

Trampoline Success with International Division at Australian National Championships



Trampoline State Team Members Ready to Compete

Ben Kelly, Wednesday, 30 May 2012

More results from the National Championships to follow in the upcoming weeks...

The Junior and Senior International divisions of the Australian National Championships for Trampoline are completed at Sydney Olympic Park.

TIS Scholarship Holder, Jack Penny, competed in the Senior International Men's Individual and Synchronised Trampoline. Penny performed well at this event, proving he was on the comeback from injury finishing in 3rd position behind fellow shadow Olympic squad members, Blake Gaudry (SA) and Shaun Swadling (NSW). Penny then paired with Jarrod Spear (QLD) to win the Senior Synchronised Trampoline event.

State Coach, Ben Kelly, said this event was one of the most important events in the past four years for Penny as the results of this competition determine the final four athletes to be considered for the Australian Olympic position for Trampoline. The final selection event for the Olympic position will be the 2012 China World Cup being held in Taiyuan City next weekend. Based on Penny's performances, Penny has been successful in being announced as the third member of this 4-man team. Penny will depart for China tomorrow and will compete at the World Cup next Saturday.

In the Junior International divisions at this National Championships, Tasmania has continued to impress judges by securing a trifecta of gold in Junior International Men's Championships for the state. National squad members, Hugh McConnell and Aidan Collins dominated the events in Individual Trampoline, Synchronised Trampoline, and Double-Mini Tramp taking out all three titles.

In the Individual event, McConnell performed near flawless routines to be crowned junior national champion while Collins displayed great strength and power to take the Double- Mini crown. McConnell then paired with Queenslander, Blake Rutherford, to convincingly win the Junior International Synchronised Trampoline event. Although Ben was confident the junior team would perform well at this event, the results for Tasmania has far outweighed expectations. Ben explains that there are six International Men's Championships up for grabs and Tasmania has secured four of them for 2012 – three junior titles and one senior title. The junior trifecta and the senior results from Penny are testament to the talent Tasmania has in Trampoline Gymnastics.