

Western Cape Gymnastics Association



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Dear All

Welcome to the start of a new and very exciting 2014 for everyone. Western Cape Gymnastics has gone through some changes and starts the new years afresh and we look forward to a very eventful year.

For those who are not aware, gymnastics in the Western Cape has shifted to align themselves with the geo-political boundaries and the administration of gymnastics has moved to fall under the Western Cape Gymnastics Association. This is a very exciting change and provides the challenge of administering and developing gymnastics across the whole of the Western Cape to the Management Committee and Administrators.

A brief summary of the current situation:

Western Cape Gymnastics Association Management Committee:

- Anne Vermaak (President)
- Eugene De Villiers (Vice-President)
- Angelique Portelli (Finance)
- Melvin Edwards (member)
- Christo Swanepoel (member)
- Karl Schneeberger (member)
- Wayne Samuels (School Sport)

Western Cape Program Management Committee:

- MAG – Warren Buchanan
- WAG – Kaylee Maslen
- RHY – Annette Nel
- TRA & TU – Karl Schneeberger
- ACRO – Natasha Bekker
- RS – Sadicka Isaacs
- GFA – Michelle Davids

Western Cape is divided into six Districts, of which each Gymnastics District will have it's own Management Committee and Discipline Chairpeople. The six Districts are:

- Cape Town Gymnastics
- Cape Winelands Gymnastics
- West Coast Gymnastics
- Overberg Gymnastics
- Eden Gymnastics
- Central Karoo Gymnastics – at this stage Central Karoo does not exist and will fall part of Eden Gymnastics until it is established enough to form it's own District.

Western Cape Gymnastics Association will be administered by the following team:

- Sonja Greig – Chief Administrator
- Karl Schneeberger – Education & Training & Registrations
- Kelly van Tonder – MACRO Bodies and Events
- Carol Paul – Finance
- Barbara Murphy – Development – Technical
- Michelle Davids – Development – Administration

The team will be contacting you shortly with their contact details, working times, as well as the 2014 calendar, events and news.

Communication

The team is also in the process of sorting out a new website, as well as being present on social media (facebook and twitter). They will also be in contact with regards to where correspondence must be directed.

Please note that the communication lines still apply where any query from a gymnast or parents must come through their club to the administration office.

The administrators are also not going to be able to answer individual queries via facebook and twitter. We are setting up these accounts to communicate our upcoming events, results and achievements directly with the fraternity, however answering of individual queries cannot be dealt with and will need to follow the above communication lines.

Representation at Competitions

The changes in the structure of administration of Western Cape Gymnastics will also simplify the understanding of representation at competitions. In simple terms the following will apply:

Competitions to a South Zone Competition (generally level 1-3)

- Gymnasts will compete for their club in a District Trials
- Gymnasts will represent their District at the South Zone Competition

Competitions to a National Competition (generally level 4 up)

- Gymnasts will compete for their club at a District Trials
- Gymnasts will represent their District at a Provincial Trials
- Gymnasts will represent their Province at the National Championships

Details of exact clothing attire, badges, tracksuits etc will be communicated in time to come, however each District will have their own new leotard and the Province will have its own new leotard and tracksuit.

I know there will be thousands of queries and questions regarding all of the detail behind this, but please be patient and await the information from the administrators and discipline heads.

Registrations

Correspondence regarding the registration fees should have been sent out last year already. Karl will circulate the information again if necessary. He is busy with changes to the registration system to accommodate the new structure. However, it is Western Cape's goal to register EVERY SINGLE person doing gymnastics in the Province. Please note the all clubs must register every single gymnast, that includes your recreation kids, as well as preschoolers. All schools, community centres and MOD centres are also required to register. This is not a complicated process and Karl is available in the mornings to assist with queries

regarding this. Please assist us to get an accurate reflection of how much gymnastics is going on in our Province.

SAGF Gymnastics Games

Remember that Western Cape is hosting the National Gym Games this year in the October School holidays. Please all come out and support our gymnasts. The venues that will be utilised are Swartklip Indoor Sport Centre (TRA, TU, MAG & WAG), Portlands Indoor Sport Centre (RS & ACRO), Goodhope Centre (RHY) and Philippi Indoor Sport Centre will be a training venue (MAG, WAG & ACRO)

We look forward to an exciting year and having all your support.

Yours in Sport

Anne Vermaak

President – Western Cape Gymnastics Association