

## Sydney Plays Host to the 2012 Indo Pacific Championships



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The 2012 Indo Pacific Trampoline Championships will be a thrilling event, with athletes defying gravity in their amazing performances. Best of luck to our Tasmanian competitors!!

Seven Tasmanian trampoline gymnasts chosen to represent Australia at next week's Indo-Pacific Championships at Sydney's Olympic Park made their final preparations at a training camp at Launceston PCYC yesterday.

This will be the fifth Indo-Pacific competition for Launceston's Tasmanian Institute of Sport scholarship holder and Olympic squad member Jack Penny, who will compete in the senior international men's individual event and the synchronised event with long-term synchronised partner Jarrod Spear, of Queensland.

The reigning national synchronised champions will be looking for another podium finish in Sydney.

"Jack is in great form leading into this event, increasing his height and technique after a recent visit to the National Training Centre," state coach Ben Kelly said.

Trampoline gymnastics has added a new variable called time of flight or jumping height, which is added to the judges' scores, making the overall height of the routine an important aspect of the sport.

International gymnasts are now completing 20-second routines scaling 10 metres high and Penny hopes to match some of the world's best.

Tasmania is sending a strong contingent of juniors to the competition.

National champions Hugh McConnell and Aidan Collins will compete in the under-17 men's individual trampoline and double-mini tramp, before teaming up for the synchronised event.

McConnell is the national champion for both junior and under-17s trampoline, while Collins holds the crowns for the double-mini.

Kelly believes both are strong contenders in Sydney.

Damien Axelsen will rejoin the Australian contingent in the 17+ events after a four-year absence because of injury. Newcomers to the team Makonnen Brown (under 15s), Matthew French (under 13s) and Ryan Williams (under 17s) will make their Australian debuts.

Kelly will operate as assistant coach, Leigh Oswin as judge and Jo Penny as team manager.

More than 230 athletes from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Thailand will travel to Sydney to compete in the bi-annual international trampoline sports event, held from October 13th - 21st.

Australia is delighted to hold the event at the site of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games - Sydney Olympic Park which will provide an iconic backdrop for the event. The 2012 Championships sees the event return to Australia for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time since 1991.

The competition involves four different trampoline disciplines which include Individual Trampoline, Synchronised Trampoline, Double Mini Trampoline & Tumbling.

Come and see the best trampoline athletes, including London Olympian Blake Gaudry, fly through the air, somersaulting and twisting at heights of up to 10 metres! This is an event not to be missed!

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