

Trampoline SMC review of 2011

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Hope you enjoy reading this trampoline review of the year that was, and looking towards 2012...

Reflection 2011:

The TAS TRP SMC has a team of dedicated members passionate for the sport of Trampoline, who work for a common goal of developing Trampoline in Tasmania. 2011 was another successful year with Tasmanian gymnasts representing Australia at three international events, including the World Cup in China, Trans Tasman Challenge, and the upcoming World Age Championships in Birmingham, UK. The Tasmanian Team performed well at the National Championships, with a multitude of finalists and podium finishes for the state, including two National Champions. In addition, Gymnastics Tasmania played host to over 300 competitors at the National Club Level Championships, which was held at the State Sports Centre in Kingborough in August. This event was also the final World Age Trial. Once again, the TIS have been very supportive of Trampoline, with Jack Penny securing an individual scholarship in 2011-2012. Domestically, there has been a growth in numbers in the women's events at Tasmanian competitions, in particular in the lower divisions, with the 2011 State Level Championships having a record number of 30 entries in the Level 3 Women's competition alone.

Moving into 2012, Trampoline will focus on the Indo-Pacific Championships being held in Sydney in October. The Indo-Pacific is a developmental international event for non-European countries. Tasmania has had a long history at this competition with many competitors using this event as a platform for further international representation. The 2012 National Championships will not only be an Olympic Trial and multi-gymsport extravaganza, but will also see the re-introduction of Tumbling into the National Championships program. Tasmanian Tumblers have been showing improvement over the past year and are working towards this event as a highlight and hopefully a Tasmanian first! Three Tasmanian gymnasts have been named in the 2012 National Squads - (Jack Penny, Hugh McConnell, and Aidan Collins). National Squad members and coaches will have access to the national coach and training centre, as well as a training camp at the AIS in February. The Tasmanian TRP SMC will continue to provide training camps and competition opportunities for our up-and-coming Trampoline gymnasts. The focus for these gymnasts will be the National Club Levels which is being held in August.