



**Circular TRA TC 21-2017**

**21 October 2017**

*To: SAGF Board & MTC Members  
Trampoline HP Coaches  
All Provinces, Districts, Clubs & Members*

## **GYM GAMES & TECHNICAL ASSEMBLY REPORT**

The TC would like to thank all coaches, judges, gymnasts, volunteers, spectators and the SAGF who contributed towards the successful 2017 National Gym Games that was hosted by Trampoline & Tumbling at the Joni Bach Sports Centre in Pretoria.

**Individual commitment to a group effort: That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."**

Overall we were happy with the running of the program although a mistake in the duplicating of times on the program for the Region 5 trials on Saturday meant that we ran behind time on this day of competition. Luckily our judging panels worked as a team and when necessary assisted each other, this helped us a great deal. Thank You Head Judges!

The most important job which constitutes to the success or failure of a competition of this size lies with grouping officials and our grouping staff were both well organised and prepared and for the most part, ensured that we never had to wait for gymnasts to warm-up – they were assisted by their wives (sisters) who ensured that the competition cards were sorted out and ready for each day of competition. Thank You!

Thank you to our scorer who always does such an amazing job in capturing the scores. Eonette we appreciate your commitment to trampoline. Unfortunately some mistakes were made on the first day of competitions (our high levels) when the writing by the scrutineer of the number 5 looked exactly like the number 8! Reminder scrutineers to write clearly, as somebody else has to decipher your writing!

Because of a change in the SAGF scheduled opening ceremony times, trampoline was unable to attend and arranged our own little opening ceremony with displays from high performance gymnasts from Eastern Cape. This was very much enjoyed by the gymnasts and spectators. Thank you to Lee Budler for arranging the displays and to JJ Viviers for announcing.

Finally it was decided to add some excitement to our Gym Games program and a short two trick routine was added to the program, with prize money of R500.00 awarded to the person with the highest difficulty. This event was successful and certainly exciting and the crowd participated fully. We want to bring entertainment value and excitement back into our discipline and therefore consideration will be given to including this event every year. Congratulations to Lucky Radebe and Onke Mangele who tied and split the prize money.

At the technical meeting the following persons were added as voting members to the trampoline committee  
Technical Member – Tiaan van der Walt & Development Member – Lee Budler  
I would like to congratulate both these gentleman. I look forward to working with them both together with our sub committee members Dmitry Demianenko and Adri Koekemoer.

Further decisions that were discussed for implementation next year were as follows;

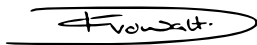
1. The Top Ten competition should be prestigious and should therefore we should only include our level 7 & 8 gymnasts. In order to cover costs the entry fees will be increased and prize money might awarded as prizes. The structure of routines should be as for normal competitions.
2. Mini Trampolien must not be included as an event at Gym Games although trials for the region 5 team can be held at the Gym Games.
3. The Zone festival hosts should be on a provincial rotation list. South to provide their own rotation list and I will circulate to provinces in the North to find out who wishes to host next.
4. Incorporate a mini tramp and black top team event after the Zone festivals. Both North and South teams selected from the zone results to attend and compete against each other. More information regarding the selection and structures of teams to be distributed.
5. To change our competition structure to two distinct streams. One a stream of participation, this means all routines to be changed to easy routines for each level and to be the same irrespective of the age of the gymnast. The committee to work on this and distribute before the end of the year. The other stream should be the high performance stream and to follow the routines as recommended by the FIG.

I requested all present to please let me know if they have attended courses, but not received their certificates, so that I can follow up on their behalf.

The report back concerning the finances raised at the Zone Festivals this year was promising and exciting, it is hoped that this competition continues to grow and that it will be a good financial source of income to support our training programs and high performance activities.

It is an exciting time for trampoline & tumbling and it is our wish that the changes we incorporate revitalise our sport and grow the numbers.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read "Cheryl van der Walt".

Cheryl van der Walt