

Trampoline SMC Quarterly Update

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Trampoline have seen a busy first quarter for 2012 hope you enjoy reading all the news...

Gymnastics Tasmania Trampoline 2012 First Quarter Update

The Trampoline Sports has held two competitions this year - Interclub #1 which was a qualifying event for the upcoming National Championships, as well as the Tasmanian State Age & Elite Championships. Both of these events were tendered by the Launceston PCYC and we would like to thank the Launceston team for providing a great venue with friendly personnel once again. The State Championship event was the first Tasmanian event to use the newly purchased Time of Flight Machines for Individual Trampoline. These devices measure the amount of time gymnasts spend in the air and add the time to the total score for all routines. ToF was first introduced in 2011 and is a major factor in all international and domestic Junior/Senior competitions.

The discipline of Tumbling has seen a growth in numbers during the first part of the year. Gymnastics Tasmania will field their first Australian National Championships team in the history of Tasmanian Trampoline Sports at the upcoming event in May. Four athletes have qualified to compete in this competition these are Makonnen Brown and Stuart Snare (Launceston) and Damien Axelsen and Hugh McConnell (Apex).

A small team of Tasmanian Trampoline Gymnasts attended the NSW Championships last month as a preparation event for National Championships. The Tasmanian contingent which represented Apex Trampoline Club, Kingborough Gymnastics, and Launceston PCYC were very successful swaging four gold, four silver, and five bronze medals between the small team of seven. This was a great event to attend, as it was held in the same venue as the National Championships next month.

Earlier in the year, National Squad Members - Jack Penny (Senior) and Hugh McConnell (Junior) attended an intensive training camp with National Coach, Nikolay Zhuravlev at the AIS in Canberra. Jack competed in the Pacific Rim Trial finishing in 3rd place, but unfortunately was unsuccessful in being selected for the team. Despite this, Jack's hard work and training ethic in Canberra earned him a spot on the Shadow Olympic Team for the upcoming 2012 Games. Jack will now compete at the National Championships next month where selectors will choose a team for the upcoming China World Cup. The results of this World Cup will then weigh heavily on the selection of the Australian Olympian for London.

The Trampoline SMC encourage clubs to run their own In-House events to cater for the recreational level 1-4 disciplines in their clubs in the absence of Gym Tas Interclubs due to the early timing of National Championships this year.

Upcoming events for Trampoline Sports include National Championships (Sydney), World Cup (China), Tasmanian State Level Championships (Launceston), Indo-Pacific Trial (Brisbane), and National Club Levels (Brisbane).