

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gymnastics NZ Community	FROM: Christine Reed – Education Manager
CC:	ATT:
RE: Education Update February 2019	NOTE:

XTND Redevelopment

As outlined in the November Clubland, Gymnastics New Zealand is excited to share the redeveloped XTND Youth Leadership Programme. All modules have been redesigned, and the new qualification which coaches will be accredited with is called **XTND Coach**.

The names of the new modules are:

- XTND Start It - Online (must be completed first)
- XTND Bounce It
- XTND Balance It
- XTND Move It
- XTND Spin It
- XTND Throw It

The online module XTND Start It, is available from March 1, 2019. To register for the XTND Start It module click [HERE](#). Thank you to clubs that have registered coaches. They will be sent their log in details shortly. Please ensure that their full information is in your club's Friendly Manager. The website registration is available up until March 31, 2019. From April 1 all registrations must be made by the club administrator through Club Portal.

XTND Start It must be completed before enrolling on practical modules. Coaches may attend practical modules in any order. In this way it is possible for a coach to commence XTND at any time during the year.

Please see the attached XTND information flyer for further information about the programme. Also attached is a brochure and poster to help promote the XTND Youth Leadership Programme within your club.

Other XTND coaches currently in the programme will continue on the previous structure with Year 2 modules being offered in 2019 along with a limited number of Year 1 'catch-up' modules.



Coaches working under the previous structure will need to complete eight (8) modules in total and must also complete mentoring sheets and coaching hour's verification.

Practical Coaching Hours and migration of coach/judge qualification records

Gymnastics New Zealand is currently in the process of migrating coach and judge qualifications to the new database. This process is being completed as clubs load their coaches and judges information into Friendly Manager and advising their Relationship Manager that all information is up to date. Thank you to all clubs that have updated their information.

When a club has its qualifications imported into the new database, club administrators will be able to submit practical coaching hours through the Club Portal. The final submission date is **now April 30, 2019**. At present practical coaching hours are required for all coaches Elementary and above.

Attendance at courses which have taken place between August 2018 and February 2019 are in the process of being uploaded to the new database. This information will be available over the next few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a coach or judge qualification please contact education@gymnasticsnz.com.

Registration for Education Courses and Workshops from April 1

Clubs will need to use Club Portal to register coaches and judges onto courses and workshops which are being held from April 1, 2019.

Coaches and judges must be added to Friendly Manager to be able to register them on courses.

The current website entry process will remain in place for courses in the month of March.

Education Assignments

As many coaches submitted assignments in time to attend GymSchool, we are now working through a backlog of assignments requiring marking and processing. This will not affect coaches being able to register onto upcoming courses.



Judging Courses 2019

2019 is the third year of a four year judging cycle in line with the Olympics. Please take note of the judging courses on offer for each code.

Men's and Women's Artistic will hold one Senior Judge course each in 2019. Please note the following dates on the Education Calendar:

- Women's Artistic Senior Judge Course – March 30-31, Wellington
- Men's Artistic Gymnastics Senior Judge Course – April 5-7, Auckland

Elementary and Junior courses will be run as indicated on the education calendar:

<https://www.gymnasticsnz.com/education-calendar/>

A recent survey was sent to all **Trampoline** clubs to register expression of interest for judging courses for 2019. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, click [HERE](#). Judging courses will be organised in response to the survey.

Aerobics too, would like to seek interest from the Aerobics community for judges interested in the judging pathway or progressing to a higher level. Please email your judging interest to Cath Thomson, Chair of the Aerobics Technical Committee on cathaerobicstc@gmail.com.

Rhythmic will be holding Elementary and Junior courses only, in 2019. In response to the large Code of Points changes and revalidation in 2018, the Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee would like to consolidate judging. Junior judges will require two years' experience before progressing to the next level. It is planned that a Junior Advanced course will be offered in 2020.

GymSchool and FIG Academy Level 2 Wrap Up

While lots of people were sunning themselves at the beach in January, a large group of dedicated coaches and athletes took part in GymSchool and the FIG Academy.

GymSchool is a coach development weekend which included a multitude of practical coaching courses and workshops aimed at intermediate and higher-level coaches across **all** competitive codes. The FIG Academy Level 2 is a week-long course which also serves as the Senior Coach Course.

In total we had:

- 82 coaches attended qualification courses (Junior and Junior advanced)
- 19 coaches attended the FIG Academy
- 52 coaches attended upskilling workshops
- 24 athletes attended a tumbling clinic





Gymnastics NZ would like to extend a special thank you to all presenters, participants and demonstrators who helped make both events a success.

We would also like to acknowledge the New Zealand Olympic Committee which supported the events with Olympic Solidarity funding to assist with the costs of holding the event. Events such as GymSchool and FIG Academy not only allows for coach development, but it was also a time for people to network and make connections with other members of the community across a number of gymnastic codes.

For full details of upcoming courses, modules and workshop opportunities, please go to <https://www.gymnasticsnz.com/education-calendar/>

For questions regarding any of the above items, please email education@gymnasticsnz.com.

Kind regards

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