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CV for position of Technical Committee Chairman

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| Discipline | Women's Artistic |
| Name: | Maria Teresa McLoughlin |

Outline your previous experience and involvement in Gymnastics.

AWARDS

Master Gymnast
Master Coach
Distinguished judge
Hon Life member of British Gymnastics

GYMNASTICS EXPERIENCE:

Gymnast:

Junior British Champion 1965
Senior British Championships 1966/67/68/69&70 individual placing of 3rd
World Championships representative 1966
European Championships 1967 & 1969
Olympic Reserve 1968 (only 2 gymnasts sent but had team qualification BOA decision)

Coaching

Forty plus years as a coach
Coach to:
Two British Champions - Susan Cheesebrough & Avril Lennox
Thirteen International Gymnasts
Including Olympians, World & European Representatives, Commonwealth Representatives
Coach to 5 Times British Team Champions
Coaching course tutor and examiner

Judging

International Brevet Judge 1977 to present
Regularly judged at Regional, National, & International level.
Judged at World, European, Commonwealth Championships, World University Games and
Secretary position at the 2012 Olympic Games
BG Regional Judging course organiser over the past Ten Olympic Cycles
Assistant at 3 National judging Examinations.
Part of Judging panel when in operation with responsibility for producing the Grades programme.
WTC representative for BUCS responsible for writing the judges rules for the last cycle and running the BUCS Championships.

Administrative Positions

Chair WTC London Region 1996 – 2006 (stepped down due to work commitments and new BG role)
BG WTC Judge in charge of Competitions 2006 to 2012

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BG WTC judge education coordinator 2013 to present

Additional work

Publication of book Competitive Sports Series GYMNASTICS – Batsford Educational first published 1984

Collaborations English translation of the PHD thesis of Dr Nellie Kim – 'Education of High Level Judges' completed May 2012

Teaching Career

Head of Physical Education at St Mark's Catholic School introduced GCSE, A Level and BTEC courses- specialist areas Anatomy, Physiology, Bio- mechanics
Professional Mentor to PGCE (teaching students)
Senior teacher with responsibility for the pastoral care of pupils,

Describe how your personality, experience and skill-set support your nomination as TC Chair

Dear Colleagues

I am delighted, at this time, to have the opportunity to stand as Chair of the WTC in the London Region. Over many years I have been a competitor, coach and judge at National and International level but my own background involved many hours of travelling to train in very basic facilities. The gymnasts that the team at Tameside (my original club) produced also trained in very basic facilities so I am very well aware of the challenges many of you face in the pursuit of this beautiful sport.

I have also been involved in the London Region for many years and for the past ten years I have held a position on our National Technical Committee. This has involved me in the development of the National programme including the development of the Compulsory levels, NDP, the Judge Education programme and the general running of TC business. With our present standing in World Gymnastics it is a great honour to be associated with this developmental programme.

I believe that I am a well respected person at Regional, National and International level and since I have now retired from full time teaching I believe I can bring some of my experiences back into the London Region. As a Chair of any committee I believe that it is a role which requires strong leadership but it is also very much the role of a facilitator. The London region has many talented and committed individuals and I would be honoured to be able to serve and embrace those individuals and groups to develop the gymnastics programme in the Region into the next Olympic cycle. My aim is always to communicate with my colleagues in such a way that everyone gets information at the same time

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As we move into the next cycle it is a great opportunity to look afresh at the competition structure, the developmental programme for the gymnasts, coaches and judges. I would seek to form a Technical committee and small working parties with the support of the Regional Chair and through cooperation and dialogue with the clubs, coaches, judges and administrators in the Region

As a teacher Education is very important to me. The Education process of the Coaches, judges is in my opinion paramount to the development of the gymnasts. I would seek to work closely with the Performance pathway programme and its personnel to encourage, through clinics, the cascading of material to those that may fall outside this programme. I would hope to encourage those coaches who will be directly involved in the Performance pathway programme to further enhance their development through encouraging them to participate in National level Education and International level opportunities. I would actively seek out such opportunities as part of my ideals to be a facilitator. Perhaps a Bill McLoughlin bursary would be appropriate to help towards this end. I would look at making the coach/judge link strong and informative, through joint opportunities. Particularly when considering, Compulsory levels, NDP and age group rules.

For the judges it is important that the Region provides an ongoing judges Education process. It is not just a course and exam once every four years. It would be my aim with a judge education panel to provide clinics to continually upskill judges at all levels. To have clinics run by the very best that we have within the region. To enable club judges to be confident in providing competent E scores and to offer them the opportunity to attend clinics to work out D scores. To allow Regional judges to be confident in providing D scores and to help National and Brevet judges to guide the judging panels at competitions. To ensure that all judge have the opportunity to maintain their qualifications into the next cycle. It is important also to encourage as many judges as possible to participate in judging panels and to make the judging at events a manageable and pleasant experience.

In conjunction with all the above I would work actively to develop the gymnasts opportunities to attend clinics and training sessions. Particularly in preparation for National events and possible International events.

Should I be elected one of my first tasks would be to set up an open forum for clubs to look at the development of the different aspects of the WAG programme as a basis of the redevelopment.

I hope you feel that you could give me your support in my endeavour to move forward with Women's Artistic Gymnastics in this region

Yours in Gymnastics

Maria McLoughlin

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What does success look like at the end of your three year term in office? Outline how you would drive this discipline forward?

- **To ensure that an inclusive and proactive programme of WAG is evident in the Region and to British Gymnastics. That its committee works with the other TC's in the region to embrace the Mission statement of British Gymnastics and the LG region.**
- **To work with the clubs and expertise within the region to have a fully updated programme of gymnastics which will move the region forward into the next cycle providing a sound structure for our gymnasts to develop their full potential in a safe environment.**
- **To enable coaches, judges and volunteers in different capacities to feel valued and to enable them to progress within the sport**
- **To ensure that there is a good system of progression for the TC moving forwards.**