



# 2011

## GPS RULES OF COMPETITION

### GYMNASTICS

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## SECTION A: PREAMBLE

These rules are for the 2011 GPS Gymnastics Season competition which is to be held in Term 3 and 4 of the school year.

## SECTION B: LEAD UP MEETS

1. The GPS season will consist of six (6) Rounds prior to the GPS Championships.
2. A different school will nominate to host each of the six (6) Rounds.
3. Wherever possible dates for meets will be set and confirmed as part of the overall scheduling of the GPS Calendar (one year ahead).
4. The Host School will set the date deadline for other schools to advise of their intention to participate in the lead up event. (It is suggested that schools nominate a closing date one week prior to the agreed date of the meet, and a date for Withdrawal Without Penalty).
5. Schools are to nominate by the closing date as advised by the Host School.
6. All withdrawals must be in writing.
7. The costs for conducting the lead-up meets (ie. venue hire, if not at a GPS school facility, Judges and officials, catering and first aid ....) will be paid by the Host School, and then will be shared equally amongst participating schools. The Host School will be responsible for invoicing participating schools for their share at the conclusion of the season. This will be a point of business at the GPS round up meeting held post GPS Championships each year.<sup>1</sup>
8. Schools who withdraw after the Withdrawal Without Penalty date will be required to pay an equal share of the costs of the event to the Host School.

## SECTION C: CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. DATE

- 1.1. The Championships shall be held on a weekend in September.

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<sup>1</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

## 2. CONTROL

2.1. Officials invited by The GPS Association shall control the Championships. Gymnastics Queensland Inc. [G.Q.] shall be requested to supply suitably qualified judges, preferably three per apparatus<sup>2</sup>.

## 3. ADJUDICATION

3.1. Adjudicators shall judge according to the regulations set down by the International Gymnastics Federation [F.I.G]<sup>3</sup>.

## 4. RULES GOVERNING THE COMPETITION

4.1. The GPS Association adopts current Gymnastics Australia [G.A] syllabus with any G.Q amendments<sup>4</sup>.

## 5. AGES

5.1. No student is eligible to take part in this competition at any time in the year of his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday or if he had turned 19 before the year of competition.

### 5.2. Eligibility Criteria<sup>5</sup>

5.2.1. To be eligible to compete at the Championships a gymnast must qualify in at least one GPS lead up meet and achieve a minimum score of 5 or greater for Division 2 and 3 and 9 for Division 1 on each apparatus as a verification of grading.

5.2.2. Students in Years 6 to 12 only, enrolled in a GPS member school, may participate in the competition. Students in Years 6 and 7 may compete but will not be eligible for points in the competition.<sup>6</sup>

## 6. DRESS

6.1. All competitors [Div 1, Div 2, Div 3]: White or single school colour pants / school coloured shorts, leotard with school colours or badge, with socks or socks and gym shoes.<sup>7</sup>

## 7. SPOTTERS

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<sup>2</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

<sup>3</sup> As per Footnote 2 below.

<sup>4</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee Meeting 2 June 2008 – clarification of existing international, national and state governing bodies for the sport; re-visited again in March 2010 review of rules

<sup>5</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee meeting – 11 October 2010; clarification of eligibility criteria.

<sup>6</sup> GPS Headmasters General Meeting – 21 February 2011; clarification of involvement of Year 6 and 7 students.

<sup>7</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

7.1. Spotters / catchers may be used, but must be members of the official coaching team for that school.

## 8. POINTS

8.1. Judging shall be conducted as set down by Gymnastics Australia. The GPS Association adopts current Gymnastics Australia [G.A] syllabus with any G.Q amendments<sup>8</sup>.

## 9. TEAMS

9.1. <sup>9</sup>A team consists of 6 members in Divisions 2 and 3, with the top 3 scores counting for each apparatus. Division 1 teams can consist of up to 8 members, of which a MAXIMUM of 6 members can compete in each apparatus, with the top 3 scores counting on each apparatus.

9.2. All "B" teams [Div 1, Div 2, Div 3] shall consist of any number of gymnasts. A maximum of 4 gymnasts from each school may compete on each apparatus for the "B" team.<sup>10</sup>

9.3. Schools who do not have teams may enter individuals.

9.4. No "C" teams will be provided for in the Championships.

## 10. ORDER OF TEAMS

10.1. The order of teams shall be the same for Div 1, Div 2, Div 3 with respect to each piece of apparatus.

10.2. The order of rotation of each school's "A" team will be determined annually.

10.3. Teams shall follow the scheduled rotation for subsequent apparatus throughout the competition.

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<sup>8</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee Meeting 2 June 2008 – delete reference to maximum points allocated as this changes regularly, and refer to governing body rules used.

<sup>9</sup> GPS Headmasters Meeting of 21 May 2007 agreed that the arrangements that were used in lead-up meets in 2006 should be formalized in the GPS rules; reviewed GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee. Change of wording GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee meeting – 11 October 2010.

<sup>10</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee. Change of wording GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee Meeting – 11 October 2010.

## 11. ORDER OF COMPETITORS

11.1. The order of rotation of gymnasts in each "A" team shall be determined by the team coach for each apparatus throughout the competition<sup>11</sup>.

## 12. LEVELS<sup>12</sup>

12.1. The following Levels of Gymnastics Australia (GA) syllabus will apply to the respective competitions<sup>13</sup>:

- 12.1.1. Division 3: GA Level 3 Open modified requirements (Pommel handles only)
- 12.1.2. Division 2: GA Level 5 Open modified requirements (Pommel handles only).
- 12.1.3. Division 1: GA Level 7 Open requirements.

### 12.2. Divisions<sup>14</sup>

- 12.2.1. Any boy who has competed Level 7 or above at a Club / Regional or State competition within the last 2 years will be required to compete in Division 1.
- 12.2.2. Any boy who has competed Level 5 or 6 at a Club / Regional or State Level within the last 2 years will be required to compete in Division 2 (Although they are eligible to compete in Division 1).
- 12.2.3. Any boy who has competed Level 4 and under at a Club / Regional or State Level in the last 2 years, as well as school gymnasts, will be required to compete in Division 3 (Although they are eligible to compete in either Division 2 or Division 1). Except for Rule 5.1, there are no age limits to any division, nor any age minimums.
- 12.2.4. Any gymnasts who scores equal to or above 55.0 points at the GPS Championships in Divisions 2 and 3 must compete in the next division in the following year.
- 12.2.5. All compulsory upgrades from Gymnastics Queensland will be enforced throughout the GPS season. E.g. a gymnast who is required by GQ rules to compete in Level 5 must compete in at least Division 2. A gymnast who is required by GQ rules to compete in Level 4 may compete in Division 3 as per item 12.2.3 (above).
  - 12.2.5.1. Year 7 students are not subject to compulsory upgrades<sup>15</sup>.
- 12.2.6. A gymnast may only compete in one division in any one season.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>11</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 30 August 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee – current practice

<sup>12</sup> GPS Headmasters Meeting of 7 March 2005 agreed that the then 3 Divisions (Senior/Junior/Grade 8) be changed to Divisions 1, 2 and 3 respectively and that the Divisions be competed at Gymnastics Australia Levels 7, 5 (modified requirements) and Level 4 (modified required) respectively.

<sup>13</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

<sup>14</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee review of rules July/ August 2010

<sup>15</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee Meeting – 11 October 2010.

<sup>16</sup> GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee Meeting – 11 October 2010.

### 13. AWARDING OF TROPHIES

13.1. The following trophies shall be awarded on the results of the championships:

- for Division 1 "A" Team competition;
- for Division 2 "A" Team competition;
- for Division 3 "A" Team competition;

The Jim Young Cup: The overall Champion School based on Division 1 "A", Division 2 "A" and Division 3 "A" Team competition aggregate.

13.2. For the purposes of determining results for awarding Trophies, points based on scores achieved will be<sup>17</sup>:

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	-	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	-	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	-	1

13.3. A "GPS Division 1" team will be announced at the GPS Championships. This team will include the top ranked All-Around Division 1 gymnast from each school with a maximum of 6 gymnasts. When there are less than 6 schools represented in Division 1, the process will continue for each 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked All-Around gymnast from each school until all places are filled. Certificates will be presented to the members of the team from the GPS Association<sup>18</sup>.

### 14. VENUE

14.1. The venue for the Championships will be as decided by the Committee and ratified by the Incorporated body.

### 15. CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS<sup>19</sup>

15.1. If the convenor of the Championships considers that weather or facility conditions will make the event impossible, he/ she must notify the GPS Executive Officer immediately. The GPS Executive Officer will

<sup>17</sup> GPS Headmasters Meeting of 15 August 2002 agreed: "That the scoring in Gymnastics be brought into line with other championship events to ensure equity in points available to each division". The Sports and Activities Committee on 13 October 2003 confirmed the points structure to be 1<sup>st</sup> – 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 1.

<sup>18</sup> Current practice as adopted in 2009.

<sup>19</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 13 October 2008

communicate to all member schools, and if approved, the event will be postponed to an alternative Championship date (back up date).

15.2. Similarly, should the safety of competitors or spectators be at the risk of physical, environmental, political or health threats at the venue, the convenor must notify the GPS Executive Officer immediately. The GPS Executive Officer will communicate to all member schools, and if approved, the event will be postponed to an alternative Championship date (back up date).

#### SECTION D: DISQUALIFICATION AND PROTEST PROCEDURES<sup>20</sup>

*Please note: The Protest Procedure relating to Scoring Discrepancy is taken directly from the Australian and International score protest procedure. The Head Coach may approach the Apparatus Head Judge at the end of the rotation for a discussion on why any given score was given. If the Head Coach is unhappy with the explanation, the protest procedure rolls into action. Protests cannot be made about execution scores, nor be made using comparisons to another gymnast's scores.*

1. The Directors of Sport and/or MICs of the relevant schools and /or Gymnastics Officials are to report, as soon as practical, any disqualification or protest to the Competition Director of the Championships and the GPS Executive Officer.
2. A report of a disqualification or protest is to include the following detail:
  - a. The competitors school;
  - b. The name of the competitor (if possible);
  - c. An explanation of the reason for the disqualification/ protest.
3. The GPS Executive Officer is then to inform the Chair of the GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee and the Director of Sport of the competitor's school of the disqualification/ protest and it's reason. The Head Judge and Apparatus Head Judge may also be informed for their input (as well as with other Panel Judges if required). Video evidence is admissible.
4. Any Protest relevant to a disqualification is to be lodged, by the school's Director of Sport or Master in Charge, with the GPS Executive Officer within 15 minutes of the time the disqualification is advised to the school.
5. A Protest is to be made on the form attached<sup>21</sup>.
6. The GPS Executive Officer is then to brief the Chair of the GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee on the protest.

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<sup>20</sup> GPS Sport and Activities Committee Meeting – 10 May 2010; supports changes as proposed by GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

<sup>21</sup> Revised 2010 – current practice



7. The Protest Hearing Committee will comprise:
  - Chair: The Chair of the GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee, (unless the Protest relates to a disqualification of a competitor of the Chair's school, in which case the Chair of the Sport and Activities Committee will determine another Director of Sport to chair the Committee);
  - Members: Directors of Sport from two (2) GPS schools (appointed by the Chair) not involved in the Protest;
8. Once the Protest Hearing Committee has reached a decision, that decision will be communicated by the GPS Executive Officer to;
  - a. The Directors of Sport and/or MICs of the relevant schools;
  - b. and the Championship scorer.
9. The results of an event in which a disqualification/ protest occurs will not be announced until a final decision has been made with respect to the disqualification/ protest.

## SECTION E: AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF COMPETITION

1. No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorised unless such amendment is issued by the GPS Executive Officer of the Association.

APPENDIX A: PROTEST FORM

**GYMNASTICS – PROTEST FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

FIXTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PROTESTING: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR PROTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

MIC

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Signature

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DIRECTOR OF SPORT & ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Notification to:

- GPS Executive Officer
- Chairman of Sport and Activities Committee
- Chairman of GPS Gymnastics Sub-Committee

**GPS Office Use:**

Note Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_AM/ PM

Receipt acknowledgement of Protest sent : \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM

Notification to:

- Chairman of Sport and Activities Committee
- Director of Sport and Activities (schools concerned)

Panel Convened: \_\_\_\_\_AM/ PM

Decision: Upheld  Overturned

Advice to Headmasters/ Directors of Sport and Activities (all schools):

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM

*NB. Attach additional documentation if required*