



Comments after Sussex Championships 2009.

This was probably the most successful championships we have run. There were no complaints during the weekend, and no feedback forms were handed in. There were some minor issues we were aware of, and they have been listed here.

Venue

The plasma screens were great. We will try to use more next year.

Timetable

Many felt the Men's Artistic event was 'lost' amongst the Team Gym event.

The floor area was left empty during the Women's Artistic event, There is room to include another discipline at the same time.

Some of the timetabling is very complicated. This is unavoidable due to there being more than one discipline competing at the same time, having 2 panels of judges on the floor and so on. It would appear that the people who were most confused did not read the timetable until the day. Everyone involved needs to read the timetable carefully, and if they still don't understand ask before the day. We will try to ensure there is a marshal for any apparatus when there are 2 panels running. This will help the gymnasts get in to the right place at the right time, and ensure the announcer knows who is competing next.

Rules

It was suggested we include a handstand flat back option for Men's Floor & Vault. The competition organisers do not see the need for this; squat through is in the rules as an 'easy option' for younger gymnasts, and stoop is in FIG for older gymnasts who can not handspring. We would be making things unnecessarily complicated.

Some feel there should be an restriction on the number of hours gymnasts are allowed to train before entering some events. Sussex gymnastics feels this is not desirable. This event is supposed to attract the best gymnasts in Sussex, no matter how many hours they train. However, there will be a 'qualifying score' that, if a gymnast achieves, will force them to move up to the next level.

Entries to the Women's Floor & Vault should either do handstand flat back or handspring over the vault. Not one of each. The wording of the vault rules needs to be clarified.

Jobs

This aspect of the weekend was a lot better. Well done to the clubs for getting involved.

Some volunteers did not seem to know what the job entailed when they turned up. Clubs are responsible for explaining the job to the volunteers. If you clubs are not sure what to do, don't ask on the day, ask before!

Trophies and medals

Some trophies now have all the names plaques engraved. Holders of these full trophies should arrange to put the oldest name plaque on the back of the trophy, and place their name in the vacant space on the front.

Sussex Gymnastics would like to record the names of past winners of these trophies.

Some of the trophies are getting in to a bad state of repair. We will look at replacing some next year.

There were no trophies for Elite tumblers. There are not yet enough entries in to this event to justify a trophy.

There needs to be a trophy for the highest regional team in the Team Gym event,

Some disciplines still do not have minimum scores for qualifying for medals. This will be implemented next year.