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Annual General Meeting Report 2018

Discipline	RHYTHMIC
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Highlights for previous year

As used in this document the pronoun "we" refers to the London Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee.

Competitions

We have successfully organised two championships, which took place in February and April 2018. We have:

- Increased gymnasts' participation by 220% in the newly launched London RG Championship in comparison to 2017 Four Seasons Events¹.
- Introduced additional routines for Level 3, 4 and 5 gymnasts to further enhance gymnasts' preparation for Regional and National competitions.
- Produced a thoughtful apparatus allocation per age category, to ensure the London RG Championship apparatus program is aligned with the British Gymnastics Events and is used as a platform for further development and competition practice.
- Secured a new venue for two full days to be able to facilitate the increased entry.
- Increased the quality and the quantity of the awards received by the gymnast (personalised certificates, medals until 6th place, presents for all participants and special awards)
- Provided friendly, welcoming and safe environment for all gymnasts and viewers. Special Balloon
 decoration has been arranged for the Second London RG Championship to highlight the celebratory
 atmosphere, which was greatly appreciated by the participants.



¹ First London RG Championship – 234 gymnasts (336 routines); Second London RG Championship – 198 gymnasts (274 routines) → Four Seasons 2017 – 99 gymnasts (99 routines)

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British and NDP Qualifications:

In 2018 the clubs from London Regions have produced:

- 44 qualified gymnasts for NDP Finals
- 16 qualified gymnasts for British Championship.

Technology

We developed a technology enhanced competition workflow, which caters for automated calculation of scores, immediate presentation of scores to the scoreboard, automatic calculation of results and instant printing of personalised diplomas. For the Second London RG Championship we have added a "check in" system, which allowed coaches to verify gymnasts' music upon arrival and automatically withdraw gymnasts, who were not able to compete. This feature successfully pre-empted undesired delays during the event.

Coaches and Judges Education

We have located two new venues available for coaching and judging courses, which have been approved by British Gymnastics. Our frequent communication with BG representatives and Venue Managers has led to the organisation of the following courses:

- 2x Club Judge Courses; 1x County Judge Course; 2x Regional Judge Course
- 1x Level 1 Coach Course; 1x Level 2 Coach Course

Communication

London Rhythmic Gymnastics Club Meeting took place on 29th April 2018, where all London RG clubs shared their vision and inspirations about the future of the region. Overall, following the two London RG Championships and multiple small events organised between the clubs (friendly meetings and training camps), we are glad to say that the communication between all clubs has been greatly improved in comparison to previous years and now we see the formation of a more aligned and cohesive region. In addition, positive feedback has been received about the frequent distribution of information regarding the new rhythmic regulations, competitions and courses.

Concerns

- Syllabus for Level 3 Coaching Course has not yet been updated by British Gymnastics TC, which affects the coaching development nationwide.
- National Judge course has not yet been scheduled by British Gymnastics with many Regional judges on the waiting list for qualification upgrade.
- Clubs in London region share general concern regarding the recommended body skills, which are not suited for routines performed by young gymnasts at international competitions.
- Clubs in London region share general concerns regarding the results from the British Qualification Testing.
- English Championship has been scheduled on 28-29 October same date as the 3rd London RG Championship. London RG TC currently working with venue's availability to confirm the new date for the event.

Next Steps:

Competitions and Gymnasts' Development:

- Formation of London RG SQUAD and organisation of training camps.
- 3rd and 4th London RG Championship to take place by the end of 2018.

Coaches and Judges Education

- Organisation of a coaching seminar to improve the coaching knowledge and experience and enhance communication (subject of funding availability for tutors).
- Continuous communication with British Gymnastics regarding the above-mentioned coaching and judging concerns with aim to assist were possible and achieve progress.

Technology:

• Continuous development of the competition workflow program with additional judging templates for the different panels and automated feedback for clubs.

General:

• Promote the London RG Championship event and find sponsors.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1st JANUARY to 31ST DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
Income		
Competition entry fees	2688.84	4293.8
Comp spectator fees	1839.8	3081.71
commission	0	35
Total	4528.64	
Expenditure		
Venue Hire for comps	1483.38	1787.57
Medals/cups at comps	1115.28	263.13
Other Comp expenses	656.43	629.38
Judges expenses	881.91	315.00
Judge course grants	150	
misc expenses	338.43	86.90
Total	4625.43	
PROFIT/LOSS		

11,586.25
-96.79
11,489.46

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