help at competitions

Question arising from this:

Does Laura have GISGA overall schools trophy ?

Does Port Regis have 2nd place overall trophy?

Does Tormead have 3rd place trophy?

Action: Follow up this Linda/Verity

10. Rules (Samantha Harding & June Walden)

NB: Deductions for missing Balance, strength and flexibility moves must be taken off from composition.

June wants to add more flexibility and strength moves to the list: The following were suggested and approved.

More flexibility moves

Handstand bridge to stand-B

Sitting in pike fold B

More strength moves

Headstand with bent knees thrust to handstand-B

Straight legged headstand push the headstand to handstand-C

Any Handstand pirouette 180+ should be considered as a strength move

Bridge pull over feet together- pike down- does not have to go through handstand- D

Bridge pull over feet together- pike down- must pass through handstand- E

Russian straddle lever-

Advise teachers that this is not a great move done face on to judges or the audience as it is a balance as is considered to be something slightly dodgy as far as 'child protection issues' are concerned.' Please be aware of how you place your children for performing this move if indeed you wish to continue to use it.

Rules about Backward roll

You can do a backward roll with straight legs and you can put your hands down to touch and then to put by ears- no deduction.

Bonus for straight legs. No bonus for no hands.

'A back roll to straddle may be performed from stand or crouch- either is acceptable. If performed from crouch the roll is on the back with hands going on the floor behind the head in order to achieve the push up to stand in straddle. Performed from standing it may be with arms at the side or with an upward arm swing. From here it may drop straight to sit and back roll or the hands may be placed briefly on the floor to gain control and then be placed

behind the head to push from the floor. Both are acceptable and should not be penalised in any way. It is not a fall.'

(Agreed by Robin Leeworthy- GB judge at Olympics
Joan Jackman- chair of BSGA retired international judge.)

Please note:: There is no bonus for hands not being used twice in this move

Diagonal Tumble Run

NO diagonal tumble run is necessary in the group sequence.

Height of U9 Voluntary Vault

U9 vol vault height of 80cm for vol vault will now read

' 80-90cm depending on equipment available' .

It is just up to competition organisers to announce this information during preliminary preps for national competitions.

In Set Floor:

June Walden has discussed with judges the exact breakdown of deductions for missing parts or all of the element : *Handstand forward roll split jump*

The whole move is worth 1.3 It is a move that must be linked and the forward roll is the linking factor.

If the gymnast performs the handstand forward roll but then omits the split jump, deduct 0.6.

If the gymnast omits the handstand forward roll, but performs a forward roll split jump, deduct 0.6

If the handstand falls back to the feet, ie no roll, deduct 0.5 for a "fall". She must then execute a forward roll immediate split jump. If there is **no forward roll before the split jump** the whole value of the move is forfeited 1.30

The above item will be added to the rules for September.

Under tariffed Sequences

Group sequence – required to have 2'c's. Must have 2 Cs- 0.6 deducted for missing a 'C'

Voluntary floor- you will get deducted for not having right number of Bs and Cs.

Reversal of Values:

From now on a D move is worth 0.2 and an E move is worth 0.3.

D= 0.2 and an E=0.3. if you have an E but no D then 9.8

If you have 2 Es instead of a D and an E you cannot gain 2 x 0.3 bonus.

One of the es gets down graded to a 'D'

Improver's Trophies

Change of name that better describes it's function.

Now will be known as The Endeavour Trophy

Somewhere in the programme at GASGA nationals something should be written:

The endeavour trophy previously known as the Improver's Trophy.

Vault warm up

Clarification that after the warm up rounds at Nationals Gymnasts will be allowed 2 further vaults when they get to their vault competition rounds.

Support Deductions on Voluntary Vault

Request to change score system for Voluntary vault- penalty for touching on TAKE-OFF side of vault has now been changed from a VOID vault to a 2.0 deduction.. 2.0 deduction as gymnast is touched going on 1.0 deduction if they are touched on the landing side of the vault. . This is just for a touch... void vault recorded if gymnast is lifted or thrown over the vault.

11. Venues and dates for 2008/2009 and 2009/10

Sun 16th Nov LEH- no opening ceremony

Nov 29th U9s Stamford Endowed School Friday night opening ceremony

13/14 /15 March – Tormead

Very important as this is an unusual combination due to IAPS Netball finals:

U10/U13 – Saturday., 14th March

O13, U11- Sunday 15th March

If you were not at the meeting you need to read this again carefully as it is not the usual combination of age groups. If you have U13 gymnasts who get through to IAPS Nationals Netball finals day it will affect you. PLEASE LOOK AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

There will be no opportunity to appeal or change this decision as it was confirmed at the AGM.

NB At Tormead the Group floor area will be 11m wide x 12 m long

Potential Venues for 2009/10

Trying to go back to first weekend in March in 2010.(5th-7th)

Wycombe Abbey: 2010

IAPS- November ? Sat 14th Holmewood House? TBC

U9 28th Nov 09 ? Maltmans Green? TBC

12. Set Vault (Nikki/Laura)

Nikki wants to get rid of Set Vault

Laura baffled by what is being looked for.

Better gymnasts disadvantaged by height of set vault

Suggestion: Squat through or straddle instead for set. THIS WAS TURNED DOWN

Like the idea of making it higher.

Suggested that judges looking for wrong shape- at present this is under discussion in the gymnastics world as a whole-moving towards flat shape.

Can we get video clips put on web site? We will try to do this.

Do we want to retain flat back as set vaul?. Flat back? YES

Increase height? At U9 ? vote to put height up a little

Please look at a slight raise in height.

Workshop to cover this activity could possibly take place on Sat 15th NOV at LEH to guide gymnasts, coaches and judges..TBC look at the website for details (Important! No workshop set yet but it is likely to be early in September) .

Details will appear first on the website.

13. Publishing scores (Gordon)

Individual positions next to scores were requested by Gordon. Decision to accept whatever the scorer can give us was decided. .

14. Complaints about judging/queries about scores (Marion)

New judges and cost of judges is always a problem.

Judges can be disheartened by challenges to their marking- ability has been challenged at the competition. Happy to discuss marks with coaches.

Judge's decision is final- master judge is the one to go and complain to.

Length of Judging Day

Stuart said we need to look at the length of the day- need to have a short judges meeting and this meeting should be closer to starting point

15. CDs (Trudy)

CDS- clear playlist on front- and in competition order.

One CD per team should be sufficient as long as running order is available

Moving towards no tapes. **No tapes from Sept 2010**

16. AOB.

'B' Team competition for 013 'B' teams was accepted

Separate competition- girls should not even rank against A team gymnasts.

Example of judging sheets of VOL FLOOR and GROUP will be posted on website so people are made aware of the specific breakdown of judging criteria for the groups and individuals. This should make it easier for coaches to reconcile their final position and score with the start criteria.

Possibility of Training weekend—novice comp U11 and IAPS weekend

17. Date of Next Meeting.

Next year's date will be posted on the website after March GISGA