

Sussex Championships 2011 - Comments



Rules

This year, as always, there were clubs who did not get their entry in on time, did not supply all the rig cheques. We can not cope with the extra time it takes to process late or incomplete entries.

BG did have issues keeping up with membership renewals. However, clubs need to accept they did not register their gymnast early enough. Some clubs posted cheques in the week leading up to the Championships, which is clearly too late. Clubs can renew as early as 1 September, then they have time to check their members' BG status before we do. There's no excuse.

Venue

The new venue was generally liked.

The bar was not open, a shame as there were people who would have used. It.

There were several comments about the rudeness of members of staff working at the café. The café had very long queues a lot of the time. The café does not seem able to cope with the demand generated by these kinds of events.

The judges' lunches were not as good as that provided at Triangle LC.

Spectators

The people selling raffle tickets need to get in to the audience to sell them. We need to advertise the fact it's a 50/50 raffle.

The mix of F&V with MAG and WAG on Sunday seemed to work really well. At some points there were five apparatus being worked on which was great to watch.

The low spectator fee (£2) did mean we made quite a loss this year. We will maintain a low spectator fee next year, we hope this will encourage more people to come and watch.

Running order

Sunday Round 2 was for the more advanced gymnasts. We hoped audience numbers would be increased if we placed these gymnast in between rounds 1 and 3. This does appear to have worked, and we do not feel the audience were disappointed by the standard of gymnastics in round 3.

We will try and register gymnasts who are not competing in the first rotation later in the competition. This means these gymnast will miss the march on at the beginning of the round.

Craig Heap

We did not utilise Craig as much as we could have done; there was a lot of time where he was sat in the audience.

It was a shame not to use our own Sussex international gymnasts throughout the weekend.

General

There were many good comments.

Sunday's atmosphere created by having so many people in the arena at once was good, even though it made the timetable slow.

Great weekend, thank you. Sunday as a coach was a good day everything was on time, warm up in Hawth gym was great, Hilary and Paul were a great team.

All in all we really enjoyed the weekend and didn't experience any major problems. We all enjoyed ourselves.

Just a quick note to say Well done for making the Sussex Champs a huge success. It ran smoothly with no hiccups..

I had happy parents and happy gymnasts because the rounds weren't too long and me and my coaches left happy that the weekend was hassle free.

Please thank the rest of the Sussex team who organised it all and congratulations to all.

Congratulations to everyone for a well organised and well run weekend, it is a great venue.