

## Trampoline Success at Nationals



Championship Trophies

*Ben Kelly, Wednesday, 13 June 2012*

Brilliant performances from the Age Championships and more...

The Australian National Championships for Trampoline Sports finished last weekend at Sydney Olympic Park. The Tasmania State Team has recorded its best ever results at this competition, securing 11 National Championships, including four titles from the Junior and Senior International categories.

The event kicked off with Tasmanian junior gymnasts, Hugh McConnell and Aidan Collins dominating the Junior International Men's events. McConnell secured the Individual Trampoline and Synchronised Trampoline titles, while Collins dominated the Double-MiniTramp. In the Senior International category, TIS Scholarship Holder, Jack Penny, teamed up with Jarrod Spear (QLD) to win the Senior Synchronised Trampoline event.

These performances merely set the scene for the Age Championships, where the 18-strong team continued the Tasmanian domination winning a further seven National titles. Both McConnell and Collins continued the winning streak by securing three out of the four Under 17 Men's events between them. McConnell won the Individual Trampoline and Tumbling crowns, whereas Collins once again picked up the Double-Mini Tramp. In the 17+ Men's events, Damien Axelsen convincingly won the Tumbling event from team mate, Stuart Snare who finished in 2nd position, while Makonnen Brown performed a personal best on the Double-Mini Tramp to win the Under 15 Men's competition. In the Synchronised Trampoline competition, Tasmanian youngsters Ned Whiting and Tim Wilson claimed gold in the Under 11 event, while Josh Hedley-Williams and Connor Moir picked up the Under 15 Championship title. The Tasmanian State Team won a further two silver and six bronze medals to cap off the National Championships.

Patrick Schluter was 2nd in the Under 11 Men's TRP, while Tim Wilson was 3rd in the Under 11 DMT. Maddison Muir was 3rd in the Under 11 Women's Synchronised event with her NSW partner. Aidan Collins finished 3rd in the Under 17 Men's TRP, while Jarrod Thomas and Ryan Williams finished 3rd in the Under 17 Synchronised event. Hugh McConnell finished 2nd in the Under 17 Men's Synchronised event with his NSW partner.

Although we were confident Tasmania would have a good National Championship, we did not expect 11 National Championships to be awarded to Tasmania. It was an amazing start to the competition by our Junior and Senior International competitors, who seemed to inspire the age team to compete at their best. The National Trampoline community was equally impressed, with many positive comments from high profile coaches and judges being thrown in Kelly's direction. The success, however, he attributes to the hard working athletes and personal coaches who have been sharing information and facilities around the state for a number of years to help boost the profile nationally for Tasmania.



Under 17 Mens Syncro  
Line-up



Hugh and Damien with  
Trp Coach Maggie



Josh and Connor



Action shot



Maddy - 3rd place



Tim and Ned under 11  
Synchro



Action shot on the  
DMT



Josh and Connor



Hugh and Dan - Silver,  
Ryan and Jarrod - Bronze



Stuart and Damien,  
Tumbling presentations