



Club Newsletter

Making the most of our resources...

Gymnastics in Britain has never previously enjoyed so much success. British results at the recent European Artistic Championships exceeded anything previously achieved and expectations have been raised for further success in the major events planned for the next three years of the Olympic Cycle.

Whilst the high profile **Artistic discipline** is doing well, other areas of our sport that are no longer funded at elite level are finding it very difficult. Despite unprecedented levels of funding for performance at podium level from UK Sport and targeted funding for the Whole Sport Plan (England), the result will be a less than complete structure.

For example, contrary to the belief of the general public, we have no funding to support our Olympic hopefuls in Rhythmic Gymnastics and the teams representing Great Britain at the Acrobatic World and European Championships receive **no external funding** support despite their world ranking. The same can be said for other of our high-achieving disciplines such as Tumbling, Aerobics and Cheerleading.

In fact we now **support a wide range of gymnastics activities**, each with increasing demands to fund their development and comprising:

- Acrobatics
- Aerobics
- Artistic (Men's and Women's)
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics & Movement for People with Disabilities (GMPD)
- Gymnastics for All
- Rhythmic
- TeamGym
- Trampoline/Double Mini Tramp (DMT)
- Tumbling

We are striving to support all activities and levels of performance and are doing so through a combination of **programmes, initiatives and investment financed from our own activities** including events, festivals, resources, award schemes and membership. Inevitably we must cut our cloth according to our resources.

As in most sports, our success is also dependent on the unstinting efforts of an army of **dedicated volunteers** who carry out a range of activities that enable clubs and regions to thrive and, in turn, generate the opportunities for our aspiring gymnasts. We will try to support our volunteers as best we can via a range of programmes and training responding to the ever growing demands of Government legislation.

But the bottom line is that **your continuing support** and membership is the life-blood of our sport and critical to our success. Do not forget we are always open to your ideas and suggestions which you can email through to information@british-gymnastics.org.



Brian A Stocks

Brian A Stocks, MA
Honorary Life Vice President
Chief Executive Officer
Member of the FIG Executive

Young Leaders Camp



Gymnastics England is working in partnership with **England Netball, Rugby Football Union and United Kingdom Athletics** to offer two hundred 16-19 year olds the opportunity to attend a four day residential Young Leaders Camp. The camp is taking place at Rugby School, Warwickshire from 10th-13th August 2009 and will focus upon the development of leadership skills through sport, offering a good blend of practical and theory-based sessions.

The event will be run by staff from the four sports and the programme offers a range of workshops including coaching and officiating, media, sports psychology, leadership and management and much more! There will also be time built in for relaxation and evening social activities, co-ordinated by trained staff.

Gymnastics England is offering 50 of the most dedicated young volunteers the opportunity to attend the Camp completely FREE of charge (including all accommodation, workshops and meals). Leaders are required to transport themselves to the camp, however there may be the opportunity to share transport with others.

To be eligible, the leaders will need to meet the following criteria:

- 16-19yrs old at the time of the camp
- Actively volunteering in gymnastics within a club/school/college
- Have obtained a Leadership Award or Level 1 or equivalent Coaching/Judging Award
- Enthusiastic, motivated and committed to developing their skills and experience

Please note that priority will be given to applications from clubs that have achieved, or are working towards GymMark

This is an excellent opportunity to recognise the achievements of our young volunteers within gymnastics. If you know of any young people who meet the criteria and would benefit from attending the camp please ask them to complete the application form from the British Gymnastics website (under 'Downloads', 'Miscellaneous') and return to Gymnastics England, Ford Hall, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9NB by Monday 29th May 2009. Applicants will be notified of their success within two weeks of the closing date.

If you have any queries please contact:
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Rebrand for Members Information

British Gymnastics is delighted to announce a new name and logo for the Member Portal/Self Service function.

Since April, the portal on the British Gymnastics website has been known as 'GymNet' and identified by the logo shown opposite.

GymNet provides all BG Registered Clubs with

access to their Members information, enables entry to National Competitions, renew membership and make online payments.

GymNet is also available to members who can use it to update their personal biographies, renew direct memberships and make online payments.





Informing our clubs...

Improving Gymnastics Facilities in England

A number of enquiries have been received by both British Gymnastics and Gymnastics England regarding facility development over the past few weeks following the funding announcement for gymnastics in England.

Gymnastics England is the wholly owned subsidiary of British Gymnastics set up for the express purpose of delivering the Whole Sport Plan for gymnastics in England between 2009 and 2013.

The overall funding allocation given by Sport England includes £2.7m for investment into facility development specifically. This funding may be used for new facilities or improving existing facilities.

In addition to this funding stream, Gymnastics England will also be working with Sport England

around a number of other funding opportunities as well as organisations that have capital investment programmes as and when they come on line.

We are now in a new four-year funding cycle and, as such, many of the opportunities that were available have now closed and new programmes are, and will, become available over the coming weeks. We are meeting with the various funding agencies to ensure we have a very good understanding as to the opportunities available and how we best use them to develop gymnastics facilities in England.

Just as soon as we have all the necessary information we will of course make it available.

In the meantime, if you have already registered an expression of interest for facility funding in the

previous cycle with British Gymnastics we will be writing to you in the next few weeks to get an update of your project. For those of you who are looking to apply please await information on the Gymnastics England website.

Any immediate enquiries should be directed to Mark Gannon, CEO Gymnastics England, at info@gymnasticsengland.org.

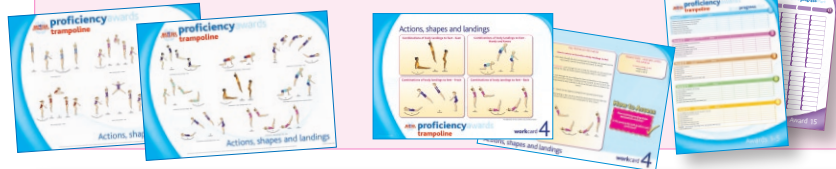


Trampoline Resource Awards

A new resource has been developed to support the **British Gymnastics Trampoline Awards levels 1-15** and will be introduced during April. The resource includes 27 work cards (including 4 for fitness), 4 wall charts, an Information booklet and a DVD. There will still be 15 levels but the certificates have been redesigned to complement the new

resource and will be immediately available to new customers and phased in for existing customers to allow them to run out of their current stocks.

The resource also links into the Next Steps Competition Resources, developed for schools and launched in December 2008.



For more information contact: Gymnastics Enterprises Ltd, Unit 1, Lilleshall Hall Farm, Newport, Shropshire TF10 9AS.

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Fax: 01952 822456

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GymMark Accreditation

Congratulations to clubs newly accredited with **GymMark**:

North West
Blackburn With Darwen GC

East Midlands
Eclipse GC
Notts Acro GC
Fenland Flyers TC
Northampton RGC

West Midlands
Elena RGC
Burntwood Elite
City of Worcester

South East
Leatherhead & Dorking GC
Ruxley GC
Spelthorne SoG
Dartford TC

North
AAA Cheerleading Club
Middlesbrough GC

Yorkshire

Richmondshire GC
Elmfield GC
Klas SA & GC
Hemsworth Odyssey
York Hotshots

East

Breckland Forest GC
Klas S
East Norfolk GC

London

City of London GC
Bedford House GC

South

Milton Keynes Gym
Reading TC

South West

Gemini Gymnastics Club
Ferndown GC
Splits GC
Head Over Heels

Congratulations to clubs passing their annual **GymMark** assessment

South

West Wight TC
Andover GC
Alton GC
Pinewood GC
Southampton AGC
South West Harriers SAGC
Swallows of Helston GC

South East

First Flight TC
Aire TC
Hollingdean GC
Midhurst GC

East Midlands

Nene Valley RGC
Erewash Valley GC

West Midlands

Stone Acro

Elements Acro
Border Counties SoG
Earls GC
Coventry Olympic Gym Club

East

Dragons TC
Pegasus TC

Yorkshire

Thornton GC
Greenhead GC

North

Robert Atkinson GC
South Tyneside GC
Dunston GC
Aerodyne

London

Merton GC
Ladywell GC
Croydon Acro
Europa GC
East London GC
Coney Hall Cosmonauts

North West

St Helens RGC

Wales

Aberystwyth GC

Congratulations to clubs passing a "new round" of **GymMark** accreditation:

Hinckley GC
Charisma GC
Otley RGC
Weston AGC
East Staffs OGC





Improving our sport...



Promoting Gymnastics on the Web with British Gymnastics' own online TV channel

BGtv travels all over the country to bring you the best features, profiles and events from gymnastics in the UK.

We cover **British Championships** and later this year will be introducing **Schools National Championships**. More clubs than ever are approaching us to ask for club features to be promoted. We have regular interviews with past performers. Be sure to keep an eye on the website to catch the latest videos.

Visit www.british-gymnastics.org and click on 'BGtv Online' for more information.



Playing Music in Public

We have been made aware that the PRS organisation has again contacted a number of our clubs in relation to **playing music in public**. British Gymnastics is in discussions with PRS on this issue and has asked PRS to refrain from contacting clubs whilst discussions continue.

If your club is contacted by PRS, our advice is to avoid detailed discussion and request that PRS write to you to explain its position. Please feel free to forward any such correspondence from PRS, together with your comments, to information@british-gymnastics.org.

For more information on playing music in public, please refer to the download entitled 'PPL & PRS Statement' on the BG website - under 'Membership', then 'Downloads'.

Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) Information

The **ISA/VBS** (Vetting and Barring Scheme) is a new service that will enhance the current service to employers which is provided by the **Criminal Records Bureau** (CRB).

Employers and voluntary organisations (BG Registered clubs/environments) working with children and vulnerable adults will not be able to recruit employers or volunteers in a regulated activity, who are not **ISA/VBS** registered.

For more information please read the CRB Disclosure News on the CRB website where all updated ISA information can be obtained.
<http://www.crb.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=5302>

Count Down to World Gymnastics Championships at the O2 begins



London - Wednesday 13th May: Excitement for the **World Gymnastics Championships** is hotting up as London looks towards its biggest sporting event this autumn. This weekend (Friday 15th May and Saturday 16th May) fans will be watching the **Glasgow Grand Prix** and **World Cup** closely to see the high-flyers who will be making their mark in London this October.

Last October **Beth Tweddle**, **Louis Smith**, **Daniel Keatings** and **Becky Downie** all visited The O2 to get a feel for the arena they will hopefully all be performing in this October. The O2, the world's most popular entertainment destination, will be the ultimate performing space for the British hopefuls.

Louis Smith commented on visiting The O2: "I can't wait for a packed out arena in front of thousands of people, knowing they are there supporting you. I can only imagine what it will feel like. Amazing."

The **World Gymnastic Championships** will be coming to The O2 from 13th to 18th October. This will be the first time the event has ever been held in the capital and a welcome return to the UK after a decade away. Beijing 2008 showed the huge potential and talent of Great Britain's gymnasts and put interest in gymnastics at an all time high.

Tickets for this major event are available at www.worldgymnastics2009.com. Don't miss out on what will be a great sporting spectacle.

